

**MVTR MEETING NOTES 6 October 2021**  
Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH

President Tom Levesque presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:16 pm with approximately 35 members present.

**Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area**

- The Army Corp of Engineers (the land owner) will close the OHRV trails for the winter on November 21<sup>st</sup>. In President Tom's conversation with them, they don't really have a legitimate reason to close, just an arbitrary decision. Trails are not damaged by OHRVs when they are frozen. Last winter Bear Brook State Park was only open a couple of days. That, with last year's closing of Hop-Ev for logging, left no place for people to ride. Politely call the following to express your disappointment: Matt Hackett at the Corp of Engineers (603) 369-9236 and Craig Rennie, NH Bureau of Trails Chief (603) 271-3254.
- Will we be able to perform maintenance after the closing? The area will be closed to all, including hikers, except for snowmobilers on their trails. There are many missing signs and face slappers that could be addressed. Could our TM/TA clarify with Shawn Violett?
- Bruce Starer will be working with the Corp of Engineers on rerouting the end of the Sugar Hill Trail. The Corp objects to the water crossing and will not consider the construction of a bridge. The Corps' intended new return is not what we would want. Bruce has offered to work with the Corp on a more favorable reroute. Bruce's choice would actually be a "win" for us, for this will be trail through the woods following the water; whereas the existing section to be eliminated is straight and level road.
- Bruce and Sarah Starer hosted 3 work parties on Saturdays to work on the River Loop single track. The volunteer response was overwhelming with 12 on each of the first two days and 18 on the last day. After draining swill holes, approximately 100 pieces of geomat were installed and graveled in. Bruce thanked Contoocook Well, The Vikings, and Freedom Cycle for their support.
- We have approximately 120 pieces of geomat left. Do we need to ask for more in next year's GIA request?

**On Any Sunday 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Showing**

Arrangements are being made for a local showing of the digital remastered film in a Manchester area theater. Possibly Chucky Cheese? Watch for an email.

**MVTR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Tom is working on commemorative decals. Any graphic minded person care to help with the design?
- Tom would like to have a bash or other commemorative celebration. The Lakes Region Casino might be a venue.

### **MVTR.org and Facebook**

- Facebook seems to be medium that everybody goes to for current information.
- MVTR.org is an archive of information that members forget to check.
- Members have recently posted on Facebook concerning Adventure Bikes, and that is OK. However MVTR is a trail bike club and that is where the focus shall remain. There are other Facebook groups in the area focused on Adventure Bikes.

### **Rides**

- Steve Vanese's Slip Shot is coming up October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Hill, NH turkey run has 103 miles on the route sheet. A flyer has been emailed to the membership.
- The recent Hawk Ride at Jay McGrath's ranch was described as "boney" and well attended
- A new NETRA club, the Ashby Animals (Mass) recently held their "Ponderosa Challenge" time trial. Four miles of single track. They want to hold a kids event next year.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> running of the Ammo Turkey Run recently took place. It was limited to 300 pre-registrations by request of the land owners.
- The Buckfield ME two-day invitational raised \$4k for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
- The Hoot Owl Scramblers club will host an enduro in Mass on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Seacoast Trail Riders will not have a winter scramble this year.

A new member, Steve from Windham attended the meeting.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.