

# Circle T Trail Riders Newsletter

## June/July 2010

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### July

July 23—25, 2010 Valley Lea

Ride host: Paulette Ash 610-932-0354

We will be camped at the lower end of the campgrounds, hopefully to have use of the pavilion. We will have a campfire again, for all to sit around. Bring a covered dish for Saturday night, Wayne and I will provide the grill and probably have hamburgers and hotdogs. Ride will leave according to the weather, so I will say 9:00 am. The creek is there for water and bring chairs and water shoes to bathe horses, and chairs to sit in the creek if real hot. Please call or email me so we can have a head count. Camping fee is \$7 a night now and that is with electric or not. We have rails to tie to and overhead lines, no round pens.

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** in coming down to Valley Lea on Wednesday night or Thursday, let me know. I am planning on arriving about 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Please email me so I know to expect you. I will be riding on Friday around 10 a.m. If I could get a head count for the whole weekend that would be helpful. Also, bring a covered dish for Saturday night. You are on your own for meals the other nights. Remember, camping fee is \$7.00 a night—there is electric available. I will come around and collect the camping fees this year.

If you have any questions, just email me. Wayne. [mountainman5313@hotmail.com](mailto:mountainman5313@hotmail.com)

Valley Lea Riding Club, 1685 Furniss Rd, Drumore PA 17518

From South--Take 222 N from MD or 272 N from Nottingham--Past Robert Fulton Fire Hall(Wakefield) for 1/8 of a mile turn left on Furniss Rd. Go About 3 miles. The Entrance to the Club is the next drive on the right after Drumore Park. Beside the entrance of Drumore Park is easier to access from this direction.

From North--Take 272 S from Lancaster, go through the Intersection of 272 and 372(The Buck) take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

From Southern York and Maryland--Take Rt 165 from Whiteford MD into York County PA. From there it turns into Rt 74. Continue to Rt 372 make a right go across the Norman Wood Bridge into Lancaster County. Follow until you come to the Intersection of Rt 372 and Rt 272(The Buck)--Turn Right take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

### August

August 20 - 22, 2010 Brandywine

Ride host: Paulette Ash 610-932-0354 \$20/person.

You will need: Water for you and your horse; Electric fence (there are no trees to picket line to); Large tube to float on the Brandywine.

North to South – all points to Rt. 1 and 202/322. South of West Chester – from intersection of 202 S and Rt. 1. Go south to the Delaware line about 5 miles. Continue South on 202 in Delaware (approx. 2 miles to turn off) till the intersection of Rt. 92. Go through this intersection still on 202. You will see a Ground Round restaurant on right. Continue South. When you see a large brick church on your right, get into extreme right lane until you see KOHL'S. Woodlawn Rd. turns RIGHT just after KOHL'S. Come back Woodlawn Rd. past Red Lobster and large Hotel on left to a small horse facility on left at the top of hill. Turn LEFT into drive and straight back into field.

## September

September 11,  
2010

Gettysburg  
Battlefield  
Artillery Ridge

Ride hosts: Kristi Reading & Barb Conover  
Ready to ride: 10:00am 16 miles - rocky  
Artillery Ridge Campground – at the riding arena  
SADDLE-UP and ride up to Big Round Top, Little Round Top, Hitch up the horses at the observation tower and climb up the overlook to see the Battlefield from a whole new view! Come back to the campground for some fun and rest....then dinner!!

Please RSVP to Kristi Reading if you are planning on coming! Guests are invited of course!! To prepare the main food, a head count will be needed no later than Monday, September 6th, 2010.

Email: [kreading@buxtonsboxes.com](mailto:kreading@buxtonsboxes.com)

Cell: 609-209-5526

Reservations are required at the campground! Call in your reservation ASAP. First Come-First Get!! You can tell the office you are with Circle T Trail Riders Group.

Artillery Ridge Camping Resort  
610 Taneytown Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
717-334-1288

### RATES - Per Day:

Daily Use – Park & Ride \$10.00

10 x 12 Covered Box Stalls \$20.00 (if camping)

Open Stabling – Corral \$15.00 (if camping)

Water/Electric Camper \$44.00

Full Hook-up for Camper \$48.00

Cabin – Sleeps 4 \$60.00

Cabin – Sleeps 6 \$85.00

FREE Admission to the Battlefield

September 12,  
2010

Codorus State Park

Ready to ride: 11:00am 8 miles - normal  
Codorus State Park – Sinsheim Road (Main Launch – Day Use Area)  
SADDLE-UP and ride Ranger Trail which travels over rolling hills, through forests and fields, crossing streams and passes near Lake Marburg. There are many views of lake including Ranger Overlook which has benches and hitching posts! A later cold lunch will be served after the ride while everyone rests at the picnic area!

RSVP to Kristi: Email: [kreading@buxtonsboxes.com](mailto:kreading@buxtonsboxes.com) Cell: 609-209-5526

September 18,  
2010

Circle T Fun Day!

Join your fellow Circle T members for a day full of fun and frolic at the Friendly Horseman's Club in Denver, PA. Plans include food, games on horseback, lots of good company... Details are still being worked out, but plan to attend. Got any suggestions? Know of any fun games? Let us know!  
There is camping available at Friendly Horseman's Club. No electric hookup, but there is water and a bathroom (no shower).  
Contact Karen Benn: 610-589-1157 or [acobraex@aol.com](mailto:acobraex@aol.com)

September 19,  
2010

State Game Lands  
Hamburg

Ride hosts: Deb Billman & Kevin Wolf 484-665-0160  
Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m.  
Plan to attend the Fun Day, then trailer out with us to Hamburg State Game Lands parking lot, Mountain Road, Hamburg. Approximately 4 miles west of Cabela's.  
RSVP to Deb or Kevin for further directions.  
Lunch provided but please RSVP and see what you can bring to share.

## October

October 2 & 3, League of Maryland  
2010

More info to follow

October 29 – 31, Anna Shaak's Ride  
2010

Ride host: Anna Shaak, 3 Quarryland Drive, Myerstown, PA RSVP: 717-866-2806.

Arrive Friday, October 29, 2010. Ride out on Saturday Oct 30 from Anna's farm and go for lunch somewhere. Everyone should bring a covered dish for Saturday.

RSVP to Anna and find out what to bring. Then stay and ride again on Sunday Oct 31st.

## From our members...

**FOR SALE OR LEASE:** TWH: 14 years old, 16H.

I'm sad to say that I need to find Buddy a good home. We got him when he was 18 months old. He's a wonderful horse, but he's just to big for me. And with a bad back I just can't get on him by myself. Buddy is a seasoned trail horse! He has his shots and is wormed. Cross ties, stands for farrier with no problem. He has been camping for years. Trailers well. Everyone that knows Buddy loves him. For more info call Linda Weaver at (cell) 717-679-1663.



**FOR SALE:** Maverick is a 13 year old bay gaited Paso Fino cross. Seasoned trail horse - been there, done that. Goes thru water, mud, over bridges w/no problem. Traffic safe. Has been on numerous overnight trail rides. Leads or follows. Stands for vet, farrier. Trailers well. Can be a little forward but not hot. FMI on Maverick contact Tracy Hower at 717-222-1139 or [TracyGHower@Comcast.net](mailto:TracyGHower@Comcast.net).



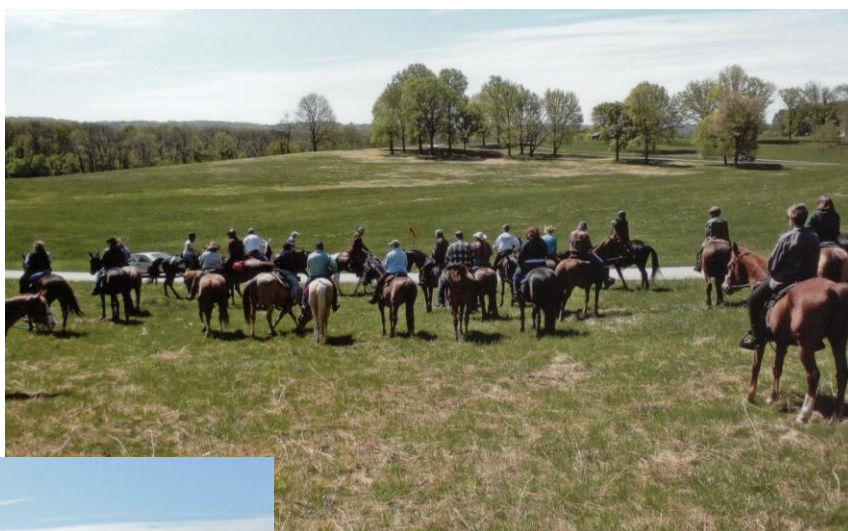


# Ride stories

## APRIL 24-25 2010 VALLEY FORGE—PAT WILSON'S MEMORIAL RIDE

It was a beautiful day and about 30 riders came. Not the best turnout, but not the worst either. I think some didn't come because Sunday's forecast of rainy weather and they needed a place to stay overnight and ride for the entire weekend. No one came to Green Lane or rode Sunday. Eleanor Vallone announced that I was leading the ride that day and every Valley Forge ride in the future. I whole heartily agree. We all felt like sharing memories of Pat Wilson all along the ride. This was her ride for years! Kim Firestone a 30 year- long time friend and riding buddy of mine was my the greatest support . She and I hugged and cried at the spreading of mom's ashes at the stone (the start of the Horseshoe Trail) in the park. Just after we did this, a park ranger came up behind us with his lights flashing. We knew we were in trouble. A rider in the back was shown a card to contact the park supervisor about a permit to ride the park. We didn't have one. Thank God we got out of it by having Eleanor Vallone do all the talking to the ranger. And I tried to show everything that Pat would like to have seen in the park. But after lunch ( only 2 hours of riding ) about six people turned back with Eleanor. Mom would have been furious. What a bunch of pansies! We couldn't make the ride long enough or fast enough to satisfy Mom. We still rode for a good 3 1/2 hours anyway. We all said, she was there with us riding Victor in the lead. I know if we want a Valley Forge Ride again, I will always have a permit to ride the park from now on. Thanks a million to Eleanor and everyone who came to ride and all that remembered the good times with my mom.

*Debbie Brodowski*





**FAIR HILLS, MARYLAND—MAY 7—9, 2010**

What a beautiful ride! There were about 14 riders each day. Fortunately the rain held off, but the wind didn't stop. At times we thought it was calming down, then suddenly it would pick up again. We were reminded just how windy it was when a HUGE tree branch fell from the skies just feet in front of us on Saturday. After that, every time a branch would creak or a twig snapped we all looked up—and ducked! Saturday's ride was led by Ray Smith. On Sunday we went in another direction, and Ray asked a friend of his to led this part of the ride. He is a Ranger at Fair Hills, and knew the trails well. This ride was really picturesque, with lots of open fields.

After the ride on Saturday some of us went out to dinner at a local restaurant, where we enjoyed a good meal and good company.

After the ride on Sunday, everyone packed up and headed out and I was one of the last to leave. I say "one of" because Ray was still there. Thank goodness he was! My truck battery was totally dead, and he saved the day for me with a jump start. Thankfully I had my jumper cables with me. Otherwise, I might still be there!!!

Thank you Ray for a great weekend and lots of great riding. I'm looking forward to riding Fair Hills again!

*Submitted by: Jamie MacCallum.*





### **BIRDSBORO RIDE—MAY 15, 2010**

We filled the parking lot up with horse trailers, had 20 some riders that day and what a beautiful day it was. The sites past the lakes are so beautiful and the trails are fairly easy and not rocky, we even rode on the HST a bit. You can ride double at some spots and catch up with friends on what has been happening in their lives or just socialize. We had a very nice 4 hour ride and back to the trailers for refreshments. Thanks Davey Waters for a BEAUTIFUL ride!!!

*Submitted by: Tracy Hower*



### **SADDLE UP! FOR ST. JUDE – MAY 22 – 23, 2010**

**Wow!** What a year we had this year! We didn't have quite as many riders as previous years, but boy, did we raise a lot of money for St. Jude! We set our sights to raise \$3,000 in donations this year, and we raised \$2929. So close!!! We had a lot of great items for our raffle table. I would especially like to thank Karen and Tracy for doing most of the running around for the donated items, as my schedule this year didn't allow me as much time as previous years. They did an awesome job! In addition, we had several club members donate items which really made the raffle table a success.

Rich and Liz Brandt again opened up their home and hearts to us so we could camp and ride out from their beautiful back yard. Saturday night we held our club picnic, with good food, good company, and lots of laughter.

During the ride on Saturday we stopped for lunch at another beautiful spot; the home of Ken Schucker and Sue Schlappich. Ken and Sue had a tasty lunch ready for us, and the perfect spot in the shade to tie our horses and take a short break. We watched some frogs play in the water at the edge of the pond, and take in the sights before heading out again for the second half of the ride.

Unfortunately Sunday's weather didn't cooperate, with rain and cooler temperatures. But that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. The original plan for the day was to ride to Ernie and Elaine Batdorf's house, stop for lunch, then return to the Brandt's where everyone could break camp and head home. So instead of riding out on our horses, everyone jumped into their vehicles and drove to Ernie and Elaine's house, and lunch went on as planned.

Thanks to Tracy for organizing our weekend and all her hard work getting the weekend organized, Rich and Liz for their hospitality and use of their home and grounds, and Ken and Sue, and Ernie and Elaine for providing us a delicious lunch each day. It was a fun weekend!

*Jamie MacCallum*



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**THANKS TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE SPONSORS:**

Equestrian International  
K&K Feeds  
Red Barn Equine Outfitters

Bit Of Britain  
Cross Road Tack Shop  
H&H Tack Shop  
Agway

Outback Company Store  
Tractor Supply Co.  
Horst's Mill



**CIRCLE T MEMBER RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS:**

Karen Benn  
Bliss Meisner

Dave Brendle and Kim Firestone  
Jamie MacCallum

**MAY 28-31, 2010 MICHAUX MEMORIAL DAY RIDE**

**WHAT A TRIP!** The trails on this side of Route 30 are just exquisite -- wide shady lanes, a gorgeous hack around the reservoir, really nice areas to picket and corral the horses, and GREAT company. Our original plan was to have a guest trail guide, familiar with the area. That sure didn't work out! The trail guide invited about twenty endurance rider pals (surprise!) and so the pace they intended was not what the Circle T folks were prepared for. Joan and Paul Linson stepped right up to the rescue and took over - trail map and GPS in hand, for Saturday. We followed out the tracks of our endurance leaders, and came back by way of satellite. What a wonderful, beautiful ride. Sunday, Wayne and Steve took over with their own brand of track blazing, and we had ANOTHER gorgeous day. A few high points -- the breeze and pine needle trail around the lake; Steve's picking Eleanor's truck lock with cheering from the crowd and TWO umbrellas shielding his "oh so fair head" from the sun, and the usual camaraderie and fun around Steve's "ever ready" bonfire. We can't wait to come back and experience this area some more....See you all at Steve's ride! *Eleanor*

**WE HAD A GREAT WEEK-END!** Circle T had about 10 riders, we had great weather, and we learned of a new spot. I believe it is a little nicer than flat top... great camping spot. You can put up fencing or tie in the woods. We all had a good time and enjoyed great company. We rode about 3-4 hrs on Wednesday, then on Saturday we rode 5 hours, and on Sunday rode about 3 hours. We hung around for about 2 hours then started to pack up and go our merry way. But Eleanor locked her keys in the truck. Steve was the hero. If you didn't know what they were doing you thought something different... but Steve left with a big SMILE! It was a great weekend. *Wayne*

**JUNE 11-13, 2010 STEVE FRANTZ'S RIDE**

Steve deserves a medal for everything he does and all his splendid hospitality. This ride, as every one of his other rides, was thru gorgeous mountain trails. It was well attended, the weather held good for us, and we had just the BEST time. Debbie had a mishap when her horse rolled down a hill, but everyone pulled together and she got out OK...the end result was good. Thanks so much Steve!

*Eleanor Vallone*

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# Rides at a glance...

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July 2010	Valley Lea
August 2010	Brandywine
September 2010	Artillery Ridge, Gettysburg Battlefield Codoras State Park Circle T Fun Day Hamburg Ride
October 2010	League of Maryland Invitational Ride Anna Shaak, Myerstown, PA