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MVTR September Meeting

The September MVTR Meeting was called to order at 20:05. With President Tom out of town, the honorable V.P. Jon Thomas was presiding over the festivities. Freshly inside from the Pre-Meeting KTM demo rides, Regional Representative Brooks Hamilton fielded questions ranging from when a 350 EXC version will be available (still a rumor) through which models have/will get linkage, progress on the electrics, availability of an E-start 150, training and conditioning and on through how he enjoyed the Sea Coast National Enduro (rather dusty on row 35).

Events

The Sea Coast Trail Riders very successfully held a National Enduro last month. JD declined to offer a final version summary since the club has not had a chance to meet since the event. He did offer that from his viewpoint on row 22 the drought induced silt was still livable, later rows became very much buried in the silt and dust, visibility was challenging and there was much evidence of missed corners. Shawn offered that things were much nicer on row 9. When all was over and done it was Lafferty with the win and Timothy taking the NETRA honors out of 400 entries.

Our own Rocky Weekend was also held last month. With Shawn being the only TB present and no wrap-up having happened yet the full report will have to wait another month. As a preview to the National, the drought was already well underway by Rocky, it was dry and silty, riders found the first half of the loop fairly technical, with the second half fast.

MVTR was well represented at the Somers Fun Turkey Run and Adventure Ride. Ron, Jim, Tom, Tammy, Andy, Lynne and Cody tackled a 59 mile ride of which about 12 were paved. Those of us with less ambition set out for 120 or so miles of adventure including (due to a wrong turn) an interesting piece of single track perhaps better bypassed on a DR 650.

Once again the New England Rough Riders have returned from the Colorado 500 with stories and pictures. Jim said he did pretty good riding the big, wide trails with his son. He also said that they experienced maybe an hour of rain during the week, he neglected to mention (but Tuck didn't) receiving the 2010 Iron Man award. Also in the awards was 2010 Rookie Of The Year Joe. Art sent home pictures on an almost daily basis (subject to net access) so that those left behind could get a frequent fix of the riding.

Hop-Ev

We are looking forward to some cooler weather to allow projects to continue. Railings still need to be constructed on a River Loop bridge. Some of the logging has been cleaned up, some new go-arounds may need to be constructed when all is done.

Jericho

Neal continues undaunted in the quest for single track! With the help of a few dedicated southerners (at least compared to Berlin) a fair stretch of single track has been cut but two bridges (so far) are needed before it can be approved for use. To that end he was looking for a donation of \$500 for construction materials. A motion was made and approved by those present to provide that funding. On a similar but not quite related subject, John told us that there is need for some bridge repairs in a section of the Classic route. He will investigate and report further next month.

Upcoming Events

The Stateline Hare Scramble and Supercross at the Hopkinton Fair both take place over Labor Day weekend. The Ammonoosuc River Turkey Run and Unadilla share the following weekend.