

MVTR GENERAL MEETING
2 July 2014 Freedom Cycle, Concord
Notes by John Mesick

President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 8:15pm with approximately 40 members present.

NE Classic Charity Ride Recap.

Trail Boss Chip Fredette reported that Saturday's southern loop went well, with the exception of three reported minor injuries. New trail sections reduced the pavement content and were well received by riders. The sweep riders were back by 5:30pm. One area of improvement needed for next year is getting riders out of the lunch stop earlier. Last food call will be at 1:15 to get them on the trail no later than 2:30.

Trail Boss J.D. Mott reported that Sunday's northern loop went well with the exception of a hero section that was routed through an unauthorized recreational pistol firing range. Although the Classic had the right of way, there is such a thing as "dead right" and wise discretion produced a quick re-arowing.

Trail Boss Dave Mott reported that Saturday's big bike rally covered 160 miles of gravel roads with 18 riders. Attendance was down from years before. Next year he will look into more advertising with the AMA and the Bike Week organizers.

Trail Boss Jay Lees reported 39 riders participated in the Kid's Classic, with one injury on Sunday. Lots of new younger faces!

Glenn Harvey reported that there were 430 adult riders, over the two days of the event, with \$88K raised for CF. Participation was down from previous years, possibly due to this year's conflict with the Father's Day holiday. J.D. Mott is stepping down as northern loop trail boss, and handing off the roll to Jared Szurley, who has been assisting him.

Tucker reported that the 50:50 raffle raised an additional \$716 for CF.

Tom Levesque would like to resurrect the Saturday night video at next year's banquet. He is hoping riders will donate their "Go-Pro" videos from this year's classic to an editor (undetermined). Or possibly the editor could collect the videos at next year's Saturday lunch stop.

Satan's Kingdom Hare Scramble

Many members attended the Berkshire Trail Rider's event, and it was not their usual "death march". There was a last minute venue change for the event. It was described as fun and enjoyable in spite of the dust. The ladies passed most of the vintage riders.

J Day

A teenage participant crashed spectacularly (video on NEDB), and according to Art Pepin suffered ten fractures possibly leading to permanent injuries. Some NEDB posts acclaim the rider as a hero, others disagree. Some lessons that one could take away are: Don't ride over your head. Wear good gear. You still can get hurt.

John Penton Movie

Kevin Hamilton has set up a link on the MVTR facebook page to purchase tickets for a 23 July showing at a theater in Hookset. Tickets are \$10. He needs a total of 60 tickets purchased to make it happen. If there are insufficient ticket sales your credit card will not be charged.

Rocky Mountain Weekend

This is MVTR's money making event for the year: Junior Enduro, Hare Scramble, Pee Wee Scramble, and new for this year, a Vintage Class during the Jr. Enduro. Trail boss Andy Anthony needs help with a work party this Saturday 5 July. Expected tasks include clearing face slappers, possibly downed trees from wind storms, and bridge work. Volunteers should bring their own tools. Andy has limited time/opportunity to get ready for the event. He also needs volunteers for the event. Ron Sousa is running Tech Inspection.

North Country

Despite the best efforts of the North Country Coalition, the large landowner is still unwilling to open up ATV trails to bikes.

Brian Harjula recently made a trip to the Jericho State Park to scout out new single track trails. He described it as very promising. He also mentioned a free campground where plated trail bikes can ride directly to the trail system, but ATVs cannot.

Bob Fitzhenry had a letter printed in the AMA magazine concerning trail bike access to the Ride the Wilds trail system. Bob is also looking into MVTR gaining an AMA club charter.

Carl Towsley also mentioned that CCC, a Vermont Club, has been putting on some good events.

Wrap up

No new members or quests were present.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.