

MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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2023 -- MTRA Schedule of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 18-19	VTRA Ride Weekend/+ Annual Meeting/BBQ at the VTRA/+ Work Weekend
April 1-2	VTRA Work Weekend on Trails and Campground
April 15-16	VTRA Ride Weekend
May 20-21	MTRA Show Me Dual Sport Ride and Adventure Ride NOTE: RIDE WEEKEND CANCELLED; CLOSED TO PUBLIC DUE TO EVENTS
June 17-18	VTRA Ride Weekend
July 15-16	VTRA Ride Weekend
August 19-20	VTRA Ride Weekend
September 16-17	VTRA Ride Weekend
October 8	MHSC Hare Scrambles at VTRA
October 21-22	VTRA Ride Weekend
November 4-5	VTRA Halloween Ride

MTRA'S NEW WEBSITE is now up and running. We have made enhancements that allow you to pay for the Dual Sport/Adventure Ride, your MTRA yearly membership dues, and AMA membership on our website. We are finally using technology! **Please use the website (www.ridemtra.com) for sign up and membership.**

The 2023 MTRA Membership Application is included with this Newsletter. We have included a list of current paid members for the year 2023. If your name is not on the list, your membership has expired, and you will need to renew for 2023. **Please go online and use the website (www.ridemtra.com) to pay your yearly membership dues.** Membership needs to be renewed each year. With increased Web Page fees and Wi-Fi service at VTRA, we have increased the

membership dues by \$5 for each type of membership. We hope you will continue to support our cause and renew your membership. Thank you to all members that have joined over the years and to those who continue to renew their membership. We hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy our events and get involved! The MTRA does not issue membership cards, but we will have a current membership list at all the events if you need to check your membership status or update your contact information. The VTRA (Viburnum Trend Riding Area) near Bixby Missouri is open for riding the 3rd full weekend of each month, March thru October. **However, this year the May ride weekend is CANCELLED due to the Show Me Ride Events taking place and the property is closed to the public and only open for registered event participants.**

March 18, 19 – MTRA Annual Membership Meeting/BBQ-- We will be having a combined annual **General Membership Meeting/BBQ** this year on the first ride weekend of the year scheduled for March 18-19 at the VTRA club grounds, main pavilion. We also plan to do some trail work that weekend to get ready for the dual sport ride coming up on May 20th. We plan to have BBQ and some sides at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 18, and will provide soft drinks. **This will be a BYOB event.** A short meeting will follow at @ 6:30 PM at which time we will be voting on MTRA Board Members and will be signing up volunteers to work the various MTRA events and VTRA Gate Keepers for 2023. We will also be signing up volunteers to help with trail clearing for the April 1-2 work weekend.

May 20-21, 2023 -- AMA National Dual Sport Ride/Adventure Ride –



Our Dual Sport Ride and Adventure Ride have been **scheduled for May 20-21, 2023**. **Avoid missing the cut off date or higher late entry fees by signing up online at the website, -- www.ridemtra.com.** The participation forms for both rides are attached to this Newsletter **but we encourage you to sign up by using the registration and payment option on our website.** **Entries and cancelations must be received by April 28. Late entries will not receive meals, T-shirt, or attendance prizes due to ordering deadlines.**

All group leaders and chase riders from 2022, please contact Denny Arnett @ 314-732-5954 or kmdarnett@gmail.com to let us know if you will be available this year to help with the event and to also find out the date and details of the pre-ride.

This Spring, we will need help clearing trail and additional work days will be scheduled as time and weather permit. Some of us will also work on trails outside of scheduled work days. If you would like to help, please let us know and we will contact you when a work day is scheduled.

THE RIDES:

Dual Sport Ride: This ride is intended for state licensed dirt bike motorcycles. It is not like any other regular dual sport ride; it is more like a trail ride with lots of single track. It is not for big bikes. If you want to ride a big bike, then the Adventure Ride is for you. **Your motorcycle will need to have a license plate on it, and you must be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver's license.** If you show up without lights and a plate, you will not be allowed to ride. This is a State Law and AMA Requirement. It is also a huge liability risk for the MTRA.


It is a well-organized event on private land with only event participants and workers being present; with sign up on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning; free camping Friday and Saturday nights with a shower and toilets; free gift at sign up; lunch provided on Saturday; dinner on Saturday evening; attendance prizes on Saturday evening after dinner; and lunch provided on Sunday, and the ultimate best camaraderie both days. Unlike in years past, this year the chase trucks will be stationed at the VTRA club grounds both days with water, trail snacks, tools, and inner tubes if you have a flat tire, and a truck will disperse when needed. Sweep riders will be available to help you out of a trail if your bike fails or you have an injury. **NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO BRING OR BUY YOUR OWN GAS AND OIL FOR BOTH DAYS. GAS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU NEED TWO-STROKE OIL, YOU WILL NEED TO CARRY OIL YOURSELF.**

Adventure Ride: Sign up is on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning; free camping Friday and Saturday nights with a shower and toilets; free gift at sign-up; dinner on Saturday evening; attendance prizes on Saturday evening after dinner; GPS tracks provided to guide you through the course both days; and the ultimate best camaraderie both days. The adventure ride is geared more toward street orientated motorcycles, i.e., Super Ténérés, KLRs, GSs, V-Stroms, KTM adventure bikes, and about any street legal motorcycle, large or small, that will negotiate a gravel road. The route is generally 200 to 250 miles per day for two days, but it is easy to add more miles or short cut as the route is on mapped public roads. Riders ride at their own pace, with other riders, or by themselves. Lunch and gas stops are plentiful, and you can decide when and where based on our suggestions. Two-up riders are welcome as nothing is too challenging or difficult. The route covers gravel forest roads, paved back roads, and 2 lane highways, aimed at being a scenic, pleasant, easy-paced ride. Our goal is to keep our older riders interested, and bring in novice riders, riders that may not be up to the grueling pace and challenges of our dual sport ride but would like to be out there riding and joining in the fun. The GPS download of the route will be sent to all adventure rider participants about a week prior to the event. **YOU WILL NEED TO DOWNLOAD THE TRACKS TO YOUR OWN GPS.**

Upon arrival at the VTRA grounds:

*****FOR BOTH RIDES, EVERYONE PLEASE STOP  AT THE SIGN UP AREA, SIGN IN, SIGN WAIVERS, AND GET AN ARM BAND BEFORE YOU PARK. NO EXCEPTIONS; YOU HAVE TO STOP AT SIGN UP BEFORE GOING ANY FARTHER. THIS MEANS ALL PARTICIPANT RIDERS, WORKERS, AND ALL GUESTS.**



 AMA membership is required for both the dual sport ride and the adventure ride as they are “AMA National Events”. A one-event pass may be purchased for \$20 (only available for purchase at the event) or a full one-year AMA membership for \$49 (online or at the event). **Skip the renewal lines at sign up** and renew your AMA membership at www.ridemtra.com. If you renew your membership with the link on our website -- <https://fs4.formsite.com/AMARacing/4jkjxulc77/fill?id84=MIDWTR> -- the AMA will send a small portion of your renewal fee back to the MTRA. This is a great deal for everyone and will make the event sign-up and registration much more efficient.

October 8 -- Hare Scrambles -- The MTRA will be hosting a MHSC **hare scrambles on October 8 at the VTRA**. This will be the second to the last round of MHSC hare scrambles of the season. AMA membership is required for this event. We plan to incorporate some trail clearing for this event and will send out notification when we have a date scheduled for the work weekend. We will also need volunteers on the day of the hare scrambles to help work gate entry, sign up, scoring and check points. **Please contact Denny Arnett @ 314-732-5954 or kmdarnett@gmail.com if you are able to help with the hare scrambles in any way, either clearing trail before the event or working the event itself.**



VTRA News --

Hotline Phone Number: The MTRA Hotline has been closed and it is no longer useable.

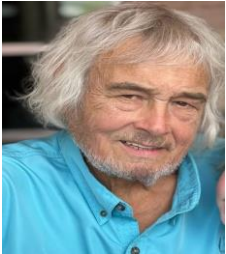
MTRA Email: Our new email address is ridemtra@gmail.com.

In Memory:

We are deeply saddened to say that the club lost a very dear member and friend of many years in April -- John R. (Bob) Knibb, father to members Matt and Mike Knibb, from Florissant, MO, aged 84. Bob was a long time MTRA member and rode most of the Show Me 200 Dual Sport Rides, as recently as 2021. Rest in Peace, Bob.



It is with great sadness that we also mourn the loss of our good friend Tony Bohac (Antonin Bohac, Sr.), husband to Bridget at the Bixby Country Store, who passed away at the age of 72 in October. *May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



Scholarships: As we have done for many years, the MTRA in 2022 provided two high school seniors at Viburnum High School each a \$500.00 scholarship to help with their college expenses. We will be doing this again this year also.

Trail Work, Grounds Maintenance, Events, and Gate Keepers: Thanks to everyone that helped in any way and helped cut, clear, and mark trail, maintained the grounds, campground, and fields, as well as worked the 2022 events, especially at our Hare Scrambles race and at the Show-Me Rides. We also thank those who volunteered their weekends to be Gate Keeper for our ride weekends at the VTRA throughout the year. We genuinely appreciate everyone that helped in any way and hope to see you all this year. Thank you all very much for your time and hard work.

E-Mail Distribution List. We are continuing to create an email distribution list for those wanting to be notified of MTRA news and events. Your contact information will not be sold to third parties and will be used exclusively for MTRA communications. If you want to be kept informed of news and events, please go to our web page at **www.ridemtra.com** and click on the “Join Mailing List” tab to fill in and submit your information. *If you have previously provided your contact information to the mailing list, there is no need to do it again unless your contact information has changed.* For identity verification and security, you will be sent an email which you need to reply to confirming your email address so that your information can be processed into the MTRA database.

**PLEASE USE ONLINE SYSTEM ON THE WEBSITE,
WWW.RIDEMTRA.COM, TO REGISTER FOR THE
RIDES THIS YEAR.**

SHOW ME 200 - AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT RIDE

May 20-21, 2023 - This will be the 33rd Annual Show Me 200 (34th running). This form can also be downloaded from our website and you can pay on the website. **Entries and cancelations must be received by April 28. Late entries will not receive meals, T-shirt, or attendance prizes.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Denny Arnett @ 314-732-5954 or kmdarnett@gmail.com.

**SHOW ME 200 - AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT RIDE
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
May 20-21, 2023**

NAME: _____ AMA NO: _____ *EXPIRES* _____
(All participants must be current AMA Members)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NOTE: We absolutely must have your email address so we can send you confirmation and event instructions.

Bike Brand _____ Year _____ Model _____ CCs _____
(AMA requires this information)

T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE ONE) M L XL XXL

____ I will be bringing a guest for the Saturday evening meal and will pay at sign up.
Name of Guest: _____

Show Me 200 Dual Sport Ride - \$170 - Must be post-marked **before April 28**
\$180 - After April 28th.

(If you want a hotel room in Viburnum, you must reserve the room on your own. Viburnum Inn 573-244-5600).

RETURN THIS FORM & YOUR CHECK TO: MTRA P.O. BOX 1203 MARYLAND HTS. MO 63043

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WWW.RIDEMTRA.COM, TO REGISTER FOR THE
RIDES THIS YEAR.**

SHOW ME 500 - AMA NATIONAL ADVENTURE RIDE

May 20-21, 2023 -- MTRA's AMA Show-Me 500 Adventure Ride will be held on the same weekend as our AMA Show-Me 200 Dual Sport Ride, but with a vastly different route. Riders of the Adventure Ride will share in the fun with our Dual Sport riders for the camping, some meals, attendance prizes, and camaraderie. This form can also be downloaded from our website and paid for on our website. **Entries and Cancellations must be received by April 28. Late entries will not receive meals, T-shirt, or attendance prizes.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact George Siegfried at mtra2day@hotmail.com.

**SHOW ME 500 - AMA NATIONAL ADVENTURE RIDE
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
May 20-21, 2023**

NAME: _____ AMA NO: _____ *EXPIRES* _____
(All participants must be current AMA Members)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____

CELL PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NOTE: We absolutely must have your email address so we can send you confirmation and event instructions.

Bike Brand _____ Year _____ Model _____ CCs _____
(AMA requires this information)

T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE ONE) M L XL XXL

_____*I will be bringing a guest for the Saturday evening meal and will pay at sign up.*

Name of Guest: _____

Show Me 500 Adventure Ride - \$125 - Must be post-marked **before April 28**
\$135 - After April 28th

(If you want a hotel room in Viburnum, you must reserve the room on your own. Viburnum Inn 573-244-5600).

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MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT) MEMBERSHIP # _____
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: NEW: _____
RENEWAL: _____
MEMBERSHIP COVERS: INDIVIDUAL (\$15) _____
FAMILY (\$20) _____
(Family includes yourself, spouse, & minor children living with you in your home, not extended family.)
DEALER / CLUB / BUSINESS (\$25) _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS (DEPENDENTS)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
NUMBER STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE () _____ - _____
CELL PHONE () _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF RIDER: MOTORCYCLE: ____, ATV: ____,
BOTH: ____

AMA MEMBER? YES _____ NO _____
IF SO -- AMA NUMBER: _____

OCCUPATION _____ AGE: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE:
____ POTOSI DISTRICT, ____ SALEM DISTRICT
____ ADOPT-A-TRAIL, ____ CONSTR. PROJECTS
____ STRIKE FORCE (LETTER WRITERS)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE
MTRA LAND FUND? \$ _____

ANY OTHER SERVICES THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE?

I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL OF MY/OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC. (MTRA). I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED IN THE ASSOCIATION'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS. I/WE SHALL AND HEREBY DO, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNS, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND FOREVER HOLD HARMLESS, THE MTRA OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, THE AMA, & U. S. FOREST SERVICE, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF ALL INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH) AND/OR ACCIDENTS TO OR CAUSED BY MYSELF WHILE ENGAGED IN ANY FORM OF MOTORCYCLING (INCLUDING ALL TYPES OF ATVS), RIDING IN OR ON ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY MYSELF IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC., AND FREE SAID ORGANIZATION FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY THEREWITH. I/WE ALSO AGREE TO HOLD BLAMELESS THE OWNERS OF ANY PROPERTIES THAT I/WE MAY CROSS DURING ANY MTRA ACTIVITY FOR ANY LOSSES OR INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH). I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. IF UNDER 18, I MUST HAVE PARENTAL CONSENT.

X _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF FAMILY MEMBER DATE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF FAMILY MEMBER DATE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF FAMILY MEMBER DATE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND RETURN TO:
M T R A
P.O. BOX 1203
MARYLAND HTS., MO 63043

PLEASE SIGN THE ADJACENT SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION
(If you have not already done so, please go to MTRA's web page at www.ridemtra.com and add your email address to our mailing list!)

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE 2023

MTRA MEMBERSHIP LIST – CURRENT 2023+

YEAR	MEM#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
23	3438	BUCHANAN	SCOTT
23	3244	BUEHRE	CHRISTOPHER
23	2831	BURNER	THOR
23	261	CAPLINGER	ROBERT
23	3416	CARPENTER	ANGELA
23	3444	CLUTTER	BRAD
25	D014	DALE SIGN SERVICE INC.	
23	2209	DEFONCE	JON
23	3403	DOTY	HEATH
23	3366	FARLEY	MIKE
23	1335	GEISZ	JOHN
23	3440	GUEMPEL	LOUIS
25	3058	HARRIS	CHRIS
24	3188	HARRIS	TIM
40	12	HEJLEK	AL
23	3340	KNOX	TOM
23	3296	LONG	ROBERT
23	3417	MCCLAIN	PAUL
23	3441	MCENEANY	PAUL
23	3381	NEWELL	ROBERT
23	3445	NOLAN	ERIK
23	3442	PETERSON	JOHN
23	2757	SIEGFRIED	CORY
23	511	SIEGFRIED	GEORGE
23	3418	STEINMEYER	MATTHEW
23	1686	STEINMEYER	MIKE
23	2164	STEINMEYER	SHELLY
40	1	THOMAS	STEVE
23	3443	VANDENHOEK	STEVEN
23	3446	WHITE	RALPH
24	1052	WHITE	RICK

MTRA SUPPORTING DEALERS/BUSINESSES (Please support those who support the MTRA efforts.)

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	WEBSITE
ACERBIS USA	110 LINDSAY CIRCLE	KETCHUM	ID	83340	800-659-1440	www.acerbisusa.com
CLARKE MFG.	13388 S. MOLALLA FOREST RD.	MOLALLA	OR	97038	503-829-2156	https://clarkemfg.com
DALE SIGN SERVICE, INC	13652 MANCHESTER RD	ST LOUIS	MO	63131	314-966-2620	
FRED MUELLER SERVICE COMPANY	PO BOX 225	ST PETERS	MO	63376	314-580-1778	
GIANT LOOP MOTO	63025 OB RILEY ROAD, SUITE 17	BEND	OR	97703	458-206-9113	www.giantloopmoto.com
KOCH MECHANICAL SERVICES	PO BOX 587	HILLSBORO	MO	63050	636-789-4563	
KRYPTONITE LOCK	320 TURNPIKE STREET	CANTON	MA	02021	781-828-6655	www.kryptonitelock.com
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	1551 AMERICAN WAY	PAYSON	UT	84651	800-336-5437	rockymountainatvmc.com
STEVEN VANDENHOEK CHIROPRACTOR	8613 FLORENCE AVENUE	BRENTWOOD	MO	63144	314-520-0605	