

4 June 2008

June MVTR Meeting

The meeting was called to order @ 20:12. A brief review from the May meeting told that elections were held, during which Tom, Jon and I were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary respectively. Art is taking on the responsibility for membership to give Dave Frasier a well-earned break. Lynn and Andy Anthony will be tackling the task of keeping the treasury in order much to the relief of Michelle and Doug McKinnon. Many thanks are due to these recently retired officers for their combined decades of service to the club, if you find the newfound free time hard to fill just let us know, well think of something..

A reminder was made to riders that the new OHRV stickers are not out yet. One of our members went the extra mile to research this and learned that the fine for not having a sticker is now \$120! That said, we have Rally Permits in place for the Classic and the two club rides that will take place next week. Under the permit an OHRV sticker is not required but registration and inspection are still needed.

CLASSIC STUFF

Registration will be up and running Friday afternoon, closing promptly at 20:00. Suzukis Rodney Smith is scheduled to arrive early enough to attend the Kids Classic Riders Meeting held @ 19:00 on Friday.

Trail Boss John said the Northern Loop was mostly arrowed, problems caused by some less than exemplary behavior last year nearly cost us 10 miles this year but that was averted at the last minute. There will be Course Marshals posted in several locations this year to try and keep riders on good behavior in sensitive areas since those who didn't recognize the need to use control near houses also could not read the SLOW signs. Riders will need to reach Reset 4 by 12:15 in order to not be detoured away from Devils Den and directly to the lunch stop. John offered his opinion that the only really hard Hero section was the one on Rocky Mountain, and that dust may be a factor on some road sections.

The Banquet is set for 18:00 on Saturday; the tent will be open to all after the meal to allow everyone to enjoy the presentations and viewing of the pre-release version of the 2008 Classic Video. A reminder that **NO outside alcohol** may be brought into the tent, the caterer has to operate under NH Liquor Commission rules and this is one of them. After the video and presentations the auction will be held.

The Southern Loop will be our first test of Tuckers Ribbon Theory of Navigation; there will be **minimal** use of arrows. The theory is fairly straightforward but does work best for those that **read and follow the route sheet**. In brief, ribbons are kept on the riders right (OK, I can already see some of you having problems), two ribbons will be hung at intersections where a turn is to be made (Ts are not ribboned because it should be obvious that you have to make a turn), riders need only look to see whether a ribbon has been hung on the left or right trail to know which way to go. Arrows will be placed at Resets and Hero sections. The choice to use ribbons was made for two reasons, first to avoid conflict with mountain bike tracks, which shared some sections of trail and secondly to improve our ability to run under the radar of those who do not want us using their woods.

The Big Bike Rally Trail Boss, Jeff Barr gave a very succinct report, It's all set.

There will be informal groups helping at the track and in Alton. If you have any free time available please stop by even if only for an hour. Friday afternoon and evening as well as Saturday morning are always busy times, stop in, look for someone you recognize or who is wearing an event shirt. Help is always welcome!

Despite it not being Bike Week following the Classic this year there will once again be two mid-week rides for MVTR members and invited guests. Tuesdays ride will begin at Jim Nash's (following breakfast at the Intervale Pancake House) @0900. Though not leading this year's ride, Jim said the loop would be 70-80 miles including some new trail. Thursdays ride will begin at Jolly Roger. Steve says that it's between 60 and 90 miles, they will again split into a fast group and a slow group but he expects both to finish about the same time (as usual). Each ride will be followed by a BBQ (donations gratefully accepted).

EVERYTHING ELSE

The next MVTR big Project will be the fast approaching Rocky Mountain Weekend. Scheduled for 26 & 27 July, there will be a Jr. Enduro and PeeWee Hare Scrambles on Saturday and the full Hare Scrambles program on Sunday. Factory Connection is again planning to be on-site with (hopefully, still in planning) a test circuit available on Saturday afternoon for riders to get their adjustments tuned. Scorbordz/HRP are expected as well.

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