

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 7 December 2016
FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD

Presiding Vice President Stephen Semuskie called the meeting to order at 7:15pm with approximately 70 members present.

The meeting began with a moment of silence to remember those who fell 75 years before.

N.E. Classic Charity Ride for Cystic Fibrosis

- The Classic Committee held a meeting just prior to this general meeting.
- Freedom Cycle rolled out a new Suzuki RMX 450; the bike that will be raffled off at the 2017 Classic.

2016 Season Race Results for MVTR

- Tom Levesque to first in the Netra Hare Scramble Masters, and 2nd in the GNCC Elite.
- Jeremy Anthony took 5th overall in Netra Hare Scrambles.
- Zach Zins took 3rd in A250
- Stephen Semuskie to first in Netra Retro Vintage.
- Andre Marois took first in the N.E. 24 hour Iron Man.

Winter Riding Preparation – Presented by Duane Call

- Lightly touched on bike jetting and gearing.
- Demonstrated examples of Moose flexible foam wind guards for the handgrips and over-the-hand sleeve-style guards that attach to the bars.
- Heated grips for both the hand grips and levers.
- Rather than wire into the bikes electrical system, Duane uses inexpensive lithium batteries sold for RC model aircraft. With a bank of batteries temporarily taped to his front fender, he can run heated grips and auxiliary lights for hours at night with judicious power management.
- Duane demonstrated various LED systems he uses that are sold for mtn. bikes. He may run as much as the light equivalent of 4-5 automobile high beams. The lights have dimming settings that reduce the power draw on the batteries. Lights mounted on the handle bars should have 2-4 times the power of those on the helmet.

Winter Tires – Presented by Mark Stock

Mark presented examples of different tires at various cost points and performance.

- Trelleborgs with carbide studs cost several hundreds of dollars each but can last for decades. They are the best setup for snow riding on hard packed or frozen snowmobile trails.
- Homemade tire setups can be made with hex-head steel screws driven into a knobby tire. These can inexpensively get you on the ice or frozen snowmobile trails. They wear out quickly, and can spit out endangering following riders. Freedom Cycle sells various screws.
- A higher performance homemade setup can be had by driving flat head screws from the inside of a knobby tire out. A smaller street tire is installed inside the knobby tire to protect the inner tube. A moped inner tube is used. Andre Marois made a set like this using Tapcon screws which protrude about 1 inch. The traction is described as fantastic except on rock. The downside is the risk of injury from long spikes.
- Mark is planning to hold an Icebox event this winter. The date is dependent on ice conditions and will be announced by e-mail just before the event. Mark wants to scale back the size of the event, so do not advertise widely. MVTR or Seacoast membership is required to ride.

Winter Riding Areas

- Bear Book State Park is open to trail bikes when it is open to snowmobiles. See the State of NH website for open-closed status.
- Hop-Ev riding area is open to trail bikes all winter, until it is officially closed for mud season. When the area is open to snowmobiles, trail bikes can venture off their designated trails onto snowmobile trails.
- Andre Morois plans to maintain some of the Hop-Ev designated trails for winter riding by means of a drag plow.

Hopkinton Everett Riding Area

- The rerouting of the River Loop trail section off of private property was completed, but new erosion issues have surfaced. Andre will have a work party this Sunday to address.
- Andre has laid out a new two mile long technical single track trail near the Stark Pond trail. Andre will now mark it with ribbons. The new route must be inspected by the Bureau of Trails and Army Corps of Engineers.
- The gates blocking the access roads through the area are expected to close 15 December.

John Ruffo Memorial Time Trial

- 54 riders and scores of spectators participated at the Landry Ranch in Windham.
- For the benefit of The Shepherd's Pantry in Windham 117 cans and 38 boxes of food items and \$1,422 were donated.
- Duane Call ran the hottest lap at 27:22, Zach Zinns took 'A' at 27:24, Scott Bairstow to 'B', Jessica Murray took women's at 35:37, Jeff Noyles took Vintage at 34:07, Boo Smith took Masters, and Dan Murray took Super Senior. Jeff Noyles presented trophies at tonight's meeting.

The Hawk Ride

Was held at Jay McGrath's in Deerfield. Boo described it as the best in years: Perfect weather and trail conditions. This year the trails had more cut-offs for those who didn't want to go further.

Mt. Williams Posse

- Andy Anthony and Tucker brought their tractors to the hare scramble venue and completed the repairs to the snowmobile trails which the hare scramble course utilized.
- The heavy duty York Rake the club recently purchased worked wonderfully.
- They also graded and re-crowned the main access road to the course, and cleaned its drainage ditches. The landowner is thrilled with MVTR's performance.
- Depending on snow cover, work parties may begin this winter to extend the course beyond its current 6 miles.

Miscellaneous

- There were no new members.
- The 50:50 raffle was won by?, with \$78 raised for MVTR.

Stephen adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm