

4 June 2014

June MVTR meeting summary

President Tom asked that it be noted that **he** was ready to start the meeting on time (actually early). Others were not quite ready but in the end we began pretty much on time. I had thought that I was retired from this job as of last month but

With the event fast approaching a briefing on this years **New England Classic Charity Trail Ride** was first on the agenda.

Glenn led off with a request for more volunteers to fill a number of positions. Sign-up sheets were combined into a single volume and circulated throughout the meeting. Among the needed personnel are: staff for the Information Booth, Gate Marshals, Parking, Tech Inspection, Chase Truck crew(s), Sweep Riders and 'Event Criers' to wander the area with bull horns to get riders to the rider's meetings.

Next we heard from the respective Trail Boss'

JD is still looking for more sweep riders on the Northern Loop (Sunday). The trail is looking good and has been mostly arrowed. He planned to head out on another pre-ride on the 8th.

Chip is looking very much like an over achiever with the Southern Loop (Saturday) already arrowed and a crew of sweep riders recruited. Trails are in good shape.

Dave has been out on the Big Bike Rally course. There is no arrowing on this route but a lot of miles have been ridden and tracks recorded. He would welcome anyone interested in riding sweep on Saturday.

Jay announced that registration for the Kid's Classic has closed with 41 entrants. The trails were pre-ridden on Saturday and will be again on the 7th. While he has a good number of volunteers already, he noted that it would be hard to have too many adults on hand with over 40 riders to move, chaperone, feed and return to 'camp', and so, the more the merrier!

Next up was Lisa, she extended the thanks of the 200 families here in New Hampshire who are living with Cystic Fibrosis and in doing so reminded us of why we (MVTR) have been working to make this the premier ride in New England for so many years. A change this year will be to try and make more of a connection between the riders and the families who deal with the realities of Cystic Fibrosis every day. To that end there will be several families to address the riders meetings each day as well as the banquet attendees. Among those realities is the fact that one can never predict who will be healthy enough to attend on any given day so this is a big undertaking.

Lisa also offered her thanks to: The Classic Committee members who spend about 51 weeks each year planning and preparing for the Classic Weekend. To Freedom Cycle for the amazing support they provide for the Classic as well as for other CFF functions. To the deRose family and Abbey Run

Construction, who continue to support the Classic Trail Ride in so many ways. To MVTR for continuing to host the Classic, now in it's 34th year.

A (recent) tradition is to present the annual MVTR awards at the monthly meeting prior to the Classic. I was (to be honest) too busy listening to the presentations to take very good notes on all the deeds for which they were awarded, thus limiting my usual wordiness.

Jay led off, presenting the "Outstanding Volunteer Award" to Natasha for doing any and every thing that would help keep the Kid's Classic on track. Next up was Chip who presented the "Ironman Award" to Bob who having already helped with everything imaginable, decided it wasn't enough and decided to cater a lunch stop in his front yard. That brings us to the "Hawk Award", presented each year in memory of Tom McAlpine by the person(s) who had been the previous recipient. Andy (speaking for the family) was apparently determined (and successful) to embarrass his wife (on their 26th anniversary) while presenting the 2014 Hawk Award to Tom who has led, shepherded, cajoled and exalted MVTR to 'greatness' in hosting the Classic these many years.

Congratulations to all of this years recipients, well done!

Tom offered up 'Thank You's to the past and present MVTR Officers. A special 'Thank You' was offered to Bob F. for his work in getting our fancy new MVTR trifold brochure together and ready for distribution. Very nice.

Glenn reported that progress on the new riding jerseys was slow. There have been weekly promises but little done. It may be necessary to look for another source.

Rupert issued an invitation to come and sample the new KTM street models when the factory demo truck arrives on the 20th and 21st of June.

Tom announced that in order to be more timely, the meeting summaries should go out in email form as they are available rather than waiting for the quarterly newsletter. The summaries are posted to the (new and improved, check it out soon) MVTR.org website as soon as they are 'composed and corrected'. Having an email notice should reduce the "I wish I knew that last week..." moments.

Events:

Very little was reported from the enduro series except that the 'Ladies of MVTR' have been riding in the Jr Enduros. JD has been chasing the Hare Scrambles series and enjoying himself whenever Andy does not run into him. Lynne has gotten more than one new front fender, Jeremy threw a chain and Andy managed to wedge a rock in his sprocket. Shawn has thus far avoided misfortune and is enjoying the new (button equipped) 250.

The Wednesday evening rides at Hop-Ev began on the 28th. It was drier than expected and conditions were good. A number of volunteers cleared the single track in preparation for the trails being opened on the 23rd.

Rocky Weekend will soon be upon us. Shawn and Hunter have been/will be pre-riding in conjunction with arrowing the Classic Hero section in Alton. The event will be on the 26th and 27th of July this year.

Tom reported that the club became somewhat overextended with the "Ride the Wild" kiosk project. The units grew in both size and number as the project took shape, becoming 10' tall (prior to being 'planted') and 10' long with 15 units desired. Volunteers took over Tuck's shop and garage and constructed the kiosks. The 'vertical' sections were successfully delivered to the North Country leaving the quandary of how to transport 15 - 5' x 10', cedar shake covered peaked roof units. Plans were made, revised and canceled with hope that they will finally head north next weekend. (Reports are that they were indeed loaded, moved and delivered on 7 June 2014).

There will be some 1,000+ riders expected at the [Jericho ATV Festival](#) this summer (1,2 & 3 August 2014). We (MVTR) have been invited to participate with a display or demonstration but with other time commitments are unable to assemble a quality presentation. It is hoped that MVTR members will give some thought to planning something with which to participate at next years' event.

Boo is soliciting volunteers for a work party on 8 June 2014 to get Jay's track/trails ready for the Classic. Meet at 09:00 at the Epsom Mc Donald's to help. (This is one of those 'notices' that could have been distributed in a timely manner by emailing the meeting summaries – **IF**, I had gotten my act together and written this up last week).

Bruce