

MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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2025

MTRA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE

EVENT

January 18	MTRA Christmas Party/Annual Membership Meeting <u>3 PM to 7 PM</u> – Classic Bike Headquarters/Mungenast Motorcycle Museum, 1418 Hwy. AT, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 636-451-6144
March 15-16	VTRA Ride Weekend
April 18	<i>Registration Closes for Dual Sport Ride</i>
April 19-20	VTRA Ride Weekend
May 3-4	MTRA Show Me Dual Sport Ride (NO ADVENTURE RIDE THIS YEAR)
May 17-18	<u>May Ride Weekend CANCELLED due to Hare Scrambles at VTRA</u>
May 18	MHSC Hare Scrambles at VTRA
June 21-22	VTRA Ride Weekend
July 19-20	VTRA Ride Weekend
August 16-17	VTRA Ride Weekend
September 20-21	VTRA Ride Weekend
October 18-19	VTRA Ride Weekend
November 1-2	VTRA Halloween Ride

The 2025 MTRA Membership - Included in this Newsletter is a list of members who have paid their dues for 2025. If your name is not on the list, your membership has expired. Memberships expire at the end of each calendar year and dues are payable each year in January. Please go online to www.ridemtra.com to join or 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.

VTRA (Viburnum Trend Riding Area): The club's riding area near Bixby Missouri (2611 CR 75, Bixby, MO 65439) is open to the public during the 3rd weekend of each month, March thru October. Membership provides reduced entry fees to the ride weekends. PLEASE NOTE that *this year the ride weekend for the month of May is cancelled due to a Hare Scrambles race*

scheduled at the club's property. This means there will be no riding allowed other than by registered participants and workers of the Hare Scrambles event.

January 18, 2025 – MTRA Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Party- We will be having a combined annual General Membership Meeting/Christmas Party this year on **Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Classic Bike Headquarters/Mungenast Motorcycle Museum, 1418 Hwy. AT, Villa Ridge, MO 63089, during the day from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.** We will have a short meeting at @ 4:00 PM at which time we will be voting on MTRA Board Members, signing up volunteers to work the various MTRA events, signing up VTRA Gate Keepers for 2025, and signing up volunteers to help with trail work. We plan to have some food available along with non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the museum due to the possibility of damage to their collection of classic motorcycles.

Please note: The MTRA will not be hosting an adventure ride this year.

May 3-4, 2025 -- AMA National Dual Sport Ride



The Show Me National Dual Sport Ride is **scheduled for May 3-4, 2025.** Registration is online only at www.ridemtra.com and the **deadline is April 18** for registration and cancellations.

Mail in entries, late entries, and walk-in entries will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. There is no single-day option; the cost is the same price whether you choose to ride one day or both days. The event is limited to 100 riders; we encourage you to register early.

All group leaders and chase riders from 2024, 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. Please do not just show up; we need to hear from you in advance.

LODGING:

- FREE camping at the MTRA/VTRA club grounds on **Friday and Saturday night for event participants and workers.** **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN FRIDAY AFTERNOON** AS WE WILL HAVE PEOPLE WORKING ON TRAILS, MOWING, AND GETTING READY FOR THE EVENT.
- Campground sites are not reservable and are first come, first served, with ample overflow camping available in the parking/staging areas.


- There are no electrical hook ups. Port-a-Pots will be available. **Our RV dump station will be closed as we have had too many RVs dumping upon entry to the club grounds and this has caused sewer/plumbing issues.**
- The closest motels are in Viburnum, Potosi, and Salem.

DUAL SPORT RIDE:


This ride is for licensed dirt bikes only, featuring mostly single-track trails—no big bikes allowed. **Riders must be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver's license, lights, and a license plate** per the MTRA, AMA regulations and insurance, and Missouri State Law.

The ride will be held on private land pursuant to permission acquired from landowners for this event only.

In addition to free camping, participants will receive a gift at sign up; lunch on Saturday and Sunday; dinner on Saturday evening; and attendance prizes on Saturday after dinner. Chase trucks will be available both days with water and tools, and sweep riders will assist if needed. **NOTE: ALL RIDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN GAS AND OIL FOR BOTH DAYS AND MUST CARRY THEIR OWN OIL, IF NEEDED. RIDERS WILL RETURN TO CAMP FOR LUNCH EACH DAY WHERE THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR GAS AND OIL.** FAQ's can be found on www.ridemtra.com.

Sign-up is on Friday afternoon and evening and early Saturday morning. Upon arrival at the club grounds: Please proceed directly to the sign up area and . **ALL PARTICIPANTS, WORKERS, AND GUESTS MUST SIGN IN, VERIFY AMA INFO, COMPLETE AND SIGN WAIVERS, AND GET AN ARM BAND BEFORE PARKING. NO EXCEPTIONS. EVERYONE MUST SIGN IN.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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 *AMA membership is required for the dual sport ride as it is an “AMA National Event”. 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, 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.*

May 18 -- Hare Scrambles -- The MTRA will be hosting a **MHSC Hare Scrambles on May 18 at the VTRA.** 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 --

Scholarships: As we have done for many years, the MTRA in 2024 provided two high school seniors at Viburnum High School each a \$500.00 scholarship to help with their college expenses.

Trail Work, Grounds Maintenance, Events, and Gate Keepers: Thanks to everyone that helped in any way to cut, clear, and mark trail, maintained the grounds and fields, worked on the campground, as well as worked the 2024 event, and 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.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant: In 2023, we submitted a project application for a 2023 Missouri Recreational Trails Program Grant. Earlier this year, our project was approved and we began updating some of our equipment. We will be getting 3 new UTVs, new chain saws, weed eaters, attachments, chemicals for weed control, and gravel.

For 2024, we submitted an additional grant request for a walk behind tracked skid loader (with attachments), a new 40 foot shipping container (for storage), and a new 20 foot shipping container (to be modified into an event sign up building) and more chemicals. We are expecting approval of this grant in the near future.

With these grants we will only need to pay for 20% of the total project/grant costs. The rest of the funding comes from the Federal Government via gas taxes on gas used in Off Highway Vehicles.

In Memory: We are deeply saddened to say that the club lost a long-time friend – Kerry Lee Owen – this past year. Kerry was a landowner from whom the MTRA was granted permission to ride on his property in some very popular and fun single track trails as well as a grass track

with a water cooler on hand for all riders. Kerry's land was a favorite for many riders. Unfortunately, feral hogs invaded his land a few years ago and Kerry closed his property to the dual sport ride so that the DNR could get control of the hogs. Our sympathy goes out to his family and may he rest in peace.

MTRA 2025 INDIVIDUAL AND/OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:

Caplinger, Robert
Harris, Chris
Hejlek, Al
Landon, Larue
Ruth, Tony
Schaeffer, Carl
Senger, Todd
Siegfried, Cory
Siegfried, George
Sutter, Terry
Thomas, Eric
Thomas, Steve
Thompson, Doug

MTRA 2025 COMPANY MEMBERSHIPS:

Dale Sign Service, Inc.

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