



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 16** **Members Only Fun Show – 10:00 a.m.**
Washington County Fairgrounds (Arden)
- Oct. 5-7** **JTC Weekend ~ Mingo Creek County Park**
Friday, Oct. 5 – Members Only camp out night
Saturday, Oct. 6 – Poker Ride ~ Area 10 at 11:00. \$5.00 a hand, buy as many hands as you want. Camping for Members and Non-Members registered for the Judged Trail Challenge.
Sunday, Oct. 7 – Judged Trail Challenge
Please see flyer in the newsletter for additional information.
- Oct. 27** **Bentleyville Parade**
Please contact Jeanie Taylor for more information on this parade.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **September 19th at 7:30** on the first floor of the Courthouse Square Building.

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@gmail.com. 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 a physical copy of the picture to Caitlin Woods Taylor at 2289 Beallsville Rd., Marianna, PA 15345. You can also e-mail them to meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com.



Check out MVTR on Facebook! Just search Mountain Valley Trail Riders.



Birthdays for the month of September include Karen Baker, Kris Ann Mills, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Dennis Prpich, Jessica Sadowski, Roger Shumaker and Suzanne Weimer. We hope everyone has a great day!

There will be a **Members Only Fun Show** on September 16th 10:00 a.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We will again be doing food in a potluck style with an open kitchen. If you are planning on attending the show please bring a dish to share. The food has been delicious in the past and I doubt this year will be any different! We hope to see everyone at the show!



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Please be aware that the bridge at the bottom of Sichi Hill Rd. on Sugar Run Rd. is under construction and is not passable. There are reports that the bridge will be out until October 25th. The Big Lot is still accessible from Rt. 136, however you cannot access the main road into the park from Rt. 136. The main road into the park will have to be accessed from the north on Sugar Run Rd. or taking Chapel Hill Rd. from Rt. 136.

The theme for this years Judged Trail Challenge on October 7 is The Great Outdoors. **We need any and every kind of help!** Please let Tammy or Jeanie know if you are able to volunteer in any capacity to pull this event together. We take pride in hosting a well-run, safe, and fun event for the local equestrian community. If we find we do not have the staff to put on the kind of event that we have in the past, we will be forced to cancel the JTC.



The Barkcamp State Park campout weekend was hosted by Patty Walker on August 10th and 11th. There were six riders in attendance. Most of the riders were able to avoid the rain, however, one person went out by themselves and got caught in the storm. Two horses got loose from their picket line in the middle of the night but they did not travel far and were safely caught without incident. The riding was good and everyone had a fun time.



MVTR - Members Only

Fun Show

Sunday, September 16th at 10:00

Washington County Fairgrounds (Arden)

Washington, PA

Class List



Kids Classes Age 17 & Under:

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| <i>1. Keyhole Race</i> | <i>2. Carrot Race</i> |
| <i>3. Rescue the Teddy Bear Race</i> | <i>4. Hot to Trot</i> |
| <i>5. Egg and Spoon</i> | <i>6. Water Race</i> |
| <i>7. Flag Race</i> | <i>8. Poles</i> |
| <i>9. Barrels</i> | <i>10. Dash for Cash</i> |

Adults Classes:

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| <i>1. Ride a Buck</i> | <i>2. Carrot Race</i> |
| <i>3. Crepe Paper Race</i> | <i>4. Egg and Spoon</i> |
| <i>5. Bat Race</i> | <i>6. Hot To Trot</i> |
| <i>7. Spear the Ring</i> | <i>8. Poles</i> |
| <i>9. Barrels</i> | <i>10. Dash for Cash</i> |

**** Entry Fee \$30 Ride All Day ****

All Youth Riders must wear a helmet.

Ribbons 1st - 6th places in each division.

Youth classes will begin at 10:00. Adult classes will immediately follow the

Youth classes.

Show will run rain or shine.

Please bring a potluck dish to share with the group.

You must be a member of MVTR to participate in this show!!!



MVTR Judged Trail Challenge
&
Poker Ride Weekend
Mingo Creek County Park
October 5-7, 2018



Weekend Schedule

- Fri. Oct. 5th MVTR Members only camp out night.
- Sat. Oct. 6th Poker Ride ~ Area 10
Ride leaves Area 10 at 11:00.
\$5.00 a hand - buy as many hands as you want.
Poker ride awards will be based on the best hand. Multiple prizes are planned!

Saturday night Camp out in Area 10. Please pre-register so we have a count. Anyone who is participating in the JTC can camp. Membership not required.

Camping Info: Campers provide their own meals. Parking is open field and tree cover. Over-night campers need to bring their own tie lines and lunch for Saturday on the trail. Water is available.

- Sun. Oct. 7th: Judged Trail Ride! ~ Area 10
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rain or Shine
Pre-registration fee: \$25 Day of Ride: \$30 **if spots are available.**
Breed Awards - Trophy for 1st; ribbons 1st through 4th.
Special Awards: Vintage Horse 20 years or older,
Novice/Green Horse 6 years and younger, High Points
Champion for JTR.

MVTR JUDGED TRAIL CHALLENGE



- THEME:** The Great Outdoors
- WHERE:** Mingo Creek County Park,
Area 10
- WHEN:** October 7, 2018
First riders out at 9:00 a.m.
- FEES:** \$25/Pre-registration
30/Day of Ride if spots are available.

Pre-register at www.mvtriders.com

"Wilderness is not a luxury but necessity of the human spirit." -Edward Abbey

Come explore the great outdoors with your favorite trusty equine at our annual Judged Trail Challenge! We have obstacles clustered together for a smoother event. Ride times will be assigned to each rider and there will be a limit of 75 riders accepted. Please be ready to head out at your assigned time!

Categories and awards will remain the same as in previous years. Registration papers are required for specific breed categories. Freeze brands and tattoos will be accepted. Unregistered horses and horses without proof of papers will go into the Grade Horse category.

Please see our website for a complete information packet and registration information. If you have additional questions please contact MVTR at mvtr.email@gmail.com or Tammy Schweitzer at (412) 303-3761.

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