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June MVTR Meeting Summary

The June MVTR meeting followed up on the heels of the Classic Committee meeting and got underway shortly after 20:00, taking advantage of the lower room volume brought about by the pizza delivery.

With the **New England Classic Charity Trail Ride** just a few days away, we started out with the (recent) tradition of recognizing some of the people who 'make the event happen' at our meeting, with a crowd of their peers present. First off, Lisa introduced Madison, a long time friend and Cystic Fibrosis patient, now grown and married. They both then proceeded to thank the Classic Committee and MVTR for the work that goes into putting on the Classic each year.

Next it was the Trail Boss' turn, Chip thanked his crew of 'regulars' and then presented this year's Outstanding Volunteer Award to Jeff D. JD was also appreciative of his crew and he presented this year's Ironman Award to Jared.

Mark presented the Hawk Award, in memory of MVTR's 'Original Hawk', Tom McAlpine. This year it was presented, not to an individual but to a family (not that each of them individually would not be deserving but more that they generally 'appear' as a team), the Anthony family is most certainly deserving of this award.

New this year and very unfortunately a posthumous award by Tom and Lisa was the Friend of CFF and Ambassador - Friend Among Friends plaque. Accepting the award for John Ruffo was his daughter Michelle who was accompanied by her mother Diane, John's first wife.

Moving on to 'regular' business, we were once again late for Officer Elections. Long serving Vice President Jon T has decided that it is time to step aside. In preparation for this there had been some conversations and Glen H had agreed to accept nomination. With little discussion from the floor, it was voted to retain the current slate of officers with Glen replacing Jon. Technically this concludes the election; there are those among us who would certainly consider stepping down (or aside or almost anywhere) if a candidate were to show interest in a position. If anyone has such an interest, please come to a meeting and make that interest known, the subject can be reopened (in full disclosure, the option to become the new President of MVTR might or might not have been offered up at the meeting).

Jim P recently attended a conference on the subject of Motor Vehicle Inspections. He reported that much of the conference was pertaining to 'normal' 4-wheeled vehicles and street motorcycles. Of interest there was the sound standard which calls for a level of less than or equal to 92db at idle and a higher level (variable depending upon number of cylinders) at partial throttle (My apologies, Jim was indeed more specific, however I neglected to bring along my hearing aids this month and missed some things). Analog meters are no longer considered as acceptable for testing. When no one else brought up dirt bike

inspection, Jim offered a few questions that could not be answered then and there. Subsequent discussion has determined that the mounting of a license plate longitudinally along the fender IS an acceptable option for a dirt bike and also that an OHRV sticker IS required for a bike to be inspected to the 'converted dirt bike' standard rather than being held to conventional street bike standards.

There will be a meeting next week with NH F&G, NHOHVA, NETRA and the NH dirt bike clubs – represented by MVTR. Among items for discussion are the 'new' criteria for Rally Permits.

With business in general being concluded it was time to get final reports and requests for help from the **Classic** Trail Boss' and Crew Chiefs.

Mark was looking for someone to place the Event Signs at Bear Brook SP and the gas stops.

Chip said that there was one 'deep spot' (and that was before the tropical storm) in the Chester Turnpike/Merril Road area, which could use a volunteer, or two to get the riders through between 09:30 and 13:00.

John was looking for some more volunteers to help guide entrants through the NEW registration/parking/entrance system between 15:00 and 20:00 on Friday and 07:00 to 09:15 on Saturday. During the time registration is closed, access will be 'as normal', through the main gate.

John also will be arriving early on Friday morning, and to meet him at 07:00 for breakfast to join in.

Dave said that the Big Bike Rally was now pared down to 175 miles with the help of Dakar Doug and that it was indeed still going to run on Saturday.

Matt & Jay were 'under control with enough volunteers and registration closed.

Dan said that the rosters were in pretty good shape but that he could use a few more pre-riders on Sunday.

In recent **Riding**, Art, Steve & John were among the pre-meeting ride group, they did not venture far but got in about 17 miles. Art reported that last weeks (King Phillip or Tri-State?) enduro was 80 miles of rocks. Andy said that **CATRA** was fun until the rain made it very greasy and that there were more than enough whoops. Ron advised that the weekly **Wednesday Evening at Hop-Ev** rides were up and running, starting at about 17:00.

A **Newsletter** was sent out by email 3 or 4 weeks back, apparently few of us got it and it will be 're-issued'.