

MVTR MEETING NOTES 3 November 2021
Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH

President Tom Levesque presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:16 pm with approximately 40 members present.

Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area

- The Army Corp of Engineers (the land owner) will close the OHRV trails for the winter on November 21st, one-half hour after sunset.
- As of now, the area will be closed in the winter to hikers, cross country skiers, and our maintenance activities.
- Sugar Hill Trail re-route or new bridge installation is in discussion.

On Any Sunday 50th Anniversary Showing

A special MVTR showing will be 8 December at Chunky's in Manchester-Hooksett. 44 of the 100 tickets available have been sold. See the MVTR facebook page to purchase tickets. An email has been sent to the club membership. Tucker has said he has seen the new digital remastering of the movie and it is good.

Hoit Road Marsh Legislation

MVTR sponsored a bill (HB571) to repeal the OHRV prohibition on the frozen marsh in the state wildlife management area. Our bill in the NH House of Representatives has passed out of committee with a recommendation of "ought to pass" to the full house. The full House of Representatives will take up debate in January. If it passes the House it should go the NH Senate in March.

Chip Fredette Speaks

- He attended the Indian Ridge Hare Scramble on Saturday. It was followed by a recreational ride on Sunday at the same venue.
- Pilgrim Sands is hosting a recreational ride on 14 November.
- Any interest in ordering MVTR jerseys, hats, etc? He will contact Tami Preve, who has ordered them in the past.
- He will check with SOLO on the availability of dates for another first aid class. There is enough interest to pick a date and go. It will be held at Freedom Cycle again.
- MVTR donations to Police and Fire Departments in the towns where we host events are ongoing.
- The 2022 Classic Charity Ride to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is a go for next June. It will be held at the Lakes Region Casino in Belmont. The national CF Foundation has set a cap for the number of riders. The casino is in the process of being sold, but we are told the new owners will be accommodating of our activities.

Lynne Anthony - NETRA

- Lynne is working on compiling the 2022 schedule of events.

- Tom asked if the Rock Crusher could be moved to a later date; to relieve the Club of the spring stress of Hop-Ev maintenance, the Classic, and then the Crusher in quick succession.
- Rule changes are available to be seen online.
- The award banquet in Rhode Island should have a good vendor display of new bikes and gear.
- The Hoot Owl Scramblers are hosting a new enduro event on November 14th.

Mt. Prospect Academy

- Tom spoke about presenting the MVTR donation check.
- Paul spoke about bringing the students to an overnight riding camp outside Albany, NY. The students competed against other schools and placed very well.
- They can use donations of protective riding gear (but not helmets). Paul would collect the donated gear at future MVTR meetings.

Freedom Cycle

- Rupert made a short overview of the 2022 KTM Adventure style offerings.
- MVTR will provide a list of current members so that it can be entered into the Freedom database for members to obtain their discount.
- Art Pepin cautioned that MVTR membership expires January 1st, don't renew or join before then.

NHOHVA Annual Meeting

- Abuse of farm plates on UTVs has become a problem again. Consideration is being made for a special road plate and equipment requirements such as turn signals to satisfy the demand.
- Organization now has over 10k members.
- Very good working relationships have been established with Scot Mason, new head of F&G; and Craig Rennie, new head of BoT.
- In 2022, all volunteers on State owned land (Hop-Ev) must complete a free mandatory chain saw safety class before they can use the saw and wear DRED designated safety equipment.
- Tom Levesque asked BoT for the status of his request that the Hop-Ev memo of understanding be upgraded for year round use. He also expressed his displeasure with winter closure of Hop-Ev.
- This year F&G made 14,500 stops resulting in 680 tickets and 640 warnings.
- 2400 OHRV safety students, up 600 from previous year.
- F&G Capt. Eastman worked 10 summer weekends in the field, which he said greatly improved his perception of what is really going on.

There were no new members at the meeting.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.