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April 2020 – NEWSLETTER

2020 Ride Schedules & Other Important Dates

May 8 th , 9 th & 10 th , 2020.....	Spring Work Bee.....	CANCELED
May 15, 2020.....	Dedication of new pavilion at Elk Hill.....	CANCELED
May 14 – 18, 2020.....	May Blossom Ride.....	CANCELED
May 28 – June 8, 2020.....	1 st June Ride (trophy ride).....	CANCELED
June 13 – 28, 2020.....	2 nd June Ride (trophy ride)	CANCELED
August 8 – 15, 2020.....	August Family Ride.....	Sheck's and Goose Creek
September 10 – 28, 2020.....	September Ride (trophy ride X2)	Stoney Creek to Oscoda to Empire
October 9 – 17, 2020.....	October Color Ride.....	Scheck's to Cadillac

Board Briefs:

1. 2020 Annual Banquet – Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the MTRA 2020 March Annual Banquet and General Membership Meeting had to be cancelled. At this time, the Board is unable to reschedule. When a new date and location are in place, all MTRA members will be notified.
2. 2020 Board of Directors Election – The Board of Directors has nullified the 2020 March election. All the absentee ballots that were mailed to MTRA, Post Office Box 72, Ovid, Michigan 48866 have not been opened and are sealed away. These ballots will be destroyed once a new election is scheduled. The Board plans to hold a whole new election with new ballots once an annual meeting can be rescheduled. At that time, you will receive a new ballot with instructions.
3. A very warm Thank You goes out to Ed Gosdzinski and Steve Ross, who have resigned from the board, for their years of service to MTRA. Following our Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed Harry Struble and Rod Wyman to fill these vacancies until a new election can be organized and completed.
4. At this time, the State of Michigan has closed all campgrounds until May 15th and the USFS has closed all campgrounds and trails until May 21st. Therefore, the 2020 May Work Bee and the 2020 May Ride have been cancelled. The Board of Directors has opted to wait until the first week of May to make a decision about the status of the 1st June and 2nd June Rides. Our members will be notified by email or mail once a decision is made.
5. 2020 Rides - Because of the uncertainty of the 2020 ride season, the Board voted to waive the \$2.00 per day late fee for the May and 1st June Rides. They have now extended the waiver to include the 2nd June Ride. **IF** our 1st June and 2nd June rides are held, our members will be able to show up on the ride and pay the trail boss \$12.00 per day. Your 2020 membership must be current to attend an MTRA ride. If possible, please bring a check to pay the trail boss for your ride. A check will make it easier for your Trail boss, Secretary and Treasurer to keep track of your payment.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Where do you start in these unprecedented times? This year has been unlike anything any of us have lived through. With not even being able to have actual in person meetings, your Board of Directors have had to go to conversations through facebook messenger to try and make those immediate needs decisions. It has been a task to say the least, but we have made the necessary decisions to keep us going for the time being. We still have many unanswered and open ended questions to deal with. The answers will be dictated by Covid-19 and how we as a Nation and State are able to deal with this horrible affliction. Each day we are learning more and with the USA pressing, oh so hard, to find the best way to deal with it, we have to have faith that it will get better sooner than later. We are a resourceful Nation and I feel we will lead this fight. Until then, we as your Board of Directors will continue to the best of our ability to look out for MTRA interests. Pray for our many elderly and those with underlying conditions. Stay Home – Stay Safe and watch for updates on our facebook page, email or mail. Hope to see all of you sometime on the trail this year or at our annual meeting, again sometime this year. **STAY TUNED.**

