



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 28** **MVTR Annual Banquet**
Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall, Hickory
- Feb. 15** **MVTR Trail Ride Scheduling Meeting**
Will be held at 7:00, prior to the regular meeting.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **February 15th at 7:30** on the first floor of the Courthouse Square Building. Remember, meetings count as 1 point towards Participation Points for next year's membership. There will be a **Trail Ride Scheduling Meeting 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.

Pictures are always needed for the club scrapbook. Please send a physical copy of the picture to Caitlin Woods Taylor at 211 Russie Ave., Bentleyville, PA 15330. You can also e-mail them to meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com.



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

Members in attendance at the January meeting were Meaghan Hettinger, Lauren Hettinger, Marci Kirchner, David Kirchner, Janice Seyler, Vince Peteya, Claire Peteya, Michelle Frye, Marge McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Diana Hughes, Brent Blazier, Jeanie Taylor, Tammy Schweitzer, Patty Walker, Connie Davis, Kellie DiBattista, Roger Shumaker, Valerie Shumaker, Howard Anderson, Dennis Prpich, Sandy Sherman and Alice Wancowicz.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of February go out to Sonya Bell, Michelle Frye, Nancy Heinrich, Mike Johnson, and Mia Woods. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Club member and Treasurer, Diana Hughes, is slowly getting back on her feet after a fall from her horse that left her with a broken femur. She is back home and healing well but admits to be going a little stir crazy!

JTR Date

The Judged Trail Ride weekend will be held on October 6-8, 2017 in Area 10 at Mingo Creek County Park. We currently need ideas for a theme. Contact Tammy Schweitzer with any ideas you may have.

Event Scheduling

The Trail Ride Scheduling Meeting will be held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on February 15th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your ideas for trail rides this year! We are always looking for new ride hosts and places to go.

Bowling Night!!! MVTR is once again looking to host a bowling night at the Meadows Bowling Lanes. The tentative date is March 11th pending final confirmation from the Meadows. This has been a popular event in the past and since space is limited you must contact Tammy Schweitzer if you wish to attend. There will be a small per person fee to cover the cost of the room and food.



Our website has a fresh, new look thanks to Ginny Hays! Ginny has been adding new pictures and creating the ability to pay for membership fees online. She has done a wonderful job, go check it out at <http://www.mvtriders.com/>

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O BOX 752, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

Please complete application and make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.

New Member _____

New members pay the **Active Membership** dues the first year. Do not complete pg 2. Active membership status requires participation in at least 6 MVTR activities in the calendar year.

Renewal Member _____

Active renewal members must complete pg 2 of the application. Participation points are from the previous calendar year! Non-Active members are not required to complete page 2.

TYPES OF YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

A) Active: Required to have participated in at least 6 MVTR meetings or activities in the previous calendar year (2016):

Household: \$30 Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address
Individual: \$20

B) Non-Active: Not required to participate in any MVTR meetings or activities

Household: \$50 Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address
Individual: \$40
Youth: \$ 5 Person under the age of 18 – exempt from participation requirements

Member's Name(s)

Birthday Month

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: _____

MVTR ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS FOR 2016

Participation in at least 6 MVTR activities or meetings in 2016 is required for Active Member status in 2017. Please check the following activities you participated in for the calendar year 2016.

	1-2	3-4	5-6	More than 6
Meeting(s):				

	Crafton	Canonsburg	Wheeling
Parade(s):			

Fun Show: (9/11)	Full Day	Partial Day

Hwy Cleanup:	4/29

Trail Cleanup:	Hours:

JTR Helper Or Worker:	10/9

Hosted or Cohosted Ride:	# of rides:

** Participation points are recorded by Meaghan Hettinger. It is the member's responsibility to make sure that they check in with the event host to get credit for participating in that activity. Meaghan's list is the final determination of points earned. Most activities are worth 1 point. In 2016, a member could earn 2 points for a full day of participation in the Fun Show. **

Office Use Only Check # _____ Amount Rcvd _____ Date Rcvd _____

Officer Elections

Elections were held at the January meeting. The results are as follows:

Treasurer: Diana Hughes

Parade Captain: Jeanie Taylor

Corresponding Secretary: Meaghan Hettinger

Quarter Master: While we had no nominations for this post, Suzanne Weimer and Barbara Gregg volunteered to co-chair the position for the foreseeable future.

Directors: Elaine Clemens Mowl, Kellie DiBattista, Patricia Walker and Jeanie Taylor

Sad News to Pass Along: Mickey Irey recently sent me a note saying “On Thursday January 12th, we had to put down Roy’s old friend, Razz. He was 34 years old, and a once in a lifetime horse. We will truly miss him. Ironically, Buddy was put down on the same day two years ago.” We are sorry to hear of your loss Roy and Mickey.

It is **Membership Renewal** time again! There is a form in the newsletter if you wish to mail it in. A new feature this year allows you to renew your membership on our website at www.mountainvalleytrailriders.com and pay with Paypal. This feature will also work for new memberships. There will be forms at the Banquet so you can renew there as well. Please fill in all the information fields when you are filling out your form even if you believe we have the information from previous years. We are doing some new things with our system this year and need all of the information to be on the form.

Upcoming Equine Events

March 2-5th PA Horse World Expo, Harrisburg, PA

April 6-9th Equine Affaire and Fantasia, Columbus, Ohio

April 30th Syria Shriners Annual Horse Show 9:00 am South Park Horse Show Ring

Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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