



# Trail Tales

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

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## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 28**     **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 **January 18th 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.

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](mailto: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., Eighty Four, PA 15330. You can also e-mail them to [meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com](mailto:meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com).



It is **Membership Renewal** time again! There is a form at the back of the newsletter. A new feature this year allows you to renew your membership on our website at [www.mountainvalleytrailriders.com](http://www.mountainvalleytrailriders.com) and pay with Paypal. This feature will also work for new memberships.

Members in attendance at the December meeting were Tammy Schweitzer, Jeanie Taylor, Kellie DiBattista, Suzanne Weimer, Barbara Gregg, Joe Shriner, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Jack Welch, Dennis Prpich, Michelle Frye, Roger Shumaker, Valerie Shumaker, Meaghan Hettinger, Sandy Sherman, Alice Wancowicz, Janice Seyler, Howard Anderson, Marge McCormick and Patty Walker.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of January go out to Marah Coleman, Jennifer Famularo Craig, Barbara Gregg, Lauren Hettinger, Loretta Pettinato, and Alice Wancowicz. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Club Treasurer, Diane Hughes, has had some bad luck recently. She broke her femur a few weeks ago when she came off her horse. A rod was inserted in the bone to repair the break. Diane is currently in a rehab facility and hopes to be back home around the first of the year. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Kellie DiBattista recently lost her grandfather, Eugene Patsko. We are sorry for your loss, Kellie.

#### **Thank you!**

Janice Seyler has been the club Quartermaster for the last three years. When the position came up for re-election this year Janice decided to pass the torch on to another member. We thank her for the time she gave to the club in this role. We know it isn't an easy job!

#### **Trail Clean-up Hours**

Patty Walker reported at the last meeting that if you worked on either Hillman or Raccoon trails this past year you need to turn in your hours by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail your hours and the park they were completed in to [paadams@pa.gov](mailto:paadams@pa.gov). This must be done before the end of the year for your hours to count!

**Congratulations!!!** Club member Caitlin Taylor, gave birth to a baby boy, Jobe, on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Mom and baby are doing wonderfully. We would also like to congratulate Mike Johnson and Rose Milavec on their recent marriage. We wish you all the best!

**The 2017 Trail Ride and Event Scheduling** meeting will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 prior the regularly scheduled meeting. Please bring some ideas and get them on the schedule for the new year!

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



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## *Banquet Information*

**Fundraising efforts:** There will be a few different fundraising efforts being held at the banquet for injured club Treasurer, Diana Hughes. Additional fundraisers may be held to help with whatever she needs once she is out of the hospital and back home.

**Gift Table:** Meaghan Hettinger is organizing the gift table for the Chinese Auction being held at the banquet. If you would like to donate an item you can contact Meaghan or bring the item with you to the banquet. We have had some fantastic donations in the past and I hope this year is no different!

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### Mountain Valley Trail Riders Treasurer's Report \* December 21, 2016

Income:	Bentleyville Parade	\$50.00
	Club Merchandise	187.00
	JTR Sales	<u>          </u>
		\$237.00
Expenses:	<u>Patty Walker</u>	10.58
	Centerpieces	
	<u>Jeanie Taylor</u>	14.04
	Parade Supplies	
	<u>Tammy Schwietzer</u>	50.00
	Park Crew Pizza	
	<u>Gil-Mar Stables</u>	575.00
	Peteya – Disaster Fund	<u>          </u>
		\$649.62
Beginning check book balance:		\$10,126.29
Income:		237.00
Expenses:		649.62
Ending checkbook balance:		9,713.67
Estimated CD value:		<u>4,206.30</u>
Total Assests:		\$13,919.97

# 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)

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### Birthday Month

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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
<b>Meeting(s):</b>				

	Crafton	Canonsburg	Wheeling
<b>Parade(s):</b>			

<b>Fun Show: (9/11)</b>	Full Day	Partial Day

<b>Hwy Cleanup:</b>	4/29

<b>Trail Cleanup:</b>	Hours:

<b>JTR Helper Or Worker:</b>	10/9

<b>Hosted or Cohosted Ride:</b>	# 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. \*\*



# Mountain Valley Trail Riders



## 2017 Annual Banquet

January 28, 2017 ✦ 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 14, 2017. 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## Officers and Committee Chairpersons

### **President** *until 2018*

Tammy Schweitzer  
(412) 303-3761

### **Treasurer** *until 2017*

Diana Hughes  
(412) 580-7658

### **Directors**

*until 2017* Elaine Clemens Mowl  
Kellie DiBattista  
Patricia Walker  
Jeanie Taylor

### **Vice President** *until 2018*

Jeanie Taylor  
(724) 255-2764

### **Quarter Master** *until 2017*

Janice Seyler  
(304) 551-2842

*until 2018* Barbara Gregg  
Roger Shumaker  
Suzanne Weimer  
Meaghan Hettinger  
Dennis Prpich

### **Rec. Secretary** *until 2018*

Patricia Walker  
(724) 926-9380

### **Parade Captain** *until 2017*

Jeanie Taylor  
(724) 255-2764

### **Corres. Sec.** *until 2017*

Meaghan Hettinger  
(724) 514-7781

<b>Pony Rides</b> .... Barb Gregg (724)350-7055	<b>Adopt-A-Highway</b> ... Rose Milavec (412)496-1337
<b>Points</b> ..... Meaghan Hettinger (724)514-7781	<b>Trail Tails</b> .....Meaghan Hettinger (724)514-7781
<b>Scrapbook</b> .... Caitlin Taylor (724)350-7059	<b>Trail Scheduler</b> Tammy Schweitzer(412)303-3761
<b>Banquet</b> Elaine Clemens Mowl (724)255-7932	<b>Horse Show</b> .....

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