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December MVTR Meeting

Several MVTR riders finished out the competition season by participating in the Dan Salomone Memorial Enduro. Jimmy said that it was a great event although he had some bike issues he also mentioned some interesting hills and some two-way traffic encountered where some of the riders had not completed a section before the fast guys were starting in on it from the other direction. He noted that he had hour'd out by check 6. Rick summed his day up in saying that he had a blast. Donations and a raffle were combined towards a scholarship fund (I did not hear a total but did hear that it was quite substantial).

John, Jim, Kirk and Jeff were among the MVTR riders who took part in the Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders TOYS for TOTS ride(s). There were in fact 3 rides to choose from that day, in addition to the annual trail ride Gordie and crew hosted not one but two Adventure rides varying in both length and degree of challenge. Jeff brought back to MVTR the plaque for Best Represented Club which topped off a good day for another good cause.

The MVTR Challenge took place at Jeff's in Windham. About 25 riders and perhaps half that many spectators enjoyed the day and a BBQ. Jake was back from his season of contesting the GNCC series to take the title for fastest lap although Duane wasn't far off the pace.

Dan, Art, Tim and Scott started their Thanksgiving Day celebration with a few hours cruising the trails at Hop-Ev.

In addition to those mentioned rides was one in Meriden, CT last weekend that attracted more than 90 riders. I did not catch the names of MVTR riders who went there.

MVTR Events 2010

John and Tuck have both signed of understudies to take over their respective Trail Boss positions when they retire after the upcoming 30th Anniversary of the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride. The Trail Boss

positions for next year's Rocky Mountain Weekend will be Shawn for the Hare Scramble, Andy with the Jr Enduro and Tammy officiating the PeeWees.

NETRA 2010 Sanctioning

The 2010 Sanctioning Meeting should be underway some 1,300 miles north of here as I compose this summary (don't feel bad, its only about 50 degrees and has been raining a lot). In order to fit into the National Schedule for 2010, the Sea Coast Trail Riders need to hold their Enduro on 22 August, this may leave their traditional weekend available and we are hoping to be able to move the Rocky Mountain Weekend to its place on 7 & 8 August. The NETRA Board of Directors has looked favorably on a rule change (NOT submitted by MVTR) to enact a No Competing Event status for the weekend of the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride. In order to become official it must be approved by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting in January. Rick has submitted a rule change to reduce the number of unclaimed trophies at enduros; currently clubs must purchase trophies for several classes, which are sparsely if at all contested. His suggestion would provide for some consolidation.

Upcoming

The first Hare Scramble of the 2010 season is just 5 weeks away! The Sea Coast Trail Riders Winter Scramble will take place in East Kingston, NH near/at the intersection of routes 107A and 108 on January 10th. Much of the course has been literally raked of leaves so as to allow the ground to freeze before the event. Parking will be at a premium so Motor home space is unavailable.

I am several hours late on this item; Jim has a Hop-Ev trail repair project scheduled for 09:00 on Saturday. He is looking to recruit at least 4 able bodies to get the 4 wheelers and trailers over to the park and meet up with Gary (and his tractor) to get some of the larger holes filled before the ground freezes.

JD has announced that Arizona was just too much fun to not warrant a return trip this winter. He will be leaving on 17 February for about a month and has space in the trailer for another 4 or 5 bikes.

According to Clipper, Peter Starr is still interested in our helping out with promotion (and venue?) for a fundraiser showing of his movie Take It To The Limit to benefit Prostate Cancer Research. No date has been set at this time.