

**MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 6 December 2017**  
**FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD**

Presiding Vice President Stephen Semuskie called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with approximately 40 members present. President Tom Levesque was off deer hunting.

**2017 Season Race Results for MVTR**

- Tom Levesque was first in the Netra Hare Scramble Masters, and in the GNCC Masters.
- NETRA Hare scrambles
  - Jeremy Anthony: 5<sup>th</sup> O/A
  - Justin Farwell: 5<sup>th</sup> A250
  - Derek Farwell: 1<sup>st</sup> B250
  - Jeff Bacon: 3<sup>rd</sup> A Senior
  - Frank Colon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Super Senior C
  - Greg Gascall, James St. Laurent, Andy Anthony: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> B Super Senior
  - Scott Bairstow: 1<sup>st</sup> B Senior
  - Matthew St. Laurent: 4<sup>th</sup> B200
  - JP Bernier: 2<sup>nd</sup> C Senior
  - Payton Preve: 3<sup>rd</sup> B200
  - Kate Bacon: 1<sup>st</sup> Women Hare scrambles
  - Aiden Harriman: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini B
- NETRA Enduros
  - Lynne Anthony: 1<sup>st</sup> Women
  - Tami Preve: 3<sup>rd</sup> Women
  - Jeremy Anthony: 3<sup>rd</sup> O/A NETRA Enduro
  - Rick Claxton: 3<sup>rd</sup> A Senior NETRA Enduro

**Light Preparation for Night Riding– Presented by Duane Call**

- Rather than wire into the bikes electrical system, Duane uses inexpensive lithium batteries sold for RC model aircraft or computers. 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.
- Quality Chinese products can be found inexpensively with online shopping. Quality lights are often sold with cheap batteries, so plan on replacing them. Bargains for high quality batteries can be found online.
- The light on the helmet should be tightly focused rather than a bright broad flood. A helmet light that is too bright reduces the eye's night vision when looking into shadows. Lights mounted on the handle bars should have 2-4 times the power of those on the helmet. The handle bar lights produce more depth perception than the helmet light.

### **Ice Box – Presented by Mark Stock**

- Mark is TBD on holding an Icebox event this winter. The date would be dependent on ice conditions and will be announced by e-mail just before the event.
- MVTR membership is required to ride.
- A road course, oval, and kids track will be plowed on the ice.
- Bring a crock pot to put in the food tent.
- Mark brought an example of his latest tire setup for the road course.

### **John Ruffo Memorial Time Trial**

- 56 riders and scores of spectators participated at the Landry Ranch in Windham.
- For the benefit of The Shepherd's Pantry in Windham 150 lbs. of food items and \$1,360 were donated.
- A web link to drone video of the event is expected soon.
- Zach Zinns took 'A' at 30:23, Clayton Deven took Super Sportsman at 30:44, Scott Barstow took 'B' at 32:55, Ethan Roy took 'C' at 36:47, Jeff Noyles took Vintage at 36:40, Tom Pratt took Masters at 37:22, and Chris Connacher took Senior at 33:00. Jeff Noyles presented trophies at tonight's meeting.

### **Seacoast Trail Riders**

Seacoast President John Smyrnos spoke about changes in the club and efforts to more closely work with MVTR.

- The club is smaller with about 75 active members. Typically about 15 members attend their monthly meetings at Motorbikes Plus. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Over the years the club has evolved from a family event orientated club to a racer orientated club, and they are actively guiding it back to a family event orientated club.
- In 2017 they held five training events for new riders and kids. Bikes and riding gear were available to loan to kids. They have about five member properties available to them for these events, including the McGrath Motorcycle Ranch in Deerfield. They would like to better coordinate events with MVTR.
- Mike Suriani expressed an interest in developing a 2018 training event at McGrath's property.
- They had a very positive response to their 2017 junior enduro, and want to repeat it in 2018.
- The Berwick, ME town website has a video the Seacoast Trail Riders that portrays them in a very positive light regarding their events to raise money for charitable events.

### **Stolen Bikes**

This year several NETRA racers have had bikes stolen from very secure locations, apparently by sophisticated thieves; and not crimes of opportunity. Stephen has researched several possible technical aids: Motion activated video cameras that send the video immediately to a smart phone, GPS trackers for mountain bikes, and RFID. After discussion the best solution seems to be theft insurance. Progressive offers very inexpensive rates and very good customer service on paying claims.

### **New Members**

- Colton has a new 250XCW
- Father and son, Chet and Trevor from Epsom have a YZ250 and a YZ125.

### **NETRA Sanctions – Lynne Anthony**

- The Classic Trail Ride is 9-10 June 2018.
- The Rock Crusher is 21-22 July 2018. It will again include a junior enduro and vintage.

There was no 50:50 raffle.

Stephen adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm