

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES  
Freedom Cycle - Concord 2 September 2015

President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with approximately 40 members present.

### **Ride Reports**

Andre Morois reported on his adventure at the Northeast 24 hour Challenge in New York. Some 200 teams competed over an 11.5 mile course with deep ruts, and a tight section through trees. Andre competed in the solo Ironman class, riding some 17 hours non-stop before crashing out. Completing 300 miles, he finished 5th out of 15 in his class. The winner road some 400 miles in 24 hours! Andre also reported that for these conditions a switch from a flat knobby back tire to a trials tire yielded a huge improvement on the uphill sections.

Chip Fredette and Tucker recently returned from the Colorado 500. Chip reported the riding and scenery as beyond incredible. Chip was awarded the rookie of year award out of 67 rookies.

Upcoming Ammo Turkey Run. A two-day event, Bruce Starer reported that Saturday's ride is in VT and Sunday in NH. New sections of trail this year. A steak dinner is available Saturday night for those who pre-register on the NETRA website.

### **Why Granite Gorge Ski Area won't work MVTR's Scramble replacement of the Rocky Scramble.**

There has been a lot of Facebook discussion about using this venue.

- The landowner is reluctant about making it available.
- About 1/3 of the trail recently used has been lost. A minimum of approximately 300 acres is required to yield the ideal 10+ miles of trail. Less mileage means more laps which beats up the land too much.
- Insufficient parking space - 6-7 acres minimum is required.

MVTR members are encouraged to keep their eyes open for potential Scramble venues.

### **Tristate Turkey Run**

This may be the last year it will get an event permit from NH Bureau of Trails/Fish and Game. The event starts at the Winchendon Rod and Gun Club in Massachusetts, and mostly utilizes the private Little Monadnock Family Trail system in south central NH. The proceeds benefit the out of state Rod and Gun club with no benefit to NH.

Captain John Wimsatt may soon be promoted out of Fish and Game.

## **MVTR Confession of Past Sins**

- Jericho State Park single track trail development. Several years ago MVTR made a commitment to the state to develop and maintain trail. Funds were applied for and received. The efforts were infrequent and insufficient. Credibility with the state was lost. Brian Harjula has resigned as the Trail Administrator for the project and Tom Levesque has assumed the responsibility.
- Trail Damage at Bear Brook State park from the NE Classic Charity Trail Ride. Mountain bikers have complained to the state about perceived damage. MVTR has completed the trail damage maintenance work. Although the actual trail damage claim was suspect, credibility with the state could have been lost should we not address the trails.
- Differences of opinion between the landowner and MVTR representatives led to the cancelation of the Rocky Mtn Scramble. Tucker believes if we repair the damage from the past events we may be able to return in 2016.
- Hopkinton Everett Recreation Area, trails built and maintained by MVTR. A recent land survey by a new adjacent land owner has revealed the portions of the River Loop Trail and possibly a part of Bassett Mill Trail stray from state/Army Corp land onto private property. So far the landowner hasn't closed it down and is in negotiation, but he is concerned about his liability.

## **Hopkinton Everett Recreation Area**

Trail Administrators Bruce and Sarah report:

- Flooding due to beaver dams is still causing the intermittent closure of a major trail connector. The state has made several efforts to remedy.
- An upcoming project will install 200 cinderblocks at Ghost Bridge on the Sugar Hill Trail.
- A long bridge will be built over a wet area on Hang Glider Trail. This trail also needs baby head rocks cleared from one section.
- The recently restored map kiosk in the parking lot was severely vandalized. If Bruce can find the culprits, he wants to prosecute them to the full extent of the law.
- Bruce and Sarah plan to resign as Trail Administrators effective 1 January 2016.

## **New Members**

- Thayer Eastman from Lowell, MA competes in vintage classes with an '86 XR250.
- Mason O'Conner from Merrimack rides turkey runs

## **Miscellaneous**

- This the last meeting with summer hours, October's meeting will start at 7:00pm.
- Art Pepin is at the ISDE in Slovakia. Hopefully he will be posting photos.
- Winter riding will be discussed next meeting.
- NHOHVA is continuing to promote the Club Incentive program with the state.
- Jeff is hosting a ride at the Landry Ranch in Windham 15 September.
- There was no 50:50 raffle at this meeting.
- Glenn Harvey plans to resign as MVTR Vice President effective 1 January 2016.

**Tom adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.**