

**2 April 2008**

## **MVTR April Meeting**

I have been quite lax at getting this information processed and available. I apologize in advance for any of this information that has already been superseded.

The meeting was called to order at 19:17 hours by President Tom. First up to speak was Chris Olivario, formerly of NHOHRV, now representing National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC). Chris spoke of the changing faces of OHRV use, representation and legislation adding that he was working to get more training/safety courses available.

Winter activities were next on the agenda. It was noted that KPTR would be having their Awards Night on 5 April 2008. Also mentioned was that Seacoast Trail Riders have an annual potluck dinner/get together in place of the January meeting. MVTR used to have a similar winter activity but it apparently transcended the concept and became the basis for soap opera/reality TV type behavior and faded away. There is interest in resurrecting the concept (minus the sordid details) but we need someone to step forward and take on the organizational mantle.

Peter Anania presented a report on the trails and tribulations of orchestrating this year's Winter Scramble. It was initially postponed due to an overabundance of snow, then came issues with using National Forest Land, still they head about 4 miles of trail but still too much snow. In the end, it was necessary to move the event to Freetown, MA where they hosted 335 anxious to get out on the trail riders including our own Tuck, Mark, Dwayne and Andy. They are looking to try and schedule it for early January in 09.

## Classic News and Notes:

It looks (never a guarantee, schedules get changed for the Pro-Riders) as though we will be seeing Rodney Smith this year to represent American Suzuki, if possible he will be here on Friday evening to participate in the Riders Meeting of the Kids Classic. Devils Den should be included on this year's Northern Loop with a trip over Caverly Mtn. There should be no scheduling conflict with the Mtn. Bikers over use of Bear Brook for the Southern Loop. The Big Bike Rally will be using a version of the 2005 route. Kids Classic packets are not yet available (remember this was as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>) but will be at the next MVTR meeting. If your kid has not previously participated but wants to this year contact the CFF office soon, spaces fill up early! There is (was) a Classic Committee meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Despite it not being Bike Week following the Classic this year, there will still be mid-week rides planned on Tuesday and Thursday for MVTR riders and invited guests.

Peter Anania spoke to us again, this time regarding his recent venture into dirt bike tours. Peter and his partner Brad have formed a company to offer tours in Maine, NH, CO, NM and UT. Colorado trips begin July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run \$1,300 to \$1,500 plus airfare. Check them out at [www.SeaCoastTours.net](http://www.SeaCoastTours.net).

Art reported that he had 50 to 60 MVTR racers entered into the NETRA database so far. If you race and want championship points you HAVE to be entered, it is YOUR responsibility to insure that you are included so contact Art!

The end of Official Mud Season (i.e. May 23<sup>rd</sup>) and consequently the reopening of Hop-Ev, is approaching. In celebration Matt is planning a ride on that day (my notes say Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, can't be both idk), meeting at 0700 at the park. Brian will be heading up the club 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month rides and Dave (Skid to those on NEDB) will be working on another date (TBA).

Meeting adjourned at 20:50. Once again I apologize for the tardiness in getting this together. If anyone took notes at the May meeting (just too long a drive back from Key West for me to make the meeting) please get them to me and I will put together a summary.

Bruce