

MVTR August Meeting 2010

The August 2010 MVTR Meeting began at about 20:14 following the last Rocky Mountain Weekend Committee meeting prior to the event. Attendance was noticeably down with conjecture being offered as to that being a result of vacations or perhaps there having been no pizza at last month's meeting.

Freedom Cycle

First on the agenda was a survey re: PARTS by Freedom Cycle followed by announcements that a) the new KTM 350 SX should be here by Saturday and b) Brooks Hamilton will be at the 1 September MVTR meeting (hint - as in pre-meeting ride) as the area KTM representative.

Trail Rider

Trail Rider Magazine is now running under its new management/editor/owner Kevin Novello. We wish him much success in the venture. Already we have seen changes. Art and Jim were recently involved with testing and providing input about some of the new 2011 bikes. The now retired Trail Rider owner/editor/etc. is reportedly finishing up preparations before hopping on a DL 650 and heading out for a long ride.

Election of Officers

This would likely fit well under the heading of Short and Sweet. With no one expressing interest in taking on any of the positions available a nomination was made to continue on unchanged. Was there a vote? I don't recall as I was unsuccessfully scanning the room looking for anyone who might consider taking up the position of Scribe.

Enduros

Tuck reported that he has continued to do well although Rick had to bail him out last week on some route sheet and computer issues. Rick reported on the Mudslinger, which this year had 99 entries, cooperation from Mother Nature, speed changes and an apparent change in organizational mind set. Tuck was unable to continue his winning (1) streak at Rocktoberfast as Mike squeezed by him to take first in class.

Hop-Ev Wednesdays

There have been a fair number of riders showing up for Wednesday evening rides at Hop-Ev. More club riders are welcome and encouraged; any skill level can be accommodated (though I hear that it might be best NOT to let Tom convince you that there is nothing to it re: the River Loop). Check the weekly who is riding Hop-Ev thread on NEDB or just show up between mid-afternoon and 17:30. The odds are good that most there will be from MVTR, if you don't recognize anyone, just ask.

Hop-Ev

The bridges have been sufficiently repaired/rebuilt to open all the trails. More work remains on some of the railings and low/fallen branches continue to be a problem. Jim asked that if you encounter a problem fix it as best as possible and/or get word to him so that it can be addressed.

Jericho Lake Park

There has been a fair amount of work already completed by a few individuals to get some new single track opened up in Jericho. The present stumbling block seems to be bridges, a few are needed and there isn't currently an avenue for the funding to be obtained/processed. Far from a stopping point, a number of people are working on how to keep things moving ahead and insure that there will be single track to ride there as soon as possible.

The Sea Coast National Enduro

The SeaCoast Trail Riders will be hosting their National Enduro in just 2 weeks (the fact that it starts in less than 18 hours shows how late I am in getting this summary assembled). The all off-road (with road crossings) course is being described as more technical than most Hare Scrambles while being more open than most regional Enduros. I hate to quote it but fast and fun was used in the description. As of meeting time they had 375 pre-entries thus far, the event will be capped at 500 riders (5 per line).

Rocky Mountain Weekend

There have been a number of work parties up at the Rocky. Shawn estimated that he had 20 volunteers each day last weekend, enough help that he (and they) cut even more new trail for the race. Andy said that the Jr. course was about 6.4 miles long with the mini approaching 3. Check and sweep riders are still needed as well as clean-up crews for Sunday. Much of the equipment and supplies has already been transported up there, some of us will be moving up beginning tomorrow, join us! The Rocky Mountain Weekend is the only event that we hold each year which (hopefully) makes money for the club, all members are encouraged to participate in some way, be it racing, officiating, picking up or just coming up to enjoy the movies under the stars on Saturday Night (bring along a chair). The two priorities for our 2010 edition are to maintain a First Quality event and (hopefully, this year) end up on the plus side of the debit sheet. Tee shirts will be available for sale at the event, after sales, they will be awarded to working volunteers and club members. The silk screens have been saved so that more can be ordered to insure no one gets left out. See you up there!