

WMTA GAZETTE



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Photo by D. Elle

From the Trail Head

by Dennis Tipsword

Wow, it is hard to believe we are almost closing out the summer. It seems like just yesterday, I was taking off the snow blade and storing the ice scrapers for the year. Since we have not seen much in the way of summer, what will our next month be like. The weatherman, half joking, stated that the "dog days" will arrive in the fall! It's going to be an unusual year to say the least!

It was great to see so many of our membership and their families at the last two events. The weather had been perfect for trail riding. Welcome! new members, and so glad you can enjoy the 2009 events with us. In a horrible economy, I thought we would struggle to get people to attend our functions. The membership seems to be holding steady. I think people are staying closer to home and attendance to our events has increased. This year the club has added a couple of events that seem to be well received.

I am grateful that we have good people stepping up to sit on the board. The key positions filled will move the club forward, and make a lighter load! Speaking of lighter loads, thanks to workbee volunteers: Dale and Marilyn Steele, Jim O'Hara, Tony, Amy and Brian Bell, Marcia Tipsword, Joe Dubay, Larry and Denise Wolf for scraping and painting the shed and sponsor board. Bob and Nancy Plotzke stopped by the see how things were going. When the work was complete, the park superintendent appeared on cue! Doug complimented us on a job well done. Thanks in advance, to all the volunteers throughout this year. No man is an island.

As the painting work was in progress, two of us went to fix the rails on the first bridge. Unfortunately, when Larry Wolf and I inspected the railings, we discovered this was not a quick fix. This project required much more manpower and materials than we were prepared for. Our next work bee will focus on replacing the rails. Also, hopefully we have enough volunteers to build one more mounting block by the proposed campsite. With any luck,

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WMTA Work Bee Schedule

July 26 Sunday 10 a.m.
Sept. 13 Sunday 10 a.m.
TBS -Mowing Schedule 10a.m.
Construction of trail
obstacles: Aug. 22,
10:00a.m.