

MMA Member,

As promised, our new riding year is shaping up to be the best yet! Throughout 2009, the MMA will focus mostly on its members and our park! These two components are of the MMA's most valuable assets and I feel there are some areas that could use some improvement!

Our Members:

Steps have already been taken to open communication and offer a new way to communicate through our new website and forum. Member's meetings will be established quarterly to hear what you have to say so that you as a member have the chance to be heard! Strong focus has been put on improving membership numbers and growing our club to its fullest potential. During our 2009 riding year we will have free window decals for your vehicles and new t-shirts made for purchase. The MMA has many new exciting plans and improvements lined to help build club membership, bring back those long lost members, and recruit new members for this 2009 year!

Our Park:

In the past our trail system has not been clearly marked and can be quite confusing to new members. To combat this problem the MMA and the City of Meridian got together and has mapped the entire trail system in our park. For reference you will find a copy of this map included with this letter. Another issue related to our trail system has been clear trail signage and markings. The MMA has plans in place for some huge improvements in this area. Each trail in our park will be receiving new trail name signs and other critical trail markings. All trails will also be rated as easy, intermediate, or extreme so everyone will know what to expect from each trail. This will be a great improvement for all members and potential members that enter our park. Keep an eye out for these new signs as the year progresses!

Another area of our park that will be getting some much needed attention is our parking area. During this riding year you will see some great improvements taking place within our parking area. Plans are in the works for a covered pavilion and some picnic tables so members will have a place to rest and eat. Along with our new pavilion will be a permanent porta-john that is already in place. Another improvement that the City Of Meridian will be completing is re-grading the parking area roads and restoring the drainage ditches to improve road life. All these improvements will help better our park and make our park more enjoyable for everyone. I hope everyone is as excited as I am about these many changes and upgrades. I am very eager to get these projects completed as soon as possible.

Events:

We have many events planned for 2009 that will include member only gatherings and some events that will host outside clubs and businesses. Each event requires your participation and I hope that you feel obligated to attend as a member of the MMA. During our 2009 riding season the MMA will have scheduled work days every three months. This is needed to keep our OHV Park in excellent riding condition and to keep safety at an acceptable level. As an MMA member it is your duty to help maintain our park and campgrounds. Our last work day was on Nov. 8th and it was the biggest ever with over 45 members attending! We have scheduled another work day for Saturday Feb. 7th and hope to beat the new attendance record! During our Feb. 7th MMA Work Day we will have a morning work session before breaking for lunch. After a MMA provided lunch we will hit the trails again with an afternoon work session. If time allows and if work is complete we will have a group ride! Please mark your calendars for this MMA Work Day!

In closing, I would like to give you a little incite on exactly what we have right here in Meridian, MS. The Meridian OHV Park is the only off-highway-vehicle park in the UNITED STATES located on municipal land! Thanks to the City of Meridian and its board of directors we are able to maintain and control our Park with little resistance. Our park is a one of a kind and we have something no one else in the entire country has! Our 2009 riding year will be the best ever and I encourage you to step up, get involved, and support your MMA and our one of a kind OHV Park!

Jerry Corley – MMA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Jan. 1, 2009 – MMA NEW YEAR RIDE – @ High Noon!

MMA is bringing in the New Year with a bang! Join us for group riding and MMA provided drinks and snacks!

2009 SEAR RIDERUNNERS HARE SCRAMBLE

Jan. 31, 2009 – Youth Hare Scramble

Feb. 1, 2009 – Adult Hare Scramble

Saturday Feb. 7, 2009 – MMA WORK DAY & LUNCHEON – @ 8 a.m.

Morning work session – MMA provided lunch – Afternoon work session – Group rides

All members are asked to attend!

2009 SEAR RIDERUNNERS ENDURO RACE

Feb. 28, 2009 – Youth Enduro Racing

March 1, 2009 – Adult Enduro Racing

FOR EVENT DETAILS GO ONLINE @ WWW.MERIDIANOHVPARK.COM

PARK CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS

As always our park will be closed to **ALL RIDERS** for the preparation and hosting of the Ridgerunner's Hare Scramble and Enduro races. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Park Closed: Monday Jan. 26th THRU Monday Feb. 2nd – SERA Ridgerunner's Hare Scramble

Park Closed: Monday Feb. 23rd THRU Monday March 2nd – SERA Ridgerunner's Enduro Race

WEBSITE REMINDER

Visit our website for all the latest information and news about our club and park. All event details and dates will be posted online as well as any other important information you may need to know. Our website is quickly becoming the main line of communication with members. A big communication tool within our website is our online Forum. I would like to encourage you to join our Forum and become an active member in discussions about our park and club. Please remember that the MMA is your club and the Meridian OHV Park is your park!

Visit us online at:

www.MERIDIANOHVPARK.com

WEBSITE MEDIA CONTACT

Our website belongs to MMA members and your participation is required to make it a success! Our site contains a picture and video portion that was designed to show everyone our riding members in action and other happenings within our park. If you have photos or videos that you would like placed on the website you can upload them using our Photobucket.com account (upload instructions on photo page) or by emailing them to: lucas@linkedllc.com. We also have a member's business directory on the Links page to help support MMA member businesses. If you would like your personal business or services listed email it to lucas@linkedllc.com.