



### Bi-Monthly Meeting

Sunday, August 17, 2008

12:00 Unload and set up  
**(HELPERS ONLY!)**

**1:00 Socialize & eat**

1:30 Store opens

2:00 Meeting starts: business & reports

3:30 Wrap up and raffle; store closes

4:00 Meeting ends

### July/August Meeting Topics: Sewing Party and Picnic Planning



Are your ferrets' hammocks, sleep sacks, or blankets worn out or chewed up? Bring fabric, scissors, pins, and a portable sewing machine, (if you own one) to make new bedding for your ferrets.

We will show you how

to make hammocks, sleep sacks, blankets, and more. Some fabric will be available for no cost. Also join us for final picnic planning for the September 14th event. Help us make signs, plan activities, and advertise. This is a combination meeting; sewing activity from 1:30 to 2:30 and from 2:30 to 3:30 picnic planning.

### Meeting Date Changes

The TRFC Board of Directors voted to have meetings **every other month instead of every month**. We hope this change will allow more people to join us as well as save the TRFC money, too! We will be handing out flyers to everyone at the meetings so they can be posted in pet stores, veterinarian offices, and given to friends or other ferret owners who didn't know about our meetings.

### Meeting Lunch Suggestions

If you have any suggestions for the main lunch meal, please contact Kathy Stewart by email at [kathleenstewart@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenstewart@comcast.net) or call 412-856-5490. We will try to accommodate suggestions on what to have.

### Never Been to a Meeting???

If you have never been to a TRFC meeting why wait? Join us for a session of ferret information, food, shopping, friendship, and of course FERRETS! Ferrets are welcome to attend as long as they are healthy and friendly. You may bring your own play space or share with someone else. Meeting lunches are pot-luck style—the club provides drinks and tableware—please bring something to share. If you bring your ferrets with you, make sure you have paper towels for cleaning up after your ferrets or litter boxes for them to use.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. WASHINGTON

213 Bailey Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15211 – 412-481-0425

### Public Transportation – Bus Service is Available!!

The 41E (Mt. Washington) stops right in front of the Church on it's normal route. Schedules for Sunday may be limited. Please see the Port Authority of Allegheny County web page for schedules and fare information.

**From Monroeville:** Follow Rt. 376 towards Pgh, taking the Liberty Bridge/Blvd of the Allies exit. At the end of the Boulevard, take the Liberty Bridge exit and circle around onto the bridge. Stay in the right lane on the bridge and through the Liberty Tunnels. As you exit the tunnel, immediately make the first right-hand turn. At the traffic light, turn right onto Warrington Ave. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light on Warrington, turn left onto Beltzhoover Ave. This turns into Bailey Ave. Follow Bailey until you come to a stop sign. The church will be on your right. See end of directions for parking info.

**From Robinson/Airport area:** Follow Rt. 279 towards Pgh, exiting at the Route 51 South (Uniontown) exit just before the Fort Pitt Tunnels. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light on Rt. 51, turn left onto Warrington Ave. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, turn left onto Beltzhoover Ave. This turns into Bailey Avenue. Follow Bailey until you come to a stop sign. The church will be on your right side. See end of directions for parking info.

**From the North Hills/Cranberry:** Follow Rt. 579 into Pgh via Veterans Bridge/Liberty Bridge exit. Stay in the left lane to get onto the Liberty Bridge. Once on the Liberty Bridge, get in the right lane and go through the Liberty Tunnels. As you exit the tunnel, immedi-

ately make the first right-hand turn. At the traffic light, turn right onto Warrington Ave. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn left onto Beltzhoover Ave. This turns into Bailey Ave. Follow Bailey until you come to a stop sign. The church will be on your right. See end of directions for parking info.

**From South Hills:** Take Rt 51 South towards Pittsburgh. Just past the Liberty Tunnel/West Liberty Ave intersection, turn right onto Warrington Ave. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light on Warrington, turn left onto Beltzhoover Avenue. This turns into Bailey Avenue. Follow Bailey until you come to a stop sign. The church will be on your right side.

**Parking is available behind the church** (go down the steep driveway) and on-street. Please enter the church using the door in the back by the church parking lot.

### Ferret Show Listings for 2008

**8/23/08:** Ferret Buckeye Bash 2008, Columbus, OH. Barb Carlson, Kathy Stewart, Chris Sayne, are attending from the TRFC (*Let us know if you would like to go and join in the fun!*)

**10/18/08:** Dooktoberfest 2008, Frederick MD.

**12/5-6/08:** 2008 Winter Nationals Ferret Competition, York, PA.



### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Rivers Ferret Follies

Watch your mail box for information on the picnic being held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer please plan to make it

to the August meeting. Picnic attendees are encouraged to bring something for the picnic buffet (the club provides drinks, hotdogs and hamburgers), along with a bag of ice. Please let Kathy know what you are bringing if you know in advance at [kathleenstewart@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenstewart@comcast.net) so that we do not have duplicate foods or desserts.

Don't forget the tons of goodies in the raffle and new, exciting games for ferrets to enjoy!! This year's games will include: Tube Race, Cup Tip Surprise, Matchbox

Car Races, Chariots of Fire, Flower Pot Excavation, Paper Bag Escape and more!

### **Pampered Fuzzy Store** <http://www.3rfc.org/menu.htm>

Please continue to support the TRFC by purchasing products through the club rather than at pet stores and internet sites. Our internet store has been updated with new prices and items, and new items are being added as they go on the market. The small profit generated by the Pampered Fuzzy Store is what keeps the TRFC in business with its mailings, meeting space rental fees, educational literature, Holiday Gift Box mailing, etc. Remember, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and none of our volunteers or board members are paid—we do this on our own time—for you and your fuzzies!

### **Chiclet's Product Review**

Dook Dook! Chiclet here. I'm a young and sassy ferret recently adopted from the Hide-E-Hole ferret shelter. My new mom thought I would be a good spokes-ferret to try out and review neat new stuff for other ferrets... so here goes.



I got to try this neat new combination bedding/toy. It's really cool cause you can take parts of it off to hide! It's called a "Fun and Games Blanket". Pretty neat, you can go inside to hide too! My mom says if you mention my review, you get \$1 off the purchase of one. Regular price \$18.99 if you are a TRFC member, \$19.99 if not.

### **TRFC NEEDS YOU!!**

The TRFC is looking for a volunteer to be our new treasurer. Anyone with an accounting background and a willingness to help the TRFC please contact Barb Carlson ([bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu)) or Chris Sayne ([ferretmom@att.net](mailto:ferretmom@att.net)). Even if you don't know accounting, perhaps you know of someone outside the club that would be willing to help the TRFC with this position, if so, please let us know.

### **In Memoriam**

We are remembering the ferrets that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge; our condolences to their owners.  
**Rhonda Wilson:** Miss Manners; **Doug & Terri Hartman:** Mr. Wilson; **Jamie Popojas:** Indy; **Janice Shenefeld:** Snowy.

### **TRFC Yahoo Discussion List**

It's easy to join the discussion group—just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/trferretcouncil> and join. Or send an email to Barb at [bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:bcarlson@andrew.cmu.edu) and ask for a link.

### **Memberships**

**New Members:** Dave & Shannon Moore;

**Renewed Members:** Greg & Jennifer Meeker

**Need to Renew (July-August):** Rhonda Wilson, Barb McGivern, Bill Wetherell; Michael & Renee Tabak, Sara Laliberte, Barb Anshutz, Janice Shenefeld.

**Total Paid Members:** 22

### **TRFC Meeting Raffle Donations Needed**

The TRFC uses the money from the meeting raffle to pay for the hall rental. If you have (or make) something nice you think someone else might like, consider donating it for the raffle!

### **Hide-E-Hole Shelter News and Updates**

Ferrets In: 12; Deaths: 2; Ferrets returned to shelter: 1; Ferrets adopted: 10; Ferrets in foster homes: 13; Ferrets in shelter building: 29.

**Supplies:** The Hide-E-Hole shelter always needs supplies, and donations are warmly welcomed. Since the TRFC is a 501(c)3, if you keep your receipts you can write them off on your taxes! Some supplies needed are: paper towels, wood pellet litter, Innova EVO Small Bites Dog Food, Tide HE liquid laundry detergent, BIZ, & Bleach (no spill kind, please, Barb is clutzy).

**Help Needed:** Thanks so much to everyone who helps out regularly at the shelter (Adam, Natalie, Sunni, Jackie, Romuald, Gretchen, Chris, Julie & Ray, Sheila). Your help is sincerely appreciated, both by the shelter mom AND the ferrets.

### **Ferret Friends of Pittsburgh 5 Kits available!**

Five beautiful kits remain available from this years breedings. Lots of pictures are available on my web site <http://home.att.net/~ferretfriendsofpgh/nursery.htm>

### **KEEP THIS DATE OPEN!** **2008 International Ferret Symposium**

November 7-9, 2008  
Holiday Inn Pittsburgh Airport

We are extremely lucky to have been picked as the host city for this years Symposium. Speakers, vets (our very own Dr. Wagner!) and other well known ferrety people will be there to speak and entertain. You can find out more from the IFC website:

[www.ferretcongress.org](http://www.ferretcongress.org)

Registration information is now available: Full 3-day registration is \$185. Includes 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches.



Saturday only (vet day) is \$90. Includes 1 breakfast and 1 lunch.

Saturday reception (cash bar) and auction open to all. Optional buffet dinner is \$40. Extra dinner tickets available. (Dinner will include 3 selections each of salad, side and entree.)

On Thursday evening (11/6/08), Renee Downs will be making a New Orleans style dinner to raise money for our local Hide-E-Hole shelter. The dinner is **free** and there are many door prizes. Donations will be accepted but are not mandatory. The shelter needs help the evening of the dinner as well as a few days leading up to it. Any help would be appreciated.

### **Ferret Awareness Days**

Thanks to Kathy Stewart for getting Ferret Awareness Days scheduled again. Join her at the **Petco Waterfront** in Homestead from 10-4 on the scheduled days. If you bring ferrets, please bring them in a carrier or your own play-pen to put them in. We also suggest that you bring paper towels to clean up after your ferrets.

August 9<sup>th</sup>: Ferret Races; Paper bag escape and the tunnel race. Prizes will be awarded!

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Party – Dress up your ferret in a costume. Most original costume will win a prize!

November 15<sup>th</sup>: Educational

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party – Come meet Santa and receive a special treat.

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