



Trail Tales

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

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April 2021

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 18th Highway Clean-Up ~ 11:00 a.m.**
Meet in the parking lot by the Columbia Gas building on Racetrack Road.
Lunch to follow.
- Apr. 21st Monthly Meeting**
Jeanie Taylor's house, 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four
- May 16th WaCART Benefit Ride**
Hillman State Park, Burgettstown
Ride leaves at 11:00, you can choose a longer/shorter ride.
Pre-registration required as space is limited. More information below.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **April 21st at 7:30** at Jeanie Taylor's house as there is currently construction going on at the Courthouse Square building. Jeanie's address is 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four, PA.

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 or a physical copy of the picture to 106 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317.





Happy Birthday wishes for the month of April goes out to Karina McCullough-Brown, Judy Buckler, Cana Cooper, Barbara Gallagher, Dave Kirchner, & Valerie Pockets. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

WaCART Benefit Ride

Club Member Jeanie Taylor is hosting a benefit ride on May 16th at Hillman State Park for the Washington County Animal Rescue Team (WaCART). The cost of the ride is \$65 and includes lunch, a t-shirt and a commemorative digital photo. Pre-registration on the Mountain Valley website (www.mvtriders.com) is required as space is limited. Shorter or longer ride options will be available. The ride will leave the lot at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Jeanie with any additional questions at (724) 255-2764.

The Washington County Animal Rescue Team (WaCART) was founded in 2009 to respond to incidents that involve domesticated, livestock and exotic animals. Incidents can range from entrapments, evacuations, structure/barn fires, motor vehicle accidents and any other sort of imaginable peril. Team members get certified at the State and Federal level in a variety of skills including Basic and Advanced Life support, Human/Animal CPR/AED, ice rescue and a variety of other topics. Equipment needed is as specialized as the training and is often one time use only. According to the North Strabane Township website “during one animal related incident, we can damage a multitude of equipment that cannot be used again, and therefore must be destroyed.”

This is a very dedicated team of individuals and we, as residents and horse owners in Washington County, are very lucky to have them. Please come out to the ride if you can or if you can't, consider a donation to WaCART directly.

Unity Among Horse People

Club Member Connie Davis spoke at the March meeting about horsemen needing to come together to achieve common goals in southwestern Pennsylvania. Connie is the Washington county representative to the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC) and she reported that only about 10 people in Washington county belong to the PEC. This is a severe underrepresentation of the presence of horsemen in Washington county. The Club used to maintain a membership however Connie feels it might be better if people were to get an individual membership to show larger numbers in our area. Connie pointed to the Ohio Horse Council as a group that is very organized and well represented in political circles. If we are not represented in Harrisburg we will continue to lose trails.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021
P.O BOX 752, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

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

New Member _____

Renewal Member _____

TYPES OF YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

Household: \$15 Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address
Individual: \$10

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: _____

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