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### IMBA Chapter Transitions

By Diane Ursu

Several chapters have completed their conversion into the International Mountain Bicycling Association's (IMBA) Chapter Program:

- Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association (CRAMBA) - formerly Metro North
- Mid-Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMMBA) - formerly Mid-State
- Northern Michigan Mountain Biking Association (NMMBA) - formerly Northern and Northeast
- West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance (WMMBA) - formerly Western

Members of these chapters may now join or renew their memberships at [www.imba.com/join](http://www.imba.com/join). The IMBA Chapter Program eases the burden of administrative tasks on chapter and state board members. This allows chapters to focus more on local advocacy issues and the state board to focus more on state advocacy issues. In short, we can direct our attention toward protecting our current trails and building new trails instead of focusing on all of the legal burdens associated with running a non-profit organization.

Corporate sponsors may continue to support statewide advocacy efforts by signing up at [membership.mmba.org](http://membership.mmba.org). Corporate sponsorships at the IMBA level will support international efforts.

### Stony Creek Mountain Bike Skills Park Trail Day

By Dave Shall

Please join us at the Stony Creek Mountain Bike Skills Park Sunday, October 2 at 10 a.m. to finish the new Dual Slalom Race Course. We hope that this will be our last heavy dirt moving workday for the year. The top one-third and bottom one-third of the course are rideable. With a good turnout, we can finish that middle third! Bring bikes because we will need crash test dummies, err, I mean, test pilots to help hone things in. Visit our [Facebook page](#) or contact Dave Schall at [schalljd@gmail.com](mailto:schalljd@gmail.com).

Trail 6 MTB for only \$10

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**October**  
**Calendar of Events**

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1 - [Cannon Township Trail Day](#)

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2 - [Burchfield Time Trial](#)

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9 - [River Bends Trail Day](#)

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9 - [MiSCA State Championship](#)

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18 - CRAMBA Chapter Meeting

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**Burchfield Time Trial**

The Mid-Michigan Mountain Biking Association (formerly 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 Time Trial at Burchfield Park in Holt. The 10 to

12-mile course includes twisty, technical sections and fast, sweeping turns. The course also includes new sections of trail added within the past year!

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.

This event is held under the USA Cycling event permit.

- [Register for the Burchfield Time Trial](#)
- [Visit the MMMBA Facebook Page](#)
- [Visit the Burchfield Time Trial Forum thread with questions or comments](#)

**River Bends Trail Day**

By Steve Vigneau

Want to get involved in building the next segment of trail at River Bends? We have approval to build new trail and we need your help to keep things moving! The new segment is expected to be 1.5 miles long. With enough volunteer help, we will be able to get it done.

Please join us at noon on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the River Bends trailhead. Bring/wear work gloves, boots, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, hat, bug spray, water, and anything you think you might need. Best to be prepared.

The CRAMBA (formerly Metro North) trailer will be on site so tools will be available, but if you have personal favorites, feel free to bring them. Useful tools include rakes (garden, possibly leaf), loppers, and pulaskis.

 Burchfield Time Trial

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Please RSVP to Steve Vigneau at [c0nsumer@nuxx.net](mailto:c0nsumer@nuxx.net). Visit the [forum thread](#) or [Facebook page](#) with questions or for more information.

### **Feedback Needed for Possible New Park in Northville**

Feedback is needed for a new park opportunity in Northville. [Visit the forum thread](#) for details.

### **Championship Point Series 2011**

By Dennis Murphy

The 2011 Championship Points Series closed with the Pando Challenge on September 25. Any disputes with the CPS standings must be submitted by November 14, 2011. This gives a solid 30+ day window for people to review their points. Look for points updates on the [CPS web page](#). Remember, disputes about position in an event must be sent to the appropriate race promoter or director for that specific race. The CPS committee does not oversee specific race disputes. Once disputes are processed, we will begin ordering trophies.

In order for your points to count for the CPS series, you need to have registered on BikeReg.com with the Championship Point Series *event*. Registration for individual races via BikeReg or otherwise did not count as SERIES registration. The date you registered is important. If you register on or before a given event's date, the most recent race would also have been counted toward your total CPS points.

[Click here to view the 2011 CPS Points tabulation.](#)

### **Championship Point Series 2012**

By Dennis Murphy

What's up for 2012?

There were a few bumps along the way for a small number of racers, but we will continue to use BikeReg as our registration database for the series tabulation. The early season events at Yankee Springs and Fort Custer use BikeReg for race registration, making series registration on BikeReg more convenient.

The CPS will probably need to eliminate the "must be an MMBA member" element from the series rules. This is suggested for a number of reasons:

1. the IMBA club transition will no longer give the CPS

- committee easy access to registration information;
2. some areas of the state may not participate in the IMBA program but still have an active mountain bike organization which may or may not be "MMBA";
  3. the schedule will most likely be the same, but some ideas that may enhance the series are under consideration.

A cursory look at the race results seems to indicate increased attendance at most of the events. Thank you, racers, for making this possible.

At a later date, a thread will be created in the [MMBA racing forum](#) which will solicit ideas for 2012. We have done this in the past and had great feedback. While all ideas cannot be incorporated, we appreciate the feedback.

Thank you for a great season, and thanks to all the racers who pointed out errors in our tabulations. We appreciate the oversight since the entry is largely a manual process and mistakes do happen.

Expect the 2012 CPS registration to open in November or December after the new schedule is completed.

### **MiSCA Gains Student Racers for the 2011 Season**

By Steve Kinley

Now in its second season, the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association has experienced a large gain in both registered clubs and students, compared with its inaugural 2010 season. The first two races this year saw increases in riders 11 to 18 by 25% and 38% compared to the same races in 2010. The number of clubs has more than tripled. As the race series moves west, it will bring the MiSCA message to other areas with the potential of recruiting additional teams and riders outside the Metro Detroit area.

### **MiSCA State Championship Race October 9**

By Steve Kinley

The final race of the MiSCA 2011 season will be held October 9 at Lake Orion High School. The demanding 7.5-mile course is a fitting challenge for determining the Varsity Male and Female Champions, each of whom will be awarded \$1,000-college scholarships, sponsored by Cannondale and Michigan Youth Cycling. While the scholarships are only awarded to MiSCA-registered students, the races are open to anyone under the age of 19.

## **Bicycle Swap Meet October 9**

By Steve Kinley

The MiSCA State Championships will host a swap meet on the Lake Orion High School grounds while the MiSCA races take place on October 9. Spaces are available on race day. No preregistration is required. We are asking for a \$10 donation to MiSCA for spots. Vendors must bring their own table and/or tents for the swap meet, which will be held outdoors from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

## **Brand New Cannondale Trail 6 MTB for only \$10**

By Steve Kinley

While not technically for sale, you can buy a chance to win one of two Cannondale Trail 6 mountain bikes to be raffled off at the MiSCA Championship race on October 9. Tickets are only \$10 each and winners do not need to be present. MiSCA is selling tickets at all of the LOHS races, the Burchfield Time Trial, and the MiSCA Championship. Area MiSCA clubs may also have tickets available. MiSCA will draw two tickets. Not many tickets have been purchased, so your odds of winning a new bike are good! [Click here to view the Cannondale Trail 6 mountain bike.](#)

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