



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
P.O. Box 752
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March 2021

Upcoming Events

Mar. 17 Monthly Meeting

This will be our first meeting for 2021.

Jeanie Taylor's house, 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **March 17th 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. There will be a **Director's Meeting** prior to the **March** club meeting at 7:00.

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 months of November go out to Pam Brecht, Connie Davis, and Patty Walker; December go out to Gabriel Bonal, Kellie DiBattista, Meaghan Hettinger, Chris Christensen, Lizzy Molloy, Richard Mowl, Mary Margaret Naill, and Sandy Thorp; January go out to Marah Coleman, Lauren Hettinger, and Megan Hobday; February go out to Betsy Ashcraft, Alana Elstner, Michelle Frye, Nancy Heinrich, James O'Hara, and Jeanie Taylor; and March go out to Cameron Frame and Marci Kirchner. We hope everyone had/has a wonderful day!

Loss of a Longtime Member

Donna D. Henze, 81 of Finleyville, died Monday, January 18, 2021, at St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon.

She was born April 12, 1939, in Elizabeth, a daughter of Homer and Alice Lundeen Casperson.

Mrs. Henze was retired as a cashier at the former Sears Department Store in West Mifflin.

She was a life member and former treasurer of Mountain Valley Trail Riders Club, was active in Clairton High School class of 1957 reunion committee and attended Crossroads Ministries in Finleyville.

In recent years Donna's favorite pastime was walking regularly with her friends, the "Happy Hoofers", in Mingo Creek County Park.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Henze Sr., with whom she celebrated 63 years of marriage December 24, 2020; a son, Donald Henze Jr (Shannon) of Finleyville; a daughter, Suzonne Baynham (Glenn Young) of Finleyville; a sister, Mary Lou Guenther of New Eagle; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a brother, David Casperson.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no viewing.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 ST. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to a charity of one's choice.

Meeting Notes – October

The **October 21, 2020** meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens-Mowl at 7:34 pm with 9 members in attendance. The Invocation was given by Elaine Clemens-Mowl.

The Minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were read by Marci Kirchner. A motion to accept the report was made by Diana Hughes and Suzanne Weimer.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Hughes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Marge McCormick and 2nd by Michelle Frye.

Bills Against the Club

were presented by the following members:

Jeannie Taylor – Picnic Supplies: water \$6.58, iced tea \$10.28; chicken \$34.97
Total \$51.83

Marci Kirchner – Labels for Fun Show ribbons \$18.82

Elaine Clemens-Mowl – Ink cartridge \$20.03; Barkcamp supplies \$74.00; Carrots/eggs for Fun Show \$6.46 – Total \$100.49

Income of \$30.00 received from Barkcamp trip dinner fee

A motion to Pay the Bills was made by Jeanie Taylor and 2nd by Kellie DiBattista.

Correspondence - Notice received from Southern States feed brand that they are discontinuing the collection of feed bag labels.

Sick Members/Deaths – Nothing to report

New Members – Two new members: Mary Naill, Tracy Stiegletz, and membership renewal for Karina McCullough Brown

Director's Meeting –

Publicity/Highway Clean-Up–

The clean-up event on Racetrack Road is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th at 11:00 am. The weather forecast is no rain and 52 degrees. Meeting location is the usual spot at the Columbia Gas building on Racetrack Road. The club will provide lunch for those who participate.

Trail Rides –

- The Barkcamp weekend camping and ride was October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. A special thank you to Elaine for providing dinner on Saturday night.
- The Mingo ride was Sunday, October 10th

- The Hillman ride was Sunday, October 18th
- All rides were successful with a good time had by all riders, along with good interactions with horses, people and bikers

Newsletter - Nothing to report.

Trail Blazing – No new information to report.

Quarter Master – Nothing to report

Horse Shows – Members voted unanimously to make a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to Ivan's Way for use of their indoor arena for the fun show.

Parades – Nothing to report

Banquet - Reminder that the yearly banquet will be held at The Tradesman Inn on January 30, 2021. Gather in at 5:00 pm and dinner is at 6:00 pm. Live entertainment will be provided by Bucky the Guitar Guy.

Old Business

- A special thank you to Jeanie Taylor for hosting the picnic at her house. Everyone had a good time!

New Business

- Elections were held for open Officer and Director positions. The results are:

Treasurer:

Diana Hughes

Corresponding Secretary:

Meaghan Hettinger

Parade Captain:

Jeanie Taylor

Quartermaster:

Suzanne Weimer

Directors:

Kellie DiBattista

Jeanie Taylor

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:12 pm by Diana Hughes & 2nd by Marge McCormick.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021
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Please complete application and make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.

New Member _____

Renewal Member _____

TYPES OF YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

Household: \$10 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: _____

Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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Kellie DiBattista

2023 Michelle Frye
Patty Walker
Marci Kirchner

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