

Circle T Trail Riders Newsletter February/March 2009

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This could be your last newsletter!

If you have not sent in your 2009 membership dues yet, please do so! If your dues are not received by March 1, you will be removed from the newsletter mailing list. Postage is going up again. No dues, no newsletter.

In addition, to help contain club expenses our goal is to go "paperless" in the near future, so be sure to include your email address. Notification will be sent out to those with email that the newsletter is posted on-line for your viewing pleasure. Of course, if you do not have email we will continue to mail a newsletter to you.

The club averages \$1.25 cost for each newsletter to cover postage and printing costs. Not to mention all the volunteer hours that go into gathering info and putting it all together.

So support your club and send in those membership dues!

RECAP OF BOARD MEETING January 25, 2009:

Present: Mike Getz, Dave Horvat, Jane Horvat, Kim Firestone, Tracy Hower.

The minutes of May 22, 2008 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy reported a checking account balance of \$815.85, with \$2,321.07 in deposits and \$1,622.02 in checks written. The CD is \$5,105.70. We obtained new 1 million dollar liability insurance with a different company for a savings of \$250 per year. Treasurer's report was approved.

HORSESHOE TRAIL: The Horseshoe Trail Ride was discussed. We have found a caterer for the HST ride. Mary Alice Haws will cater the week for a total of \$525, plus \$150 / week for food for each rider. She has her own truck and will buy the food. We are to pay gas and propane for her truck. Menus will be decided upon closer to the date. Kim and Dave have made arrangements for a 15 passenger van for the week for the cost of gas for the van.

Valley Forge Fire Co. appears to be in favor of us using their field for camping for one night. However, they would like to know what situation occurred before that caused friction between the Fire Co. and Circle T. Kim and I explained that Circle T sponsored an open ride with attendance at approximately 120 riders. Rigs were parked in the upper and lower fields. There were heavy rains and some rigs had difficulty getting out of the field, and in the process of spinning wheels, dug deep ruts in the field. While volunteers from Circle T went there and filled in the ruts and graded and seeded the field, there were hard feelings from the Fire Co. that caused them to refuse us to camp there again. None of the people from the Fire Co. from that era are still there, and very few Circle T members remember the incident. Tracy will email the Fire Co. representative with the story and the promise that Circle T will be responsible for any damages done by riders on the HST ride.

After adding up all the expenses for this years ride, the price of this year's ride was set at \$325.00 for the week, with an individual day cost of \$70. Dinners for walk-ins will be \$15.00. We need a minimum of 10 riders to break even on the ride.

Advertising needs to start NOW! Tracy will check with Elaine to see if she has a list of places where we advertised in the past. Please tell everyone you know about the ride. We need to at least meet expenses. Jamie will make flyers again and post cards. Places to advertise: ECTRA (Kim), League of MD Horsemen, Horse Expo, various riding clubs, tack shops, HST Club, horse websites, Paper Horse, PA Equestrian, and any other magazines and papers you can think of.

Rides were discussed: The ride schedule will be included in the newsletter and posted on the website. Guests must still pay \$5 at a ride. This must be added to website so anyone coming knows about it.

It was decided to sell the Cook Truck. Mike will check with Tod Haws to get an idea of what is it worth. The possibility exists of parting it out, depending on what Tod advises.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Horvat

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UPCOMING RIDES! HERE'S A LIST - SO FAR!

BE CERTAIN TO RSVP TO THE RIDE HOST PRIOR TO THE RIDE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.

	Date/ Ready to Ride	Location	Contact/ RSVP	More info and special notes
February	15 10:00 a.m.	Boy Scout Camp	Tracy Hower 717-222-1139	Call Tracy for directions and which parking area to use.
March	15 10:00 a.m. (Rain date: 22)	Mt. Gretna	Bonnie Lambert 717-507-7724	Parking lot on Pinch Road. Call Bonnie for directions.
	28 10:00 a.m.	Middle Creek Wildlife Management.	Mike Getz 717-799-9001	Parking lot on Furnace Hills Road at Shenks Mill Road. Call Mike for directions.
April	18 10:00 a.m.	Birdsboro	Ride host: Davey Waters RSVP to Tracy Hower 717-222-1139	
	25 11:00 a.m.	Valley Forge	Pat Wilson 610-291-2477 -or- Deborah Brodowski 610-518-5397	
	26 10:00 a.m.	Green Lane Ride		
May	Tentative dates: 9 - 10	Fair Hills Ride	Tracy Hower 717-222-1139 Important! RSVP to Tracy no later than March 1st if you are interested. Stall rental is required along with a parking/camping fee. A minimum number of riders is required for this ride.	
June	5 – 7 10:00 a.m.	Steve Frantz Ride	Steve Frantz 570-345-4978	Call for more info. Ride on Friday lead by Art. Bring a covered dish to share on Saturday night.
	20 – 27	33rd Annual Horseshoe Trail Ride	Tracy Hower 717-222-1139	
July	11 – 12	St. Jude Children's Hospital benefit ride and picnic on Saturday	Tracy Hower 717-222-1139	More info to follow
August	14 – 16 9:00 a.m.	Brandywine	Paulette Ash 610-932-0354	More info to follow
September				
October	2 – 4 10:00 a.m.	League of Maryland Horsemen	Evelyn Burkehouse 410-398-9749	More info to follow
	TBD	Hooves For A Cure Breast Cancer benefit ride	Jamie MacCallum 610-589-5017	Location TBD
	23 – 25 10:00 a.m.	Loyalsock State Forest Halloween party and Hay ride	Tracy Hower 717-222-1139	More info to follow
November				
December				

Ride Directions

April 18, 2009 Ride host: Davey Waters **RSVP** to Tracy Hower 717-222-1139

Birdsboro Ride: Meet at dead end parking lot off Rt 82.

Take Route 422 to Route 82 South. Ignore detour signs.

Stay on Route 82 South until it dead ends at a small park and closed down bridge (about 5 minutes after detour sign). Then park, near park benches.

Please note the different ride times for Valley Forge and Green Lane!

April 25, 2009 11:00 a.m. Pat Wilson 610-291-2477 -or- Deborah Brodowski 610-518-5397

Valley Forge National Park:

From Harrisburg and points west via the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

I-76 Pennsylvania Turnpike east to Exit 326
Exit 326 for Valley Forge **Use the right side of the tollbooth

Turn Right at N. Gulph Road -RT 363 immediately after the tollbooth

Travel on N. Gulph Road (1.8 miles)

Turn left on to W. Valley Forge Road (park entrance) at the Route 23 traffic light.

Make an immediate right turn at the Visitor Center

Go to the bottom of the hill to the gravel parking lot

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From Baltimore, Wilmington, DE, and points southeast, via US 202 north:

US 202 north to US 422 west

US 422 west to Route 23 west (1.8 miles) Valley Forge National Historical Park exit

Turn left at the exit ramp and merge to the center lane cross over 2 lights

Park entrance is straight ahead - W. Valley Forge Road

Make an immediate right turn at the Visitor Center

Go to the bottom of the hill to the gravel parking lot

April 26, 2009 10:00 a.m. Pat Wilson 610-291-2477 -or- Deborah Brodowski 610-518-5397

Green Lane Park:

Via PA Turnpike:

Take the Morgantown Exit - #298.

Take Exit 1B after the toll. Head South on Route 10 toward Morgantown.

Turn left on E. Main Street/Route 23.

Continue to follow Route 23.

Turn left on Route 100/Pottstown Pike. Continue to follow Route 100 north towards Pottstown

Take Exit Route 73/ E. Philadelphia Ave make a right towards Gilbertsville

Route 73 makes a slight left; Continue to follow Route 73/ Big Road.

Turn Left on Layfield Road/ Route 663.

Continue to follow Route 663.

Turn right on Hill Road.

Continue to follow Hill Road.

Green Lane Equine Center is on the right.

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From US-202 N

Take the exit onto US-422 West toward Pottstown.

Take the Route 29 exit. Turn right toward Collegeville.

Continue on S. Collegeville Road/Route 29.

Continue to follow Route-29

Turn right at E Main St/Route 29

Turn left at 1st Ave/Route 29

Route 29 merges with Route 73 in Schwenksville.

Continue to follow PA-29/Gravel Pike.

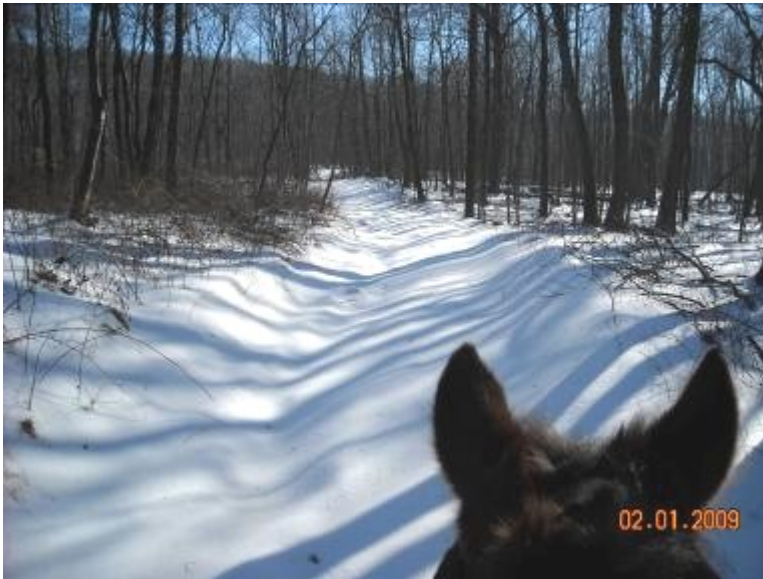
Turn left at Park Rd/Green Lane Park entrance.

Turn right at Hill Rd.

Green Lane Equine Center on left at the top of the hill.

Like the ride schedule so far?
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Then please come out and attend the rides and support the club and those who volunteer to host rides.



The view from the back of Cobra... This is one of our "usual" trails heading up the mountain. It was so pretty - and cold! It was really quite nice to ride in the snow. And the view was just wonderful!

Jamie MacCallum



Don and Adele Newcomer sent in these photos of their ride in the snow.

Pictures from Camp Mac. The one of Adele and Lucy was near where the HT meets the road going west from the Pretzel Hut. The one of Me and Scarlet was near the parking lot at 322 and Pumping Station Road. About 2" of snow at the parking lot ... probably 4 to 5 " where I took the picture of Adele and Lucy. We stayed to the double track and did the road to south camp... total of about 2.5 hours. Sunday was a mess... we waited till late in the day and did a little ride on the HT off Pinch Road going west.

Thanks Don and Adele!



Circle T Clipboard

Anyone interested in leading a ride 1 or 2 days,
please contact Tracy 717-222-1139.

Boarding available: Newmanstown area.
Contact Tracy Hower at 717-222-1139 or
tracyhower@comcast for more info.

Linda Weaver www.youravon.com/lweaver2943

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have created a business opportunity whereas
you can earn the financial rewards you desire.
<https://www.homeinteriors.com/lindaweaver>

For lease: Buckskin App gelding born in 01, about 15.2 hands. Very green
broke and needs experienced rider with tons of patience. Horse does better
when you spend a lot of time on him on the ground and under saddle. Mu
husband was just diagnosed with cancer and I can't dedicate any time for the
horse for the next year or so. With the winter weather and bad footing I
haven't been able to put time on him, not even to lunge, no indoor at the
barn. I rode him at the Hooves For A Cure ride at Blue Marsh and a large ride
at Valley Forge in October and crossed the river. Last ridden December
18, 2008. Contact Carolyn Snyder (cell) 215-356-9984, but by e-mail is
best: irish_outlaw@yahoo.com (there is an underscore
between irish and outlaw (irish_outlaw).)

Please keep Pat Wilson and her family in
your thoughts. Pat has been having a
difficult time lately with some personal
issues.

Pat, we wish you all the best.

Your friends at Circle T.



Check our web site for ride info and to view the newsletter in color.
www.CircleTTrailRiders.com

Newsletter submissions can be sent to:

Jamie MacCallum
14 Newburg Drive
Newmanstown, PA 17073

Tracy Hower
242 South Fort Zellers Road
Newmanstown, PA 17073

Jane Horvat
495 Sheep Hill Road
Newmanstown, PA 17073

Or via email: CircleTTrailRiders-owner@yahoogroups.com

**THE PENNSYLVANIA EQUINE COUNCIL
And THE HORSE-SHOE TRAIL CLUB
ONE-DAY TRAIL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 14, 2009
Lancaster County, PA**

WHY: Maintenance on the Horse-Shoe Trail, a 140-mile trail in southeastern Pennsylvania situated on both public and private lands accessible by hikers and equestrians, is accomplished solely by volunteers. In addition, DCNR, State Forest, State Park, National Forest and Game Commission agencies have requested assistance to help maintain non-motorized shared-use trails. This workshop is to prepare volunteers to have the necessary knowledge to work on trails.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All outdoor enthusiasts (particularly hikers, bikers and equestrians) who are concerned about the maintenance and on-going improvement of the Horse-Shoe Trail and other trails on public lands. The workshop is not solely for Horse-Shoe Trail maintenance volunteers.

WHERE: Middle Creek Wildlife Area Visitors Center, 100 Museum Rd, Newmanstown, PA

WHEN: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is from 8:00-8:15. The workshop will begin at 8:15

WORKSHOP CONTENT: Trail layout, construction, and maintenance; tool selection and use; introduction to *Leave No Trace* skills and ethics concept

COST: WORKSHOP IS FREE! Continental breakfast and water provided. You must provide your own bagged lunch. There are not any restaurants close by! Soda and snack machines are available.

REGISTRATION: Please register by March 7th. You may call, e-mail or snail mail your registration to Rita Bowman – 717-738-1414, 1090kville@gmail.com, 1090 Kleinfeltersville Rd., Stevens, PA 17578

DIRECTIONS: From PA Turnpike Exit 286 (Denver) – Turn Right at third traffic light onto Route 272 North (not Rt. 222) and follow for about 3 miles. Turn Left at traffic light (Weavers Market) onto Route 897 North and follow about 14 miles into the village of Kleinfeltersville. In Kleinfeltersville, make the first left after the stop sign, onto Hopeland Road and follow about 2 miles. Turn Right onto Museum Road, which leads to the Visitors Center.

From PA Turnpike Exit 266 (Lanc-Leb) – Turn Left at traffic light onto Rt 72 North and follow about 1-1/2 miles to Rt. 322 East. Take Rt. 322 East ramp towards Ephrata. After traffic light in Brickerville, go approx 2.7 mi and turn Left onto North Clay Road (at Clay Used Cars). Turn Right at stop sign onto Hopeland Rd. Take second road left, Kleinfeltersville Rd., and follow about 3 miles. Turn Left onto Museum Road, which leads to the Visitors Center.

Contact phone day of clinic: 717-575-6356

For more information about the Horse-Shoe Trail: www.hstrail.org or PO Box 182, Birchrunville, PA 19421

REGISTRATION FORM – TRAIL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ # of Attendees _____
E-mail _____



Circle T Trail Riders, Inc. 2009 Membership Dues

Dues must be received no later than **February 15, 2009.**
Make checks payable to **Circle T Trail Riders.**

Membership Type: Amount

☐ Individual \$25.00

☐ Family * \$35.00

Senior (Age 62+)

☐ Individual Senior \$10.00

☐ Senior Couple ** \$15.00

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail this form along with your check to:
Tracy Hower
242 S. Fort Zellers Rd.
Newmanstown, PA 17073



* Family - Members living at same permanent address.

** Senior Couple - Both members at same address AND both age 62 or older.

If one member is less than 62 and at the same address as a senior, Family rate applies.

MEMBER NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS

Is there a ride or event that you would like to see Circle T have? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what? _____

Would you be willing to help organize some rides? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be interested in hosting a ride? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a favorite ride? ☐ Yes ☐ No Which one? _____

Any other suggestions: _____

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Newmanstown, PA 17073

