



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
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Upcoming Events

- 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 28** **Mingo Creek County Park ~ Big Lot**
Host: Tammy Schweitzer (412) 303-3761
Gather in at 5:30, ride leaves at 6:30
- June 30** **Crafton Parade**
Parade Captain: Jeanie Taylor (724) 255-2764
Please contact Jeanie if you plan on attending this parade. There will be a caravan from the Bridgeville rest stop on I-79. The group will leave the rest stop at 4:00.
- July 4** **Canonsburg Parade**
Parade Captain: Jeanie Taylor (724) 255-2764
Please contact Jeanie if you plan on attending this parade.
- July 12** **Hillman State Park**
Host: Tammy Schweitzer (412) 303-3761

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **June 21st 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. 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.



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

Members in attendance at the May meeting were Tammy Schweitzer, Patty Walker, Meaghan Hettinger, Marci and David Kirchner, Michelle Frye, Vince Peteya, Marge McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Diana Hughes, Jeanie Taylor, Barb Gregg, Roger Shumaker and Howard Anderson.

New Members

Welcome to new Club Members Robin Tucker and Robert Brown of Washington. We hope to see you at an event soon!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday wishes for the month of June go out to Paul Baker, Micky Irely, and Vince Peteya! We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

The first Highway Clean-Up of the year was held by new host Kellie DiBattista on May 4th. There were five people in attendance. Due to the small turnout numbers, it took over two hours to gather the 18 bags of trash that were collected. A huge thank you to the people who were able to make the clean-up and also to Marci Kirchner for arranging the perfect parking spot! We hope more people are able to attend the next clean-up.

Patty Walker hosted a Mother's Day ride in Mingo Creek County Park on May 14th. She had four riders and they had a very nice ride!

Hillman State Park

Patty Walker hosted the first ride of the season at Hillman on April 30th. The 17 riders in attendance all had a very good ride. There were no reports of unscheduled dismounts or other injuries reported. It had rained the day before the ride but the trails were still in good shape and held up well to the horses. The food after the ride was also wonderful!

Patty Walker also reported on a bridge install that took place at Hillman on May 3rd. Patty, the Bakers and a volunteer group worked for about four hours to install the bridge. Sarah, the representative for Raccoon, has stated that she needs to stop underestimating the horse people because they have done a wonderful job stepping up to work on the trails. Many thanks to Patty for her determination in keeping up with the situation at Raccoon and Hillman and to the Bakers for all their time, effort and machinery. The outcome for the horse people would have been much different without all your hard work!

JTR Format Changes

There was much discussion at the May meeting on what changes were going to be made to the 2017 JTR.

The first change to made was to the name. This event will now be known as the MVTR Trail Challenge. It was felt that this name better reflects the new format of clustered obstacles.

Pre-registration and payment will be a requirement for this Trail Challenge. Registration will be limited to 72 spots. Once they have been filled we will no longer be accepting registrations. **A spot is not reserved until payment is made.** Payment can be made via Paypal on our website or by check sent to our mailbox. In the event that MVTR must cancel this event, \$20 will be refunded with \$5 being held by MVTR for administrative costs. Refunds will only be issued if the event is cancelled by MVTR. We cannot refund for any other reason.

Ride times will be assigned once payment is made. Riders will be sent out in groups of four every 10 minutes. The first riders will leave at 9:00 and the last riders will be sent out at 12:00. If you miss your ride time you may be assigned an empty time spot if one is available. However, it is possible we will not be able to give you a new ride time. **Please be on time for your assigned ride out time slot!**

Camping will be available in Area 10 on Friday night for MVTR members and to the general public on Saturday. Camping is free for members and \$10 per registration for non-members.

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