



April 2010 Newsletter

Happy spring! Great news! A new well is being installed at the horse park this May. It will be put at the trail head near the pavilion. If the old well cannot continue to be used, it will be capped.

Other great news from Dick Kleinhart, the president of Pigeon River & Beyond-Back Country Horsemen of Michigan. Governor Granholm signed into law the Right to Ride legislation. Attached are the bills to read and keep for your records. Please remember they are tie-barred together. Thanks again so much for all your efforts in calling, letter writing, attending hearings-testifying and being a known presence in Lansing this past year. They received many compliments from the legislators on how our group was to work with. They enjoyed it when we came to town. You all did make a difference. But, now remember that our work is far from finished-we need you all to stay united to help us achieve success with what we have accomplished thus far. The long journey has just begun to get our state back on the right track.

[SB 578 - Senate Enrolled.pdf](#) [HB 4610 - House Enrolled.pdf](#)

More big news. Recreation Passport Replaces State Park Sticker. The Recreation Passport is Michigan's solution for funding your favorite recreation destinations, and it begins October 1, 2010. Instead of spending \$24 for an annual motor vehicle permit or boating access permit, you will now be asked to support the Recreation Passport with a \$10 fee when renewing your vehicle registration with the Secretary of State. When you opt-in, your \$10 will do so much more than get you into the state parks. Entering a park without opting-in will result in paying a Recreation Passport fee of up to \$20 or could result in a \$100 fine. The Recreation Passport legislation was created to prevent drastic cuts to park and forest programs-and it will take the support for outdoor enthusiasts like you to make the idea a reality. Opt-in on every vehicle you register to support green spaces and recreation in your community and throughout Michigan. View the complete legislation at michigan.gov/stateparks or call 517-373-9900.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian urges Michigan citizens to be pro-active and have their pets and livestock vaccinated against rabies and other diseases after confirmation that a horse in Lapeer County tested positive for rabies. It is essential pet and livestock owners take steps to vaccinate against rabies and other diseases because of the possibility of human exposure to the disease from interaction with infected horses, cattle, dogs, and cats.

A note from Dr. John McIlmurray of Metamora, states that a horse in Lapeer County tested positive for rabies. The horse was euthanized and sent to MSU for testing. A veterinarian as well as four other people were exposed to the horse and are going through the rabies treatment. In November 2009 a person died of rabies in northern Michigan.

For the latest information on rabies visit michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

All of us at OREA want to give a big thank you to Robin Bobek who has resigned as our secretary. She has done a wonderful job for many years and her hard work over the years is appreciated. We will miss you Robin. You have been a very important and productive member and volunteer to OREA. Again thank you so much for all you have done. We wish you the very best.

Welcome to Sue Peters our new vice president. Sue has a great personality and will be a great asset to OREA. We look forward to working with you.

Here is our events calendar:

May 15th-CMO Ride. (Rain date: May 16th)-----contact-Steve Kiem:

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May 29th-Poker Ride (Rain date: May 30th)-----contact-Tamra Hartwig:

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June 19th-Ride for the Troops-----contact-Tamra Hartwig:

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September 18th-Judge Trail (Rain date-September 19th)-----contact-Robin Bobek:

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September 25th-Celebration of the Horse Parade-contact Lise Mouthaan:

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October 16th-Harvest Festival (Rain date=October 23rd)---contact-Sue

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We would also like to remind you to please renew your memberships. The only way we can keep making improvements on the park and trails is by your membership dues and the fundraisers OREA puts on every year.

OREA meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month in the DNR office at the Hadley/Metamora Recreation Area off Herd Rd. All members are welcome and encouraged to come to our meetings. If you need to contact anyone about OREA, here are names, phone numbers, and e-mails, or you can go to our website at www.hadleyhills.com.

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