

## **MVTR Virtual Meeting Notes January 2021**

You'll have to provide your own pizza and drink (at least it will be a drink of your choice). With these "Meeting Notes" we'll share some activities surrounding or effecting MVTR and its members and try to keep everyone connected and engaged.

MVTR events impacted by Covid 19:

The Annual "Ice Box" hosted by the Stock Family and friends is cancelled for 2021

The "New England Classic Charity Trail Ride" and all CFF National events have been cancelled for 2021

February and March MVTR in-person meetings have been cancelled

The Hopkinton Everett OHRV trails will be closed until May 23 as a result of State and Army Corp. activities.

For those looking for winter OHRV trail riding on State properties (snowmobile trails) the status, opened/closed and condition of the trail can be found at the Bureau of Trails, broken down by region. Hop Everett, Bear Brook and Pawtuckaway are in the Merrimack Valley Region.

There are private areas that offer riding opportunities. Word of mouth or personal contact will get you in.

**Chip and the trail ride committee:**

**MVTR is excited to announce that in lieu of the New England Classic Trail Ride, it will host the "Casino Royale Turkey Run" on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Committee members are working quickly to fine tune details of the event. Preliminarily we can announce that it will offer two days of trail riding and two days of big bike adventure rally. Unfortunately, no Kid's Ride.... Logistically too difficult for transportation.

Primitive Camping may be available Friday and Saturday night.

We are working closely with NETRA, monitoring current and looking forward to possible State of New Hampshire Covid Guidelines and communicating with our new hosts, the Belmont Casino to offer riders a great weekend.

We will keep you informed in the Club's monthly "Virtual Meeting Minutes".

Stay tuned.

**February, March MVTR Virtual Meeting:**

We will offer an on-line MVTR Virtual Meeting for February and March. Rupert has offered to host and oversee the process. The weekend prior to the February meeting, we will send out a meeting reminder with sign-on numbers and appropriate codes. It may be hard to bench race but BS is always prevalent.

**Andre and Jim and Hop Eve volunteers** have pretty much finished GIA Projects at Hopkinton Everett for 2020 with GeoMat placement left for the spring. They will attempt to get a preview of potential 2021 projects from the BOT Regional Manager by the first of April.

We still believe putting together a Hop Everett committee is a good idea but have to figure out the best way to get potential volunteers together for a discussion. February-March would be a good time frame, in person rather than virtual.

Last summer the Hop Everett trail system (the only one in southeast NH where 40% of the State's population + northeastern Massachusetts' users) overused the trails. Unbeknown to us the State BOT and Army Corp. discussed a reservation system for weekends. I don't know if that conversation will again arise but it may be considered. The Club had considerable conversation of the negative trail impact, rogue activity, trail etiquette and general BS from various users had to be endured by responsible users. What are members' feelings of a reservation system?

**John and Mike** have been working on the Hoit Road Marsh ban of OHRV riding in the winter. Rep. Walsh of Hooksett has introduced LSR 705 (A Bill number has not yet been assigned) which is intended to address the ban. MVTR and supporters will be in need when the appropriate time comes to give verbal and or written testimony. The legislative process has not yet been decided as to how the public will be allowed to present their position. We do not know a time frame of this legislatures' activity, a call for your help may come quickly. Please be prepared.

**Art** has been joined by **Eric T** in the duties of sending out club e-mail and overseeing the Club memberships. Thank you Erick for stepping forward. Annual Club membership is available by signing on to the NHOHVA.org site and navigating to membership, MVTR.

While speaking of memberships, if you plan on registering a snowmobile, please consider joining our friends "The Weare Winter Wanders".

**Ron** has reviewed, updated and purchased our Officers insurance and other insurance needs for the coming year. Ron's looking into a Pay Pal account for the club. He has balance the Club's books and can cover pizza for the upcoming virtual meeting. Virtual pizza is not as filling as the real thing, virtual is what the Club Pres typically gets at regular meetings.

**Lynne, Andy and NETRA** have been busy working with various insurance companies for a carrier to better handle the Association and Club needs and working closely with the clubs on financial matters related to and as a result of the Covid situation. A full schedule of events has been drafted with MVTR again on for a recreation ride in June and the Rock Crusher in July. It appears all events will be by Pre Entry with the potential of some being capped at a given number of riders. Clubs, including MVTR are being asked to have a Pay Pal Account.

The NETRA Schedule can be found at NETRA.org, P27 Off Road will be published soon as I expect the JDay Schedule.

The NETRA Snow Run Enduro is coming up. A max rider limit of 150 was sold out in 24 hours, I hope you made it. Good luck in your ride if you drew a start number.

The SeaCoast Trail Riders' MX 207 ride went well with approximately 75 riders enjoying a manageable snow depth, 6 miles of trail and a beautiful winter day.

Responses to these Notes can be made to Tom Levesque [SqueRacing@aol.com](mailto:SqueRacing@aol.com) or on MVTR Facebook.

Meeting Adjourned!

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**Merrimack Valley Trail Riders**