

## NEWSLETTER #54 September 8, 2004

MTRA Web Site Is Now On-Line!

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### Welcome, Thanks, Sorry, and More

The MTRA would like to welcome all of our new members! We really appreciate your support and hope that you find this organization what you are looking for and that you will continue to support our efforts for many years to come. We also hope that you find time in your schedule to support the MTRA in some way. Whether its helping work an event, being a weekend gate keeper at the VTRA (our 600 acrea Viburnum Trend Riding Area) or joining our "Strike Force", we need your help! Here is your opportunity to get involved and make a difference. (FYI, your MTRA membership number is on the first line of letter's address after your name, and the last year that your membership has been paid, is in front of your name. ie. 4 John Doe 2456)

We would also like to thank all our current members for renewing their membership for 2004 and all those members have taken the time to get involved with our events and help make a difference. Our success is directly tied to the number of volunteers that find time to help at our events. We can not thank you enough.

We also need to say that we are sorry for the lack of Newsletters this year. We have been very busy this year and just have not had time to get a newsletter out. We know that we need to do a better job keeping everyone informed (so that you can get involved), but we are struggling with just how to accomplish that. Newsletters are expensive, and require some effort to prepare. Regular Club meetings would only serve the membership living in the adjacent area, and it takes time to prepare and post info on our web page. So we are not sure what is the best way to keep everyone involved. If you have any ideas, please let us know!

### Changes are Coming!

In an effort to improve communication within the MTRA, the current MTRA Board of Directors are taking or considering the following actions to improve the situation.

1. The current MTRA Board of Directors has been in place for 3 or 4 years. It appears that if someone does not step down, no one new challenges them for their board member position. So we think 2 or more Board Members are going to "step down" at the end of this year and make room for some other members to "Step Up". So if anyone is at all interested, please let us know and we will discuss positions with you.
2. We will be having informal membership meetings at all of the upcoming events thru the end of the year. We are also considering having a few regular scheduled membership meetings in 2005.
3. We would like to establish some committees and/or create some task leader positions, which would place other MTRA members in charge of specific tasks. These tasks might include someone responsible for the newsletters (anyone could do better than me!), maybe someone to take the lead role on the VTRA property improvements, maybe someone to take the lead on our various grants, or maybe someone to handle/manage the VTRA ride weekends. If you are all interested in one of these tasks,

please let us know.

4. We have accepted Denny Arnett's offer to take over the MTRA Web page. If you have not been to the web-site lately, please check it out! [www.ridermtra.com](http://www.ridermtra.com) We are planning to send more current info to Denny, so he can post the info and the web-site can be better used as a source for MTRA info. Thanks Denny for helping with this!

5. Developing.....TBD, got any ideas? Please let us know

### VTRA Property/Grant Status:

The VTRA has been open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat and Sun of every month since spring. While the turnout has been relatively light, we hear that most of the riders are enjoying the trails and the VTRA. We know that the vegetation along the trails has taken over in some places, so we will be have a couple of ride/work days at the VTRA property in Sept. and Oct. to reopen the trails and work on other VTRA projects.

Did you know that the MTRA has received approval for over \$200,000 in grants? These grants have been approved over the years to support our volunteer efforts with the Forest Service and to improve the VTRA. The following is a summary of things we have bought with these grants and things that are approved, waiting to be acted upon.

1. Items bought: A John Deer 770 4x4 tractor/loader and brush hog, Case Skid Steer, 14 ft enclosed event trailer, a couple of 16 ft flatbed trailers, a generator, 2-way radios, 2 Kawasaki Mules, weed eaters, chain saws, countless loads of gravel at the VTRA and 2 shipping containers (for the storage).

2) Things in work: Buying an additional 54 acres from The Doe Run Corp (we are getting very close to closing this deal), 2 ATVs, another tractor/loader/bushhog, 40x40 concrete slab and steel shelter at VTRA, installing electric service for VTRA, 2 large BBQ grills for VTRA, expanding the campground area at VTRA, applying lime/fertilizer/grass seed in the VTRA parking area and more gravel for the VTRA roads and campgrounds.

### Upcoming Events

Sept 18/19<sup>th</sup> Ride/Work Weekend at VTRA The VTRA will be open for riding and we will be hosting a Work Weekend event at the site. We will be clearing trails, expanding the campgrounds, working on the roads, and having a campfire and membership meeting on Saturday night. We hope you can attend and participate. The gate will be open Friday night for those wanting to camp.

Oct 2/3 Viburnum's Old Miners Day Poker Run We will having our annual Old Miners Day event in Viburnum on Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be marking the trails on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have a campfire, and informal membership meeting at the Holiday Lake Campgrounds (just North of Viburnum on Hwy Y) on Saturday night. The Poker Run Flyer is attached. We can always use some help Sunday, with sign up and sweeping the trails. So if you can, please let us know.

Oct 16/17 Ride/Work Weekend at VTRA The VTRA will be open for riding and we will be hosting another Work Weekend event at the site. We will be clearing trails, expanding the campgrounds, working on the roads, and having a campfire and membership meeting on Saturday night. We hope you can attend and participate. We will also provide the some sort of BBQ on Saturday afternoon.

Nov 6/7 Halloween Trail Ride. We will be having our annual trail this year at the VTRA property. This is not a work weekend/event. Just a chance to get away, enjoy a campfire and ride if you wish. The gate open Friday night and this will be the last open ride weekend at the VTRA property this year. We also have an informal MTRA membership meeting on Saturday night.

## **Past Events**

**March 12/13 SUPERCROSS** Thanks to all the MTRA volunteers who helped make this event such a success. The word from the PACE and AMA officials is that you all did a great job and they are looking forward to working with us again in 2005!

**EARTH DAY EVENT, APRIL 24, 2004.** Despite a lot of rain, we had about 20 volunteers travel to Sutton's Bluff riding area and help with this annual event. Thanks to all of you! I am sure that we will be doing this event again next year and we will need your continued support.

**2004 "SHOW ME 200" AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT RIDE, JUNE 5 & 6.** The 2004, 15th annual event is now in the history books. This is our premier event of the year and we need to thank the 40 or so volunteers (chase riders, group leaders, and chase truck drivers) that make this event happen every year. Thanks to everyone!

**August 7/8<sup>th</sup> ATV/Motorcycle Motocross Race at the Washington Town and Country Fair.** Once again, we were asked to help the Washington Town and Country Fair with their races in Washington Missouri. This is another high profile event that needed a lot of volunteers and coordination. Thanks to Alan Gibson for taking the lead on the event and making it all happen. And thanks to the 40 or so volunteers that provided the manpower for the various race related tasks. A special thanks to the MTRA Search and Rescue Team for providing several of our track workers!

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## 2004 OLD MINER'S DAY

VIBURNUM, MO

WOODS POKER RUN

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

# MOTORCYCLES & ATV'S

Insurance Restrictions

Sorry, No 3 Wheelers, No passengers  
Helmets Required

ATVs -12 yrs old (90cc & under) 16 years old (91 cc and up)

**\$300** + ATTENDANCE + TROPHIES  
Purse                      PRIZES

\$100 - 1st PLACE

LOTS OF FREE STUFF

Sign Up : 9:00 AM    FIRST RIDER OUT: 9:30 AM    LAST RIDER OUT: 12:00 PM

\$5 per hand, 4 hands/\$20

MTRA membership required

*You can join the MTRA for \$10 - or an entire family can join for \$15*

*Minors must have signed waiver from parent/guardian*

ENJOY THE TRAILS      Courses for all levels of riders

ENJOY THE OLD MINERS DAY ACTIVITIES - Food/Entertainment/Car Show

SUPPORT OFF ROAD MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES - The MTRA works to keep trails open

Brought to you by MTRA and the Viburnum Fire Department - - - Sponsored by the Old Miner's Day Committee

Course courtesy of The Doe Run Mining Company and the US Forest Service

Contact: MTRA Hotline (314) 434-5095 or [www.ridemtra.com](http://www.ridemtra.com) for more information