

TRAIL RIDER NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTANA TRAIL VEHICLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

State Ride June 15-17

Make Plans now to attend!

Bozeman's Big Sky Country Trail Preservers, Helena's Capitol Trail Vehicle Riders and Butte's Mining City Trail Riders will be co-hosting the MTVRA annual state ride at the Whitetail Pipestone recreation area, east of Butte, June 15-17.

This annual ride brings together motorized recreationists from across the state for a weekend of fun and riding. The permit process is underway and plans are being made to make this the biggest and best state ride ever! Tentative plans include a Friday night sunset ride with possible lakeside smores, Saturday morning a bright and early departure with guided 'up-tempo' (hold on to your hats) and beginning/intermediate ATV and motorcycle rides and along the way an hour of group trail maintenance on an agency supervised trail project (let's show them what we can do!) Saturday night we will enjoy a potluck, barbeque and fireside tales, (bring your hip boots for this one folks!) and Sunday a continental breakfast and more riding!

This area is one of the best OHV recreation areas in Montana and there is also plenty of opportunity for a dual sport event—any interest? **Remember requirements for this weekend of fun are: Clean, quiet machines with spark arresters, an OHV sticker, helmets for any riders under 18, and membership in MTVRA either through a club or individually.**

A flyer will be coming your way later in May with full details, directions and itinerary! For more information contact Joyce Thompson -hm. 406-388-1812 or gthompson@in-tch.com

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for a great weekend of riding, smores and camaraderie. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!!!**

AMA Launches Rapid Response Center

A new service offered by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) will put motorcyclists immediately in contact with lawmakers, government officials and the media when important issues arise. The AMA Rapid Response Center is designed to make sure the voices of motorcyclists are heard when laws are being considered and regulations are being written that could affect their fi-

ture. It provides an instantaneous link that targets a message directly to the people making decisions. The Rapid Response Center is a new part of the AMA's

website at www.AMADirectlink.com. By clicking the "AMA Rapid Response" logo, motorcyclists are taken to a site where they can send e-mail messages on current issues.

Check out the AMA website for current information on important legislation that could legalize health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists, snowmobilers, atv riding, horseback riding, skiing and other similar activities.



Presidents Message

by Jerry Levandowski

I would like to thank Bob Stevenson, our past president, for his service to MTVRA for the past 2 ½ years. As past president Bob will still be active in MTVRA as a member of the Board of Directors for one year.

Where are we as OHV riders and members of MTVRA going in the near future? It's going to be a trying period with many unknowns. A recent article appeared in the newspaper with headlines reading, "Environmentalists line up with timber industry on need for lumber trade deal." Have you ever heard a statement like this before? A few days later an article appears with headlines, which read, "Conservation groups to appeal ruling on off-road vehicle issue." Now this sound's like the environmentalists I have come in contact with. Is there some wavering or change of direction in these groups? I think not.

At the end of the Clinton/Gore era with all of the executive orders on environmental issues which were signed, the environmentalists thought they had won a big battle and we in the OHV community were going to be on the short end of the stick. Then came the changing of the guard. Things now take on a different picture, or do they? We really don't know how much of a change the current administration will make in these orders as many of them are now under review. One thing for sure, the enviro community is now going into the defense mode fearing great losses on their fronts. We will see an increase in appeals and lawsuits in the future. Some issues will try the back door method as was the case with the roadless issue.

As MTVRA members we must, now more than ever, come together to protect our riding in Montana. We must take the time to address the issues at the time they arise, don't wait

until the comment period or appeal date is about to end. Most comments or appeals take weeks and months to prepare, not a few days. Ask for help from and offer help to others in our organization through a board member, phone or our electronic network. We need to work very closely with the land managers to ensure our concerns are heard. Take an active part in the travel planning. Attend meetings and write letters.

DON'T use this excuse; "I don't have the time or the knowledge to volunteer in MTVRA." **If you don't have the time now, you won't need the time to ride later.** It takes every member doing a little to make a large impact. Contact you nearest Board member and offer your assistance.

MTVRA WEBSITE
www.mtvra.com
CHECK IT OUT!

State of the Association
March 10, 2001
by Bob Stevenson, President

I am proud to present this State of the Association update, as the 2001 riding season approaches. We have had a very successful year as an association, and things are looking positive for the future.

MTVRA acts as the umbrella organization for motorized recreation clubs and individuals across the state. Our membership has grown as a result of new clubs being formed, such as in Butte and Great Falls, and clubs becoming 100% membership clubs, like the one in Bozeman.

A project that was just completed and is one to be proud of is the "On The Right Trail" video, which was a long and rewarding effort by many MTVRA members and officers. This will be

used in conjunction with the OHV Curriculum which we hope to expand into many schools in the state. It will also be available to be used for informational purposes, at local organization meetings like the Rotary for example, or to clubs and businesses.

Many MTVRA folks are involved in the OHV Curriculum, which will educate middle school kids on trail ethics, responsibility and safety. This project is moving into the next stage now, as people are being trained to put on the class. There are openings! Ask a Board Member how to get involved.

MTVRA helped to organize a summit with many regional agencies and organizations on the use of ATVs during the hunting season. Guidelines and recommendations were discussed, and everyone left with a better understanding of the issues and suggestions on improving the image of using ATVs for hunting. Look for more to come on this issue.

Our lobbyist, Doug Abelin, scored a huge success in getting the wording of House Bill 124 in this year's Montana State Legislature more in our favor. Our funding for OHV grants was in jeopardy and Doug played a major role in the effort to change this.

The Capitol Trail Vehicle Association in Helena successfully appealed the first phase of the Clancy-Unionville travel plan. They spent many hours researching and documenting this plan, and are waiting for the next decision to occur.

At a recent Board meeting, your Board of Directors approved the formation of a Legal Fund, which will be funded by a portion of every membership and donations. This will be crucial in the near future, as those groups that want motorized recreation off of public lands are fighting even harder to achieve their goal. Even with a more favorable political climate, both in Washington and here in Helena, we are still in for a fight.

We now also have an e-mail network for MTVRA members, with information relayed by Jerry Levandowski. Please contact Jerry to be included in the list. Staying informed these days is vital and this is an excellent way to keep up on the issues. You can also

MTVRA Business

Members:

Stop by these MTVRA member business's and say thanks for supporting motorized recreation.

Bozeman
Team Bozeman
Figgins Sand & Gravel
Billings
Montana Honda & Marine
Butte
Redline Sports
Cascade
Bull Run Outfitting
Dillon
Dillon Implement/ Kawasaki
East Helena
Outdoor Motor Sports
Great Falls
Brennan Cooling & Heating
Steve's Sport Center
Combustion Service
Big Sky Health Care
Mr. Salvage Motorcycles
Home Technologies
Helena
Clark Construction
Sunset Gardens
Lewistown
Lewistown Honda
Livingston
Alpine Yamaha, Inc.
Neihart
Mt. Snowmobile Adventures
Red Lodge
Beartooth Kawasaki

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check the web site at mtvra.com for information on the association. As you can see, we are moving forward and getting things done! Make sure you stay involved. Join your local club and Blue Ribbon. Keep up with the issues. Know who your MTVRA Board Member is in your area. And have fun riding this summer! Please take time to welcome Jerry Levandowski as your new President. Jerry has held this position before, and will do a great job. I'll still be assisting as Past President.

Trailside First Aid - by Linda Ellison

Funny-feeling fingers and "butterfingers" can be caused by a specific and easily treated condition known as "carpal tunnel syndrome." Carpal (Latin for wrist) tunnel syndrome is very common and can occur in all age groups (except children).

Like me, you may have suffered discomfort from it for years, perhaps attributing it to "arthritis". Its diagnosis is sometimes missed because the symptoms are mistakenly attributed to arthritis in the neck. However, neck arthritis does not cause hand numbness when the wrist is flexed, as in driving, or reading, and it does not cause hand pain and numbness which can wake you up at night.

The first sign is usually tingling, numbness, or hurting, which begins in the tip of the thumb, index, or middle finger. Gradually the tingling spreads to an area extending from the thumb to the inside of the ring finger and back toward the base of the palm. (See illustration.) (There is a separate condition that affects the little finger and outside half of the ring finger in much the same way. The people I've compared notes with seem to exhibit one or the other, not both.)



The dominant hand - the one used more - is more commonly affected. Occasionally the tingling or diminished feeling will only involve one finger, or it can be felt in all fingers. What is the cause?

Part of your body, where the hand joins the wrist, could probably have been designed better! A major nerve, passes from the forearm into the palm of the hand at this point and has to go through a very narrow space, which is also filled with tendons connecting muscles in the forearm to the fingers they control. The rigid walls of this "tunnel" are formed by the bones of the wrist and a tight band of fibrous ligament that "holds things together".

If the structures in the "tunnel" are damaged, or inflamed, they are likely to swell, which is the body's typical response to injury or irritation. Unfortunately, there's little room for expansion

in the tunnel, so the swelling compresses the nerve.

Repetitive use of the hand (or a disease process like diabetes) can also cause this nerve compression since the linings of the tendons at the wrist may swell. This disorder is often claimed to be work-related - hence the nickname "Bricklayer's Syndrome". (My husband says I must have got it "goldbricking" because he "ain't never seen me work that hard"!) Pregnancy is also a fairly common setting: after delivery, the problem goes away.

In addition, although this nerve is enclosed in the tunnel, at one point it lies very near the surface and is not well protected from injury. If you stretch out your hand to break a fall, the point where you are most likely to land, right in the valley between the two pads of muscle on your lower palm, is right where this nerve lies. Such an injury, or repeated trauma of a less intense sort, can help to get the process of swelling and nerve compression started.

The pain due to nerve damage at the wrist may also be felt higher - at the inside of the elbow, or armpit, or even in the neck. This gives new meaning to clutch and throttle work especially if you are out playing "trials" rider, or working your way up a particularly natty section of mountain trail on an ATV, doesn't it? Not to mention the occasional "crash and burn" that everyone does at some point or other! Add that to your own vocational related misery, whether you spend your time as a "wrencher," a grocery clerk, or at a computer keyboard, and you can see why it's so common.

Why the night-time connection?

The discomfort of carpal tunnel syndrome is usually worse when the wrist is flexed, and people often sleep in a position that bends the wrist forward. Eventually, the sensation wakens them. Almost always, people will say that it feels as though the "circulation" to their hand has been stopped, and they'll shake the hand "to get it going again". In fact, it is straightening the wrist to a neutral position that produces relief.

Eventually, as the disorder progresses, weakness of the grip develops. This results from loss of control over the prominent pad of muscles at the base of the thumb. Once these muscles

weaken, it can be very difficult to grasp even relatively light objects. Losing strength to turn a screwdriver or rolling your throttle with the base of your fingers may be evidence of this condition.

Diagnosis ---The diagnosis is easy - history and examination usually tell the tale.

Treatment---There are three basic treatments for carpal tunnel syndrome.

If the damage is mild, and symptoms occur mainly at night, a simple, very light-weight splint can be molded to hold the wrist straight. Another approach, is to inject a steroid into the carpal tunnel, so as to reduce inflammation and swelling. A simple and definitive surgical procedure is also available. It turns out that the fibrous tissue forming the roof of the carpal tunnel is not needed to keep the wrist stable. A surgeon can open the roof of the tunnel to release the compression without creating other problems. With surgery, relief comes rapidly - often within hours and most patients have recovery of feeling within several days. (When my second wrist was done, I could scarcely wait for the anesthetic to wear off before sitting down to the piano!!)

Some words of wisdom:

Many people have heard of, and mistake the damaging side effects of cortisone pills or intramuscular injections which may be recommended. Talk to your physician. These medications come in chemically altered forms to reduce body wide side effects that allow the medication to work where it is placed, providing a safe form of treatment.

Take it from someone who has been there, don't put off doing something about this form of discomfort. In severe cases, some permanent loss of feeling and weakness can occur but there will nearly always be better hand function because of pain relief and improved feeling!

Personal and sport related references aside, all information taken from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, What Is It?, Gary P. Crawford, M.D.; Michael J. Behrman, M.D.

Trailside Politics

by Linda Ellison

Remember my story about our trip to New Mexico a year ago? My parting shot at the time, was an admonition to readers to learn more about the perspectives of our various potential supporters in the land use biz. How's it going?

In a fit of habitus-antisepticus (house cleaning) while Larry is headed for Alaska, I've been sorting through some of the piles of unread "stuff" that inevitably finds its way to the backwaters of my non-filing system when the stream of life turns turbulent. As if by fate, an article entitled "Going By The Wayside" by John Youngberg, Director, Member Relations, Montana Farm Bureau, floated to the top.

Announcing the eminent closure of Pyramid Mountain Lumber of Seeley Lake, he was reminding his members that Pyramid was one of the sole purchasers of ponderosa pine logs in the state.

For ranchers able to boost their sagging bottom line through the sale of timber, those days are numbered. The closing of Pyramid could be likened to losing a local elevator or cattle auction. The ability to market is still there, it is just farther away and less competitive, meaning less return for the landowner.

Due to pressure from the radical environmental crowd, logging is still fine as long as you don't cut trees. Agriculture is still fine as long as public lands aren't used. Large farms and ranches are taboo and no plants should be built to process crops. Power generation is OK, but not in our backyards. ...And heaven forbid anyone makes any money.

As OHVers, the majority of us don't make our living in the woods or on the farm. However, a fair share of our western states' economy spins off from our recreation in the form of gas, gear, and grocery purchases. Don't kid yourself into thinking that this makes us part of the "new economy" of tourism though. Remember those roadless areas we can "still" ride in??? Check out a map. Can we "still" ride when those are gone? To whom do we throw our lifeline?

Pyramid Mountain Lumber sits in the middle of a sea of charred Forest Service timber. In about 18 months that

timber will be worthless. The inter-mountain west faces the possibility of another horrendous fire season. **It's not too late to speak up and ask Congress and the U.S. Departments of Interior (BLM) and Agriculture FS to establish a stepped-up process for handling the reclamation of burned areas. Make your voice heard.**

MTVRA Annual Meeting Highlights

The Annual MTVRA meeting was held in Helena, March 10, at Jorgensons with President Bob Stevenson presiding. The following information is a synopsis from the meetings of that meeting.

Big Sky Country Trail Preservers has voted to become a 100% membership club & are in the transition process at this time. 100% membership clubs are asked to supply a list of members to Mike Ducello, membership chairman with renewals to be sent out from local clubs first. MTVRA will follow up on members who have not responded.

After much discussion, it was voted to join as an intervenor with Blue Ribbon Coalition, Montana Snowmoile Association & others in a suit filed against the Bitterroot and Clearwater National Forests.

MTVRA has purchased the "Public Land Owners Manual" that was compiled by the National 4X4 Association. This will be available for use by member clubs, but for convenience, it is recommended that all clubs get a copy. It is easy to use with good information.

Don Gordon suggested that everyone be aware of the importance of early comments. If a "proposal" shows up in the draft EIS and no comment is received at that point and the final decision is appealed, the agency answer will be that the "proposed item" was detailed in the draft and no comment was received. Early and specific comments are very important.

Donations from the "\$100" clubs to the legal fund has been very encouraging. The Central Montana Trail Users have assessed \$5.00 per member for the legal defense fund. The Big Sky Country Trail Preservers donated \$500. Many members are enclosing a couple of extra \$\$ with their renewals for the fund.

Dirt Bike School

Are you 18 years old or older?
Do you enjoy riding dirt bikes?
Would you like to see others enjoy our sport?

Become a "Dirt Bike School" coach. What is the "Dirt Bike School" you ask. This is a nationwide program that was created by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) to provide hands-on rider training with an emphasis on safety and skill development. During the school, students learn basic techniques for safely riding off-highway motorcycles.

A Coach Prep. class will be held here in Montana, May 31 through June 3, 2001. It will be four days of intensive training where upon completion you can become a MSF certified "Dirt Bike School" coach. Sounds fun?

Applications for certification and enrollment in a "Dirt Bike School" Coach Preparation Course are now available from Ray Paige (Mt. FW&P) at 406 444-7317 or e-mail rpaige@state.mt.us or from Bruce Butler (MTVRA) bus. 1 800 541-0788 res 406 628-7001 or e-mail bbutler@metalsusa.com

ENROLL QUICKLY. CLASS IS FILLING UP.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are available in the MTVRA newsletter for \$5 each. Please send your ad copy to MTVRA P.O. Box 2884, Great Falls, Mt. 59403 or email Joyce gthompson@in-tch.com.

Business ads are also available business card size for \$20.

'On the Right Trail'

Off-Highway Curriculum for Kids

This curriculum is geared for 3rd through 7th grade students to educate them about proper OHV safety and to instill a strong land and trail ethic for riding to ensure riders are safe, courteous, responsible, and considerate of other trail users and the land. The curriculum is a cooperative effort developed by MTRVA, NOHVCC, USFS, MFWP, and BLM.

Through interactive modules kids will learn how to be light on the land and safe when riding. The curriculum is a self-contained program held within a trunk. This 'trunk' program is similar to other trunk programs sponsored through the agencies as teaching aids for teachers and youth leaders. In order to best present the trunk program each group participates in the presentation of the program. Part of our goal is to instill the partnership between users and land management agencies to work together to minimize OHV issues. Training is being provided on the curriculum throughout the state. Ten trunk coordinators have been identified throughout the state. Their role is to facilitate presentations at schools and groups and to train others to help present the material.

If you would like to find out more about this program or want to volunteer contact Jocelyn Dodge, Butte Ranger District, 1820 Meadowlark, Butte MT 59701 or email: jdodge@fs.fed.us, phone: 494-0246. Or, you can contact Ray Paige at Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, rpaige@state.mt.us, phone: 444-7317. Or Joyce Thompson, gthompson@in-tch.com, phone 388-1812.

Did You Know?

MTVRA has an open Board of Directors meeting policy. This means, as a paid member of MTVRA, you may attend board meetings to observe the proceeding. You may participate in discussion but you are not allowed to make or second motions or vote on any issues before the board. If you wish to address the board please notify before the meeting starts. Contact a board member for time and place.

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The "On the Right Trail" video was shown. Comment was made that ATV shots were few. New videos ad PSA's currently being produced will have more ATV footage. Anyone needing a copy of the video to use in their area can contact MTVRA for a copy.

Bob Walker presented an update from Fish Wildlife & Parks and the OHV Education Committee. Ray Paige discussed the grant 2001 application process and the Dirt Bike Training classes. Bruce Butler answered ques-

tions about the program and the upcoming Coach training class in May.

Guest speakers were from the Helena National Forest. Dan Mainwaring, Fire restoration Team Leader, from Townsend Ranger District explained the restoration plan and process that began last fall and will continue for the next few years. Closures will be examined on a site by site process and will be dependant on weather and the clean up of snags. Grazing allotments for both fire areas will be reduced or eliminated this year. There are several hundred miles of fence to be replaced. Watch for announcements and check with ranger districts in any area prior to making plans for outings this coming summer. Tom Anderson from the Supervisors office explained the process for Clancy-Unionville Travel Plan review. The road inventory will be completed prior to the release of another decision. Look for decision in the fall.

Bob Stevenson addressed the membership on the state of the association. He explained the voting privileges, and the proposed amendment of the bylaws was read prior to a vote. Russ Ehnes spoke in opposition to the proposal, with Mona Ehnes speaking for the amendment. Vote was called for and the amendment failed. Nominations for officers for 2001 came from the floor. Jerry Levandowski, Great Falls was nominated for President, and Joyce Thompson, Belgrade was nominated for Vice President. They were elected by unanimous vote.

Announcements: State Ride 2001 will be hosted by Bozeman, Helena and Butte and will be in the Whitetail-Pipestone area in June. The Email network is working well. Send information and email addresses to Jerry Levandowski. Joyce Thompson brought a copy of the Speed Vision telecast that featured the Bull Run Ranch at Cascade which we all enjoyed. Annual meeting adjourned.

A short board meeting was held immediately following. Jerry will continue to rotate board meetings with the next meeting scheduled for Great Falls. Time and place to be emailed to board members. Items can be added to the agenda by emailing Jerry. Any proposal brought to the board should be presented with documents necessary to support or present the proposal.

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THE BIG BILL AND MOTORCYCLISTS

by Dal Smilie, AMA Vice Chairman

HB 124 known as "the Big Bill" proposes a lot of changes to local government. The bill also took funds from the Montana Motorcycle Safety Education Program and the OHV stickie funds at FW&P. It raised fees on license plates and doubled the cost of vintage motorcycle plates. AMA, ABATE, MTRVRA, MT BMW Riders, Billings MC and our motorcycle safety instructors started sending members of the House Local Government Committee messages. And more, and more.

While motorcycle interests were only a small part of the overall bill we constantly heard at hearings how much they had heard from us. On March 20 all of our amendments were adopted by a committee taking motorcycling out of this bill. We had testified against raising our fees and Governor Martz said she wouldn't sign the bill if it raised fees. The following day the newspapers stated that motorcyclists had been the only group to testify against these fee increases.

The beginning of the March 20 hearing started with an explanation of how the bill now satisfied motorcyclists. The sponsor stated, "you can remember being flooded with yellow messages from motorcycle people". He went on to say how professional and knowledgeable the motorcycle representatives were. He alluded to the quality of amendments prepared by MMSAC and ABATE's Michele Hand.

Motorcyclists not only won this fight but came away with greater respect from some key legislators. This can only help prevent other anti motorcycle legislation in the future.

Pat yourself on the back, you did a great job. Send a message to the Governor and thank her for refusing to go along with fee increases for us. Thank Rep Bob Story, the sponsor, for listening to us. Thank Rep Dave Wanzon for being particularly helpful. Really, we had several committee members making sure our issues were remembered.

PC Racing Plastic Renew

Product Review

By Russ Ehnes

Keeping our bikes or ATV's looking good is something that many of us struggle with constantly. Our new bikes look great for a few weeks but they start looking ratty because the plastic becomes scratched and dull. The trailside brush and branches and branches seem to attack any shiny surface with a vengeance. Pressure washers and cleaner take their toll not to mention the occasional gravity attack (crash). Waxes and Armor-All restore the luster for a day or so but just don't hold up well and almost always attract dirt like a cow pie attracts flies. They also cost an arm and a leg. If you're like me, after a while you just try to forget how much money your bike cost and how disappointed you are that you baby doesn't look like it did when it was new. I put up with it until the plastic falls off and I have to replace it.

I've finally found a solution, PC Plastic Renew! I noticed it in a bike magazine a few years ago but dismissed it as another polish that wouldn't live up to its billing. I decided to try it a few weeks ago because my new YZ was looking way to ragged for bike that's only a year old, especially considering the thirty-six remaining payments! Much to my surprise, PC is not a wax or polish. It's actually a clear topcoat much like the factory finish from the factory. The kit comes with several pieces of sand paper of various grits, steel wool, and a lint free shop towel for applying the finish.

The first piece of plastic I tackled was the front fender of my beloved YZ. It had been deeply gouged by a lodge-pole pine at a trail clearing project and was dull and scratched from normal wear and tear. I started on the deep scratches with the coarse paper and moved on to the finer grits to finish. I wiped on the first coat, buffed it with the steel wool after it dried, applied several more coats and PRESTO! If you look really close you can see that it's not a new fender but it's looks good enough that it has renewed my pride in the appearance of my scooter!

The bottle costs about fifteen bucks so it isn't cheap but a bottle will go a long, long way. I've done two front fenders and a headlight so far and I've only used about one sixth of the bottle. The supplied sand paper and steel wool won't even close to lasting long enough to use all of the finish but that's okay because they're cheap and readily available at any hardware store. PC Plastic Renew really does perform as advertised.



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The executive committee will be elected at that meeting. Doug Abelin will continue to watch the legislative process. Joyce Thompson will continue to coordinate the newsletter. Mona Ehnes will continue as Secretary. The purchase of inventory clothing for resale was authorized. Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

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Club News

Big Sky Country Trail Preservers

After voting unanimously to become a 100% MTVRA membership club, this spring has been a busy transition period for BSCTP. The transition period will end April 30 and we are excited about coming on board as a 100% club!

Due to a great group of club volunteers we had a successful Bacc II trade show booth March 30-April 1. Lots of information was distributed from the Stay on the Right Trail display and we picked up several new members! Welcome!

Join us for a "Clean up others Junk" day, June 2, 10 am at the Whitetail/Pipestone 4 corners staging area. Don't worry, we'll throw in just enough riding to make it a day! (a thought....bring a buddy to pick up while you drive a long? Hmmm)

The big la-la-palooza is coming June 15-17! STATE RIDE! Working with Capitol Trail Vehicle Riders and Mining City Trail Riders has been great and we are all looking forward to seeing your smiling faces! **SEE YOU THERE! DON'T MISS IT!**

RimRock Trail Riders Spring Fever

Well it's springtime in Montana. Several of us from the club had the itch, so we were going to head down to the Pryor Mtns and Bentonite Hills on March 24th. The weatherman had promised sunshine and 60 degrees. *Please print*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. (____) _____ (AMA# _____)

E-mail _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

HE LIED!!! It was only 20 degrees and threatening to snow. So being the tough old trailriders we are, we decided to not load up the bike but went and took the granddaughter to breakfast. 20 month olds are fun company for breakfast, especially when you get to take them back to their parents after spoiling them. Springtime in Montana -isn't it wonderful !!! Well we do need the moisture so we can't complain too much.

The Rimrock Trailriders have added a couple ride dates to what was in last month's newsletter. We as a club have reserved Basin Creek campgrounds in the Little Belts for **Memorial Weekend**. So if you want to join us, don't be bashful. Load the bikes and family and plan on having a good time. **June 30th** - Castle Mtn's. - You can pretty much cover all the Castle's in one day but it sure is pretty riding. Plenty of trees but also some beautiful meadows. Should be wildflower season about this time. **July 28th** - Iron Mtn./Picket Pin - This area is on the shoulder of the Beartooths between Nye and Big Timber. Bruce Butler will be leading us. He used to run an enduro in this area in years past. You should probably call the week before any ride to find out the times and places to meet.

Doug Poehls 406-628-4831

2001 BMC Event Schedule

P.O. Box 20421
Billings, MT 59104
May 6 (Sun) Pts. I.S.D.T.
Larry 652-2115 / Rick

MEMBER TYPE:	
INDIVIDUAL	\$ 22.00
FAMILY	36.00
BUSINESS	55.00
ORGANIZATION	100.00
Includes \$4.00 Individual, \$8.00 Family, \$15.00 business for the legal defense fund.	
Donation to Legal fund	_____
Total paid	_____

Please make checks payable to:
MTVRA

Stauffer 248-1083

May 13 (Sun) **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL YOU MOMS-WE DO APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO**

May 20 (Sun) Pts. Scrambles
Bob Cardwell 259-6032

June 2 (Sat) Run What Ya Brung
Women's I.S.D.T. (10:00AM)
Kevin Bromenshenk 655-9121

June 3 (Sun) HCMA
Kirk Bushman 256-8496 / Scott Deines 655-4604

June 7 (Thur) Pts. MX (6:00 P.M.) Wade Hammond 254-6717

June 9 (Sat) AHRMA Vintage Flat Track (7:00 P.M. Metrapark Race Track, Fair Grounds) Omo Construction 248-2944 / Keith Satre 633-2908

June 10 (Sun) Pts Hillclimb
Bob Spadt 869-1250 / Gordon Roma 259-7571 / Rick Justice 252-8238

June 14 (Thur) Pts. MX (6:00P.M.)
Tony Bracy 651-5368 / John Bracy 256-3807

July 4 (Wed) **INDEPENDENCE DAY "NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED ON THE BMC CLUBGROUNDS"**

July 13 (Fri) Pts. Night Hillclimb (6:00 P.M.)
Bob Spadt 869-1250 / Gordon Roma 259-7571

July 28 (Sat) Miller Lite Great American Championship Hillclimb
Darrell Devitt 252-5588
(8:00 A.M.) 0-600 Rubber, Seniors & 601-Open rubberclasses

July 28 (Sat) Miller Lite Great American Trophy Hill Climb
(8:00 A.M.) Dick Slagowski 652-5599 / Mike Marsh 656-9960 / Rodney Kaufman 628-2146

July 29 (Sun) Miller Lite Great American Championship Hillclimb
Darrell Devitt 252-5588
(8:00 A.M.) 0-700 Unlimited, 701- Open unlimited & Championship Runoffs

Aug 4 (Sat) Pts. Night Super Cross (6:00 P.M.) Thor Loper 248-6423

Aug 15 (Wed) Arena Cross (7:00 P.M.) @ inside of Metra

Dave Hoiness 656-5832 / Jason Frank 245-3827

Aug 19 (Sun) Pts. Hillclimb (10:00 A.M.) John Marstaeller 628-4427

Aug 26 (Sun) Pts MX Tony Bracy 651-5368 / John Bracy 256-3807

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Take Care--Chuck Bonnett
(Part 2 of the BMC Schedule will be in the next newsletter)

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