



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 27** **Member's Only Fun Show ~ Ivan's Way Farm**
Show starts at 11:00. Bring a dish to share after the show. You must be a member to attend the show. Memberships will be accepted the day of the show. Helpers please arrive at 10:00.
- Oct 2-4** **Barkcamp Campout Weekend**
Please reserve your own site. Contact Elaine Clemens Mowl if you plan on attending dinner on Saturday night or need more information at (724) 255-7932.
- Oct. 10** **Club Picnic**
The Club Picnic this year will be held at Jeanie Taylor's house on Oct. 10th at 4:00. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish to share. More information to follow.
- Oct. 18** **Hillman Ride**
Host: Suzanne Weimer
Be ready to ride out at 11:00 and bring a lunch for after the ride.
- Oct. 25** **Highway Clean-Up**
Host: Kellie DiBattista
Meet at 11:00 at the Columbia Gas building on Racetrack Road. We need as many people as possible to help make this a successful event. Many hands make light work.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **October 21st at 7:30** at Jeanie Taylor's house. Bring a chair. Jeanie's address is 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four, PA. There will be a **Director's Meeting** also at Jeanie's house, prior to the **October** club meeting at 7:00.

If you have a change of mailing or e-mail address or are not receiving your newsletter, please make sure to notify Meaghan Hettinger at (724) 514-7781 or Meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net. Keeping your current address updated with the club will ensure you continue to receive your newsletter and other club notifications.

Pictures are always needed to document the activities of the previous year. Please send by e-mail to Meaghan at meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net or a physical copy of the picture to 106 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317.



Please be aware that the Bentleyville Parade has been cancelled.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of October go out to Chuck Dye, Steve Stowinsky, and Stephanie Bitz. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Members in Attendance at the September meeting were Marci and Dave Kirchner, Kellie DiBattista, Jeanie Taylor, Tammy Schweitzer, Patty Walker, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Marge McCormick, Suzanne Weimer, Lauren Hettinger, Meaghan Hettinger and Diana Hughes. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to keep the club running.

Club Picnic

This year's Club Picnic will be held on October 10th at 4:00 p.m. at Jeanie Taylor's house. Please bring a dish to share with the group. The main dish and drinks will be provided by the club. Please send Jeanie a text message at (724) 255-2764 with what you plan on bringing as a side dish to avoid duplicates. Jeanie's address is 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four. Jeanie's driveway is the 2nd one on the right after the log home but she will also put out some sort of signage to designate her driveway. Club Quartermaster Suzanne Weimer is also working on having club merchandise for purchase at the picnic. We hope to see everyone there!

New Members!!! Please welcome new members Patricia Kress of Venetia, PA and Kellie, Allison & Cameron Frame of Washington, PA. We hope to see you at an event soon!



The **Highway Clean-Up** scheduled for September 13th was postponed due to the poor weather forecast for that day. A new clean-up has been scheduled for October 25th at 11:00. Please consider lending a hand as this is a project that goes much faster with lots of helpers. Lunch at a local restaurant will be had after the clean-up.

2020 Membership: Due to the difficulties of creating a schedule while under restrictions for COVID-19 it was decided to extend all memberships from 2019 through 2020 and to reduce the price of a new membership to \$10. **If you were a member in 2019 you do not need to fill out another form!** A membership form will be included with this newsletter for any new members wishing to join. New members may also join on our website at www.mvtriders.com.

Blanket Repair: Club member Connie Davis has a blanket repair service for any of those in need of repair. She asks that blankets be cleaned prior to coming to her for repair for the health of her sewing machines. Connie also is the Pennsylvania Equine Council rep for Washington County and has Equine Liability signs if anybody needs one. Please contact Connie at (724) 945-6596.

Feed Labels Still Needed! Club Member Diana Hughes is still collecting feed labels for Tribute, Southern States and Legends brand feeds. Each label collected and turned in brings .25¢ to the club. This may not seem like much, however Diane has taken these labels and brought in a significant amount of money for the club. Every little bit helps!

Officer Nominations

Officer Nominations occurred at the September meeting. They were as follows:
Treasurer – Diana Hughes, Corresponding Secretary – Meaghan Hettinger,
Quartermaster – Suzanne Weimer, Parade Captain – Jeanie Taylor, Directors – Kellie DiBattista, Diana Hughes and Jeanie Taylor. Two Directors positions will be filled during the election at the next meeting.

Meeting Notes

The **August 19, 2020** meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens-Mowl at 7:32 pm with 12 members in attendance. The Invocation was given by Elaine Clemens-Mowl.

The Minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting were read by Marci Kirchner. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeanie Taylor and 2nd by Diana Hughes.

Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Hughes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Suzanne Weimer and 2nd by Marge McCormick. Bills Against the Club were presented by the following members: Diana Hughes – Annual post office box fee \$168.00 A motion to Pay the Bills was made by Michelle Frye and 2nd by Diana Hughes.

Correspondence - No new correspondence has been received.

Sick Members/Deaths – Michelle Frye detailed her recent and very scary episode with a viral infection that necessitated an emergency helicopter ride. We are happy and thankful she is well now.

New Members – Patricia Kress from Venetia

Trail Rides – Suzanne Weimer has re-scheduled the Mingo Park club ride for Sunday, September 6th . All other ride information remains the same. **Post meeting note: This ride has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 20th. Be ready to ride out at 10:30 am & pack a lunch.

Publicity/Highway Clean-Up – The planned clean-up efforts on Racetrack Road to be Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am. Meeting location is the usual spot at the Columbia Gas building on Racetrack Road.

Newsletter - Nothing to report.

Trail Blazing – No new information to report.

Quarter Master – The membership would like to have a supply of long-sleeved shirts ordered to be available for sale soon and at the banquet in January

Horse Shows – The Fun Show at Ivan's Way in Hickory is confirmed for Sunday, September 27th with a start time of 11:00 am. Ribbon are available and the class list is made. Helpers please report at 10:00 am. This will be a covered dish event – please bring something to share.

Parades – There is still no formal update on the Bentleyville parade in October from the parade committee. Jeanie Taylor will follow with the parade committee.

Banquet - The Tradesman Inn has confirmed our reservation for the yearly banquet in January 30th. And, Bucky the Guitar Guy has been contacted and scheduled as our entertainment.

Old Business

- Reminder that Jeanie Taylor is hosting the picnic at her house on Saturday, October 10th starting at 4:00 pm. More details to follow.
- It was brought to the membership's attention that the Barkcamp camping weekend planned for October 2, 3 & 4 is in conflict with a marathon event at the park. It was decided upon to keep the date.

New Business

- Diana Hughes reminded the members present that feed labels are still being collected from Tribute, Southern States and Legends brands. She suggested that this comment be placed in the next newsletter as a reminder to all members.
- The next Director's meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 pm.

A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made at 7:56 pm by Marge McCormick & 2nd by Dave Kirchner.

Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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until Michelle Frye
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Marci Kirchner

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