

MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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or visit our Facebook page

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Can you believe it? Yes, the MTRA has now been around for 30 years! It all started 30 years ago, when Al, Buddy, Eddie, Steve, Glenn, Chuck, Andy, Ken, Michael (and others) all got together in J&W Cycles service area and decided to form the Midwest Trail Riders Association. There has been a lot of “water under the bridge” since then, some disappointments, some successes, and a lot of good times for those who decided to make a difference. Thanks to the Founding Fathers, Long Term Supporters, and the entire MTRA membership for taking the MTRA on a great 30 year ride! What will the MTRA look like 30 years from now?

MTRA is going all electronic & email! We hope this email finds you all. Due to the increased cost and labor required to send out our newsletters (~\$500 per newsletter), we have decided to send out all future Newsletters via email. So we need your help! This will only work if you provide a current email address. We promise not to share your email address with anyone. So when you send your membership application or entry forms, please be sure to include your email address (legibly please ☺). We are also looking into ways for you to send in your entries and membership applications and fees to us electronically. For 2018, you will still need to send your applications/entries/fees to us via USPS.

2018 MTRA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
February 24	MTRA Post-Christmas Membership Meeting
March 17-18	VTRA Ride Weekend
April 21-22	VTRA Ride Weekend
April 29	MHSC Hare Scrambles at VTRA
May 19-20	VTRA Ride Weekend and Show Me 200 Pre-Ride
June 2-3	MTRA Show-Me 200 Dual Sport Ride and Show Me-500 Adventure Ride
June 16-17	VTRA Ride Weekend
July 21-22	VTRA Ride Weekend
August 18-19	VTRA Ride Weekend
September 15-16	VTRA Ride Weekend
October 20-21	VTRA Ride Weekend
November 3-4	Halloween Ride Weekend at VTRA

Special Project. We will be conducting a construction project at the VTRA riding area sometime early in 2018. We will be doubling the size of the main shelter at the VTRA parking area. If you would like to help with this project, please call 314-434-5095 and leave your name and number.

The 2018 MTRA Membership Application is included in this Newsletter. We have also included a list of current paid members for the year 2018. If your name is not on the list, then your membership has expired and you will need to renew for 2018. We hope you continue to support our cause and renew your membership.

Slow Down, Please! Some members have voiced concerns that some of the bikes are riding too fast in and out of the campground. As we do have kids, dogs, and old slow guys in the campground, we would like everyone to take it slow while riding in the campground! We recently put up some speed limit signs to help remind riders.

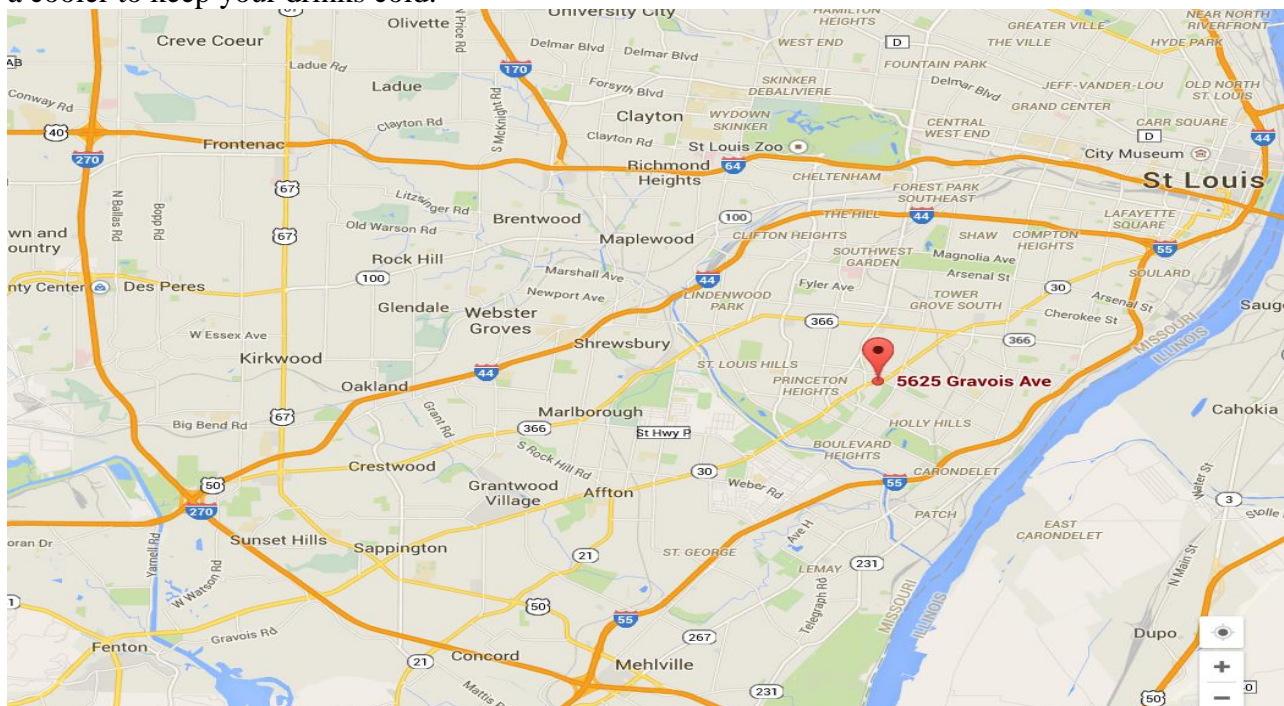
2017 BMW GS1200 National Qualifier, Midwest Region. By all accounts, the 2017 BMW Qualifier was a huge success! We had 23 riders with Thomas Thompson and Bettina Nedel (both from Colorado) qualifying for the 2018 event in Mongolia. Thanks to everyone who worked the event! Special thanks to George and Linda Siegfried and Eric Thomas for pulling this event together! Check out the GREAT youtube video @ <https://youtu.be/m1Lt4yJPATQ>, and pictures @ <https://visian.smugmug.com/Motorcycles/2017-GSTrophy-Q2/nvrS7Jp/i-639jmdJ>

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 the club's property, attend our events, and get involved! The MTRA does not issue membership cards, but we will have a current membership list at all the events and ride weekends if you need to check your membership status or update information. The MTRA owns the VTRA (Viburnum Trend Riding Area) near Bixby, Missouri and the property is open for riding the 3rd full weekend of every month, March thru October.

Need to Renew your AMA Membership? You can now renew your AMA membership at www.ridemtra.com and skip the renewal lines at the races/events! If you renew your membership with the link on our site, the AMA will send a small portion of your renewal fee back to the MTRA. Great deal for everyone!

E-Mail List. We are continuing to compile an email distribution list for those wanting to be notified of late breaking MTRA news and events. We will not sell our list to anyone nor send out more than a couple of emails per year. Please go to our web page at www.ridemtra.com and click on the "Join Mailing List" tab to fill in and submit (subscribe) your information. To make sure you are who you say you are, you will get a confirmation email which you need to respond to so that your information gets entered into the MTRA database. Even if you have given the MTRA your email in the past but have not provided your email on the web page, please go on line and add your info for our new mailing list. We appreciate your help and thank you for your support.

February 24 - MTRA Post-Christmas Membership Meeting. We will be having a general Membership Meeting on February 24th at Dave Mungenast Classic Automobiles and Motorcycle Museum at 5625 Gravois Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63116. We will provide some food @ 6:00 PM & have a short meeting starting @ 7:00 PM. 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 2018. Note: **This will be a BYOB event.** We will have some soft drinks and a cooler to keep your drinks cold.



SHOW ME 200 - AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT RIDE

June 2-3, 2018. This will be the 28th Annual Show Me 200 (29th running, 5000+ miles of BAD ROAD!). If you want to ride the event, you need to fill in the entry form and send it back to the MTRA ASAP. The entry form can also be downloaded from our website. Entries and Cancellations must be received by May 16, 2018. Late entries will not receive meals, T-shirt or attendance prizes. Note: The US Forest Service still limits us to 100 participants. So sign up early! 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 ENTRY FORM June 2-3, 2018

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: _____

Entry Fee: Show Me 200 Dual Sport Ride - \$160

(If you want a hotel room in Viburnum, you have to reserve the room on your own.)

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

What can we do to improve the event? _____

SHOW ME 500 - AMA NATIONAL ADVENTURE RIDE

June 2-3, 2018. The MTRA will again this year be hosting an AMA National Adventure Ride! The series is being sponsored by KTM in 2018, with events being held all over the U.S. The MTRA's AMA Show-Me 500 Adventure Ride will be held on the same weekend as our AMA Show-Me 200 Dual Sport Ride, on **June 2 & 3, 2018**, but with a very different route. Riders of the Adventure Ride will share in the fun with our Dual Sport riders for the camping, meals, attendance prizes, and camaraderie. To ride the event, please fill in the entry form and send it back to the MTRA ASAP. The entry form can also be downloaded from our website. Entries and Cancellations must be received by May 16, 2018. Late entries will not receive meals, T-shirt, or attendance prizes.

The AMA Adventure Rides are geared more toward street orientated motorcycles, Super Ténérés, KLRs, GSs, V-Stroms, KTM adventure bikes and about any street legal motorcycle, large or small, that will negotiate gravel roads. The route is generally 200 to 250 miles per day for two days, but it's 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. (This is very much unlike any of our other events.) 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 nevertheless. If you have any questions or need more information please contact: George Siegfried at mtra2day@hotmail.com.

SHOW ME 500 - AMA NATIONAL ADVENTURE RIDE

ENTRY FORM

June 2-3, 2018

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: _____

Entry Fee: Show Me 500 Adventure Ride - \$120

(If you want a hotel room in Viburnum, you have to reserve the room on your own.)

RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM & ENTRY FEE TO:

MTRA P.O. BOX 1203 MARYLAND HTS. MO 63043

MIDWEST TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL, OLD MTRA NO. _____ NEW _____

TYPE: INDIVIDUAL (\$10) _____ FAMILY (\$15) _____
DEALER / CLUB / BUSINESS (\$20) _____

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: _____

ARE YOU IN ANYWAY DISABLED? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

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?

PLEASE SIGN THE ADJACENT SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION
(If you can, please go to MTRA's web page at www.ridemtra.com
and add your email address to our mailing list!)

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE 2018

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

NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
BCR MACHINE SHOP	#6 KRISTA LANE	WASHINGTON	MO	63090	636-239-5611
BELLEVILLE ENDURO TEAM	PO BOX 180	BELLEVILLE	IL	62222	618-277-DIRT
CLARKE MANUFACTURING CO	13388 S MOLALLA FOREST ROAD	MOLALLA	OR	97038	
DALE SIGN SERVICE, INC	13652 MANCHESTER RD	ST LOUIS	MO	63131	314-966-2620
DAVE MUNGENAST MOTORSPORTS	5939 S LINDBERGH	ST LOUIS	MO	63123	314-894-9179
DONELSON CYCLES INC	9851 ST CHARLES ROCK RD	ST ANN	MO	63074	314-427-1204
EVS SPORTS PROTECTION	PO BOX 180	WALWORTH	WI	53184	
FRED MUELLER SERVICE COMPANY	PO BOX 225	ST PETERS	MO	63376	314-580-1778
GIANT LOOP	63025 OB RILEY RD	BEND	OR	97701	
HARTLEY'S CLIMATE CONTROL	11345 TWITTY DRIVE	ROLLA	MO	65401	513-368-3163
HUSQVARNA MOTORCYCLES USA	30100 TECHNOLOGY CT	MURRIETA	CA	92563	
KOCH MECHANICAL SERVICES	PO BOX 587	HILLSBORO	MO	63050	314-798-4563
MAIER MANUFACTURING INC	416 CROWN POINT CIRCLE	GRASS VALLEY	CA	95945	
MICHELIN TIRES	PO BOX 19001	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	800-346-4098
MOTORCYCLES & MORE	PO BOX 184 1501 ST HWY 47	MARTHASVILLE	MO	63357	636-433-2384
OBERMEYER YAMAHA SUZUKI HONDA	2501 NEWTON	JASPER	IN	47546	812-634-6686
OURY GRIP USA	PO BOX 788	IMBODEN	AR	72434	870-869-3265
PRO CIRCUIT	2771 WARDLOW ROAD	CORONA	CA	92882	951-738-8050
ROBERT KISTER TRIAL LAWYER LLC	PO BOX 156	HERCULANIUM	MO	63048	636-931-4439
SHOCK ZONE SUSPENSION SERVICES	13317 WESTERMAN ROAD	ST LOUIS	MO	63122	314-960-0128
STAHLMAN POWER SPORTS	1387 S BISHOP AVE	ROLLA	MO	65401	314-364-6944
STOUT CONTRACTING	PO BOX 32	ST ALBANS	MO	63073	636-451-5743
TUCKER ROCKY	4900 ALLIANCE GATEWAY FREEWAY	FORT WORTH	TX	76177	817-258-9000
WIDMAN M/C SALES	3628 S BROADWAY	ST LOUIS	MO	63118	314-771-7100
WOLFMAN LUGGAGE	350 TERRY STREET, SUITE 150	LONGMONT	CO	80501	303-651-6022

YEAR 2018 – CURRENT PAID INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

YEAR	MEMBER #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
18	1258	APPEL	BILL
18	1310	BETTS	KEVIN
18	3231	BEYER	DAVID
18	3232	BRANDT	JOHN
18	275	DONELSON	CARL
18	1335	GEIZ	JOHN
18	734	HANSELMAN	RONIE
21	12	HEJLEK	AL
18	1514	JONES	BRYAN
18	40	MUELLER	FRED
18	2965	MULLER	GERALD
18	100	RIGG	BUDDY
18	511	SIEGFRIED	GEORGE
20	861	STEWART	LARRY
18	1439	STOUT	JOHN
20	1	THOMAS	STEVE

YEAR 2018 – CURRENT PAID DEALER MEMBERSHIPS

YEAR	DEALER #	NAME
18	D022	DONELSON CYCLES INC.
18	DO43	STOUT CONTRACTING
18	D132	NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING PROGRAM