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MI-TRALE NEWS

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From Under the Presidents Helmet

A News Letter Quick Update

The MI-TRALE board of directors would like to thank everyone that was able to attend the 2014 MI-TRALE Annual Banquet on October 04, 2014 held at Twilley's in Bruce Crossing, Michigan. You had the opportunity to personally meet and talk to the owners and managers of the property that we are allowed to use for our recreational sport. Owners/Partners in attendance were:

JR Richardson – Representing the Michigan DNR
Brian Glodowski – Representing Keweenaw Land
Howard Lindberg – Representing Plum Creek
Guy Longhini – Representing J&A Penegor
Linda Jackson – Representing the Ottawa National Forest

We enjoyed the social time from 5:00 to about 6:15, which provided time for everyone to get to know our guests (Partners). During this time a slide show was being run that provided an overview of the many MI-TRALE events, and activities that took place during the year.

After the dinner was completed, the evening's program began, with Howard Lindberg providing an interesting overview of Plum Creek and providing some prizes after correct answers were given to his questions.

This was followed by a presentation given by Brian Glodowski on history Keweenaw Land. Who would have guessed that Keweenaw Land was started by a land grant made in payment for work done on the Portage Canal in about 1865!

The final presentation was Don Helsel, MI-TRALE President, providing a brief slide show of the work that MI-TRALE has done in 2014. It has been a great year for MI-TRALE. All new low maintenance signage installed on our 520 miles of trail, an outstanding, first of its kind, multi-use trails guide published, and a long list of events and projects completed.

Mr. Helsel then presented the 2014 awards:

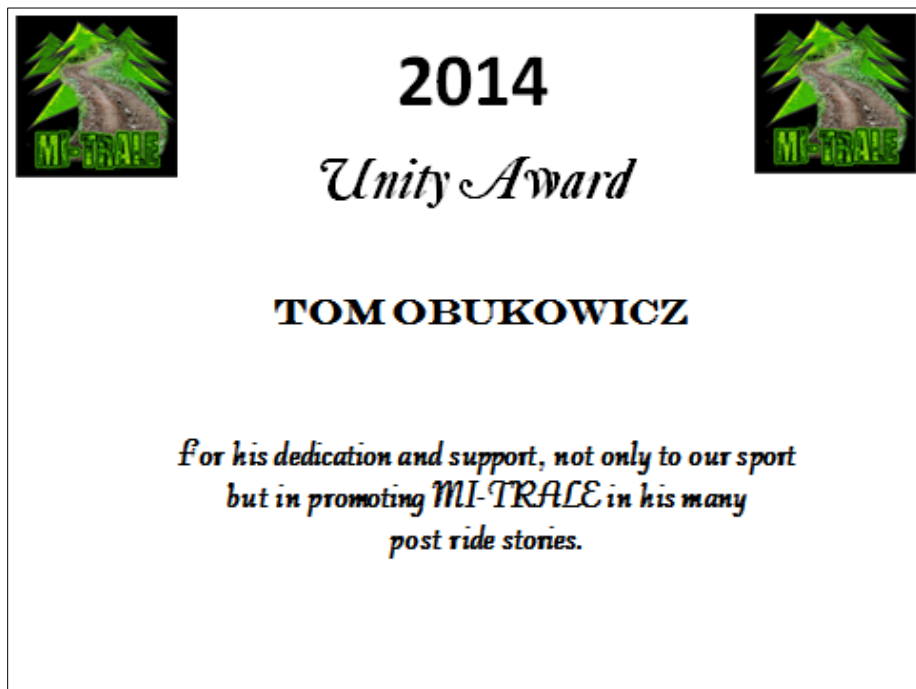
CP2R : Marv and Jane Westerdahl, Liane & LEE Sadler, and Mike Bolt. About 500 miles of riding required to earn this award

Partner Recognition Award: A first for this award. This is to recognize the partners and partnerships that MI-TRALE has that allow for our recreational sport to exist and grow. We felt that it is too easy to forget these relationships and the people involved. Here is an example of the plaque handed out.



Mr. Helsel then presented the Unity Award. Usually this goes to a group or company that that has provided the opportunity for people to work together. This year is different. It was provided to an individual for sharing their riding experiences on our trails with others. Not just to MI-TRALE members, but to others that share his passion of riding. His stories are of rain, snow, and dust, but they always end on a high note and wanting to go again.

Unity Award: Tom Obukowicz



The last and most important award is the President's Award. This award is presented to the person or persons that over the last year have made a significant and positive impact on MI-TRALE. In short, they have made a difference.

President's Award: Linda Schulz



I want to thank everyone involved with MI-TRALE this past year for your support. Without your involvement we could not accomplish what we do, and without your membership we would not have the reason or the means to do it. We ask that you continue to support us in the future and invite your friend to become members.

Thank you
Donald Helsel
President, MI-TRALE

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Interested in Geocaching?

Contact one of us:

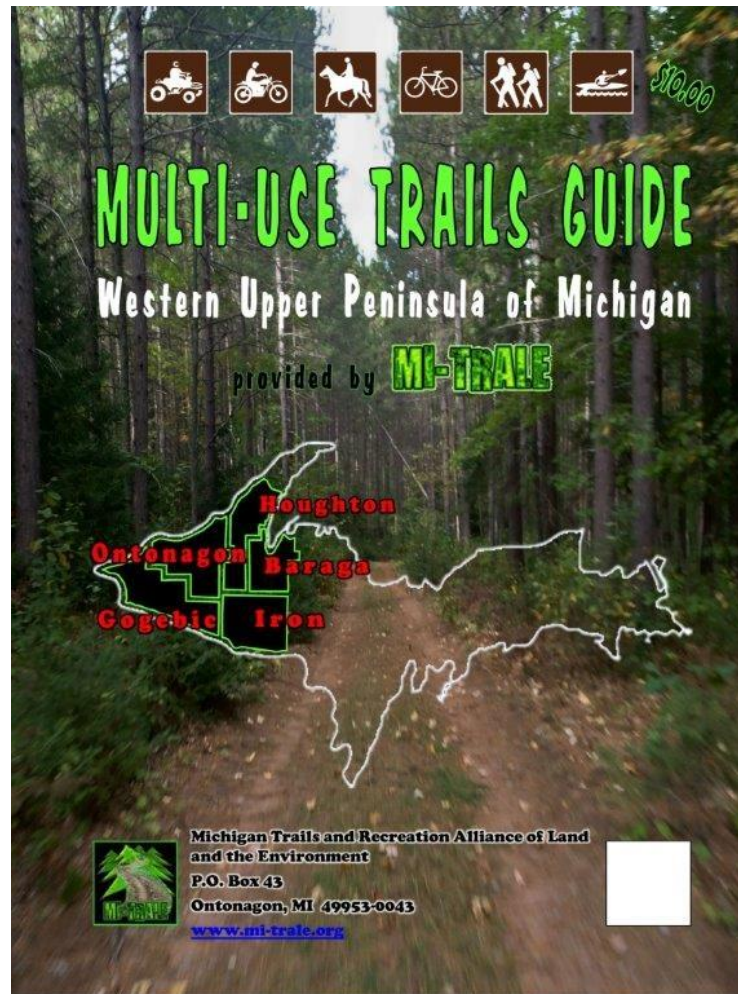
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A BIG Thank You! to all who helped keep our trails safe and maintained! We couldn't have the trails we do without all of you!
Sincerely your Trail Manager,
Mike Schulz mike@runningbearresort.com

IT'S HERE!! IT'S HERE!!



Great Christmas Gift {hint, hint}

This is a 142 page guide for multiple types of trail users, of which 89 are detailed maps including Ottawa Forest trails, DNR Trails, club trails, horse trails, mountain bike, hiking and water trails! There is a list of sights to see along the trails, a trip planner with loops mapped out and information on lodging, dining and services and so much more. You will be proud to own one, and don't forget to purchase one as a fine Christmas present for the trail riders on your list.

We are taking mail orders now. We also will have a list of locations where you can buy the guide on the website.

+++MEMBERSHIP MAP PURCHASE SPECIAL+++

All current memberships will have a 1 time opportunity to purchase one Guide Book for ½ price, that's right only \$5.00 plus shipping.

Contact Map Postmaster Dave Bishop @ 906-884-6617

Do you have some Cool Riding photos you'd like to share? MITRALE is in need of new photos for use in promotional items and the Newsletter. Send them to Janet at:
MITRALE.PR@GMAIL.COM

MDNR Multi-Use Routes & Horses

Equestrians have use of the multi-use routes maintained by MI-TRALE and are found in the trail guide book:

Bill Nicholls Route
Ottawa East Connector Route
Sidnaw-Bergland Route
Iron River-Marenisco Route

These routes are open to other uses including motor vehicle travel, ATV's, ORV's, motorcycles, hikers and mountain bikes so be prepared and stay alert!
www.michigan.gov/dnr

*Next
Newsletter
deadline is
12/4/14.*

Dates to Remember, Volunteering & Fun!

Changing your Email address?

Don't forget to let MI-TRALE know!

Please notify the membership director. For membership applications and more information, Please contact MI-TRALE Membership Chair Cindy Grams 906-886-2940



If you are missing any newsletters, they can be found here:

<http://mi-trale.org/club-news/newsletter/>

November 4 Board Meeting Ewen Centennial Hall



All meeting dates can be found on our website at: www.Mi-trale.org

Horse Facts & Trivia:

Horses cannot breathe through their mouths.

A horse's age can usually be accurately determined by its teeth until the horse is about 9 years old.

Horses produce approximately 10 gallons of saliva a day.

The average horse's heart weighs approximately 9 or 10 pounds.

The smallest breeds are the Falabellas of Argentina. The tallest breed is the Shire, from England.

There are over 300 different breeds of horses and ponies around the world.

It is estimated that there are about 750 million horses in the world.



MI-TRALE Newsletter has a new Editor!

Janet Miesbauer will be accepting your news & events at the new email address for the MI-TRALE Newsletter:

MITRALE.PR@GMAIL.COM

Please send Janet your submissions.

WE NEED TRAIL SPOTTERS!

A trail spotter is someone who will ride the trails throughout the season, especially after storms or strong winds and report back to us if there are downed trees or problem areas. The spotter can also remove the downed trees if they are capable. We need some one from the Iron River or Watersmeet area to check the IM trail which runs between these two towns. We have other trails we need help with also, call Mike if you are interested 906-827-3208