



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27** **MVTR Annual Banquet**
Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall, Hickory
Please see the reservation form at the back of the newsletter for more information.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **December 20th at 7:30** on the first floor of the Courthouse Square Building. There will be a **Director's Meeting December 20th at 7:00**, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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.

It's that time of year! Caitlin will be working on the scrapbook soon. Pictures are always needed for the club scrapbook. 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.

Our condolences go out to club members Sue Macurak on the loss of her son, James, and Caitlin Taylor on the loss of her mother-in-law, Patricia Hughes. We also would like you to keep Sarah Bronder in your thoughts and prayers as she recently suffered a stroke.

Members in attendance at the October meeting were Chuck Dye, Roger Shumaker, David Kirchner, Marci Kirchner, Vince Peteya, Marge McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Michelle Frye, Diana Hughes, Jeanie Taylor, Tammy Schweitzer, Patty Walker, Kellie DiBattista, Dennis Prpich, Suzanne Weimer, and Barbara Gregg.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of November go out to Rachel Craven, Connie Davis, Rich Sherman, and Patty Walker. Happy Birthday wishes for the month of December to Gabriel Bonal, Sarah Bronder, Kellie DiBattista, Meaghan Hettinger, Richard Mowl, Bud Patterson, Raney Staub, Caitlin Taylor, and Dorothy Tecklenburg. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Judged Trail Challenge

The Judged Trail Challenge was held October 8, 2017 at Mingo Creek County Park. There were 66 riders on a slightly damp Sunday morning. There were many positive reviews on the new format. However, some people did feel that it was more difficult than previous years and they were a bit intimidated. The overall majority of participants did say that they had fun. There was some difficulty with meeting the assigned ride times and that will be addressed when the next ride is planned. The Poker Ride the day before the JTC made \$72 which was put towards the scholarship fund for Shekinah Ranch.

Hurricane Relief

At previous meetings, we discussed how to best support our fellow horse owners affected by the hurricane Harvey in Texas. While the initial onslaught of resources is fantastic, there will be significant need for follow-up support of rescue groups/aide organizations in the weeks and months ahead. Discussion at the meeting focused on making a contribution now to the shipments being organized by 84 Agway and later to a rescue taking in affected horses in the Houston, Texas area. Long time club member Gabi DiBattista, daughter of Kellie, has been scouting rescues in the Houston area for the club.

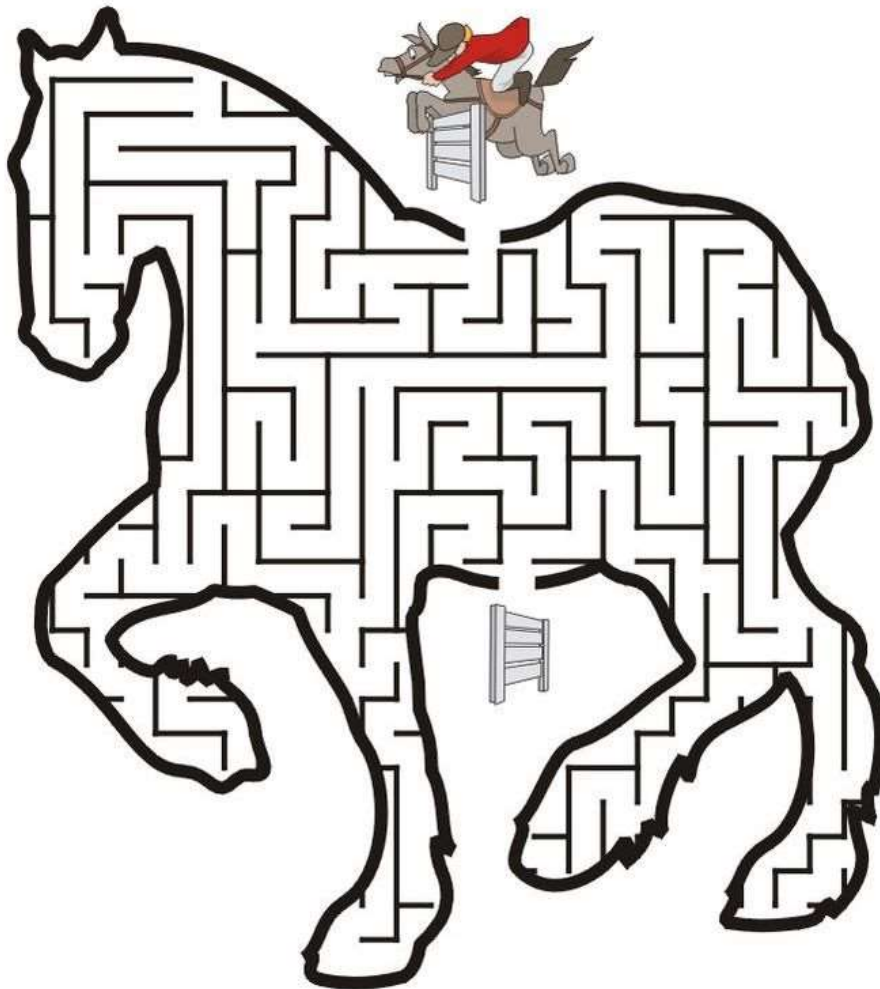
Officer Nominations

Nominations of Officers for the January election will be held at the December meeting. In order to be nominated a person must be a member in good standing, have attended at least six meetings in the year prior, and be 18 years of age. To be nominated as a Director a person must meet all the previous qualifications and not be a spouse or immediate family member of a current Director.



Highway Clean-up: The last Highway Clean-Up of the year occurred on November, 11, 2017. There were 10-12 people in attendance. Together they cleaned up 15 bags of trash from Racetrack Road. Marci received Thank You cards from several businesses along Racetrack Road for the efforts made by our club.

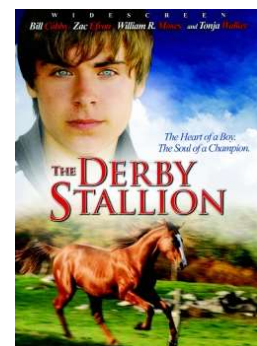
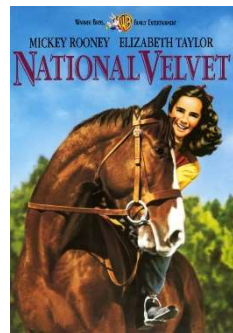
For Our Younger Members



Best Horse Movies

As the season of short days and hot chocolate descends upon us it is a good idea to have some classic horse movies on hand. We have compiled a list of 25 of our favorites for your enjoyment!

- War Horse
- Seabiscuit
- The Man From Snowy River
- Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron
- National Velvet
- The Black Stallion
- Secretariat
- Sylvester
- Hidalgo
- Shergar
- Dreamer: Inspired by a true story
- The Horse Whisperer
- The Derby Stallion
- Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken
- Horse Sense
- Virginia's Run
- A Horse for Danny
- Running Free
- Black Beauty
- Flicka
- The Horsemasters
- The Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit
- Phar Lap
- Ladyhawke
- The Electric Horseman





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2018 Annual Banquet

January 27, 2018 ✦ Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall, Hickory, PA

Evening Events:	5:00-6:00	Gather In
	6:00-7:00	Dinner
	7:00-8:00	Officer Recognition, Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle
	8:00-11:00	Live Band "The Todd Jones Band"

Cost: Members - \$15 Adults & \$5.00 Children 10 & Under
 Non-Members - \$20 Adults & \$5.00 Children 10 & Under
 Children 3 & Under are FREE

This is a catered event. Coffee & Tea will be provided. **BYOB**

Reservations are due by January 20, 2018. SORRY, NO LAST-MINUTE RESERVATIONS!
 For more information please call Elaine Clemens Mowl at (724) 255-7932.

Directions: From I-70 East – Take the Jefferson Ave. exit to 18 North, to Rt. 50 into Hickory.
 The firehall is on the left. From I-79 take the Bridgeville exit to Rt. 50 into Hickory. The
 firehall sits on the right.

_____ No. of Adult Members Names _____

_____ No. of Child Members Names _____

_____ Additional Names _____

_____ No. of Adult Non-members Names _____

_____ No of Child Non-members Names _____

Officers and Committee Chairpeople are entitled to a FREE BANQUET. Please cut at the line
 and return this portion with your check made payable to MVTR to: Elaine Clemens-Mowl, 254
 Mowl Rd., Washington, PA 15301.

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