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## July 2022 – NEWSLETTER

### 2022 Ride Schedules & Other Important Dates

August 6 – 13, 2022.....	August Family Ride Stationary.....	Goose Creek Camp
August 2022.....	August Work Bee.....	Details TBA
September 10 – October 2, 2022.....	September Criss Cross (trophy X2).....	
.....	.....	Stoney Creek to Cadillac and Empire to Oscoda
October 8 – 16, 2022.....	October Color Ride.....	Walsh Road to 4 Mile Road
October 9 2022.....	Board meeting 12:00 .....	Walsh Rd Camp
January 8 2023.....	Board Meeting 12:30.....	Jays Sporting Goods Clare
March 25 2023.....	Annual Banquet 5:30.....	Doherty Hotel Clare, MI
Virtual Ride August 1 <sup>st</sup> –Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>		

The MTRA organization is a group of avid horsemen who are awesome volunteers. Our Association could not continue without everyone pitching in to help where they can.

### ***Board Briefs:***

1. MTRA is still in great need of a Bus driver. If anyone knows of anyone please contact Jeff Balzer.
2. We had a great turn out for the work bee. Thank you to everyone who came to help. **Remember** – you can earn a **free ride day** for each Work Bee day's participation.
3. We had 25 newbie's on the June rides.
4. If you wear MTRA Logo attire you can receive discounts at participating merchants and restaurants while on your rides.
5. Chuck reported that Elk hills is clean. We are waiting on a survey for Cheboygan camp.
6. MTRA is looking to fill the Treasure position. Mindy Ellis would like to step down.
7. Everyone can help keep trails clean and trimmed. It takes all of us to maintain the trails. If you see garbage please pick it up. If there's a branch in the way break it.
8. Virtual ride will be August 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.
9. 2023 calendar is in the works.
10. The bus needs some maintenance. This will take place in July so it's ready for the September ride.
11. We now have a reroute through the Mayhem swamp.
12. All Rides have to be paid before allowed to ride and or get on the bus.
13. Welcome all New Members

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

**Greetings fellow riders,**

**Can't believe July is already here. The June and Blossom rides went well. It was great to see so many new members. The work bee was a success and thank you to all who came to help. We look forward to the August ride which is for the family and a stationary ride. Lots of fun things are being planned.**

**Let us not forget the "Criss-Cross" Ride in September, and the October Ride that completes our 2022 season. Please keep in mind the revenue from the MTRA rides are needed to help cover our costs.**

**I feel it is important to let the membership know a couple of the comments received from our "New Bees". The comments we receive are, first, the welcome they receive from our members, and secondly, the willingness of our members to help the new members, with problems or concerns they may have. Great job everyone for remembering we were all "New Bees" at one time. Keep up the great job!**

**Jeff Balzer  
MTRA President  
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Board of Director's Trail Assignments. If you would like to volunteer to help maintain a certain section of trail, please contact the board member in charge of that section. **Your help will be greatly appreciated.**

### Trail Assignments for 2022

Lake Michigan to <b><u>Garey Lake</u></b> to Lake Dubonnet <b><u>(Mud Lake)</u></b>	Stacie Smith 989-965-0381 Stacie3098@yahoo.com
Lake Dubonnet to <b><u>Scheck's</u></b>	Melanie Moser, 810-300-3346 moserwhip@gmail.com
Scheck's to <b><u>Rapid River</u></b>	Rod Wyman, 810-287-0036 rod.wymn@yahoo.com
Rapid River to <b><u>Goose Creek</u></b>	Scott Kemmer 989-578-2856 wkemmer@hotmail.com
Goose Creek to <b><u>4-Mile</u></b>	Robert Lee, 419-306-1361 glhsracer@yahoo.com
4-Mile to <b><u>Luzerne</u></b>	Jeff Balzer, 989-426-2227 cbalzer14@gmail.com
Luzerne to <b><u>McKinley</u></b>	Harry Struble, 810-650-8810 hrrhrsmn@gmail.com
McKinley to <b><u>South Branch</u></b>	Julie Parliament, 989-387-6100 jparliament2@gmail.com
South Branch to <b><u>River Road</u></b> to Lake Huron	Jenny Duvall, 989-240-3203 jennyduvall@msn.com
Luzerne to <b><u>Walsh Road</u></b>	Lynn Godzinski, 989-450-9635 edlynng2@gmail.com
Walsh Rd. to <b><u>Johnson Crossing</u></b>	Jon Greer, 989-246-4075 cgreer6@hotmail.com
Johnson Crossing to <b><u>Elk Hill</u></b>	Ron Anderson, 734-391-5642
Elk Hill to <b><u>Stoney Creek</u></b>	Joyce Holstine 989-313-9403 hugs4horses@ymail.com
Scheck's to <b><u>Hopkins Creek</u></b>	Kathy Moss, 989-551-0417 mosseykm@yahoo.com
Hopkins Creek to <b><u>Cadillac</u></b>	Jimmy Corlew, 989-420-4201 USAcowboy57@yahoo.com
<b>DNR – Liaison</b>	<b>Jeff Balzer</b>
<b>USFS – Liaison</b>	<b>Jenny Duvall</b>
<b>NORTH section: Luzerne – Mullet Lake</b>	<b>Chuck Fanslow</b>
<b>WEST section: Empire – Kalkaska</b>	<b>Rod Wyman</b>
<b>SOUTH section: Kalkaska – Cadillac</b>	<b>Jimmy Corlew</b>
<b>CENTRAL section: Kalkaska – Luzerne</b>	<b>Lynn Godzinski</b>
<b>EAST section: Luzerne to Lake Huron</b>	<b>Jenny Duvall</b>

## FAQ's...

1. Just a reminder, it is not a requirement to sign-up for an entire MTRA ride. Many people jump in and out of rides due to other commitments. It is recommended that you sign-up for at least one (or more) day(s) of the ride that you intend to attend so that your name is on the roster and your daily fee will be locked in at the \$12.00 per day rate. You can always “drop in” on a ride – as long as your membership is current (2022). If you are already signed-up for one day, you can then extend your ride to include more days and/or transfer that fee to a later ride which may be more convenient for you. The Trail Boss will handle all of the details at the ride or you can call the MTRA Office for more clarification.
2. If you pay for a ride and do not attend the ride for any reason and want to transfer the paid ride dates to another ride please call the MTRA office within 30 days after the end of the ride to inform the secretary of your wish. This way, the secretary and treasurer can close out the books for that ride.
3. You may ask “what happens to my money if I pay for a ride and do not attend the ride and do not transfer it to another ride?” Many riders pay \$12.00 to sign up for a ride and then are unable to attend. Instead of calling and transferring the \$12.00 to another ride, they donate it to the Association. All of these \$12.00 donations add up and are put in the general fund for trail and camp maintenance.
4. Don't forget to get your Recreation Passports for your vehicle license plates in 2022 so that you can be “legal” on our rides. This issue is even important since we use the DNR boat launch next to the Lake Huron access point and they will be checking those passports.
5. Don't forget – fellow members who assist you in “rescues” whether they be horse or vehicle related, would appreciate your consideration with a donation to their “fuel fund”. We are all on vacation during the rides and would always be there to help out when needed. But, sometimes we appreciate the offer of monetary assistance when our rigs/trucks are being used.
6. When you are riding along paved roads – wear BRIGHT shirts so that drivers will notice you.

To reward members who do the S2S ride and have completed it 100% on the blue marked trail, a patch will be given at the award night. Member comments from the first June ride concerning use of our trails resulted in this idea. Hope to see you on the trail!!!