



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

Aug. 10-11 Barkcamp State Park, OH

Host: Patty Walker (724) 713-0500

Aug. 25 Mingo Creek County Park 11:00 a.m. Small lot

Host: Barbara Gregg

Sept. 16 Members Only Fun Show

Washington County Fairgrounds (Arden)

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **August 15th at 7:30** on the first floor of the Courthouse Square Building.

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 to document the activities of the previous year. Please send a physical copy of the picture to Caitlin Woods Taylor at 2289 Beallsville Rd., Marianna, PA 15345. You can also e-mail them to meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com.



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



Birthdays for the month of August include Christen Carter, Mario DiBattista, Brooke Morrocco, and Alan Rank. We hope everyone has a great day!

Our Farm Family insurance agent, Erik Jack, came and spoke at the July meeting. He addressed changes within Farm Family that will affect our policy as well as changes within the club that will most likely lead to reduced charges for our Club insurance coverage. Thank you, Erik for taking the time to speak to our members!

There will be a **Members Only Fun Show** on September 16th at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We will again be doing food in a potluck style with an open kitchen. If you are planning on attending the show please bring a dish to share. The food has been delicious in the past and I doubt this year will be any different! Please let Meaghan Hettinger know if there are any new classes that you would like to try or if you have a particular favorite that you would like to see included.



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Please be aware that the bridge at the bottom of Sichi Hill Rd. is under construction and is not passable. You may have to adjust your route into the park.

The theme for this years Judged Trail Challenge on October 7 is The Great Outdoors. **We need any and every kind of help!** Please let Tammy or Jeanie know if you are able to volunteer in any capacity to pull this event together. We take pride in hosting a well-run, safe, and fun event for the local equestrian community. If we find we do not have the staff to put on the kind of event that we have in the past, we will be forced to cancel the JTC.



Parade Reports: Both parades were hot, hot, hot! The Crafton parade had 7 horses, 3 walkers and 1 scooper. The Canonsburg parade had 5 horses, 3 walkers, and 2 scoopers. All the horses did very well. A very nice homeowner in Crafton whose alley backed up to the parking area offered use of his hose to water the horses after the parade! It was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

MVTR JUDGED TRAIL CHALLENGE



- THEME:** The Great Outdoors
- WHERE:** Mingo Creek County Park,
Area 10
- WHEN:** October 7, 2018
First riders out at 9:00 a.m.
- FEES:** \$25/Pre-registration
30/Day of Ride if spots are available.

Pre-register at www.mvtriders.com

"Wilderness is not a luxury but necessity of the human spirit." -Edward Abbey

Come explore the great outdoors with your favorite trusty equine at our annual Judged Trail Challenge! We have obstacles clustered together for a smoother event. Ride times will be assigned to each rider and there will be a limit of 75 riders accepted. Please be ready to head out at your assigned time!

Categories and awards will remain the same as in previous years. Registration papers are required for specific breed categories. Freeze brands and tattoos will be accepted. Unregistered horses and horses without proof of papers will go into the Grade Horse category.

Please see our website for a complete information packet and registration information. If you have additional questions please contact MVTR at mvtr.email@gmail.com or Tammy Schweitzer at (412) 303-3761.

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