



## Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders  
P.O. Box 752  
Washington, PA 15301

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### Upcoming Events

- Sept. 13**     **Mingo Creek County Park**  
Ride leaves at 11:00. Bring a bagged lunch for after the ride.
- 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.
- Oct 2-4**     **Barkcamp Campout Weekend**  
More information in upcoming newsletters.
- Oct. 10**     **Club Picnic**  
The Club Picnic this year will be held at Jeanie Taylor's house on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish to share. More information to follow.

### Reminders

The next club meeting will be **August 19th at 7:30** in the Big Lot at Mingo. Bring a chair. Please check the Facebook page for any updates on cancellations due to weather.

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](mailto:meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net) or a physical copy of the picture to 106 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317.



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



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of August go out to Chrissy Carter, Mario DiBattista, Sue Macurak, Yvonne Medors, Brooke Morrocco, Nancy Sadowski, & Reed Stowinsky. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

**Members in Attendance** at the July meeting were Meaghan Hettinger, Lauren Hettinger, Dave & Marci Kirchner, Jeanie Taylor, Tammy Schweitzer, Howard Anderson, Chuck Dye, Marjorie McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Diana Hughes, Michelle Frye, Patty Walker, Connie Davis, Denise Esenwein and Jack Welch. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to keep the club running.

## 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](http://www.mvtriders.com).

**Parades:** While both Crafton and Canonsburg parades were cancelled this year, the Bentleyville parade scheduled for October is still a possibility at this time. This is a good event to start out a horse that is new to parades. We will keep you updated on any possible cancellations for the Bentleyville parade. Please contact Jeanie Taylor if you are interested in participating.

**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.

## **Meeting Notes:**

The July 15, 2020 meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens-Mowl at 7:31 pm with 17 members in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Howard Anderson.

The Minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting was read by Marci Kirchner. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeanie Taylor and 2nd by Diana Hughes.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Hughes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kellie DiBattista and 2nd by Jack Welch.

No Bills Against the Club were presented.

Correspondence - No new correspondence has been received.

Sick Members/Deaths – No sick members or deaths

New Members – No new members

Trail Riders – The planned club ride scheduled at Mingo Park on Saturday, July 18th , has been changed to Sunday, July 19th . All other information remains the same.

Publicity/Highway Clean-Up – As of July 8th PennDOT has authorized the Adopt-A-Highway activities to resume. It is recommended that safety procedures such as mask wearing, social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing be practiced. We are planning our clean-up efforts on Racetrack Road to be Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am. This is an important community and public relations event and more volunteers are needed. Please make an effort to participate.

Newsletter - Meaghan Hettinger noted that several email addresses for members are needed and she is reaching out to find these. It was also brought to light that lifetime member Joann Fowler should be on the mailing list for the newsletter. Meaghan is also looking to find her address.

Trail Blazing – It was reported that an area in Mingo which is very near the road by the creek crossing is very overgrown and in need of trimming. Tammy Schweitzer will contact the park's maintenance department to notify them of the situation. Other than this area, the park is in good condition.

Quarter Master – Nothing to report.

Horse Shows – It is confirmed that Ivan's Way in Hickory will be the venue for the fall Fun Show. The planned date is Sunday, September 27th with a start time of 11:00 am. The date will be confirmed once the ribbon order is placed and the receipt date of the ribbons is known. This will be a covered dish event – please bring something to share. More details to follow.

Parades – Nothing to report

Banquet - The Tradesman Inn was contacted about holding our yearly banquet in January. Their decision of booking the event is pending due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation.

## Old Business

- There has been a change in the summer picnic - Jeanie Taylor will be hosting the picnic at her house. Planned date for the picnic and bonfire will be Saturday, October 10th starting at 4:00 pm. More details to follow.

## New Business

- Tammy Schweitzer detailed a circumstance she recently dealt with concerning a 38 year old horse in very poor condition whose owners did not have the money to euthanize and haul away the horse. A discussion on the possibility of the Club creating an Emergency Care Fund to help in certain qualifying situations. This will be discussed further at the next Director's meeting.

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:30 pm. A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made at 8:05 pm by Meaghan Hettinger & 2nd by Diana Hughes.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020  
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Please complete application and make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Member \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPES OF YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS**

Household: \$10  Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address  
Individual: \$10

**Member's Name(s)**

**Birthday Month**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your e-mail address if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

The undersigned applicant, in consideration of accepting this entry, does for himself/herself, his/hers heirs, executors, and assigns, waive and release Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc. and all individual members thereof, and all other persons, regardless of their capacity in any way connected with the Club described herein, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability of any kind or nature that he/she might have. Further, he/she acknowledges that said release will extend to any accidents, damages, or claims arising out of the Club activities by his/her acts of anyone or any animal.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Youth, Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Officers and Committee Chairpersons

**President** *until 2022*

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Marge McCormick

*2022* Michelle Frye  
Patty Walker  
Marci Kirchner

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Dave Kirchner  
(412) 551-9795

**Quarter Master** *until 2021*

Suzanne Weimer  
(724) 263-8054

**Rec. Secretary** *until 2022*

Marci Kirchner  
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**Parade Captain** *until 2021*

Jeanie Taylor  
(724) 255-2764

**Corres. Sec.** *until 2021*

Meaghan Hettinger  
(724) 514-7781

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