



MMA MEMBER MAIL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FEB. 6th & 7th 2010

SERA BONITA LAKES HARE SCRAMBLE

Sat 6th – KIDS RACE
Sun 7th – ADULT RACE

MMA WORK DAY MMA LUNCH MEMBER MEETING RIDE

SATURDAY
March 13, 2010
Starting at 9 a.m.

MMA POKER RUN

SATURDAY
April 17, 2010

Registration: 10 a.m.
till 11 a.m. (\$10 fee)

Lunch served: Noon

Poker Run: 1 p.m. till
4 p.m.

Prizes: 4:30 p.m.

Poker Run is not a race! It is fun for the whole family!

CLUB RIDE

SATURDAY
May 22, 2010
Starting at 10 a.m.

MMA WORK DAY MMA LUNCH RIDE

SATURDAY
June 19, 2010
Starting at 9 a.m.

OUT WITH 09...IN WITH 2010!

A HUGE thanks to you for making the 2009 ride year so successful! 2009 was a ride year for the history books! During 2009 MMA membership more than doubled! Because of this new found growth the MMA has been able to make many more additions and improvements to the association, the park, and the trail system. The association has become much more organized throughout the year and member communications have been improved tremendously. During 2009 MMA leadership was realigned and has now joined together to keep the associations forward momentum rolling! 2009 was packed full of member events and 2010 is shaping up to be even better! Many events and races are being planned for the new year. With AMA support the MMA will be able to provide members with race events like never before. Our park and trails will continue to improve with the purchase of new equipment and because of all this MMA membership will continue to grow! The MMA future looks bright and is very encouraging but without the support of you and other MMA members the association could not operate! As an association of members the MMA depends on you for not only its main source of income but event participation and overall success. To make 2010 a more successful year we ask for your continued commitment and dedication as an MMA member. We ask that you commit to becoming a more active part in the association! Plan to attend more member events and support race events as volunteers or a spectator. Attend all MMA Workdays to help improve our park and trails for everyone's enjoyment. Communicate ideas, suggestions, or complaints to MMA leadership. Attend member meetings and vote. MMA leadership is very excited about the future plans and direction of the MMA and we hope that you will continue to support the MMA and the Meridian OHV Park during 2010. With all these improvements and additions the association still has a ton of work to be done but together we can accomplish more than was ever thought possible.

CITY OF MERIDIAN AND MMA MEET..

On December 18, 2009 the MMA Board of Directors meet with the new City of Meridian administration which included Mayor Cheri Barry and CAO Mark McDonald. During this meet MMA leadership was given the opportunity to present our association and park to the new administration. Many questions were asked and some important topics were discussed during this hour long meet. The City of Meridian and its administration showed positive support towards the MMA and the Meridian OHV Park. Even though there are some unanswered questions and outstanding issues that need to be addressed both Cheri and Mark insured MMA leadership that the City of Meridian supports our purpose and has no plans to close our park or shut down any off-road recreation. Please read the below address to MMA members from our City of Meridian Mayor Cheri Barry!

GREETINGS FROM CITY OF MERIDIAN MAYOR CHERI BARRY



Greetings from the Mayor! As we bring the Christmas holiday season to an end and prepare to usher in a New Year, let me say how proud I am to be your Mayor. I would like to especially thank Greg Guy, Lucas Hatcher, and other MMA leaders for the opportunity to learn more about the Meridian Motorcycle Association (MMA) and share ideas for future partnerships. I believe this meeting was fabulous and proved enlightening for each of us during the exchange.

In my address to Meridian Motorcycle Association, Inc., I would like to focus on three topics; stewardship, service, and safety.

MMA is very fortunate to have over 800 acres and nearly 30 miles of off-road terrain for riding and racing. Second only to New York City's central park, Meridian's Bonita Lakes and Lakeview properties make-up one of largest urban forest in the continental United States. The property serves primarily as a watershed for the City of Meridian. This being stated, ecosystem friendly activities are the only recreational activates allowed. Therefore, stewardship of this precious resource is paramount. MMA has a solid reputation of maintaining the area in as pristine condition as possible. MMA's effort to purchase recycled asphalt and Tractor campaign to maintain the property are commendable. I encourage MMA to raise the bar on all stewardship activities to keep our OHV Park the most coveted place to be for off-road riding and racing.

Service is a phrase that is sometimes misunderstood. Since MMA is a 501(c) (7) non-profit social club, we recognize the valuable importance it plays in hosting an environment for recreational off-road riding. This service provides entertainment and joy to many, and we, the City of Meridian, would like to thank you for your efforts. Although in kind service is rendered to provide the high caliber of entertainment the MMA is accustom, there are other opportunities the MMA could support to bring even more value and credit. My office will gladly help the MMA provide community service highlighting the positive benefits of the association.

I am proud to know the MMA takes a proactive approach to riding safety. I encourage MMA to continue to stress the Rules and Regulations for motorcycle and ATV use in the OHV Park. Common sense rules as well as mandatory safety rules cannot be overstated. I would also like to thank the MMA for recognizing the need for personal safety equipment. Although Helmets are mandatory, other personal safety equipment, such as eye protection and gloves should be considered mandatory as well. The required Bike and ATV approved spark arrestor and working muffler are additional safety items needed to protect public property and individuals.

MMA stands out as a positive image of what is good in Meridian. I wish the MMA all the best in 2010.

Mayor Cheri Barry

NEW 2010 MMA WINDOW DECALS

Every 2010 member will receive a new MMA window decal with their 2010 member pack. These stickers are made from a high quality outdoor vinyl that is perfect for the back glass of any car or truck. Support the MMA and help spread the word by displaying your new MMA window decal on your vehicle.



2010 SERA BONITA LAKES HARE SCRAMBLE



2009
Bonita Lakes Hare Scramble
Turn One

The Ridge Runner Enduro Team presents the annual SERA sanctioned Bonita Lakes Hare Scramble. The kids/youth/women race on Saturday Feb 6th. Adult men classes will race on Sunday Feb 7th. This annual Hare Scramble has become a favorite stop on the SERA points' series race schedule attracting some 200+ racers and 400+ spectators every year. This event is a source of income for the MMA and we are asking all MMA members to support this year's races. Please plan to attend as some very special guest will be attending. MMA Spectators and volunteer workers are needed. Contact Jerry or Lucas if you would like to help out and work during race days!

TRAILS SYSTEM WILL CLOSE FOR SERA HARE SCRAMBLE...

The entire Meridian OHV Park trail system will be closed to all MMA riders starting Saturday January 30, 2010 until Sunday February 7, 2010 for the preparation and hosting of the SERA Hare Scramble races. Come to the park as a race spectator or volunteer to work the race.



CONGRADULATIONS TO JAMES WALERIUS!

HE IS THE WINNER OF THE KIDS HELMET
DESIGN CONTEST!

JAMES RECEIVES HIS PICK OF ANY KIDS
HELMET FROM MERIDIAN YAMAHA!

THANKS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO PARTICIPATED!
ALL THE DESIGNS WERE GREAT AND IT WAS
REALLY HARD TO PICK A WINNER!

2010 KIDS ART CONTEST

ATTENTION MMA KIDS! This year's kids contest will be an art and drawing contest! Draw and color a picture you think best represents the MMA and our park. Mail it in and you could win! Check out the Kids page on our site for more information.

TIMBER/LAND MANAGEMENT IS COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU....

The City of Meridian has informed MMA leadership that some much needed timber and land management will be starting during the first half of 2010. In conjunction with the US Forestry Department the City of Meridian will begin a thinning operation of pine trees located on the back side of the Meridian OHV Park. You may soon notice forestry trucks and other timber/land management officials around our park working. Please respect these workers and vacate any area they may be working in. The City of Meridian has no plans to sell any property or "clear cut" any timber within the Meridian OHV Park borders. Even though we will have some clean up and repair once the thinning is complete we must cooperate with the City of Meridian as they are the land owners. This timber and land management will not only make our park a safer riding area but may also open up some thick unusable areas for more riding trails.

MMA AMA Charter will be ready for 2010! Watch for AMA sanctioned events soon.

MMA Tractor Campaign is building as planned. See our site for more info.

Meridian Motorcycle Association Inc.



\$5 MMA T-SHIRT SALE

We still have 2009 MMA T-shirts available for purchase so we are dropping our prices! Support the MMA and help spread the word by sporting some new MMA swag! Contact Jerry or Lucas to get your MMA t-shirt today. Shirts will also be available at all MMA events or add a shirt when you join or renew online.

AVAILABLE SIZES:

ADULT: SM – XXL \$5.00

YOUTH: SM – L \$5.00

2010 MMA PROJECTS

Every year MMA leaders look for ways to improve our association, park, and trails. We are very excited about the upcoming year and what is in store for the MMA and its members. During 2010 you will notice so changes and improvements to the park entrance gate area. Many improvements have already been made in this area like tree removal, stump grinding, and a new gate but we are not finished yet. Plans for 2010 include resurfacing the hill up to the gate and installing a new MMA/Meridian OHV Park aluminum sign at the road! Another major project for the year will be a complete overhaul on the MMA Entrance Trail, MMA Exit Trail, and creating a new Pit Entrance Trail! These trails are some of the most used in the park and regular maintenance is no longer sufficient to maintain a safe easy trail ride. Plans are taking shape to complete the MMA Kids trail as well. Other 2010 projects include relocating the MMA storage building and reinstalling the cyclone fence for equipment storage needs. This is just a few upcoming improvements...check out site for more updates on 2010 MMA Projects.

GOT PHOTOS?

Our website is in need of some new member photos. If you have photos that you think would look good on our site then mail a copy, email a copy, or upload them to our photobucket.com account. If you need help sending pictures or using photobucket.com then call or email Lucas.

ALWAYS REMEMBER...

Helmets are mandatory! No helmet...no riding!

No alcohol allowed on any MMA property at any time.

Pack it in...Pack it out! Please do not litter. If you see trash thrown about...pick it up!

Respect all park boundaries and signage.

VISIT US ONLINE @ www.MERIDIANOHPARK.com!

JOIN OUR MMA E-MAIL LISTING

Get all the latest news and event notifications sent directly to e-mail address.

Go online and register today!

MMA MESSAGE BOARD

Talk about the latest and greatest MMA happenings. Voice your ideas and opinions for all MMA message board users to read and respond! Everything MMA, everything Meridian OHV Park, race talks, sell your stuff, WTB ads, and much more! Logon and join today!