

# THE VIRGINIA TRAIL RIDERS, INC.

Fall Trail Ride • October 9 through 11

Omni Homestead Resort  
Hot Springs, Virginia

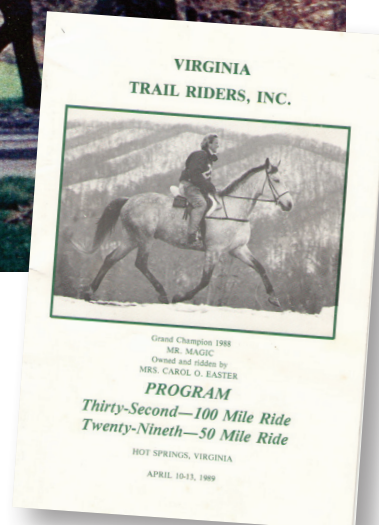
Carol Easter (left) and Agnes Clark ran Virginia Trail Riders, Inc. together for 20 years. Easter and her horse Mr. Magic were Grand Champion winners of the 100 mile ride in 1987 and 1988. Photo courtesy of VTR, Inc. photo by Werner Dattinger.



Virginia Trail Riders, Inc. is a group of enthusiastic equestrians that gather twice a year at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia to ride and socialize. This year's fall ride will be dedicated to the memory of Carol Easter, FHC MFH and, VRI, Inc. President 1994–2015.



Carol Easter was dedicated horsewoman with strong ties to the foxhunting community. She is pictured here in 2012 in the Hunt Field. Photo by J. Christopher Middleton, DVM.



In 1998, The Virginia Trail Riders, Inc., showcased Carol Easter and her horse, Mr. Magic, on the program cover.

The Virginia Trail Riders, Inc. will hold its annual 30 mile Fall ride over Columbus Day weekend, October 9–11, at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. This annual event features a Competitive as well as a Pleasure Division. Participants arrive Sunday, October 9 to stable their mounts and gather for detailed information on the trail routes and conditions for the upcoming two days of the trail ride. The route takes riders

through 20 miles of trails through the Homestead and neighboring properties, concluding with a ten mile route on October 11. Entry forms and more information are available online at [www.virginiatrailridersinc.com](http://www.virginiatrailridersinc.com).

The Virginia Trail Riders, Inc. will dedicate this year's ride to the memory of Carol Easter. Carol Easter, MFH served as President of the VTR, Inc. from 1994 until her death in 2015. She became master of the Farmington Hunt in 1996, and served as District Director of the Masters of Foxhounds

Association (MFHA) in 2006.

The historic Virginia Trail Ride tradition lives on thanks to Easter's dedication and mentorship of the younger generation of long distance riding enthusiasts, many of whom were introduced to the competition through hunt clubs in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Martha Rodgers, 2016 President of the VTR, Inc. recently announced that there will be a special celebration honoring Carol at this year's Fall Trail Ride. All riders and friends are invited to attend.

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