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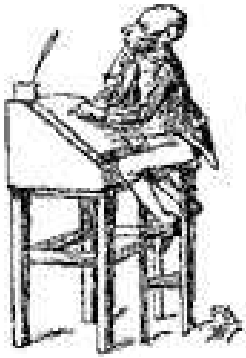
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From The Old Desk

by Darrell Steuer
MTA President

Here I sit at the keyboard trying to get my brain in gear to write this article for the newsletter, but somehow I just cannot seem to focus on this task. My mind keeps wandering to other questions like "When is Spring going to be here," "How do I get all this work done so I can do more riding this summer," and "am I going to eat too much at the rally this year." Of course I must come back to the reality and get this letter done before Howie and the Board fire me. Wait a minute -- I can't be fired; I'm a volunteer.

So, talking about volunteers: I would like to personally thank the Chapter Reps, Presidents, and their Board Members for all the work that they do in their chapters. It is really good to see the chapter newsletters in the forums on the MTA web site. Congratulations to Dallas Vilbert, the new Texas chapter 6 president, and to their new treasurer Rex Adams. Then there is my friend Ted from Florida that gives out MTA info like there is no tomorrow. Those of you that have emailed me with your offer to help I will be taking up that offer very shortly. If of course you would like to volunteer with this organization please let me know and I will gladly put you to work. In fact we are still looking for someone in Texas to sort out the office stuff there so that a Board Member need not take time off work, travel all those miles to Texas, then sort the paperwork and place it where it needs to go. If you can help with this matter we will very grateful. Just send me an email or give me a call.

What is new on the MTA international front, you ask? Well... I would like to say THE DEBT IS PAID and we are now in the black. Thank you for your continued support of this club. We have had many, many members renew their memberships and we have gained a few new members as well. So let us all get work and see if we can not each bring in just one new member each by the Gathering in June.

The Gathering in La Crosse is coming together quite nicely. The dinner ride will be short so that those that travel a great distance to get there will have about ten miles or so to dinner. It will be held at a Legion and will be a good meal with desert for \$12.00, so don't forget to book it when you pre-register. We will have T shirts for sale, and are looking at some nice grand prizes such as a GPS unit, personal MP3 players, and a couple other tidbits. I hope to see you all there.

We mentioned in the last newsletter that we again have the 8" patches in stock. Many of you have told the club you wanted them, so we had 50 made up. They are still available, so if you would like yours contact the office and they would be more than

happy to send you one.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those of you that have the weather to ride, ride safe. For those of us who need outriggers, snowmobile suits and long underwear to ride we can only wish we were in your shoes -- or should I say, on your bikes.

Until the next time, take care.
Darrell

From the Forums

8" PATCHES IN STOCK AGAIN

Just wanted to pass along that the Main Office does have the 8" Back patch in stock again and for sale. The price is \$20.00 each and that includes the shipping.

So order yours today and Show off your club with pride on your vest or jackets. Call the Main Office to place your order. This will be added to the store very soon also.

Keith & Bonnie Yedica
MTA Office

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CONTEST FOR PICTURES

Hello Everyone
I would like to start a contest for all members. I would like to have all the members send in to the Main Office a picture that they feel would be a good picture for the new membership cards for 2007.

Please send photos to bikenut@centurytel.net and the BOD will pick one of the pictures from the membership to be used for the 2007 Renewal cards.

Come on we need your help so send in some photos!

Keith

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WE'RE ALL GETTING GOOSED!

For all the campers out there, it appears the Goose Island campground is the place of choice amongst the

forum readers. Get your reservations!

Goose Island Campground

W6488 County Road Gi
Stoddard, WI - 608-788-7018

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LET'S TAKE THE TIME

As I read the newspaper and watch the news on television, there is the constant reminder of what is going on in the world today. We are all aware of the ongoing battles in foreign lands, the destruction of homes and lives ruined forever.

Even though we are from different countries we are all somewhat the same. We, as individuals, might not agree with the wars in which our countries are involved, but we must offer our support and be proud of our troops that are the in harms way.

I would like you to take a moment each day to think about and say a little prayer for those men and women in our armed forces that are not at home with their families, and for the loved ones of those that will not be coming home. I'm so thankful that I am Free.

Darrell

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STILL NEED A LOGO

Let the challenge begin. This should be plenty of time to get your creative talent in gear and come up with the

logo that will be used for the next Gathering in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

This logo will be seen on T-shirts and websites around the world by millions and millions of people, so get your design ideas submitted!

The members will get a chance to vote on which design to use.

Designs should be 8" x 8", at 300dpi resolution, for best printing, however when posting to this forum please keep them at 400x400 px.

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SWIVEL HITCH FOR MOTORCYCLE TRAILER

I have located a nice camper trailer to pull with my 86 Venture Royale but it doesn't have a swivel hitch. Does anyone know where I can purchase one to install on the trailer?

REPLY: Neosho Trailers sells a swivel coupler. I think the URL is www.neoshotrailers.com

REPLY: I certainly agree that Neosha is an excellent supplier to deal with. They have long supported MTA. His swivel couplers work well as I used one for years on a Starlight trailer.

However, I may be wrong but I think that you are in Ontario so another possibility and perhaps a little closer to you might be Sarasota Trailers there in Ontario. (www.sarasotatrailers.com/).

Have an article or ad you would like to see published in the next Motorcycle Roads? Become part of the MTA community by joining the forums at <http://www.mtariders.com>, or send your request to webmaster@mtariders.com. All submissions become the property of the Motorcycle Touring Association and content may be edited for publication.

MTA Gathering 2007

Events, Attractions, and Information

Pre-Registration Contest

The Motorcycle Touring Association will be giving away 4 basic registrations for the MTA Gathering in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This contest is open to everyone that registers before May 15th 2007.

The draw will take place at the Thursday night banquet and the winners will be reimbursed the BASIC registration for this rally.

Good luck to all.
MTA Board of Directors

ATTRACTIONS

(Information courtesy site and related links at <http://www.lacrossewisconsin.com>)

The city of La Crosse is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River and on the east by 600 foot high bluffs. This unique and varied topography provides many recreational opportunities including; boating, fishing, hiking, biking, downhill and Nordic skiing and much more, all within a few minutes of the historic downtown.

With a population of 51,000 in the city of La Crosse, and over 90,000 in the metro area, La Crosse is the commercial center of Western Wisconsin and South-eastern Minnesota. Major employers include the Trane Company, Gunderson-Lutheran Medical Center and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Grandad Bluff

Grandad Bluff, the tallest bluff in the area, has been a focal point of the La Crosse community. Limestone rock was quarried from the bluff and this served as a source of building material for many years. However, when the property was about to be sold for large scale quarrying, La Crosse citizens were outraged. A prominent family, Joseph & Irene Hixon, bought the property in 1909 holding it in trust until it was donated as park to the city of La Crosse in 1912. During this time, local citizens, lead by Mrs. G. C. Hixon, raised \$15,000 to

purchase the property and to help build public roads. Along with this purchase was some property below the bluff which became the nucleus of Hixon Forest.



Lock and Dam 7

- Located on Mississippi River mile 702.5 near LaCrescent, Minn.
- Constructed and placed in operation in April, 1937. Site underwent major rehabilitation from 1989 through 2002.
- Dam consists of concrete structure 940 feet long, five roller gates and 11 tainter gates. Two segments of earth embankment 8,100 feet long from dam to French Island. One concrete spillway 1,000 feet long. And 2,400 feet long from French Island to Onalaska Wis. The a concrete spillway is 670 feet long.
- Lock is 110 feet wide by 600 feet long.

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Ciao from Modena, the Land of Italian Motors!

We are an incoming tour operator, specialized in foreigner tourists entering Italy. We are based in Modena, one mile from Maserati factory, 10 miles from Ferrari factory... 20 miles from Ducati factory!

We have been chosen by Parma tourism bureau to plan a project to improve tourism. We suggested motorcycle touring and we got it! Now a FREE motorcycle tour waterproof guide (94 pages) Italian and English languages has been issued. It is about Parma area that features:

Opera by Verdi, composer (Aida, Nabucco etc); Parma Ham and Parmesan Cheese, the original ones; Dallara single seat race cars producer (6 time Indy winners) and lots more beside!

I would make you know that this book is FREE and FREE delivered till the end of first issue. It can be seen by PDF too:

<http://turismo.parma.it/allegato.asp?ID=255138>

The waterproof version (upon availability) can be FREE obtained by this bureau:

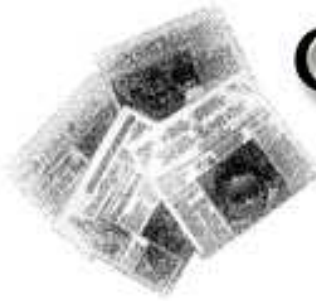
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CLASSIFIEDS

Member ads are available at no cost to active members of the Motorcycle Touring Association. Ads must be motorcycle related and will run for one issue only unless you request otherwise. If running "until further notice," please notify us to cancel immediately once the item has sold. To place an ad, call 586-203-8935 or e-mail to webmaster@mtariders.com.

FOR SALE: Parts for 83-93 Yamaha Venture and Venture Royale. Call Lloyd or Sonya, 405-634-3822. (OK)

WANTED: 83-93 Yamaha Ventures and Venture Royales. Call Lloyd or Sonya, 405-634-3822 (OK)

FOR SALE: 2003 Toyhauler, 20 ft. self-contained, excellent condition. Used 4 times. \$17,500. Contact Monty Linder at 970-290-0212. (CO)

FOR SALE: Original seat from 1988 Yamaha Venture, \$75.00. Call Jeannie at 970-330-4244. (CO)

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous: Kuryakyn rear bag for 2001-2006 Gold Wing (top of trunk) NEW \$35.00. Call Tyler at 970-669-6055

FOR SALE: Shop Manual for 1999 Gold Wing, \$10.00; 6 qts. Amsoil Synthetic Oil 10W-40, \$10.00; Hitch insert, 1.25 in. square, 3 in. drop, with 1 7/8 in ball and pin \$5.00. Bill 970-581-8349

The woman in question, a cute blonde as it happens, was pulled over for speeding by a California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer. When he walked up to her window and opened his ticket book she said:

"I bet you're going to sell me a ticket to the Highway Patrolman's Ball."

He replied:

"No, Highway Patrolmen don't have balls."

There followed a moment of silence while she smiled and he realized what he'd said. He then closed his book, got back on his motorcycle and left.

She was laughing too hard to start her car for several minutes.

Motorcycle Roads

Submission of Articles and Photographs

ARTICLES can be mailed or e-mailed as an attached file. Electronic files should be in MS-Word or PDF.

PHOTOGRAPHS should be mailed or sent electronically as a medium- to high-res TIFF or JPEG (150-300 DPI). For mailed photos, please include a SASE if you would like to have them returned.

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: If you have photos, please send them along with your newsletters!

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Mar 9
Daytona Superbike Race
Daytona, FL

Mar 30
All Fools Day Rally
Bellville, TX

Apr 13-15
Branson Blitz XII 2007
Branson, MO

Jun 16
Animal Shelter Ride/Fund Raiser
North Kansas City, MO

Jun 25-28
MTA Gathering 2007
LaCrosse, WI

Jul 8
Indiana Ride For Kids
South Bend, IN

Visit the online calendar at www.mtariders.com to add or check events.

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Norskedalen Nature Center

Norskedalen, which is located in Coon Valley, Wisconsin began in 1977. Norskedalen means "Norwegian Valley." Dr. Alf Gundersen and his wife, Carroll donated the land to be used as an outdoor laboratory and arboretum. Since the Gundersen family established this beautiful place, Norskedalen has grown to include over 400 acres. Norskedalen includes the Thrune Visitor's Center, the Bekkum Homestead, the Skumrud-Thrune farm, a heritage trail, the Gundersen Arboretum, numerous hiking trails, streams and spectacular land.

The land that Norskedalen sits on averages about 1,000 feet above sea level. Before glaciation this land once sat at the bottom of an old ocean. Erosion and running water flows over the top of dolomite limestone and has created valleys and coulees. This area is known as the Driftless area because the glaciers never made it this far.

Over 7,000 years ago human beings moved into this area and Norskedalen was once covered by prairie and oak savanna. Over time the landscape has changed a great deal and what is left there today is very different than what the first people to this area saw.

ONALASKA AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: 741 Oak Avenue South (Onalaska Library). Permanent exhibits and changing exhibits.

PUMP HOUSE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS: 119 King St., 785-1434. Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Features exhibits of local artists and performances on many weekends. In Historic Downtown La Crosse Wisconsin.

ST. ROSE CONVENT CHAPEL: 715 S. 9th St., La Crosse, Wisconsin 784-2288. Open year 'round. Tours 9-11 am & 1-3:30 pm. No Sunday tours until 1pm. No charge, donations accepted.

SWARTHOUT MUSEUM: 112 S. 9th St., LaCrosse, WI 782-1908. Continually changing exhibits.

WALKING TOUR OF LA CROSSE'S DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Self-guided Historic Walking Tour. Tour map includes historic descriptions of 20 buildings in the District which are considered the most historic, architecturally and/or culturally significant to the area. Downtown La Crosse.

Chapter News

NEWS FROM MAL AND GINNY

MO-1; January 2007

We drove to Corpus Christi to the inside/outside boat show. Next to the outdoor show lot Mal noticed an unusual trailer with 96 tires in 3 sections. After talking to the driver we learned he was loading out the generator portion of a Wind Farm at the dock a block away. Our interest in the boat show suddenly took a back seat. We followed the driver to the docks, situated our car outside the fence, but with a great view of the unloading operation. The ship itself was similar to a container ship with a large portion of its cargo above deck. The two propeller blades 90 meters long required 2 cranes to set on the dock. The blades were loaded out on the dock like cord wood. The generator section weighs 193M# itself requiring the special trailer we first saw. The tractor section a 625 hp engine. The tower section was made up of 4 tapered sections that would be bolted together at the site (we wondered what size crane to erect the wind tower) We could not find out how many KW this produced. The units were made in India and were being transported to the hill country of N. Texas. We took pictures to share later.

A couple days later we drove by on our way to the Dog Track's and the ship was empty and parking lots in the area were covered with components waiting for transportation. There are wind farms in King City, Mo & Kan Flint hills, also saw them we drove across New Mexico a couple years ago.

Hope all is well at your house. We have attended several lectures at the University Marine Center and the professor says he has been tracking and we are in for warmer and wetter weather ongoing. Also attended the Great Potato Bake. All is well 61F today and partial sun.

Mal and Ginny

ginnyfish@prodigy.net

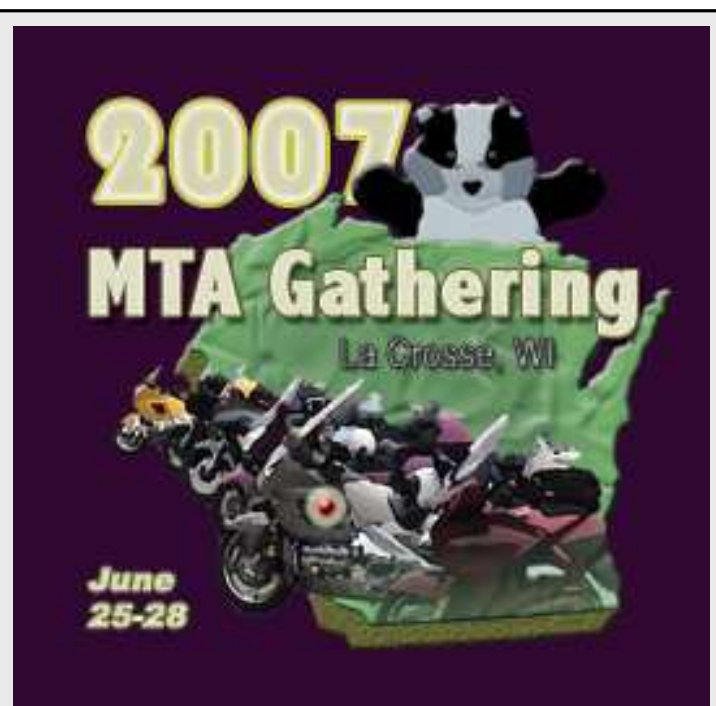
Special Thanks

The MTA would like to extend a warm Thank You to the following for your recent support:

Texas Chapter -1
Ric Zittenfield
Jeep Davis

Also, thank you to everyone for your support in the past.

- The MTA Board of Directors



The annual MTA Gathering will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on June 25-28, 2007.

STEIGER POWERSPORTS — Official Dealership of the 2007 Gathering. 4140 Mormon Coulee Ct. La Crosse, WI 54601. 608-788-4514, 888-838-2771. Please call in advance to ensure tire sizes are in stock for the Gathering.

Watch for more hotel information, rides, and schedules at the MTA website: www.mtariders.com.



Bike of the Week
Submitted by Gary & Mary Droege

"WILD HOGS"

MOVIE REVIEW by Tom & Nancy

Courtesy MTA MO-1

<http://home.kc.rr.com/mtamo1/mtamo1.htm>

Nancy and I went to an advance screening of this movie on behalf of Touchstone Pictures. Four weekend bikers go on a road trip to get away from all the pressures of their everyday lives. You have seen the commercials on TV. Well, if you're not prepared to do some laughing, don't go! There were times when it was hard to hear the dialog in the movie because of all the laughter! I don't want to give it away, but those four guys get into a real pickle of a predicament. Oh yes, they do find their way out, but, oh, what fun they have! There are some surprise appearances of icons in the movie, and don't be too quick to get up and run out at the end. There is another laugh to be had. I don't know what kind of rating it has, but it is worth the time and money to go and see it. A fun-filled adventure movie with good guys, and bad guys, and a lady. Everything a good adventure movie needs

Tom

We are sorry we missed the club dinner, but we had to chose between a free movie or dinner, and we decided to go see the movie. It's really hilarious! Most of the audience was composed of bikers, too, so that made it extra fun! We had something to do on Tuesday evening, so we couldn't go then, and Tom actually missed a Masonic Lodge commitment to attend this movie! Go see it if you get a chance.

Nancy



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in stock for the 2007 MTA Gathering.

Motorcycle Touring Association, California Chapter #3

Presents

2nd Annual Central California Coast Regional Rally

At Morro Bay State Park May 18-20, 2007

Come and enjoy the scenic Central California seaside and costal mountains with great riding adventures and an interesting program to keep you busy!

Saturday scenic tour, Saturday evening sumptuous BBQ dinner, field events, guided tour of local salt marshes by Dr. Kimo, 50/50, local camping and motels.

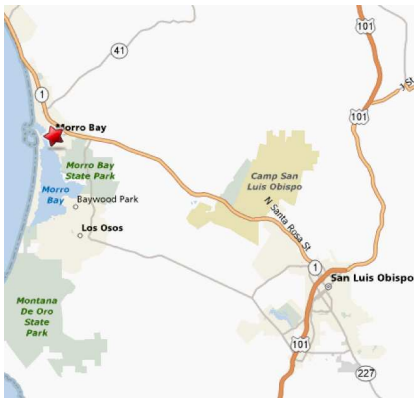
For campers, Morro Bay State Park reservation line is 1-800-444-PARK (7275) or go to their website www.parks.ca.gov/

Sign-In: Friday 2-5 PM, Saturday 8-10 AM

Entry fee: \$30

Discount for AMA/ SCMA/MTA \$2.00

Pre-registration by 4/30 \$2.00



AMA Sanctioned Event
www.ama-cycle.com

For more info, call 310-325-6388 or email SmorrisRN@aol.com Website ww.mtaca3.org

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Make check payable to MTA CA#3 Mail to MTA CA#3, 4204 Newton St., Torrance, CA 90505

Wisconsin's Rustic Roads: a positive step backward

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/>

Creation

The Wisconsin Legislature established the Rustic Roads program in 1973 to help citizens and local units of government preserve what remains of Wisconsin's scenic, lightly traveled country roads.

Unique brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially-designated Rustic Roads. These routes provide bikers, hikers, and motorists an opportunity to leisurely



travel through some of Wisconsin's scenic countryside. For motorcyclists, Wisconsin offers a special Rustic Roads award program. A small placard beneath the Rustic Roads sign identifies each Rustic Road by its numerical designation within the total state-wide system. Each Rustic Road is identified by a 1- to 3-digit number assigned by the Rustic Roads Board. To avoid confusion with the State Trunk Highway numbering, a letter "R" prefix is used such as R50 or R120. The Department of Transportation pays the cost of furnishing and installing Rustic Roads marking signs.

An officially designated Rustic Road shall continue to be under local control. The county, city, village or town shall have the same authority over the Rustic Road as it possesses over other highways under its jurisdiction.

A Rustic Road is eligible for state aids just as any other public highway.

What is a Rustic Road?

To qualify for the Rustic Road program, a road:

- should have outstanding natural features along its borders such as rugged terrain, native vegetation, native wildlife, or include open areas with agricultural vistas which singly or in combination uniquely set this road apart from other roads.
- should be a lightly traveled local access road, one which serves the adjacent property owners and those wishing to travel by auto, bicycle, or hiking for purposes of recreational enjoyment of its rustic features.
- should be one not scheduled nor anticipated for major improvements which would change its rustic characteristics.
- should have, preferably, a minimum length of 2 miles and, where feasible, should provide a completed closure or loop, or connect to major highways at both ends of the route.

A Rustic Road may be dirt, gravel or paved road. It may be one-way or two-way. It may also have bicycle or hiking paths adjacent to or incorporated in the roadway area.

The maximum speed limit on a Rustic Road has been established by law at 45 mph. A speed limit as low as 25 mph may be established by the local governing authority.



2007 MTA GATHERING INFORMATION

HOTELS

HOST HOTEL:

The Days Inn

101 Sky Harbour Dr

La Crosse WI — (608) 783-1000

Web Page: daysinnlacrosse.com

Email: daysinnlax@charterinternet.net

Room prices are \$59.00 per night.

Jacuzzi rooms \$99.00 per night.

A block of 60 rooms has been set aside under MTA.

Room reservation must be made by phoning La Crosse Days Inn ONLY. The call centre does not recognize the contract that MTA has with La Crosse.

Affordable Inn

614 Monitor St

La Crosse, WI -- (608) 784-2278

Best Western Inn

1835 Rose St

La Crosse, WI -- (608) 781-7000

Brookstone Inn

1830 Rose St

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Bluebird Springs Rec Area

N2833 Smith Valley Rd.

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Pettibone RV Park & Campground

333 Park Plaza Dr.

La Crosse, WI — 608-782-5858

Veteran's Memorial Campgrounds

N4668 County Road Vp

West Salem, WI — 608-786-4011

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters, or can be found online at <http://www.mtariders.com>

MTA Membership Application (please print clearly)

AMA # _____ (if you are a member)

Membership # _____
(For renewals only)

Member Name: _____
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Age)

Associate Name: _____
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Age)

Mailing Address
Street or P.O. Box: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Motorcycle Make/Model _____

How would you like the newsletter sent to you? By Internet _____ or by US Mail _____ please check one

Optional Emergency Road Service Program—Just \$28.00 Year (U.S. funds)

The following information is necessary for the Emergency Road Service Program. You can register as many bikes as you own (none older than 1980), but YOU MUST be the driver to be covered. Coverage expires on the expiration date of your membership. This program has no grace period. If an associate member drives their own bike and would like ERS coverage they must also pay the \$28.00 (U.S. fund) fee.

* Coverage is limited to the first \$100.00 of each tow. Certain restrictions apply.

	Year	Make	Model	License Plate #
Bike #1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bike #2	_____	_____	_____	_____

___ **NEW Membership** **1 year \$40.00 US funds** \$ _____
Includes Pin, Embroidered Patch, Membership Card, 6 issues of Motorcycle Roads as per new membership rules

___ **Renewing Membership** **1 Year \$20.00 US Funds** \$ _____
Includes Membership Card, downloadable Motorcycle Roads Newsletter.

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Includes Membership Card and a mailed copy of the Motorcycle Roads Newsletter.

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Must be sponsored by Full Member. Includes all of the above.

___ **Renewing Associate Membership** **1 Year \$5.00 US Funds** \$ _____

___ **Emergency Road Service (Only with Membership)** **\$28.00 year US funds** \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed (For overseas members only — add \$8.00 per year to cover extra mailing cost) \$ _____

Referred by (for recruiter credit) _____ **MTA #** (if known) _____

Method of Payment: ___ **Check or M.O.** ___ **Visa** ___ **Master Card**

Member Signature: _____ Associate Signature: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annual Tour Directory — MTA Fellow Pages

___ **Please include My Name and Telephone Number** ___ **Please Do Not List**
___ **Please Include My e-mail Address**

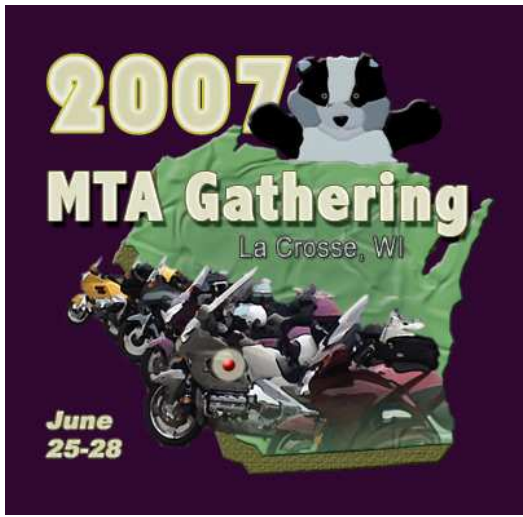
Additional Services I can provide to fellow members are:

___ **Pickup-Up Truck/Bike Trailer** ___ **Tent Space** ___ **Lodging** ___ **Tech 'N Tools**

Where did you hear about the MTA? _____

Will you be joining a Chapter? ___ **Yes** _____ **No** _____

(If yes, Name of Chapter)



June 25-28, 2007 LaCrosse, Wisconsin

BASIC REGISTRATION –
 Register today on-line at www.mtariders.com or complete this form and return by mail or fax. Price is \$49 for members and \$59 for non-members. Come ride the beautiful Rustic Roads, visit with old friends and make new ones. Basic registration includes admission to the event, pin, Thursday night dinner and entertainment, grand prize ticket and much more.

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WELCOME!

Rider's Name _____ MTA # _____ AMA # _____
 Passenger's Name _____ MTA # _____ AMA # _____
 Children (15 & under) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
(Entrance for children 15 & under is free, but must purchase meal ticket)
 Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Post. Code _____
 MTA Chapter Affiliation _____ Entering Bike Show? ____ Light Show? ____ Field Events? ____

For Trophy Competition, please check all categories applying for:

Youngest Driver: Male Female Age _____ Most Mature Driver: Male Female Age _____
 Longest Distance: Male Female Two-Up Largest Registered/Present Chapter: _____
 Direct Miles from home to La Crosse _____ Longest Distance Chapter (4+ members) _____

(Bikes must be ridden to the rally, not hauled, to be eligible)

Please read the following waiver of liability carefully: IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate in the 2007 MTA Gathering, THE UNDERSIGNED: 1. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the Motorcycle Touring Association, its officers, directors, management, officials, and/or volunteers assisting in the event, the sanctioning organization or any subdivision thereof, grounds operators, grounds owner, officials, promoters, sponsors, advertisers; owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event and each of them, their officers and employees, all for the purpose herein referred as releases, from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands thereon account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned is participating in this event: 2. THE UNDERSIGNED RIDER agrees that in order to participate in the event, he or she must possess a valid operators license and proof of personal injury and property damage liability insurance coverage. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER agrees that while participating in the events, he or she will not ride while under the influence of alcohol or any substance which affect the ability to operate or control his or her vehicle. 3. THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES that he or she will not use or operate any vehicle in violation or contravention of any City, County, State, Province, or Federal laws, statutes, ordinances or regulations and shall be personally liable for all fines and penalties for traffic law violations. 4. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities of the event can be dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or property damage. THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State/Province in which the event is operated in and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. 5. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Rider _____ **Passenger** _____ **Date** _____

Participants under 21 years of age: parent or legal guardian must sign:

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ **Date** _____

THIS FORM NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED AND DATED; BOTH SIDES MUST BE COMPLETED.
MAIL TO: MTA Gathering, N7068 County Road C · Casco, WI 54205; or FAX: 920-837-7325
After June 1, please bring form with you to register on site.

READ CAREFULLY: Registration changes, cancellations, refunds: Accepted in writing only, no phone calls please. **Cancellations:** If postmarked before May 15, 2007, a \$10 handling fee will be deducted and a refund check will be mailed 2 weeks after event. If post-marked between May 15 and June 1, no refund but full credit minus \$10 toward the 2008 event. After June 1, no refunds will be given; however, you can send a friend in your name.

Schedule Of Events

Registration and Optional Fees

(All fees in US Dollars)

Basic Pre-Registration (\$59 non-member)	\$49.00 x _____	\$ _____
Basic Post-Registration (\$64 non-member)	\$54.00 x _____	\$ _____
Day Pass (Mon, Tue, Wed)	\$19.00 x _____	\$ _____
Day Pass (Thur, includes dinner)	\$44.00 x _____	\$ _____
Poker Run	\$10.00 x _____	\$ _____
Extra Grand Prize Tickets (6 tickets per book)	\$20.00 x _____	\$ _____
50/50 Cash Draw (6 tickets per book) (3 winners - 25%, 15%, 10%)	\$ 5.00 x _____	\$ _____
Monday Evening Dinner Ride	\$12.00 x _____	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

EVENT MERCHANDISE - (Below order form must also be completed)
ORDER EARLY! QUANTITIES WILL BE LIMITED.
NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE RALLY.

Short Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15.00 x _____	\$ _____
(Size 2XL add \$1, size 3XL add \$3)	Size _____ Qty _____	
	Size _____ Qty _____	
	TOTAL	\$ _____
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Check / M.O. Enclosed VISA MASTERCARD

If sending check, please make payable to **MOTORCYCLE TOURING ASSOCIATION.**

CC# _____ Exp. _____

Cardholder Signature _____

CONFIRMATIONS WILL NOT BE SENT. Your registration packet will be available for you to pick up at the registration area. If you have a concern, please feel free to call the home office at 877-833-3687.

**ORDER EARLY! Quantities will be limited
and no orders will be taken at the Rally.**

Monday, June 25

12pm - 4pm Registration
5pm - 9pm Dinner ride

Tuesday, June 26

8am CMA Services
9am - 5pm Registration
9am Poker Run
9am Observation Run
9am Riding Seminar followed
by a short guided ride
All Day Self-Guided tours
7 - 9pm Opening Ceremonies
9pm Pie & Ice Cream

Wednesday, June 27

8am CMA Services
9am - 5pm Registration
9am Poker Run
9am Observation Run
9am Riding Seminar followed
by a short guided ride
All Day Self-Guided tours
10am Field Events
1pm - 3pm Bike Show
7pm MTA Business Meeting
After Dark Bike Light Show

Thursday, June 28

8am CMA Services
9am - 5pm Registration
9am Poker Run
9am Riding Seminar followed
by a short guided ride
All Day Self-Guided tours
5pm - 10pm Catered Dinner and
Grand Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 29

8am CMA Bike Blessing and
Farewell

Spring Check-Up



This was originally posted in the May/June 2005 edition of Motorcycle Roads. With Spring finally here, now seems to be a good time to get this information back out to everyone.

With the riding season upon us, your motorcycle should be in tip-top shape. If you maintain your motorcycle yourself, the following list will help prevent you from overlooking any minor problems, or at least catch them before they turn into major ones.

Battery—

Charge, wipe down, and fill with distilled water. If the battery is sulfated, cracked or dry, replace it.

Turn on the Switch—

Check lights and horn.

Fuel Tank—

Take a sniff of the fuel tank if it smells like old gym socks, dump it, but not in the street drains.

Carburetor Float Bowls—

If you didn't drain them after the last ride before putting away consider doing that also. Don't forget to clean the petcock screen or inline filter.

Air Filter—

Remove mouse nest and other foreign objects. If the mouse droppings have infiltrated the air filter replace it.

Spark Plugs—

If the spark plugs have more than a few thousand miles on them, install new ones.

Valves—

Check your owner's manual for information on when to adjust the valves.

Throttle Cables—

Make sure they snap back to idle as soon as you release them. If they bind, are stiff or sticky, do what you must to fix them.

- If your bike has a water pump, check the coolant level and use a hydrometer to assess its condition.

Clutch and Brake Cables—

Both should operate smoothly. If they don't, lube and adjust them. If they still are hard to operate, replace them. Hydraulic hoses—inspect for cracks, leaks and chaffing. Repair or replace them.

Brake and Clutch Master cylinder—

If they look like they're full of mud, flush them out with fresh fluid. (All brake fluids should be changed at least ever other year.)

Forks—

Place bike on its center stand or otherwise jack it up so the front wheel is off the ground and the forks are free to rotate. Rotate from side to side with the handlebars. The forks should move smoothly and easily. If the steering head bearings feel notched then it's replacement time. Next, center the fork in the straight-ahead position and release the bars. The forks should fall to one side or the other. If they don't, cable drag may be preventing it or the bearings may be overly tight. Give the forks a gentle nudge. If the forks continue on their way, fine.

Front Wheel—

Grab front wheel at 12 and 6 o'clock positions. Push the top away from you while pulling on the bottom towards you. If there is any

play in the wheel bearing, that's how you find it. If no movement is apparent, you're in good shape.

Front Tire—

Check both thread depth and pressure. Make sure the sidewalls haven't cracked. Tires should be replaced when either the wear bars are close to or on the surface or when thread depth is 1/16th of an inch (the thickness of the edge of a penny).

- If you have wire wheels, you should check the spokes. Tap each spoke one at a time. That way you can tell which one is loose.

Rear Tire—

Get rear tire in the air and check shocks for any leaks. Take a look at the linkage. Grab the rear wheel at the 9 o'clock position with one hand, place the other on the rear sub frame. Try to move the wheel from side to side to check the swing arm bearings. Check the rear tire bearings, tire and spokes just like the front one

Drive Shaft—

At some point you may want to pull the rear wheel and lube up the wheel hub splines. A good time to do this is when replacing the rear tire.

Give the bike a once over look—

Check all the nuts and bolts, including the motor mount and anything that might be loose. Double check your primary fluids, engine oil, coolant and transmission, drive shaft and rear end. Switch on and fire up. Once it is fully awake, check the carb adjustment and timing.

- Hard starting, poor or erratic idling and a rough-running engine are signs that something's amiss in the motor. If that's the case, you'll want to check it out.

Oil and filter—

Once the engine is up to temp, take a little ride. When you return, change the oil and filter.

Wash and wax.

Remember—if you haven't been on the bike for a while, go easy for the first few rides. Stretch out the kinks and keep your wits about you.

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