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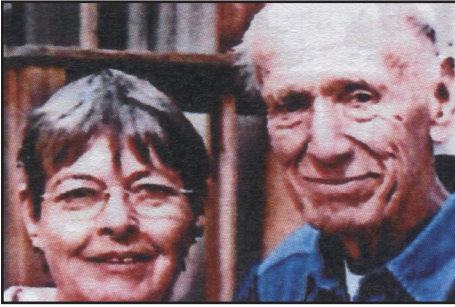
History of the Michigan Trail Riders Association and Shore to Shore Trail Creation

In the early 1960's horseback riders, Fitch and Louise Williams, Tony and Sally Wilhelm, and Rex and Phyllis Garn, all of Grand Traverse County supporters had a optimistic idea of creating horse trails going across Michigan. The group visited Lost Creek Sky Ranch and the possibility of riding across the state sparked a fire. Jim Hardy, owner of the dude ranch, worked on the east side of the state trail. Jim's neighbor, Forest Rhodes, worked for the U.S. Forest Service. He helped Jim set up a network of trails from Tawas City to the Manistee River west of Frederick. The Traverse group worked on the west end of the trail.

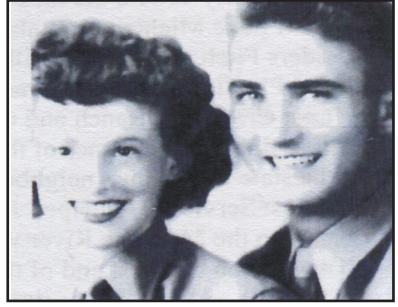
Fitch Williams helped write a bill to establish such a trail and it was introduced in the Michigan Legislature by William Milliken, then a state senator. During this time (1962) Fred Haskins of the Department of Conservation (now the Department of Natural Resources) laid out the first section of the trail. It began south of Traverse City and extended 33 miles to Kalkaska. Volunteers from the Grand Traverse Saddle Club marked this first section of the trail with blue dots.

In 1963, Fitch Williams incorporated the Michigan Trail Riders Association and drew up the bylaws. From that point on, the work of many people made the entire trail a reality. Basil Smith of Kalkaska spearheaded efforts from Kalkaska to Island Lake. The Lions Club of Empire laid out and built the trail from Empire to Mud Lake. Jim Hardy of Luzerne worked with Forest Rhodes to complete the east end of the trail. Consumers Power allowed the trail to go through their property and even permitted some of the original camps to be on their land. Explorer Post 36, a Boy Scout group from Traverse City, played an important part in the original work on the trail. Jim Johnson of Empire let us use his land in town for a camp. Help came from every town along the trail and many individuals. In May, 1964, Governor George Romney dedicated the trail at a ceremony in Kalkaska. A historical marker at the Kalkaska (Rapid River) Camp commemorates the event.

Founding Members



Tony & Sally Wilhelm
Founding Members



Rex & Phyllis Garn
Founding Members



Forrest Rhodes
US Forest Service Employee



Fitch & Louise Williams
Founding Members



Jim Hardy
Founding Member

History continued...

The first Annual Meeting was held in 1966. A Board of Directors was set up and officers were officially elected. They set up some basic laws. The MTRA was incorporated as a non-profit organization with the prime purpose of establishing and maintaining the horse trail and its camps. Today the trail stretches 230 miles from Empire in the west to AuSable (Oscoda) in the east. There is also a North Trail about 260 miles long from Cadillac to Mackinaw City or Cheboygan.

On the early rides, the camping was primitive. Riders slept in tents or under the stars. All equipment and food was packed in and cooking was done over an open camp fire. Horse trailers were pulled with cars. Soon, homemade sleeping quarters were built. Rig jumpers were brought back to their horses in the back of a stock truck. Today, we have fancy goose-neck trailers with generators and a bus to ride.

In the early years, outhouses had to be set up with the holes dug by hand. Wells were driven by hand and were pumped by hand. Picket posts were dug with post hole diggers. Look how far we have come with today's modern tools and machines. MTRA members have contributed untold hours of work in building and maintaining all the camps along the trail. In addition, we have paid for the installation of wells, vaults for the toilets, gravel for the roads, bridges, and posts for picketing horses.

Work Bees held by the MTRA are designed to take care of the needs of people who ride and camp with horse. Consequently, the camps we have helped to build are spaced to allow for a comfortable day's ride between sites. However, from the first it was realized that hiking is compatible with horseback riding. We have been happy that so many hikers have joined in helping to support our work on the trail by buying memberships, maps and using the trail.

In October, 1963, a fall ride using only the center of the trail was sponsored by the MTRA. The first ride using the entire trail took place in June, 1964. Forty people started this first shore to shore trail ride at Lake Michigan. By the second day, the group was half the size. Eighteen finished at Lake Huron.

Riders have many different ideas on how to ride. Some like to amble all day and enjoy the quiet of the woods. Others like to see how quickly they can get from camp to camp and test the endurance of their horse and themselves. Some like the simple road, others want to jump logs and dodge limbs on the single track. Somewhere on the trail is just what you're looking for. Many carry cameras and record the wildlife, scenery and people.

Every member of MTRA must be aware of the impact his actions may

have on the environment and should always conduct himself/herself thoughtfully in order to minimize that impact and to preserve the lands, trees, and waterways. Most of the land on which we ride is public. Establishing trails or even keeping what we have, becomes more difficult each year as the north becomes more developed and the wilderness areas become smaller. We must learn to use this land without hurting it. Conserving public resources is the best way to safeguard our own interests and the future of the trail.

Since it was created in 1963, The MTRA has continually endeavored to live up to its founder's goals of developing, maintaining and expanding a system of camps and trails stretching across the State of Michigan. Now, it is at least as big a job for us to preserve, maintain and expand upon what our founders created. To this end, the organization works in concert with Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the United States Forest Service, the governmental agencies which control the public lands upon which the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail and its associated camps are located. Other partners in this effort include county agencies, local organizations such as scout troops and 4-H clubs, MTRA volunteers and private citizens.

In March 2013 the association celebrated its 50th year honoring many members for their dedication to the group. Several of the original members responsible for the creation of association and the Shore-to-Shore Trail were in attendance. On June 21, 2014 the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Hiking and Trail was re-dedicated in its 50th year of annual trail rides. Many activities were held in Kalkaska including a ceremony with speeches and introductions of important members and guests, a parade includ-



2014 Kalkaska 50th Anniversary Parade Celebration

Past Presidents

Fitch Williams, Traverse City	1963 - 1966
George Stump, M.D. Alpena	1966 - 1967
Richard Lannen, D.V.M., Elise	1967 - 1969
Rex Garn, Traverse City	1969 - 1971
Robert Broegman, Davisburg	1971 - 1973
Richard Lannen, D.V.M., Elise	1973 - 1974
Russell Weaver, Edwardsburg	1974 - 1976
Fred Stackable, Lansing	1976 - 1978
Virginia Franklin, Lansing	1978 - 1980
James Aseltine, Davison	1980- 1982
Virginia Franklin, Lansing	1982 - 1983
Terry Lautner, Traverse City	1983 - 1985
Walt Bristol, Leonard	1985 - 1987
Otra Lynch, Dundee	1987 - 1993
Fred Denny, Fenton	1993 - 1995
Ray Balzer, Gladwin	1995 - 2004
Garry Randall, Marion	2004 - 2013
Al Davis, Beulah	2013 - 2015
Chuck Fanslow, Gladwin	2015 - 2022
Jeff Balzer, Gladwin	2022 - 2024
Dug Jordan, Saginaw	2024 -

Aims and Goals

The MTRA wants to help you enjoy the sport of horseback riding and your love of the outdoors in a unique way, by riding the Michigan Shore to Shore Riding & Hiking Trail. This trail provides nearly unlimited riding in wilderness areas and provides a way across the state of Michigan through the more civilized areas.

Families from all over Michigan, and from other states, and Canada, have joined the MTRA. They come from all walks of life but they share an interest in horses and the out-of-doors. The Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding & Hiking Trail is a valued resource for many user groups. In Winter, dog sled teams, cross country skiers and scouts complete, camp and enjoy recreational activities. USFS regulations prohibit motorized vehicle use on much of the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail.

As a non-profit corporation, the MTRA is financed through membership, trail ride fees and fund-raisers. All money which is not used to sponsor the many yearly organized rides is earmarked for camp and trail projects. In addition, governmental funds, such as grants may be available. Twice yearly in spring and late summer, a work bee is held so that all members can contribute their labor and use of their equipment to help build, or repair camps and trails.

The MTRA has always been blessed with active, working members, whose efforts are responsible for the perpetuation of the priceless gift of the Michigan Shore-to-Shore

Riding & Hiking Trail. MTRA Sponsored Rides

The MTRA Board of Directors organizes several rides a year. Riding is limited to MTRA members. Detailed information about each ride is sent to every active membership in the February newsletter. The dates of two of the rides have been permanently set to include the third week in June (2nd June Ride) and the first full week in October. The May, First June, and September Ride dates are set yearly. The September Ride alternates every three years to include the Double Cross Ride and Criss Cross Ride. Due to our agreement with MDNR and USFS we have to use each section of the trail at least once a year.

May - Blossom Ride

A four to ten day non-trophy ride with layover days.

First June Ride

A ten to eleven day Shore-to-Shore Trophy ride with one option day and no layover days.

Second June Ride

A two week shore to shore Trophy Ride with four layover days.

August - Family Ride

An eight to ten day non-trophy ride with layover days, designed for families and new members. A great ride for the beginners to get their feet wet in the MTRA.

September Ride - Three year rotation options

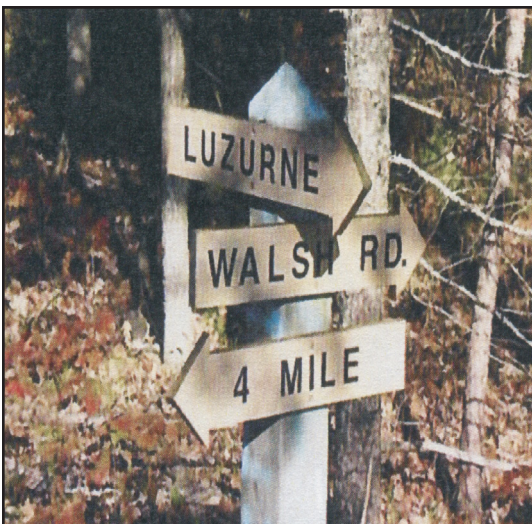
- **Single Cross** - One Shore-to-Shore Trophy ride, the route and number of days may vary.
 - **Double Cross** - Two Shore-to-Shore rides back to back. Three weeks with no layover days. Receive two trophies for entire ride or one trophy for one completion of either direction.
- Criss Cross** - Approximately three weeks Shore-to-Shore including the entire North and South Trail systems with no layover days. Receive two trophies for entire ride or one trophy on completion of either section.

October Ride - Color Ride

A nine to ten day non-trophy ride with several layover days. Camps and layover locations will vary year to year.



Trail Markers



Rules

Rules are made to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone. All rules are printed in the Guidebook and a copy with any additions or changes will be available at registration on each of the rides and activities. The MTRA reserves the right to remove anyone from any of its activities at any time if the person/s is determined to be in violation of any rule or behaving in a manner deemed to be unsafe for other people. All persons' who are participating in MTRA activities are required to sign a "Release and Hold Harmless Agreement". This rule was adopted to protect the Association. In order to be truthful when signing the release, the signer must have read the rules as published in the most current edition of the guidebook, and any rule adopted since the most recent printing. It is the obligation of every, camper, guest and visitor attending an MTRA ride, or participating in any activity associated with the MTRA, to know and to follow the rules of the MTRA. There are also certain rules of the MDNR and USFS which are posted in the camps that must be followed. During a ride, at certain points along the trail, other specific rules may also apply. When this occurs, the Trail Boss and/or the Bus Driver will provide information at the nightly pre-ride meeting. The information is to be considered as rule(s) and ALL are expected to act accordingly. All rules will be enforced. The Trail Boss, the Bus Driver and Board of Directors and officers have authority to enforce the rules. The MTRA is governed by Federal and State law and also has adopted its' own policies regarding the behavior of its' officers, employees and members. If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment while participating in any MTRA activity, please immediately inform the Trail Boss, Bus Driver or any Board member present on the ride. Please be considerate of others.

1. All persons riding on any ride scheduled and sponsored by the MTRA must be a paid member of MTRA and is encouraged to buy a membership prior to the start day of any such ride.
2. All participants must purchase the Recreation Passport from the MDNR.
3. Memberships may be accepted on any of the scheduled rides.
4. No dogs or horses are allowed at the Trail Boss rig when you register or at nightly meetings.



5. ALL RIDERS MUST:

- Immediately upon arrival in camp, register with the Trail Boss.
- Sign the MTRA Release and Hold Harmless agreement, if not already signed. If previously signed, must review and verify the information which was submitted on the form as accurate and valid (i.e.: all signers still valid, members as written etc.)
- All out-of-state horses are required to have an official 30 day Health Certificate along with a negative Coggins Certificate signed by a veterinarian in the state of origin. Please check with your vet to determine if there are additional health certificates required before you take your horse out-of-state.
- Receive a vehicle window tag which **must** be displayed in plain view at all times.
- Member must display their MTRA number on the front and back of their rig.

6. Guest and Visitors **shall not** ride horses in the MTRA camp sites or on the official MTRA trail rides due to liability. All riders must be members and registered to ride on that particular MTRA ride.

7. Only a registered MTRA member traversing the equestrian trails from camp to camp on designated days may receive the official trophy and certificate for crossing the state. The MTRA encourages all riders to follow the Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail.

8. All riders **must** attend the nightly pre-ride meeting. Follow all the instructions given by the Trail Boss and Bus Driver at the nightly meeting regarding entering, traffic flow, parking exiting routes, etc. for each camp.

9. Dogs must be tied on a 6 foot leash at all times.

First offense - Verbal warning to keep dog tied.

Second offense - Send dog home.

10. Dogs must be kept quiet. Dogs that bark continually are an annoyance to other camper.

11. Dogs may **not** accompany riders on the trail.

12. Only **one** person from each rig may ride the bus.

13. No smoking, drinking or swearing on the bus.

14. Do not park in the Trail Boss or bus Driver designated spots.

15. Campers can not save a parking place for another rig.
16. Whenever possible picket horse on the passenger side of the rig (Right side).
 - Put the line as high as possible.
 - Space horses on the line so they are away from the trees and root systems.
 - Make the tie rope just long enough for the horses to get its head to the ground (long tie ropes are dangerous).
 - Horses that are not high lined need to be supervised directly.

Examples of picket line tie out.



17. Campers are expected to spread their horse's manure and wasted hay around their picket area. Do not pile manure or hay at base of trees due to damage to the trees. If manure bunkers are provided campers are required to put their manure waste products in the bunkers using plastic sleds, buckets, tarps, etc. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CAMPSITE CLEAN.
18. No portable corrals or slides are allowed.
19. Horses must be properly bridled at all times when being ridden, whether in camp or on the trail.
 - The MTRA defines a bridle as an item of harness designed to be fitted onto the head of a horse for the purpose of providing a rider or driver to safely control the behavior of the horse under any condition. An item which is designed and recognized as primarily intended to be used as a halter or training device will not be approved for use and will not be used during any portion of an MTRA sponsored ride.
20. Horses should be ridden at a controlled gait that does not raise dust in camp.
21. Do not meet or pass horses at a fast gait on the trail. Be courteous, slow down, ask to pass with care.
22. When watering horses with other horses, do not ride off until all have had time to drink.
 - When watering at streams and lakes, water only at the designated area. Surrounding areas may be soft and boggy and may mire a horse. Approach horse watering spots with caution and stay near the shore. If others are watering too, be courteous and careful not to force a horse into soft ground or deep water.
 - When watering at a lake, ALWAYS REMOVE A TIE DOWN before entering the water.
 - Be considerate of others, wait your turn before entering watering areas.
23. A horse that will kick or bite must have a red ribbon tied to its tail at all times, whether in camp or on the trail.
24. No washing or watering horses at the wells.
25. A stud horse must be under the control of its rider and/or owner at all times
26. All horses should be observed for any obvious signs of stress or injury and steps should be taken to correct, modify or eliminate such prob-

lems. This is the most important responsibility of the rider. The Trail Boss has a list of veterinarians in the area.

27. Filling buckets has priority over filling rigs at the well.

28. Quiet time is 10:00 PM. No generator or vehicle engine should be in use, except in situations of medical need and with permission of the Trail Boss. Who may request seeking parking space where noise may be less bothersome.

29. No Dumping of septic holding tanks except in approved places.

30. Do not litter in camp or on the trail - IF YOU BRING IT WITH YOU, DON'T LEAVE IT...TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.

31. Drive slowly on camp roads to limit dust created by moving vehicles.

32. BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE! You are responsible for keeping fires under control.

- Keep your fires small
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- During dry periods, know if there are fire restrictions in force.
- Build fires only under safe conditions.
- Build fires in designated sites when possible
- Use only down or dead wood for firewood.
- Carefully remove a layer of topsoil with plants intact and save this piece of sod, then build your camp fire.
- When fire is out scatter the remaining wood and replace the sod.
- Always be certain your fire is COLD TO THE TOUCH before you leave it.
- Do not smoke on the trail when the ground cover is dry..

33. Please be considerate of Veterinarians, Farriers and other rescuers who come to your aid. They are on vacation also and would appreciate your thoughtfulness in paying for services and/or donations to the “fuel fund”.

34. Trail Boss decisions are final - Please consult him/her with questions and/or concerns.



Governmental Agencies in Charge of the Trail

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



Cadillac DNR District Office

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Cadillac, MI 49601

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MTRA Trail Camps



1. Empire - Lake Michigan Access
2. Garey Lake Trail Camp
3. Lake Dubonnet Trail Camp
4. Scheck's Place Trail camp
5. Rapid River Trail Camp
6. Goose Creek Trail Camp
7. 4-Mile Trail Camp
8. Luzerne Trail Camp
9. McKinley Trail Camp
10. South Branch Trail Camp
11. River Road Trail Camp
12. Oscoda - Lake Huron Access
13. Cadillac Trail Camp
14. Hopkin's Creek Trail Camp
15. Walsh Road Trail Camp
16. Johnson's Crossing Trail Camp
17. Elk Hill Trail Camp
18. Stoney Creek Trail Camp
19. Cheboygan Trail Camp - Lake Huron Access
20. Mackinaw City - Lake Michigan Access

The following directions are provided from a general location of the state to each trail Camp. Directions from camp to camp are provided on the trail maps, and routes are covered by the Trail Boss at each nightly Meeting.

Directions to Trail Camps

1. Lake Michigan Access at Empire - Leelanau County

From Garey Lake Trail Camp, Left out of camp to 1st road, right to M-72, left to Empire, right at stop-sign to fork in road (M-22 goes to the right). You go left, then turn right into the Deering Field - pull in and face west. NO RIGS at water - all parking is at the field!

2. Garey Lake Trail Camp - Benzie County (DNR Camp)

From Empire go east approximately 6 miles on M-72 to Plowman Rd. Turn right (south) and go two miles to Pettingill Rd. Turn left (east) and go approximately 1/2 mile to camp on the right (south) side of the road.

3. Lake Dubonnet Trail Camp (Mud Lake) - Grand Traverse County (DNR Camp)

From US-131 and M-37 (Chums Corner) junction go west on US-31 -7 miles to Gonder Rd. (just past the Interlochen Golf Course). Turn right (north) and go 1 mile. When the paved road turns right, go straight on dirt to the stop sign. Turn left (west) and go 1/2 mile to camp road. Turn right (north), go across dam and turn right (east) and follow the road into camp.

4. Scheck's Place Trail Camp - Grand Traverse County (DNR Camp)

From US-131 and South Boardman junction, take Supply Rd. (also called South Boardman Rd.) west to Brown Bridge Rd. Turn left (west) and follow Ranch Rudolf signs approximately 3.5 miles. Camp is 1/2 miles west of Ranch Rudolf. Turn left (south) into camp.

5. Rapid River Trail Camp - Kalkaska County (DNR Camp)

From US-131 and CO 612 junction go north on US-131 approximately 1/4 mile. Turn left (northwest) on Beebe Rd. Go about 3/4 mile to Metzgar Rd. and turn left (west) . Go approximately 1 mile and turn left (south) on Rice Rd. Go 1/4 mile to camp entrance.

6. Goose Creek Trail Camp - Crawford County (DNR Camp)

From CR 612 and Manistee River Rd. to south on Manistee River Rd. Approximately 1/3 mile. Turn right into camp on west side of road.

7. Four Mile Trail Camp - Crawford County (DNR Camp)

From 1-75 and Four Mile Rd. interchange go east on Four Mile Rd. approximately 4 miles. Turn right into camp on south side of road.

8. Luzerne Trail Camp- Oscoda County (USFS Camp)

From intersection in Luzerne, go south on Deeter Rd. and follow around to the right (west) to Durfee Rd. Turn left (south) and go 3/4 of a mile to camp on left.

9. McKinley Trail Camp - Oscoda County (USFS Camp)

At the intersection of M-72, M-33 and CO 602 in Mio, go east on CO 602 approximately 9 miles. Watch for the trail camp sign. Turn left (north) and go 1 mile into camp.

10. South Branch Trail Camp - Iosco County (USFS Camp)

From the intersection of M-65 and Rollway Rd. go north approximately 3 miles on Rollway Rd. Turn right into camp.

11. River Road Trail Camp - Iosco County (USFS Camp/locked)

From Oscoda: Go approximately 11 miles west on River Road from US-23 in Oscoda. Turn left (south) on USFS Road 4411. Go Straight into camp. Watch for trail camp sign on north side of River Rd.

From M-65: At junction of M-65 and River Rd. go 8 miles east to USFS Road 4411. Turn right (south) and go straight into camp. Watch for trail camp sign on south side of road.

12. Lake Huron Access at Oscoda - Iosco County (DNR Camp)

From River Road Trail Camp, go right (east) on River Road into Oscoda, turn right (south) on US-23 and go over AuSable River and turn left (east) into DNR Boat Launch which is right next to the access point. Back into the middle parking area on a slant so that all rigs can get in. Be sure to clean up your spot.

13. Cadillac Trail Camp - Wexford County (County Camp/locked)

From the intersection of Business US-131 and Boon Rd. (north of Cadillac) go north on Old US-131 approximately 2 miles to 30 Rd. Turn right (east) and go 1 mile to end of pavement. Turn left (north) and follow the dirt road around the curve to the right (east) approximately .8 miles. This is now Long Lake Rd. and camp is on the left (north) side of the road - enter at the back.

14. Hopkin's Creek Trail Camp - Missaukee County (DNR Camp)

From US-131 and M-42 junction in Manton, go east about 6 miles on

M-42 to Lucas Rd. (Arlene). Turn left (north) and go approximately 6 miles. Pass over Hopkin's Creek and turn left (west) under power lines. Go approximately 1.5 miles to camp area.

15. Walsh Road Trail Camp - Crawford County/Oscoda County Line (DNR Camp)

From Grayling , take M-72 east to Luzerne. Turn left (north) at blinker on Deeter Rd. (CR 489). Follow 489 to stop sign at Miller Rd. (CR 608) and turn left (west). Go approximately 4 miles to Walsh Rd. which only goes right (north). Turn right (north) and go approximately 4.5 miles to trail camp on left (west side of road).

16. Johnson's Crossing Trail Camp - Otsego County (DNR Camp/locked)

From Gaylord, take M-32 east about 10-12 miles to Gingell Rd. Turn left (north) and go 4 miles to Sparr Rd. Turn Right (east) and go 2 miles. Turn right (east) onto Johnson's Crossing Grade and camp is on right about 1+ miles down.

17. Elk Hill Trail Camp - Otsego County (DNR Camp)

From the intersection of I-75 at Vanderbilt, go east on Main Street to blinker light. Turn left (east) on Sturgeon Valley Rd. and go several miles to Twin Lakes Rd./Round Lake Campground Rd. Turn left (north) and go 1.5 miles to Osmun Rd. (sign still says Twin Lakes Rd. at this point) Turn left (north) .4 miles to Elk Hill Trail Camp Rd. - only goes to the left. Group camp is on right.

18. Stoney Creek Trail Camp - Cheboygan County (DNR Camp)

From Indian River: Take M-68 east to junction of M-68 and M-33. Turn left (north). Take M-33 north for 2 miles to Quincy Rd. (watch for small mobile home community). Stay on M-33 and 200 feet past Quincy Rd. and turn right. Go straight 3/4 miles to camp - follow arrows in camp.

19 Cheboygan Trail Camp - Huron Lake access/Currently in Construction.

20. Mackinaw Trial Camp - Lake Michigan access/ Currently in Construction

Schedule of Distances

West - East Trail

Lake Michigan to unloading area	1.0 Miles
Empire to Gary Lake	9.2 Miles
Gary Lake to Lake Dubonnet (Mud Lake)	(17) 18.0 Miles
Lake Dubonnet (Mud Lake) to Scheck's	(24) 25.4 Miles
Scheck's to Rapid River (Kalkaska)	(18.6) 20.1 Miles
Rapid River (Kalkaska) to Goose Creek	(23) 25.3 Miles
Goose Creek to Four Mile	(24) 25.2 Miles
Four Mile to Luzerne	(22) 25.0 Miles
Luzerne to McKinley	24.3 Miles
McKinley to South Branch	(25) 27.3 Miles
South Branch to River Road	(17.5) 19.1 Miles
River Road to AuSable (Oscoda)	14.5 Miles
	220.1 GPS Miles
Total Distance	236.8 Miles

South - North Trail

Cadillac to Hopkin's Creek	(15.6) 18.9 Miles
Hopkin's Creek to Scheck's	(21) 21.5 Miles
Scheck's to Rapid River (Kalkaska)	(18.6) 20.1 Miles
Rapid River (Kalkaska) to Goose Creek	(23) 25.3 Miles
Goose Creek to Four Mile	(24) 25.2 Miles
Four Mile to Luzerne	(22) 25.0 Miles
Luzerne to Walsh Road	(27) 28.4 Miles
Walsh Road to Johnson's Crossing	(26) 28.1 Miles
Johnson's Crossing to Elk Hill	(15.7) 16.9 Miles
Elk Hill to Stoney Creek	(25) 26.0 Miles
Stoney Creek to Cheboygan	TBA
Stoney Creek to Mackinaw City	TBA
	(232.4 GPS Miles)
Total Distance	243.3 Miles

GPS Coordinates at Shore to Shore Trail Camps and Other Locations

Location	North	West
Deering Field (parking lot)	44 38.910	86 03.470
Empire	44 48.843	86 04 084
Garey Lake	44 46.583	85 56.666
Lake DuBonnet - Mud Lake	44 41.218	85 48.217
South Trail Corner	44 39.068	85 27.374
Scheck's Place	44 39.147	85 26.677
Kalkaska (Rapid River)	44 45.129	85 11.658
Goose Creek	44 45.765	84 50.349
Four Mile	44 35.918	84 37.357
North Trail Corner	44 35.624	84 19.715
Luzerne	44 35.105	84 17.385
McKinley	44 38.296	83 58.479
South Branch	44 28.943	83 47.577
River Road	44 26.307	83 32.392
AuSable (Oscoda)	44 24.247	83 19.309
Cadillac	44 18.881	85 22.333
Hopkin's Creek	44 28.995	85 18.934
Walsh Rd.	44 46.868	84 22.435
Johnson's Crossing	45 02.723	84 24.511
Elk Hill	45 10.928	84 25.159
Stoney Creek	45 24.404	84 26.249
Cheboygan	TBA	
Mackinaw City	TBA	

Guidebook and Maps

The MTRA publishes a guidebook which is found currently online. This guidebook is now in its 9th edition. The MTRA has also printed a series of maps which detail the riding trail and driving route between camps. New Members receive a set of maps when they join the MTRA.

As conditions warrant, changes to the guidebook and/or maps, the MTRA will update them as needed. Currently maps can be purchased for \$10 per set for MTRA Members and \$15 per set for non-members. Orders can be purchased online through the **www.mtra.org** website (MTRA Store) under “Printed Trail Maps” (there are online fees for paying from our website). You can also request a map by snail mail and send payments to our Secretary : Cindy Greer, 1849 N. M18, Gladwin, MI 48624.

Maps are also available in GPS format thru the **www.every-trail.com** website using the MTRA campsites name as to and from as a search. Google maps can also assist you in searching for each MTRA trail camp by name. Our website has google map links.

Newsletter

There are four newsletters published yearly: February, April, August and December. The trail ride registration forms, ride calendars and other important information is included with the February issue and is mailed to current member only. It is your responsibility to notify the secretary of any change of address or change in family status. Newsletters are also e-mailed to all current members requesting that option as well as posted online at **www.mtra.org**.

Annual Meeting & Banquet

The MTRA bylaws require that the association has an annual meeting for the membership. Usually, it is scheduled in March and held at a location as close to the center of the state as possible. This function is a great opportunity for seeing old friends, meeting new people, being up-dated on the plans for the coming year and to vote in the Board of Director’s election. The MTRA encourages all members to exercise their right to vote on representation to the Board of Directors and all issues brought before the membership.

2023 Annual Meeting & Banquet



Michigan **Trail Riders** ASSOCIATION, INC

Bylaws revised as of 1/1/2024

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1. Place of Meeting. Any or all meeting of the members of the board of directors of this corporation may be held at any place, within the State of Michigan, determined by resolution of the board of directors. In selecting such place of meeting, the board shall give due regard to the geographic location of the membership or of the directors and so far as practical, select a point as convenient as may be for all concerned, which may be changed from time to time by appropriate board resolution.

Section 2. Annual Meeting of Members. As required by the Bylaws, an annual meeting is held for all members each spring, usually in March, and it is held near the center of the state.

Section 3. Notice of Annual Meeting of Members. At least 10 days prior to the date fixed by Section 2 of this Article for the holding of the annual meeting of the members, written notice of the time, place and purposes of such meeting shall be mailed/e-mailed as here-in-after provided to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 4. Delayed Annual Meeting. If for any reason the annual meeting of the members shall not be held on the day here-in-before designated, such meeting may be called and held as a special meeting and the same proceedings may be had there-at, as at an annual meeting, provided however, that the notice of such meeting shall be the same here-in required or the annual meeting, namely not less than a 10-day notice.

Section 5. Order of Business at Annual Meeting. The order of business at annual meeting of members shall be as follows:

- A. Roll Call.
- B. Reading notice and proof of mail of the annual meeting.
- C. Reading of minutes of the last proceeding annual or special meeting.
- D. A report from the President of the activities of the Association for the previous year and on plans for the future.
- E. A report from the Treasurer on the financial condition of the association.

- F. A report from the Secretary on the membership of the association
- G. Reports of committees.
- H. Election of Directors.
- I. Transaction of other business mentioned in the notice of the meeting.
- J. Any such other business as may come before the meeting.
- K. Adjournment.

Section 6. Special Meeting of the Members. A special meeting of the members may be called at anytime by the president or by a majority of the board of directors. The means by which such meeting may be called is as follows:

Upon receipt of a specification in writing, setting forth the date of objects of such proposed special meeting signed by the president or a majority of the board of directors, secretary or an assistant secretary shall prepare, sign and mail/e-mail the notice requisite to such meeting, such notice may be signed by stamp, typewritten or printed signature of secretary or of an assistant secretary.

Section 7. Notice of Special Meeting of Members. At least 10 days prior to the day fixed for the holding of any special meeting of members, written notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be mailed/e-mailed as here-in-after provided, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

Section 8. Organization Meeting of Board. At the place of holding the annual meeting of members and immediately following the same, the board of directors, as constitutes upon final adjournment of such annual meeting, shall convene for the purpose of electing officers and transacting any other business properly brought before it, provided that the organization meeting in any year may be held at a different time and place, than there-here-in provided, by consent of a majority of the directors of such new board.

Section 9. Regular Meeting of the Board. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least (3) times in each year, on dates to be specified by the board and their organizational meeting. Such dates may be changed from time to time by majority of the board of directors at any regular or special meeting there-of. No notice of regular meeting of the board shall be required. All regular and special meeting of the board of directors shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 10. Special Meeting of the Board. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president at any time, by means

of such written notice by mail/e-mail at that time. Place and purpose there-of to each director as the president in his discretion shall deem sufficient, but action taken at any such meeting shall not be invalidated for want of notice, if such notice shall be waived as here-in-after provided.

Section 11. Notices and Mailing. All notices required to be given by any provisions of these Bylaws shall state the authority pursuant to which they are issued (as “by order of the president” or “by order of the board of directors” as the case may be) and shall be the written, stamped, type-written or printed signature of the secretary or assistant secretary. Every Notice shall be duly served when the same has been deposited in the United States mail with postage fully prepaid, plainly addressed to the sendee at his/her or their last address appearing upon the membership record of this corporation or by e-mail or electronic transmission at the member’s request when set-up by the secretary.

ARTICLE II - QUORUM

Section 1. Quorum of Members. Any two or more members present at either an annual or special meeting of the membership which has been duly called in accordance with Article I of the bylaws shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members.

Section 2. Quorum of Directors. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - VOTING, ELECTIONS AND PROXIES

Section 1. Who is Entitled to Vote. Except as the Articles or an amendment of amendments there-to otherwise provide, each member of this corporation at every meeting of the members shall be entitled to one vote in person or by absentee ballot upon each subject properly submitted to vote.

Section 2. For the Purpose of Voting. An individual membership shall be entitled to one vote and a family membership shall be entitled to one vote exercised by any adult member of the family.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number and Term of Directors. The business, property and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors composed of fifteen (15) persons who shall be members of this corporation. Each director shall hold office for the term of which he is elected and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2. Classification of Directors. At the first annual meeting of the members, the members of the board of directors shall be divided into

three classes of four members each. The members of the first class shall hold office for a term of one year; the members of the second class shall hold office for a term of two years; the members of the third class shall hold office for a term of three years. At all annual elections thereafter, **five (5)** directors shall be elected by members for a term of three years to succeed the **five (5)** directors whose term then expires; provided that nothing here-in shall be construed to prevent the election of a director to succeed himself/herself.

Section 3. Vacancies. Vacancies in the board of directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining directors. Each person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain a director until his successor has been elected by the members, who may make such election at their next annual meeting or at any special meeting duly called for the purpose and held prior there-to.

Section 4. Action by Unanimous Written Consent. If and when the directors shall severally or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the corporation, such action shall be valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at the meeting of the board of directors.

Section 5. Power to make Bylaws. As provided in Article X. Then board of directors shall have power to make and alter any by-law or bylaws, including the fixing and altering of the number of the directors, provided, that the board shall not make or alter any by-laws or bylaws fixing the qualifications, classifications or term of office of a member or members of the then existing board. Provided further that any action of the board pursuant to this section may be received by the membership at any annual meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, and thereafter the board shall make no change in such action for a period of three years.

Section 6. Power to Elect Officers. The board of directors shall select a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. No officer except the president needs to be a member of the board, but a vice president who is not a director shall not succeed to nor fill the office of president.

Section 7. Power to Appoint other Officers and Agents. The board of directors shall have power to appoint such other officers and agents as the board may deem necessary for transaction of the business of corporation.

Section 8. Removal of Officers and Agents. Any officer or agent may be removed by the board of directors whenever in the judgement of the board the business interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

Section 9. Power to Fill Vacancies. The board shall have the power to fill any vacancy in any office occurring from any reason whatsoever.

Section 10. Delegation of Powers. For any reason deemed sufficient by the board of directors, whether occasioned by absence or otherwise the board may delegate all or any of the powers and duties of any officer to any other officer or director, but no officer or director shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity.

Section 11. Power to Appoint Executive Committee. The board of directors shall have power to appoint by resolution an executive committee composed of two or more directors who, to the extent provided in such resolution shall have and exercise the authority of the board of directors in the management of the business of the corporation between meetings or the board.

Section 12. Power to Require Bonds. The board of directors may require any officer or agent to file with the corporation a satisfactory bond conditioned for faithful performance of his duties.

Section 13. Compensation. The compensation of directors, officers and agents may be fixed by the board.

Section 14. Duties. The Board of Directors shall have the following duties:

1. At the organization meeting of the board, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, the board shall make an overall plan of the activity of the association for the ensuing year. This plan shall encompass such of the following subjects as in the judgement of the board are appropriate, and may include subjects not enumerated here, when in the judgment of the board the same are necessary or desirable to further the purposes of the association:

A. One or more annual trail rides, planned, organized, arranged, and carried out under the auspices of the association. It is desirable to establish a regular date for this activity so that it may be anticipated by the public and to that end, if possible, the months of 1: June and 2: October should be utilized. These rides should be on the Michigan Riding and Hiking Trails as established and expanded by the State and Federal authorities.

B. Improvement and relocation of existing trails. There are segments of the existing trails that need much improvement, i.e., where they follow gravel roads of pavement frequented

by fast moving traffic; where there is a more scenic route; where need for trimming requires the recruiting of local help to go out on volunteer work details; where bridges need repair by county road commissions; etc. To the end that the Michigan trail is the most interesting in the middle west, constant attention must be given to this phase, and it is recommended that a written list of areas that need improvement and relocation be made by each new board and incorporated in the minutes of their next meeting. Such list should indicate which should have priority.

C. Camp Sites and Shelters. This should cover both location and facilities. The judicious spacing and location of camp sites with regard to both hikers and riders can add much to the public enjoyment of the trail. The facilities installed at each site must conform to its anticipated use, such Adirondack type shelters, hitching posts, wells, toilets, garbage pits etc. Location near bathing areas, and fishing possibilities can expand the attraction, but some should be in the "wilderness" and some near towns.

D. New Trails. The development of new trails should be the subject of more than casual consideration, as an over development can lead to infrequent use and condemnation of the whole project with the consequent loss of state support. Judicious development of new trails which augment and support the main trail, which will amplify the potential use and help gain support of governmental agencies and financial aid through appropriation by the Legislature.

E. Guidebook and Maps. There is an almost annual need for the revision of the guidebook, and revision of the trail maps to add the notations of new facilities, delete others, and plot the new trail locations on the maps. Much reliance on local assistance in the gathering of this information is necessary, and a file of the names of willing and interested correspondents must be maintained, as a part of the permanent records of the association. A file of the most frequently asked questions should be kept and their answers incorporated in the new editions of the guide book from time to time.

F. Publicity. It is of utmost importance that each year the board deliberately plans for the publicity through all available means: Newspaper, TV, Radio, Magazines, etc. Outdoor writers should be invited to go on trail rides, photographers should be helped in getting good pictures, details of all organized activities

on the trail should be furnished to the news media months in advance so that they can plan to cover them. It is only by constant publicity that knowledge of the trail will be disseminated and people encouraged to use it.

G. Membership. A planned campaign for new members should be carried out annually with new membership goals set by board each year.

- 2. Upon completion of the plan of activity,** the several parts thereof shall be assigned to the standing committees who shall organize and proceed with their work accordingly. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be responsible for making reports of progress to the board at each regular meeting, and interim reports to the President when requested. These reports shall be in writing for the guidance and assistance of their successors in office, and a copy of such reports shall be maintained in a permanent file for each committee which shall become a part of the portfolio of each committee chairman to be passed on to his/her successor.
- 3. Within thirty days after the appointment** of the committee chairmen, they shall report to the President, in writing the names and addresses of their committee members, the number and selection of which shall be within the discretion on the chairmen. They shall further report their plan of activity to accomplish the objectives as set by the board for the year.

ARTICLE - V - OFFICERS

Section 1. President. The president shall be selected by, and from the membership of the board of directors. He/She shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. He/She shall preside over all meetings of the board and of the members. He/She shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board are carried into effect. He/she shall be an official member of all standing committees and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation.

Section 2. Vice President. At least one vice president shall be chosen from the membership of the board. Such vice president(s) are board members in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president during the absence or disability of the president.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall attend all meeting of the members and of the board of directors, and of the executive committee,

and shall preserve in the books of the corporation true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. He/she shall safely keep in his/her custody the seal of the corporation and shall have authority to affix the same to all instruments where its use is required. He/she shall give all notices by statute, bylaw or resolution. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the board of directors or by the executive committee.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the corporation full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; he/she shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the board of directors. He/She shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursement, and shall render to the president and directors at the regular meetings of the board, and whenever requested by them, an account of all his/her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation. If required by the board, he/she shall deliver to the president of the corporation, and shall keep in force, a bond in form, amount and with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the board, conditioned for faithful performance of duties of his/her office, and for restoration to the corporation in case of his/her death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and property of whatever kind in his/her possession or under his/her control belonging to the corporation. Books will be audited by an outside firm every 6 years and whenever there is a change of treasurers.

Section 5. Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The assistant secretary, in the absence or disability of the secretary, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the secretary. The assistant treasurer, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the treasurer.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. There shall be standing committees as here-in-after provided and one member of the board shall be appointed as chairman of each standing committee.

Section 2. Committee Membership. The membership of the standing committees shall be made up from members of the organization as selected by the chairman.

Section 3. The following Standing Committees are Established:

- a. Improvement and Expansion of the Trail
- b. Development of Camp Sites

- c. New Trails**
- d. Promotion and Publicity**
- e. Revision of Guide Book**
- f. Membership**
- g. Annual Trail Ride**

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the board to make an overall plan for the activities of the association for the coming year and to assign such activity to the several committees which assignment shall constitute the work of the committee for the ensuing year. (Cross reference: See Article IV, Section 14.)

Section 5. Appointments of chairmen of the several committees shall be made by the board at its organizational meeting and if not done at that time, shall be made at a special meeting called by the president within thirty (30) days after the date of such organizational meeting.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Section 1. Checks, etc. All Checks, drafts and orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the corporation and shall be countersigned by such officers or agents as the board of directors shall from time to time be designated for that purpose.

Section 2. Contracts, Conveyances, etc. When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing officers, the president, or any vice president, and the secretary, or assistant secretary may execute the same in the name and behalf of this corporation and may affix the corporate seal there-to. The board of directors shall have power to designate the officers and agents who shall have authority to execute any instrument in behalf of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - POWER OF BOARD TO BORROW MONEY

Section 1. The board of directors shall have full power and authority to borrow money whenever in the discretion of the board the exercise of said power is required in the general interests of this corporation, and in such case the board of directors may authorize the proper offices of this corporation to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of this corporation such notes, bonds and other evidence of indebtedness as said board shall deem proper, and said board shall have full power to mortgage the property of this corporation, or any part thereof, as security for such indebtedness, and no action of the part of the membership of this corporation shall be requisite to the validity of any such note, bond, evidence of indebtedness or mortgage.

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership. Any person may be elected to a membership (individual/family) in the corporation by a majority vote of the directors present at any regular or special meeting of the board of directors. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the secretary for a conditional membership until the applications can be submitted for approval or denial at the next board of directors meeting. A conditional membership is a probationary period entitling said conditional members all rights of the MTRA, excluding voting rights, as stated in the bylaws. Note: A family membership is defined as family members living in the same household and be comprised of father/mother/son/daughter, and excludes children over the age of eighteen or married.

Section 2. Dues. The dues of members (individual and family) of this corporation shall be thirty five (\$35) dollars. Seniors, 65 or older, thirty (\$30) dollars each year payable annually on the first day of January in each year. It shall be the duty of the secretary to send out notices of the dues to each member no later than the first day of December in each year. Life-time memberships are available at four hundred, forty (\$440) dollars as a one time payment.

Any member in defaulting payment of dues shall be suspended from all privileges of membership, and if, after notice such default is not cured within ninety (90) days, the membership of such member shall automatically cease and terminate.

Any member may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting or at any special meeting of the members called for the purpose, for conduct deemed prejudicial to this corporation, provided that such member shall have first been served with written notice of the accusations against him/her, and shall have been given an opportunity to produce his/her witnesses, if any, and to be heard, at the meeting at which such vote is taken.

ARTICLE X - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. At the appropriate time, consideration should be given by the board to the establishment of a publication for the association in the form of a magazine, newspaper or other type of periodical, to keep the members and public informed of activities and to publish articles on trail topics and of interest of the trail.

Section 2. At the time of establishment, the board should set out in writing the editorial policy there-of and the same should be reviewed from time to time.

Section 3. The board shall appoint an editor and business manager and determine their compensation. In the beginning, this may be the same person.

Section 4. The publication should be self supporting, and a portion of the annual dues should be allocated to it for a subscription. It should sell advertising and obtain the major portion of its revenue there from.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendments, how effected. These bylaws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed by affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of the members if notice of the proposed amendment, alteration, change addition or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting, or by affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors if the amendment, alteration, change, addition of repeal by proposed at a regular or special meeting of the board and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting; provided that any bylaws made by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors as provided here-in may be amended, altered, changed, added to our repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of member's, shall be made within thirty (30) days next before the day on which such meeting is to be held, unless consented to in writing, or by a resolution adopted at a meeting, by all members entitled to vote at the annual meeting. (Cross reference: See Article IV, Section 5.)

AMENDMENTS

(Incorporated into bylaws with 2023 revision)

January 20, 1968 - Article IV, Section 1: Amended to read "fifteen (15) from twelve (12)".

May 11, 1968 - Article IV, Section 14 1a: Change from the week in June falling nearest the 20th, and 2, the first week in October to read "the third full week of June and 2, the first full week in October".

June 22, 1973 - Article III, Section 1: Amended to delete or by proxy and Section 3 deleted entirely .

January 10 1988 - Article IX Section 2: Membership and Dues changed to read "\$20.00 for the first year and \$10 for each consecutive year".

March 20, 1988 - Article V Section 4: Amended to include the following statement: "Books will be audited by an outside firm ever 6 years and whenever there is a change in treasurers".

January 8, 1989 - Article IX Section 1: Membership defined as a family membership.

March 24, 1990 - Article IX Section 1: Amended to provide for conditional membership until the board's next meeting.

March 22, 1992 - Article IX, Section 2: Membership and dues changed to read "\$30.00 for the first year and \$20 for each consecutive year".

March 18, 2007 - Article III, Section 1: Amended to include the phrase: "or by absentee ballot".

March 18, 2007 - Article I, Section 11: (correspondence) add "or by e-mail or electronic transmission at members's request when se-up by the secretary."

March 18, 2007 - Article IX, Section 2: membership and dues changed to read "\$35.00 the first year and \$25.00 each consecutive year".

March 24, 2012 - Article I, Section 9: Regular meeting of the Board: add " All regular and special meetings of the board of directors shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's rules of Order".

March 24, 2012 - Article IV, Section 14: Duties Part 1, subsection a. One or more annual trail rides...if possible, (instead of : the dates of 1. The third full week of June and 2. The first full week in October should be utilized.) **"The months of 1: June and 2:October should be utilized"**.

March 23, 2013 - Article IX, Section 1: Membership. Any person may be elected to membership (individual/family) ...until the applications can be submitted for approval or denial by the board of directors at the next board of directors meeting. A conditional membership is probationary period entitling said conditional member all rights of the MTRA, excluding voting rights, as stated in the Bylaws. (Additions are underlined).

March, 23, 2024 - Article IX, Section 2 Dues. Language changes to: "The dues of members (single and family) of this corporation shall be thirty five (\$35) dollars. Seniors, 65 or older, thirty (\$30) dollars each year payable annually on the first day of January in each year. It shall be the duty of the secretary to send out notices of the dues to each member no later than the first day of December in each year. Life-time memberships are available at four hundred, forty (\$440) dollars as a one time payment."

March 23, 2024 - Changes made in bylaws that reference; "He or Him" Changed to "He/She or Him/Her"

Happy Trails!