

6 June 2012

MVTR June Meeting

When the meeting was called to order at 19:54 (early!), the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride, now just days away was the first topic for discussion.

Lisa spoke about the recent breakthroughs in CF treatment and how some new medicines are fighting the disease on a genetic level. So far only one percent of the CF patients can benefit from this exciting new treatment but it shows that a cure can be found for all the rest. She offered thanks to the Classic Committee and to all who volunteered to make this a successful event. Dave M. was recognized as the newest Trail Boss, having taken the reigns of the Big Bike Rally for 2012. Freedom Cycle was thanked for not only their support throughout the Classic but also the other events they hold and support throughout the year to benefit the CFF. Finally, thanks was offered to the landowners who make this all possible and specifically Alex and Bob, without whom there would be no lunch stops.

JD presided over the presentation of several of the annual 'Classic MVTR Awards'. These are usually made at the Classic Banquet, this year the Committee thought that it might be more appropriate to make the presentation at our meeting where more of the club was present to recognize the recipients. First among JD's 'awards' was a big 'Thank You' to Jared S., a relatively new member whose vocabulary appears not to include either 'no' or 'I can't', at least where the Classic is involved. Next came the 2012 Outstanding Volunteer Award, presented to Dave R. for his efforts to be everywhere and do everything needed. Finally the 2012 Ironman Award was presented to Jim P. for not only being everywhere and doing anything needed but also continuing to do that year after year. **Tuck** filled in for an ailing Chip L. (last years recipient) to present the Hawk Award which is given each year to the MVTR member who best exemplifies the spirit of Tom (the Hawk) McAlpine, an MVTR member who worked diligently year after year, even while suffering from cancer, to make the Classic the pre-eminent event that it has become. This year's Hawk Award was presented to Mark S. who each year comes through with whatever is needed be it a sign, a bridge or anything in between. Congratulations to all the award recipients, you continue to make us all proud to be a part of MVTR.

Lisa also noted that thanks to Art, the 2012 Classic is to be covered by NH Chronicle. Time and date that the show will air will be announced once set.

Next we got 'final' comments from the **Team Captains:**
John O. noted that there was still a need for help 'out front on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Also volunteers to round up (with a bull horn) the riders for the Rider's Meeting each morning.
JD mentioned an ever present need for sweep riders and parking patrol.

Jared called for the tech crew members to get their 'credentials.

Chip was absent and I honestly do not recall (Jared?) whom it was that stepped up to report that this years Southern Loop was much changed with a new entrance point into Bear Brook, another mile of trail in Jay's section, an all new afternoon which left out Pawtuckaway park but ended up with 99 miles for the day and much less tar to cover.

Dave told us that he still had openings for sweep on the BBR and that they would be once again joining the trail riders for lunch at Alex's.

Matt reminded us that today was the last day to sign-up for the Kid's Classic, due to CFF National rules and insurance the kid's names all have to be submitted several days before the event. They had about 30 signed up.

Jay thanked everyone who had signed up to help with the Kid's Classic. Perhaps more than any other part of Classic Weekend, having plenty of volunteers is essential to keep the Kid's Classic running smoothly.

Tom restated that outside of the posted Sign-Up and Registration hours, entrance to the Speedway is handled by Track Security, too many have learned (the hard way) that getting in requires that you be pre-registered and on 'the list'. Last but not least, **Tuck** informed us that sweep riders were still needed along with more volunteers to man the information booth.

With the Classic covered, **Tom** moved us along to the somewhat related Bike Week, Class VI Classic ride. Once again **Jim N.** has organized a 'post Classic' ride, riders will meet at 07:30 at the Pancake House or may head directly to Jim's for a 'kick stands up' 09:30 departure on the 12th. The day will consist of a 70 – 80 mile 'wait at the corner' (no arrows!) trail ride.

Jim is also revisiting the 'Past to Present' vintage bike and rider event he held in 2010. For 2012 he is hosting a 3 Day version of the event, taking place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of October. Friday, the 6th will feature a vintage bike ride to George Peck's in Leominster, on Sunday the 7th there will be a vintage bike show and banquet with a guest speaker, under a tent at the Hillsboro American Legion Hall and an 'adventure' ride is planned for Monday the 8th. More information as it becomes available from Jim either at [NashNH@gmail](mailto:NashNH@gmail.com) or Oldetrailboss@yahoo.com.

Moving along, **Tom** brought up the point that club election of officers had not been held in May and was now 'past due'. After asking if anyone new had a desire to hold a club office and getting no 'takers', it was proposed to have the club vote to carry the current slate forward for another year. This was passed on a voice vote. I will insert a personal note here and say that if anyone has a desire to move into the prestigious position of club scribe (I don't think that the position actually existed prior to about 6 years ago), I will be happy to turn over my records, such as they are and offer any and all advice/help to the new officer.

With **Brian** running late, **Tom** advised us that 'Grant-in-Aid' had been applied for to continue maintenance and development in both Hop-Ev and at Jericho, with both being approved. **John** reported that 13 or 14 participants had

held a productive work party in Hop-Ev prior to the May 23rd opening of the trails. They covered all the Bureau of Trails requests and cleared a number of trees that were obstructing the trails. Since that time there have been more blow-downs and another work party may be called once the Classic is done. Club rides at Hop-Ev will begin on Wednesday evenings starting next week. There is no 'official' start time but 5 pm will probably find riders gathering, look for an MVTR banner to be displayed on someone's vehicle as a rallying point. There are generally riders of all ability classes so finding someone to ride with should be easy,

Mike and **Karen** are still working on preparations for the 'Family Day' that will be held on their property in Maine, July 22nd 2012. This is scheduled on the same day as a Hare Scramble intentionally as it is a non-competitive event intended to get those who are not racers out riding. A small entry fee to cover lunch costs will be collected and they do ask that you RSVP if you want to camp there due to space limitations.

Rocky Mountain Weekend will be approaching fast on the heels of the Classic. The event itself will be held on 28 & 29 July, much sooner than that will be the **Work Party Weekend** which takes place on 23 & 24 June (times and details can be found on [NEDB](#), another work day will happen just prior to the event, on 26 July to attend to those 'last minute details'. Saturday, 28 July will feature the Jr., Mini and Women's Enduro along with the PeeWee Scramble, Sunday 29 July will bring on the Mini, Novice, Amateur and Expert Hare Scrambles. As always, there is room/need for any and all volunteers during the event in many roles. The PeeWee and Jr. Enduro events have been voted Best of NETRA for two years running and we are certainly working to see that continue.

Several MVTR riders competed in the **Tri-State & King Phillip Trail Riders'** enduros recently. **Mike** reported that clubs are making the move to the National Enduro system of known controls but that consistency in time lost/needed in checking into sections is still a work in progress. Be that as it may, he related that both events ranked high in what he considers the most important quality – **Smilage!**

Doug gave a brief 'report' on his recent ride – the 4 day, **Mexican 1000**, among other things we learned that 500 miles of Baja is a bit tough on a new set of spokes and that some 'tuning' might be appropriate early in the process to avoid major challenges. Apparently it was both challenging and fun as he has already entered the **Vegas to Reno** race to be held in August.

Tuck mentioned that there would be an Employee Invitation Ride Day at Freedom Cycle on Sunday, 5 August 2012.

Respectively Submitted

Bruce