

3 June 2009

MVTR June Meeting

The June meeting got underway with VP Jon presiding at 20:15, after the last CFF meeting prior to the Classic Weekend came to a close. The first item on the agenda was the upcoming New England Charity Classic Trail Ride.

Classic

First off was Pres. Tom's letter which he had posted on NEDB about how the scheduling of Laurel City was affecting participation at the Classic, in particular the Kids Classic.

We then heard from Northern Loop TB John, that this year's ride would be run in the reverse direction from recent years in an effort to get riders into lunch earlier and get them back on the trail to ride the Devils Den and Rocky Hero sections. A last minute change was being made to the Route Sheet, ongoing construction at the Speedway would make access to Gues Meadow Road dangerous so the start was going to be moved to the Main Gate with an immediate reset needed to get everyone on the right mileage.

Assignment of pre and sweep riders had been completed. Quiet Hours at the Speedway are 20:00 to 08:00; we will be adjusting the hours of Tech Inspection to agree with them. Another item has been added to the auction (semi long explanation), Broc Glover, the Golden Boy of MX some years back has a 6 year old who has CF, as part of the fundraising he has been doing for the CFF on the west coast he had allowed his name to be used for a wine. Through the generosity of the winery we will have 2 bottles of Broc Glover Golden Boy Chardonnay in the auction and will be extending an invitation to Broc to come east and join us for next year's 30th annual NECCTR. Pre entries are up slightly from years past with the very notable exception of the Kids Classic which is all by pre-entry and down almost 50%.

This year's Southern Loop has lost about 10 miles of pavement but gained about 3 miles of trail in Pawtuckaway State Park. Including Hero sections it will be 105 miles. New this year is a lunch stop provided by a previous Classic rider who has a family member with CF. There will be two bailouts after lunch, the first heads back to the speedway by way of mostly trail and totals about 70 miles, the second includes more of the good stuff including two MX tracks (recently groomed for everyone's enjoyment) and totals about 85 miles. The route has been thoroughly ribboned, riders will be advised once again that this is a route sheet ride; the ribbons serve as

confirmation that the rider has successfully followed the route sheet.

This year's BBR will run somewhat in the reverse of last years, the biggest change being that it is on SATURDAY and will have a joint lunch stop with the Classic Trail Ride(provided you aren't sweeping and arrive at 13:30 not even an empty wrapper left).

Rocky Mountain Weekend

Several riders and TBs have been out in Alton scouting in preparation for the Rocky Events. A new section has been planned to avoid a frequently troublesome muddy uphill and a bypass of Ryan's Bridge is being worked out. Once the Classic is in the books work parties will begin in earnest to get the courses pinned down and ready to ride.

HOP-EV

Trail Administrator Jim headed out on opening day and found the trails to be mostly good except for the ever present face slappers (which always increase in number as the leaves come out). He said that there is lots of signage repair/improvement yet to be done. He has talked to F&G about increased enforcement of the one ways and such but they agreed that the signage needed to be in place before that could happen.

THE REST

Jims Tuesday after the Classic Ride will take place on the 9th, starting with breakfast at the Pancake House around 07:30 or 08:00 and leaving his place at about 09:30 for a 70 +/- mile ride ending with a donations welcome BBQ.

Steve's Thursday after the Classic Ride will be on the 11th, leaving Jolly Roger about 09:30 (Yeah, I know both of these rides and the Classic are over before I finished this summary and posted it, just another reason to come to the meetings and learn about it all firsthand).

There was discussion of the Enduros and Hare Scrambles so far this year, seems that each event has had some degree of controversy attached but for the most part the majority of the riders enjoyed each event.

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