

MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Past Events info and THANKS

Show Me 200 National Dual Sport Thanks to everyone that helped make our 16th annual Show Me 200 National Dual Sport such a success. This year's event had riders from Colorado, New Hampshire, and Delaware. Except for a little a lot of dust, we think everyone had a good time. A special thanks goes to Ken Jones, Tom Prendergast, Bryan Jones, Tim Kendal, Linda Caplinger, and Mark Liston for driving the chase trucks. Along with our normal donations to the Viburnum Disable Citizens Alliance, Boy Scouts, and the High School, this year we donated \$1000 to a young lady from Boss who had recently been diagnosed with cancer. Also, thanks to Ben Watkins of Rhode Island for his generous donation of \$500 to the VTRA fund. NOTE: we picked up several items of riding gear and camping gear around the sign up area. So if you are missing anything, contact us. Some good stuff was left behind! Maybe a big guy with a KTM?

VTRA Shelter. While we showed you the new shelter we built at the VTRA site in the last newsletter, we forgot to thank Stewart Steel of Sikeston for their generous donation to this project. Larry Stewart's donation covered our 20% matching portion of the grant and thus we basically got the materials for free! We also need to thank Dave Mungenast for his \$1000 donation to the shelter project. His donation was used as a portion of our 20% matching funds on other shelter construction costs. We should have electric service at the shelter by the end of July.

VTRA Expansion Land Deal. Well after several years of trying to buy an additional (adjacent) 54 acres for our VTRA riding, the deal finally fell apart. Apparently, the 54 acres are very close to an environmental "clean-up" site and the Doe Run Company felt it is was in everyone's best interest not to sell the land. While this is a bit of a disappointment to all of us, we still have a very good relationship with the Doe Run Company and they are still willing to allow us access to their property for special events. We will continue to look for new areas that we could buy, expanding the VTRA facility. We need to thank everyone who has donated to the VTRA fund over the past several years. We can assure all of you that your money has gone toward our "matching funding" for several grants at our VTRA facility.

VTRA Fire! During the April ride weekend we did have a significant forest fire at VTRA. Not sure how it started, but by the time the USFS and the Viburnum Fire Department put out the fire, 40 to 50 acres were burned. One thing for sure, everyone needs to have spark arrestors on their bikes/ATVs and be careful!

Upcoming events:

July 29 (Friday) MTRA Membership Meeting We will be having a general Membership meeting at Crusoe's at 5591 Oakville Ct. Take 270 (255) to Telegraph South (for approx. 2 miles) to Crusoe's on the Right. Pizza @ 6:00 PM, & a short meeting starting @ 7:00 PM. We will be signing up volunteers to work the Washington Fair and Hare Scramble Races.

August 6/7 Washington Town and Country Fair. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will be again working the ATV and Motorcycle Races at the fair this year. This is a very high profile event and we need a lot of workers to conduct the event. If you can help us either Saturday afternoon/evening or Sunday afternoon, please contact Alan Gibson at 314-961-0899. This event generates significant revenue for the MTRA and we need a lot of help to provide the fair with a quality event.

September 18th Missouri Hare Scrambles. We will be hosting the 14th round of the Missouri Hare Scrambles series at the VTRA property on Sept 18. If you are interested in helping with this event, call Denny Arnett at 636-337-5572. We will need some help with signup, scoring and checkpoints on the course.

Other upcoming MTRA events

July 16/17 VTRA Ride Weekend
Sept 10/11 VTRA Ride Weekend
Oct 15/16 VTRA Ride Weekend

August 20/21 VTRA Ride Weekend
Oct 2 Viburnum Woods Poker Run
Oct 29/30 Halloween Campout Trail Ride @ VTRA

Welcome New Members! Thanks to all our new members that have joined the MTRA over the past couple of years. We hope that you have the opportunity to enjoy our events and get involved! Note: The MTRA does not issue membership cards, they are just too much work and really aren't good for anything. We will have a current membership list at all the events, if you need to check your membership status or address.

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