

MVTR MEETING NOTES 1 December 2021

Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH

Vice President Chip Fredette presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:04 pm with approximately 40 members present.

On Any Sunday

MVTR is presenting a special showing of the digitally re-mastered classic film at Chunky's in Manchester on December 8th. At 6:30 pm the entertainment will begin with a vintage film showing of the Leon Dube memorial ride; the Charity Classic for CF before it acquired that name. Chunky's has a full service restaurant and bar. Tickets must be pre-purchased following the link on the MVTR Facebook page.

Winter Night Riding – by Andre Marois

- Order studded tires from Mike Costa now; tires are becoming hard to get due to supply chain issues.
- Task is the prominent supplier of lights and batteries at a very steep price. However, they private label items manufactured by others in China; and the identical items can be found on Amazon at a fraction of the Task price.
- Andre begins with a 4000 lumen LED bulb in the stock headlight housing (\$40 Amazon). His bike doesn't have a DC charging system so he uses a battery that will last up to 6 hours. The battery is directly connected to the bulb with a plug and socket on the cord. This is because he has had reliability issues with switches. The down side is that he cannot quickly shut off or dim his light at oncoming traffic.
- The next unit is a 5000 lumen light bar mounted above the stock headlight. The light bar is \$25 from Amazon, and the mounting brackets are for bark busters, \$15 from Rocky Mtn. The Task equivalent is \$350. The battery will last 4-5 hours. Again, direct wired with no easy off or dimming. Andre has been stopped for running this light bar.
- Finally, Andre uses two helmet lights - the Mickey Mouse ears, which last 3-4 hours on high beam. These are \$27 from Amazon, or \$100 from Task. Helmet lights always illuminate where you look.
- Andre rides snowmobile trails at night. The conditions are best then, because of the snow that softened during the day is frozen hard. What traffic he encounters is blinded by his lights and thinks he is another snowmobile. Unfortunately there are only three legal places to ride: Private land, Pawtuckaway State Park, and Bear Brook State Park. The Army Corp of Engineers arbitrarily chose to close Hop-Ev for the winter. Last year Bear Brook was only open a handful of days.

Hoit Road Marsh Legislation

MVTR sponsored a bill in the NH House of Representatives (HB571) to repeal the OHRV prohibition on the frozen marsh in the state wildlife management area. Our bill has passed committee. The full House of Representatives will take up debate 5-6th January. The reasons why MVTR sponsored this bill:

- In NH, generally any body of water greater than 10 acres is state owned, regardless of who owns the shore. Of the more than 960 state owned water bodies, this is the first and only one with this restriction. A very bad precedent.
- The prohibition was obtained in secret with no public hearings or debate in the Legislature. A State House lobbyist got the Senate Majority Leader to slip a one sentence ban into the middle of the state budget just before it went to the Governor. Fish & Game, the property manager of the Wildlife Management Area in which the marsh is contained, didn't find out until after the Governor signed the budget making it law.

Mt. Prospect Academy

They need donations of protective riding gear for middle to high school age students (but not helmets). Paul will collect the donated gear at future MVTR meetings.

Recent Rides

- Several members spoke about Steve Venese's Slip Shot Turkey Run. Nice weather. Lots of trails and Class IV roads from Bristol, NH to Canaan and back. There some issues with the route sheet. About 50-60 riders total.
- The MVTR Member Appreciation Day Ride at the Belmont Casino was a success. In spite of the light snowfall the night before, and the cold wind; the riding conditions were excellent without studs. The catered food was incredible: Filet wrapped in bacon, sausage, pasta, salad, lasagna, cannoli, cheese cake... About 65 people attended. Gag trophies were handed out: John Mesick – “Finally got a Trophy”, because he is only a recreational rider, and has never competed. Dave Rauseo – “Worst Trail Designer”, because his trails end up being hero sections when he was trying to make them easy. Ron Sousa – “Lost without a Cause”, because he takes it upon himself to reroute trail without a reason or consulting anyone. Allen Tucker – “Cheap Bastard”, because he rides an old anvil that his friends have to pick up when he can afford a new lightweight 150. Bob DeRose – “Big Spender”, because he has spent more money on bike parts for his family then mortgage payments for most people. Tom Levesque – “Hardest Worker”, well that is not a gag but truth.

Bob DeRose Speaks

- Very pleased with all of the new members who are turning out to volunteer for events and work parties.
- Exploring the possibility of a winter riding event at the Belmont Casino for those who have studded tires.
- Many MVTR members have finished well in the Netra competitive series: Jeremy Anthony 3rd o/a H.S., Peyton Preve 6th o/a H.S., Shawn Levesque 3rd o/a pre-modern vintage & 4th o/a A200 H.S., Grant Swanson 1st o/a Retro, Gavin Swanson 3rd o/a Pee Wee H.S., Lucas Swanson 3rd o/a Pee Wee 2 H.S., Haley Swanson 2nd o/a Pee Wee 3 H.S., Timmy DeRose Grand Champ Jr. Enduro & 2nd o/a mini H.S., Wyatt DeRose 5th o/a Big Wheel H.S., Abby Isidoro 1st o/a Women's H.S., Tami Preve, 3rd o/a Women's H.S., Gavin Bacon 3rd o/a B250,

- Kate Bacon 2nd o/a Women's H.S., Herb MurDough 2nd o/a Masters, Andre Marois 2nd o/a A Super Senior H.S., Taylor Contoir 2nd o/a B200 H.S., Rafal Rak 4th o/a B Senior H.S., Chris Connacher 4th o/a C Super Senior H.S., Jeff Carmel 5th o/a C Super Senior H.S., and Kayla Robinson 3rd women's Jr. Sprint Enduro.
- See the Netra website for the latest rule changes. They are mostly fixing clerical errors in the rule book.
 - The Rock Crusher has been moved to one week later, to the 3rd weekend in July.

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 casino is in the process of being sold, but we are told the new owners will be accommodating of our activities. It will be a two day trail ride with a southern loop that will not include Bear Brook.
- Chip needs to get permission to use the Chester Turnpike.

MVTR Online Store

- Tami Preve is opening the website where hats, jerseys, shirts and the like can be ordered in time for Christmas.
- If you want a special custom item, email Chip.

Solo First Aid Class

- Chip is checking on the availability of dates in March. There is enough interest to pick a date and go.
- It will be held at Freedom Cycle on a Sunday.
- Lunch will be catered by MVTR, who will also pay a portion of the tuition.
- Chip will ask Solo if the class can be video taped.

New Members

- Chris from Goffstown has a CRF250L. New Rider.
- Jack, returning member?

Chip adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.