

July MVTR Meeting

The July MVTR meeting was rescheduled from 4 July to 11 July which might have contributed to the meeting beginning at 20:00, following the New England Classic Committee de-briefing, but without benefit of pizza. There was surprisingly little grumbling to be heard; perhaps even that was more correctly the rumbling of a few stomachs. With the 'Usual Suspects' already present for the Classic de-brief, a review of this years effort was first on the agenda.

2012 Classic Charity Trail Ride

Tom advised that his sole responsibility was the weather for the event. Since the weekend weather was pretty much perfect, even to include a short rainstorm on Friday evening to minimize dust, he accomplished his task admirably. In MVTR tradition, once a job has been successfully completed, it becomes yours for life so he should probably start working on next year's weather now.

JD offered thanks to all who volunteered on the Northern Loop and over the weekend in general. He told us that there may be some 'logistical changes' to consider after the first of the year and that he was hoping that some riders, familiar with the area of the Northern Loop would come forward with ideas to incorporate some new trail into the ride.

Chip said that with the new terrain incorporated into the Southern Loop in 2012, he would try to keep the ride very close to the same for next year.

Jay was very thankful for the many volunteers who joined together for this years' Kid's Classic. There really cannot be too many volunteers as it allows the ability groups to be made much smaller when there are lots of group leaders and followers. He would like to start getting next years volunteers out riding/learning the Alton trails and terrain later this year.

Matt thanked those who stepped in during the 'last minute scramble' when Jay got 'taken out' of being present at the actual riding. It was a short notice but enough riders volunteered to keep the event on track.

Dave told us that he appreciated all the volunteers who helped out and that even more would be welcome next year.

Tom mentioned that there would be some discussion about possibly changing the days/loops next year. Running the southern Loop on Saturday and the Northern on Sunday.

Lisa again offered thank yous to all who volunteered to make the event such a success. She told us that the final tally was \$104,000 raised to help fight Cystic Fibrosis and reminded us that the committee was always open to feed back on how to make the Classic even better.

Tom reminded us that the Classic had been featured on New Hampshire Chronicle thanks to the efforts of Art. Andy got to make his 'film debut' during the coverage (along with that Brian guy from VT). The program will run again next spring to offer some pre-event publicity and it can be found on both the Chronicle and MVTR websites for those who missed it.

John brought up the 'Lost & Found', a full set of gear and several other items were found when all had packed up and left the Speedway. Those able to describe the items can claim them.

Tuck reported that the raffle not only covered our expenses related to hosting the Classic but also generated an additional \$800, which was donated to the CFF cause.

There has not been much happening on the **Legislative** front of late.

HOP-EV has been subject to some 'grooming' of late, which has received 'mixed reviews'. **Brian** reminded us that the Bureau Of Trails is tasked with maintaining a trail system which can accommodate riders of all ability levels, it is not just a 'practice track for the accomplished rider. He also mentioned that there will be several projects coming up, including some bridge decking on 19 August.

Freedom Cycle will be holding a Family Fun Day on 14 July 2012 (yes, it was fun, I even got one of my bikes cleaned/detailed with the \$\$ being donated to CFF). For those who missed out (or were otherwise working to prep the course for Rocky Mountain Weekend), there will be another one coming up in September (I think, and perhaps more snow related?).

Mike & Karen will be holding a Family Fun Day as well. It is on the NETRA schedule for 22 July 2012 (happening right now in fact, while I attempt to type this). A day of non-competitive trail riding, suited to young and old, new or experienced but targeted at allowing the newer, less experienced to get out and sample some really nice trails on their property in Maine. The day will even include food and use of the pool. It is hard to imagine a more generous 'project' that what they have put together, with terrific weather as well, it should be a great success.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEEKEND is very fast approaching! I think that we have **EMS** covered. **T-Shirts** are in progress but as of meeting time there was a potential copyright question on using this years logo on the **Trophies** so that was still being worked out. There will be a **Workday** in Alton on 14 July (yes, that was last Saturday) as well as Thursday (the 26th) through Sunday (the 29th). There is plenty for all **volunteers** to do, whether on bikes, on foot or sitting in a lawn chair (probably no lawn chair jobs until Friday evening and you should plan on bringing your own chair). It would be great if potential helpers were to call or email one of the trail bosses in advance but 'walk-ons' are always welcome, work is never hard to find up there. **Glen & Art** are again handling sound and video, that same talented young lady will be back to sing the **National Anthem**. There is very little mud to be found up at the Rock this year, hopefully we will get enough moisture to keep dust under control. It should be a great weekend. **See you there!**

Doug, Josh & Rob went to Canada for a little trail ride; it was 480 miles long, ridden enduro style (not a race but timed), in one day! They had a great time (mostly) and would consider doing it again but felt that adding a 'pit person' to the team would help a lot. The event included camping both nights and some meals (breakfast and dinner?). MVTR team next year?

Jim is still putting together his "**2012 Past to Present**" event for vintage bikes and riders to be held this fall. He has gotten a confirmation from Doug Henry to be the guest speaker.

That's all I could come up with from my July notes; hope to see you all up at Rocky Mountain Weekend and again on 1 August 2012 for the MVTR meeting.

Bruce