



# Trail Tales

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

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## Upcoming Events

- March 11**    **MVTR Bowling Night at the Meadows**  
Meadows Bowling Lanes, 210 Racetrack Rd, Washington, PA  
Please see the reservation form on the website [www.mvtriders.com](http://www.mvtriders.com) or  
contact Tammy Schweitzer to reserve your spot. Space is limited.
- April 2**    **MVTR Members Only Fun Show**  
Ivan's Way Farm, 209 Walnut Rd., McDonald, PA  
10:00 a.m. start time. Additional details in newsletter.
- April 30**    **Hillman State Park (Bavington)**  
Host: Patty Walker (724) 926-9380  
This ride has an 11:00 a.m. start time. Please bring a covered dish to share  
at the end of the ride.

## Reminders

The next club meeting will be **March 15th 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. There will be a **Director's Meeting at 7:00** prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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 February meeting were Patty Walker, Tammy Schweitzer, Jeanie Taylor, Diana Hughes, Kellie DiBattista, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Marg McCormick, Barbara Gregg, Caitlin Woods Taylor, Kris Ann Mills, Suzanne Weimer, Bob Kane, Janice Seyler, Michelle Frye, Meaghan Hettinger, Sandy Sherman, Alice Wancowicz, Howard Anderson, Roger Shumaker, Valerie Shumaker, and Dennis Prpich. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help keep the club running!

We were sorry to hear of the recent loss of club member Mike Johnson's son. Please know all our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Diane Hughes is able to be out and about more often since breaking her leg in December.

#### **New Member!**

Welcome to new Club Member Bob Kane from Bentleyville! Bob has known about MVTR for some time and is now ready to join in on the fun. We hope to see you at an event soon Bob!

#### **Happy Birthday!!!**

Happy Birthday wishes for the month of March go out to Paul Baker, Micky Irey, Kim King, Vince Peteya and Bella Spencer. Have a wonderful day!

**Bowling Night!!!** MVTR is once again hosting a bowling night at the Meadows Bowling Lanes. The date is March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m. This has been a popular event in the past and since space is limited you must reserve your spot with our online reservation system at [www.mvtriders.com](http://www.mvtriders.com) or contact Tammy Schweitzer if you wish to attend. There will be a \$15 per person fee to cover the cost of the room and food.



#### **FUN SHOW!!!**

The Members Only Fun Show will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ivan's Way Farm in Hickory, PA. We are trying something a little different with the format of our first fun show of the year. This one is strictly for the members of Mountain Valley Trail Riders. **You must be a member by March 31<sup>st</sup> to participate in this show.** We **WILL NOT** be doing memberships that day in order to free up our Officers to participate in the show. The Club is trying to make the running of this event as simple as possible. We want the people who put in the most amount of work for MVTR (our Club Officers and members) to have fun and enjoy themselves at a Mountain Valley event.

# 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>			

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

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

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

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

	# of rides:
<b>Hosted or Cohosted Ride:</b>	

\*\* 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. \*\*

Office Use Only    Check # \_\_\_\_\_    Amount Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_    Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_

You can renew your membership with the form in this newsletter or on our website at [www.mvtriders.com](http://www.mvtriders.com) In keeping with the theme of simplicity there will only be two age groups at this show. The Youth division for our members ages 17 years & under and the Adult division for members 18 years of age & older. We will not be running the typical concession stand at this show. Suzanne and Patty want to get out of the kitchen and play too! We are having members bring potluck dishes to share with the group. This has worked well at our trail rides so we are going to give it a try for this event. Bring your favorite dish to share and your sense of humor so we can all have a great time at this first MVTR Members Only Fun Show!

The 2017 Mountain Valley Trail Riders Banquet took place on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The food, gift table and music was wonderful as usual! Patty Walker took home the Volunteer of the Year Award for the extensive amount of work she put into keeping horseback riders on the trails at Hillman State Park this past year. Thank you Patty for all your efforts!

Patty Walker would like to remind us that Spring Gobbler Season at Hillman State Park/State Gamelands goes from April 22-May 31 this year. From April 22-May 13, except on Sunday, it is unlawful to ride a bicycle, a horse or any motorized vehicle until 1 p.m. throughout the game lands. From May 15-May 31, except on Sunday, it is unlawful to ride a bicycle, a horse or any motorized vehicle at any time throughout the game lands. Please note these important dates and times when planning your riding. Also, the wet and rainy season is upon us. Please refrain from riding the trails at Hillman during this time, in order to keep them in good condition for when the riding season is in full swing. Due to much hard work being done, on an ongoing basis, from the equestrian, hiking and bicyclist communities, we want to ensure the trails stay in good standing order for all who utilize this great treasure that we have in our own backyards. If it's a great weather riding day, and it's a day that riding is permitted, ride- but just ride the roads.

Patty also wants people to know when we have workdays put on the schedule, they will be announced here [on the MVTR Facebook page], as well as on the other area FB equestrian group's pages. Please, please, please put those dates on your schedules and come on out to lend a hand. We all utilize these great trails. It's a lot of work, and the more people we have the quicker it gets done and the more fun we have..because, I promise, we do have fun...and we also get in some physical activity at the same time...win-win 😊😊😊😊😊 Many thanks to all!

**JTR Format:** At February's meeting there was a discussion regarding changing the format of the JTR to more of an obstacle challenge type event. This would require fewer judges and helpers and require less trail clearing. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

## Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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

Tammy Schweitzer  
(412) 303-3761  
Mvtr.email@gmail.com

### **Treasurer** *until 2019*

Diana Hughes  
(412) 580-7658

### **Directors**

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

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

Jeanie Taylor  
(724) 255-2764

### **Quarter Master** *until 2019*

Suzanne Weimer &  
Barbara Gregg  
(724) 263-8054

*until* Kellie DiBattista  
*2019* Patricia Walker  
Jeanie Taylor  
Elaine Clemens Mowl

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

Patricia Walker  
(724) 926-9380

### **Parade Captain** *until 2019*

Jeanie Taylor  
(724) 255-2764

### **Corres. Sec.** *until 2019*

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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