



Vermont Trail Trotters

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newsletter

1. This year the Vermont Trail Trotters became a Conservation Partner of the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. This allows us access to up-to-date information, literature and valuable input on our continued quest to maintain existing equine trails and the acquisition of more. Please visit their web site to learn more about this wonderful association. www.elcr.org
2. Our membership now stands at 143 members! Your voice lends support to our mission, your volunteer help assists us in maintaining trails and your yearly dues allow us to continue to acquire more trails. We are now setting our membership date from June 30, 2010 - July 1, 2011. Please renew your \$10 membership so that we may continue to keep you involved in VTT activities. Renewal forms are available on our web site.
3. On November 30, 2009 core members of VTT met with the Green Mountain National Forest to discuss the past riding season and trail maintenance program. High marks were given for the level of dedication we've shown to maintaining current trails and assisting GMNF in isolating problem areas and helping them in solutions. This meeting was also an opportunity for VTT to request more miles of trails in an effort to "create loops" for more varied and shorter distances. We are requesting the use of "old" or disused roads, the trail between Kelley Stand and the IP road, and several connectors in Somerset and Winhall.
4. We can't stress enough our need for volunteers. Ten VTT volunteers logged over 230 hours in trail maintenance alone in 2009! We know we can achieve much more with a larger volunteer base to draw from. We will also be instituting an incentive program rewarding volunteers who provide the most hours for VTT sponsored activities. More information will be available on our web site as we put this plan together. Please fill out the volunteer form located on our web site and join us!
5. VTT has been developing a partnership with our winter trail users, The Woodford Snowbusters. We were happy to donate time and money to two of their past events this January including their Annual Special People Ride and Annual Hot Dog Roast. This gave us an opportunity to meet their members, discuss trail usage and areas that need the most work. We will continue to promote and foster this relationship in the future.
6. With spring right around the corner VTT is looking to supplement our riding activities with events such as a competitive trail challenge, clinics, informal trail rides in the GMNF as well as our hunter pace this fall. If you have any ideas of additional activities that our membership would enjoy please share them with us. We welcome your input.

Proudly display your support with your new VTT Window Cling. Our gift to you. Thank you.

As always, please visit our web site www.vermonttrailtrotters.org for up-to-date information and calendar of events. Happy shedding!