

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 7 JAN 2015  
Freedom Cycle - Concord

It was a dark and stormy night. Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with approximately 25 members present.

**Freedom Cycle**

Zach from Freedom Cycle spoke about the two Timbersled conversion kits on display, which converts a dirt bike to a front ski and snow track. The rear swing arm, shock, and air box are removed. It takes about a full day to make the initial conversion, then a subsequent change-over takes about 2 hours. The additional weight is ~20-30 lbs above that of the dirt bike. With a snowmobile registration in addition to the trail bike OHRV registration it is fully legal on all NH snowmobile trails. One kit is \$5,600, the second kit \$6,600. The second kit has a curved track profile that is studable, and longer suspension travel. Zach hasn't had any seat time yet, but he will be offering demo rides at the Ice Box.

Freedom Cycle is now carrying KTM bicycles. Their price range is \$1100 to \$4000.

**Hop-Ev Riding Area**

There will be a meeting next Wednesday the 14th 6:30pm at the Anthony's house in Chester. The agenda is to help Bruce and Sarah with the TA transition and plan maintenance activities for the year. Initial plans include bridges and signage. MVTR will be coordinating with the Blurred Vision ATV club. Sarah says there will be lots of work parties this year.

Riders who encounter maintenance issues or have comment of activities at Hop-Eve are encouraged to contact Bruce and Sarah via e-mail at [ta@mvtr.org](mailto:ta@mvtr.org).

Tom spoke with the Bureau of Trails (BOT) regarding the recent incidents where riders were caught on film intentionally riding in the wrong direction on River Loop, and a youth was racing an ATV on old Rte 77 adjacent to the parking lots. BOT would like MVTR riders to handle future incidents this like, or others such as parking lot donuts with a polite diplomatic admonishment. If the offender(s) do not cease, call 911 and explain that you were instructed by BOT to call for local law enforcement assistance. Without escalating the situation, if possible take photographs of the offender(s) registration decal or license plate.

**Cystic Fibrosis**

Today the website for the 2015 NE Classic Charity Trail Ride went live.

John O'Conner spoke about a snowmobile event planned for 7 February in Rangeley, ME. They will attempt to set a Guinness record for the most snowmobiles at a rally. A \$10 decal will provide NH registration reciprocity for the event. Activities include food vendors and a Saturday night dance with a live band.

### **John Ruffo Time Trial**

Jeff Noyles spoke about the John Ruffo Challenge that was rescheduled due to weather. It was held Sunday 7 December, at the Landry Ranch in Windham. In spite of the frigid temperatures the course conditions were excellent. Enough riders participated to cover expenses and send some money and food items to the Shepherd's Pantry. People continued to drop off food items at Jeff's shop for weeks afterwards.

### **Ice Box**

Mark Stock spoke about the upcoming Ice Box event; hopefully the 17th of January if the weather cooperates. The Ice Box is a charity recreational ride on a lake in Hopkinton. This year the benefiting charity will be ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). In years past it was traditionally held on New Years Day, but the date is subject to ice conditions. Please make a donation to the charity and bring a crock-pot food item. MVTR membership and is required (and an OHRV registered machine highly recommended) and sign up available at the event.

### **Jericho Ride**

Tom related that Bob Landry and friends went North with sleds and bikes having a great weekend riding on studded tires at Jericho. The conditions were icy, with insufficient snow cover for sleds.

### **Roaming Rally**

Josh Tessier wants to put together a MVTR team for this adventure ride in Canada next season. It is a multiday wilderness tour carrying camping gear. Trail conditions can be tough. The ride is not arrowed. Navigation is by GPS track, with intentional stoppers; part of the challenge is finding go-arounds.

### **NHOHVA and other Politics**

The association is funding a financial impact study to be completed next fall. It will be used to report to the state legislature the funds that ATVs, UTVs, and Trail Bikes bring to area businesses and local economy.

It has been discovered that Forest and Lands, a state agency, has originated language in regulations for the use of certain state lands that permit the use of ATVs and UTVs, but prohibit trail bikes. Stay tuned - somebody has some splainin' to do.

The Seacoast Trail riders are considering dropping out of NHOHVA, which will leave MVTR as the only trail bike club. Tom will meet with them next month to urge them not to leave.

If the club incentive program goes forward with OHRV registration, then club membership start and stop dates will have to coincide with vehicle registration. Both registration and club membership will be performed online.

The NETRA banquet will be 10 January. Two speakers from the AMA will attend to talk about competition sanctioning and legislative issues. The AMA wants to require AMA membership of NETRA event participants, to which Andy wants the NETRA membership to vote.

### **Miscellaneous**

MVTR Jerseys: Ron has them available from infant sizes to adult.

J-Day Winter Series has 4 events. No Florida event this year.

NEDB is gone for now. Use the MVTR facebook page for current events. The MVTR.org website is for archiving past events.

There were no new members or 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.