

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 6 May 2015

Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding President Tom Levesque crisply and succinctly called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with approximately 60-65 members present.

The Classic

VP Glenn Harvey spoke about this year's 35th annual New England Charity Classic for Cystic Fibrosis, sponsored by MVTR. It will be 13-14 June, headquartered at the NH Motor Speedway.

- Permits are in order.
- Saturday will be the southern loop, trail bossed by Chip Fredette. Chip was not present at the meeting, but it is believed there are no trail preparedness issues.
- Sunday will be the northern loop, trail bossed by Jared Szurley. Jared reported that he has pre-ridden the loop and there are only a few small downed trees and face slappers to clear.
- The Kid's Classic will be at the Bergeron's Saturday, Hop-Ev Sunday (if open). Trail bosses are Matt Belanger and Jay Lees. Sign ups must be received by 1 June, no exceptions.
- Dave Mott is trail bossing the Adventure Bike rally on Saturday. He has changed the route to head towards the White Mountains, with a lunch stop in Plymouth.
- Glenn presented volunteer signup sheets for Tech Inspection, Info Booth, Parking Control, Chase Truck, Rider's Meeting Rauschers, Sweep and Pre-Riders, and NETRA Signups.
- Given the precarious financial situation of MVTR, the CF Foundation will be giving a portion of the raffle proceeds to the club. Without MVTR there would be no Classic, no Hopkinton Everett riding area maintenance, no Ruffo Challenge, no Ice Box, etc.
- This year for the first time attendees who are not pre-registered will be able to enter after 8:00pm on Friday. All are encouraged to pre-register.

Tom gave an overview of what the Classic is for the new members in attendance. An AMA rep from Washington will ride the big bike rally. MVTR is in discussion with the AMA for sanctioning and promotion of the big bike rally.

Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area

MVTR Trail Administrators Bruce Starer and Sarah Dynia briefly described that although over 600 man hours of labor has been expended this year, the task list of what must be accomplished before the area can open is only 25% complete. Watch the MVTR face book page for current information, and volunteer!

Grant in Aid

Historically a portion of the OHRV registration fee has gone back to clubs for trail maintenance. A portion is also used to purchase land easements for new riding area. Note that included with the OHRV registration is the state "search and rescue" for recovery of injured riders, hikers, paddlers, etc, provided they did not engage in "risky" behavior.

NHOHVA and other Politics

- On 20 May NHOHVA will sponsor a breakfast for the state legislature as part of their lobbying effort. ATVs and trail bikes, and adventure bikes will be on display. Tom would appreciate assistance from MVTR members with the bike displays. (Editors note; As a result of the Legislature postponing future sessions, the OHRV Appreciation date has been moved to **Thursday, June 11th - 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**)
- NHOHVA has asked Tom to chair a sub-committee of 4-5 people to develop plans to promote trail bikes and adventure bikes in the North Country. Taylor from the Seacoast Trail, Dave M, Bob F will participate. The Task Force is in conversation with the AMA, NETRA and very recently the Maine Adv. Bike/Dual Sport Association. **The trail bike community is very much in need of North Country riders (natives, locals, and or seasonal) to join in.**
- Trail Administrators Bruce and Sarah, and Tucker, attended a 2 hour seminar sponsored by NOHVA and presented by the state on the Grain in Aid Program guidelines and paperwork.
- New this year is a 10 day temporary OHRV registration for non-residents.

Landry Ranch

The Landry Ranch in Windham has been the site of many events over decades. Jeff reported of a devastating house fire that occurred last month. A trailer has been set up on the property and Uncle Vic has moved in. House repairs are expected to be completed in the fall. Jeff will have a trail work party next Wednesday 5/13/2015.

Recent Rides

- Andre attended a J-Day in Southwick that was very crowded - 75 riders on his start line.
- The J-Day Enduro Sprint had 250 Riders.
- The Tuxedo Ridge Hare Scramble has no dirt - all rocks and ledge. A good test of mental and metal strength.
- The NETRA youth camp was hosted by the Nutmeg Riders two weeks ago. About 40 riders were broken up into 5 groups. Each group worked at a training station for about 45 minutes. Training stations included various riding skills; and fitness, diet, and hydration. The kids camped out Friday and Saturday nights.

Rocky Mountain Hare Scramble

Due to land owner issues, MVTR will not be hosting the event in Alton. The search is still on for a new site. Shawn is walking a potential site in Barnstead next weekend. The Scramble event is the primary money maker for the club. Troy Tucker might have access to a property in Nelson (Editor's note; Limited parking and limited trail potential may disqualify this site for an MVTR event).

New Members

- Bill from NY has a DRZ400.
- Judy and Wayne Landry
- Tim from Litchfield has a KTM 690
- Diego from Manchester has a YZ250F, his godson has a Honda 50.
- Dennis has a KDX200.
- Ken Wellington has a KDX220

Wednesday Night Rides

After Hop-Ev opens, Ron Sousa will be hosting the rides at 5:00pm. Look for his truck displaying the MVTR banner.

Seacoast Trail Riders

Will be hosting maybe 3 kids clinics over the summer. All are welcome.

There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom crisply and succinctly adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.