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## E-Newsletter - August 2011

### Mid-State Poker Run Is This Sunday

The Mid-State chapter is holding its annual Poker Run at Burchfield Park in Holt on Sunday, July 31. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Deer Run Shelter and proceeds benefit the Mid-State chapter. Last year, all participants went home with great prizes from our many sponsors!

Cost is \$15 for a single lap (1 "hand" of poker) and \$25 for two laps. [Preregister for the Burchfield Time Trial](#) (October 2, 2011), and you'll receive a \$5 discount on your Poker Run entry.

Watch the [Mid-State forum](#) and [Facebook event listing](#) for more details.

### Championship Point Series Update

By Dennis Murphy

We have now passed Race #6 and upcoming events remaining in the series are:

- Race #7—[Maybury Chapter Benefit](#), Saturday, August 20
- Race #8—[Addison Oaks Fall Classic](#), Sunday, September 11
- Race #9—[Pando Challenge](#), Sunday, September 25

Review points series standings on the [MMBA Championship Point Series](#) page.

### Hosting a Stihl Chainsaw Safety Course

By Diane Ursu

The Northern Chapter held a Chainsaw Safety Course on May 22, presented by a Stihl Territory Manager. The course included information about chainsaw safety, care, and equipment. This course was very interesting, even for those who have never used a chainsaw. Those who attended the course received certification.

Chapters interested in holding a Chainsaw Safety Course may request a training session by inquiring at a local dealer,

## August Calendar of Events

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6 - [Dual Slalom Build Day - Stony Creek](#)

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20 - [Addison Adventure Jam](#)

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20 - [DNR's Foster Family Event](#)

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20 - [Maybury Time Trial Metro-South Chapter Benefit Race](#)

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28 - [Stony Creek XC](#)

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visiting the [Stihl website](#), or contacting Susan Pence of Bryan Equipment at [susanp@bryanequipment.com](mailto:susanp@bryanequipment.com).

According to Bryan Equipment Sales Territory Manager Michael Witkowski, discounts for non-profit entities are available within the Bryan territory (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia & portions of Tennessee). They are available for any wholegood (serialized unit) and accessories that are purchased in groups of \$100 or more at a time. Additional information and specifics should be discussed with a local dealer. Discounts may be available elsewhere, but may be different. Contact your local dealership for details.

Use the following to locate your nearest STIHL dealer: [www.stihldealers.com](http://www.stihldealers.com) or [www.stihlusa.com](http://www.stihlusa.com). Dealers that have the Elite and/or Master Wrench emblems have made significant investments and have some of the best technicians in the business.

### Volunteers Needed for DNR's Foster Family Event at Bald Mountain

By Steve Kinley

The DNR is pairing up with the Department of Human Services to host a foster families event on August 20 at Bald Mountain from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. This event is designed to make the situation of children meeting their foster families less awkward and help them bond over recreational activities. They hope that the families create new memories together and continue visiting the state parks and recreation areas in Michigan. There will be a variety of activities for the families to try throughout the day, so they can try a little of everything.

The MMBA Mountain Kids will bring the bike trailer so the families can mountain bike at the Bald Mountain trail. There is a bike trail right by the beach where the event will be held and the bike trailer parked.

We need volunteers to assist the DNR, size kids on the bikes, and escort them and their families around the park. Please contact Steve Kinley at [skin19@comcast.net](mailto:skin19@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

### 2011 Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association Racing Season Begins August 28

By Steve Kinley

The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association's (MiSCA) mountain bike racing series for 2011 begins August 28th with the Stony XC put on by Tailwind Racing. MiSCA-registered clubs and students are eligible to earn MiSCA medals and

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compete for college scholarships in the five-race series.

### 2011 MiSCA Race Schedule

- Aug 28: Stony XC, Shelby Twp.
- Sep 11: Addison XC, Leonard, MI
- Sep 25: Pando XC, Rockford, MI
- Oct 2: Burchfield Park, Holt, MI
- Oct 9: LOHS MiSCA Championship, Lake Orion, MI, sponsored by Cannondale

All races are open to any student. MiSCA club membership is not required.

Raffle tickets for two Cannondale Trail 5 mountain bikes will be sold to help fund the college scholarships. Tickets are \$10 for two chances to win and are available at most races. Look for the MiSCA tent.

Visit the [MiSCA website](#) for more information.

### Burchfield Time Trial: Sunday, October 2, 2011

The Mid-State chapter and MiSCA are hosting a new race this year! On Sunday, October 2, join both youth and adult racers for the Burchfield TT at Burchfield Park in Holt. The 10 to 12-mile course includes twisty, technical sections and a few areas with fast, sweeping turns, plus new sections of the trail added within the past year!

Registration is available through BikeReg.com. Youth racers, including those participating in MiSCA, may choose from varsity (sport), JV (beginner) or middle school classes for \$15. Adult racers may choose from A (sport/expert), B (beginner/clydesdale) or female classes for \$20. Find more information at the [Mid-State forum](#) or the [Mid-State Chapter website](#).

This event is held under the USA Cycling event permit.

### Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association and the MMBA Receive National Press

By Steve Kinley

The United States Cycling Association published an article profiling the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association (MiSCA) and their affiliation with the MMBA: "[How one man gave scholastic mountain bike a presence in Michigan](#)." The article details the birth of MiSCA and its mission to bring scholastic cycling programs to Michigan schools, as well as the MMBA's assistance with the development of the program.

USA Cycling is the official governing body for all disciplines of competitive cycling in the U.S.—road, track, mountain bike, BMX, and cyclocross. With more than 70,000 members, the organization also ensures a bright future for American cycling by identifying talent and developing young athletes into successful professionals who ultimately earn Olympic and world championship medals.

### **Newsletter Submissions**

By Diane Ursu

Please send newsletter submissions for your MMBA event to [communications@mmba.org](mailto:communications@mmba.org) by August 20 (that means you can send info for your September events, now). You must write it yourself (newsletter volunteers will not compose blurbs). Please keep submissions to 250 words or less.

### **MMBA Online Membership and Corporate Sponsorship Information**

By Diane Ursu

Keep track of your MMBA membership by visiting [membership.mmba.org](http://membership.mmba.org). By logging in, you can

- view information about your past and present membership cycles;
- renew your membership;
- edit your information including your address and chapter affiliation;
- view previous electronic communications;
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