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MVTR December Meeting

I must have been too busy grabbing pizza to notice what time the meeting was called to order by President Tom. First up was a reminder that in Hop-Ev the suspension bridge is up but guardrails are not yet in place. Shawn, Dave and Dan went riding there recently, someone ended up neck deep in some rather cold water!

Recent Riding Event

The recent hare Scramble in NY was well attended by MVTR riders. Andy described a new fantastic property; Shawn said that it was scary fast with lots of single track. Among the NH riders a broken fibula as well as a kneecap and femur were earned. Scott survived but learned that calling for Trail might get you brake checked rather than allowed room to pass.

Coming Attractions

MVTR will be looking to host the following 2011 events: The Classic in June, Rocky Mountain Weekend on the same weekend as this year and an enduro in Sept/early Oct. as available. Tuck and Lynne

are headed off to the NETRA Sanctioning Meeting next weekend. Since it has taken me nearly a month to put these notes into a summary, I have the ability to look at the outcome of the meeting and report that:

The New England Classic Charity Trail ride will be held 11 & 12 June 2011

Rocky Mountain Weekend will be held on 30 & 31 July 2011

The Rocky Mountain Enduro will be happening on 9 October 2011

Jericho

Due to some confusion (not saying on whose part) Tom did not make it to the Androscoggin ATV Club meeting however Neal did attend. From what he heard (and said? hard to imagine him not having anything to say) the single track would be ours alone to design and get implemented, the beginners riding area may be a cooperative or shared project. AATV is looking to use grants to expand the trail system beyond the Jericho borders. Bill Gegas is hoping that we will work together and commingle the clubs to get things moving along. Tuck and Mark were up a few weeks ago to clear single track. Neal's single track has been accepted to be built to the AMA standard, which calls for 12 on the ground and 34 between trees

at handlebar height. The Pavilion and Campground projects are still in the works.

Recent Events

Jims Past to Present day at Pats Peak drew quite a crowd for a first time event. He was offering Thank Yous to all who attended. 120 vintage fans attended the banquet, learned about the old days from Bob Hicks (originator of Trail Rider magazine), heard about the not quite so old days from Paul Clipper (most recent ex-editor of Trail Rider and were entertained as Bucky Lewis had Tuck and Jim dancing in matching pink tutus. There was a wide range of vintage hardware to review and lots of picture taking. Plans are underway for next year's version, which may include holding it under canvas at Jims place and adding a vintage ride. Jim had been limited on available dates and this year ended up being scheduled against PSTRs Toys for Tots Ride, because of this he had asked attendees to bring a toy to be added to what they collected. He needed two pickup trucks to haul the collection!

25 riders and about a dozen spectators showed up to see who was quickest on the Windham Loop last weekend. Al beat everyone's time and was looking to reign as champion until a late arriving Dwayne showed up and handily undercut his time!

KPTR held a MotoTrial in Foxboro, no trials bikes allowed to enter. I ended up with Duane's name in my notes here as well but didn't get anything written down as to how he did there.

JD and Johnny O said that it was a perfect day and much fun at PSTRs Toys for Tots Ride.

Hop-Ev

John has been researching signage to see if we can reduce the number of near misses by people going the wrong way or treating the two-way sections as one (their) way only. The current signage has been applied in accordance with standard trail sign practices, what we are seeing is that a large number of riders are not at all familiar with it. John is looking to find highway type signs that could be added and perhaps make things more obvious for the trail impaired.

Tuck will be inventorying the trailer to see what we have and what needs to be ordered for signage. Mileage Markers are on the list for next seasons improvements. Tuck will also be speaking with BOT to see what if anything can be done to tighten the entrance to Sugar Hill trail and reduce its being used as part of the Parking Lot Race Track.

Everything Else

Our membership and contact lists are scheduled to be updated soon.

JD and Company repaired a bridge in Barnstead that is a part of the Classic Northern Loop and had fallen into disrepair. It was voted to reimburse him for cash spent.

The work party to repair trail 22 completed their task.

At the conclusion of the meeting Pres. Tom and the assembled membership took part in an in house video that was being created by Art.