



# Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders  
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## Upcoming Events

- May 4**      **Highway Clean-up ~ 6 p.m.**  
**Host:** Kellie DiBattista (412) 337-2031  
We will be cleaning up Racetrack Rd. Parking will be at the rear lot of the Columbia Gas building located at 455 Racetrack Rd. next to the Cambria Suites hotel.
- May 14**      **Mingo Creek County Park ~ Big Lot**  
**Host:** Patty Walker (724) 926-9380  
Gather in at 10:00, ride leaves at 11:00. Pack a lunch.
- May 20**      **Raccoon Creek State Park**  
**\*\*\*DATE CHANGE!!!\*\*\***  
**Host:** Meaghan Hettinger (724) 514-7781  
Gather in at 10:00, ride leaves at 11:00. Pack a lunch. This ride is **weather permitting**. Please contact the ride host if you plan on attending so you can be contacted in the event of a cancellation.
- June 11**      **Mingo Creek County Park ~ Big Lot**  
**Host:** Tammy Schweitzer (412) 303-3761  
Gather in at 10:00, ride leaves at 11:00
- June 30**      **Crafton Parade**  
**Parade Captain:** Jeanie Taylor (724) 255-2764

## Reminders

The next club meeting will be **May 17th 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., Bentleyville, PA 15330. You can also e-mail them to [meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com](mailto:meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com).



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

Members in attendance at the April meeting were Tammy Schweitzer, Jeanie Taylor, Diana Hughes, Kellie DiBattista, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Marge McCormick, Janice Seyler, Barbara Gregg, Suzanne Weimer, Vince Peteya, David Kirchner, Marci Kirchner, Connie Davis, Roger Shumaker, Meaghan Hettinger and Patty Walker.

Welcome to new Club Members Hanna Long of Hickory, Raney Staub of McDonald, Melanie Pelegrinelli of Fenelton and Kayla Reynolds of Washington. We hope to see you at an event soon!

### **Happy Birthday!**

Happy Birthday wishes for the month of May go out to Jeanie Carr, Rebecca Maxin, Jonelle Price, Riley Stowinsky and Gloria Smitsky! We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

The Judged Trail Ride will have a new format this year. To cut down on the amount of help needed to run the JTR it has been decided to cluster a few obstacles together to allow one person to judge more than one obstacle. The obstacles will also be confined to a smaller area in and around Area 10 in Mingo. Ride times will be assigned at registration to keep the flow of participants moving. Judges and helpers are needed to ensure that we are able to put on the quality event that we are known for. If you would like to build an obstacle but not judge you can do that also due to the clustering of obstacles. This year the theme of the Judged Trail Ride is Horse Movies. Please contact Tammy Schweitzer (412) 303-3761 if you can help in any capacity.

# Fun Show Report

The first Members Only Fun Show was just that: fun! We had eight youth riders and eleven adult riders. The kids had fun rescuing the teddy bear and luring their horses across the finish line with a carrot. The adults had a great time laughing with (at?) each other during the Bat Race! It is much harder than it looks! I must also mention the food. We had so much wonderful food! Thank you to Leslie Maxin for organizing the food and everyone who brought something to share. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. Make sure to check out our Facebook page for some of the wonderful pictures that were taken by Rachel Craven. She got many good shots of our riders! Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to everyone at Ivan's Way Farm for the use of their beautiful facilities and for letting us take over for the day!



\*\*\*Please note that there was a date change for the Raccoon Creek ride in May. The date changed from Sunday to Saturday due to a scheduling conflict for the host. Please contact Meaghan Hettinger (724) 514-7781 if you plan on attending the ride. \*\*\*

Patty Walker reported on a trail clean up held at Hillman on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Along with trimming trail, signs for the Stallion and Colt trails that had been stolen were replaced. Patty was also informed that the plans for a bridge given to the park by Paul and Mark Baker and Jack Welch had been given the go ahead by park administrators. Materials had been purchased for the install by the park. Please check our Facebook page for any upcoming work days being held at Hillman.

## Scenes from the Fun Show



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