

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 1 June 2016
Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm with approximately 60 members present.

NE Classic Charity Trail Ride

Lisa O'Conner introduced Madison, a CF patient spokesperson who attended many trail rides as a child; and is now a lovely 23 year old newlywed. Monies raised by MVTR helped to develop treatments that helped Madison lead a near normal life today. While introducing Madison, Lisa displayed several poster sized photos of Madison through the years at the Charity Trail Ride, to which many meeting attendees had a very emotional response.

Lisa presented MVTR with a Community Partner Award from the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in recognition of the Charity Trail Ride being the longest running CF event in New England. She also thanked the Trail Bosses, Freedom Cycle, and Abby Run Construction.

Other awards presented

- Jared Szurley presented Chris Thurston with the Volunteer Award
- Chip Fredette presented Wolfman Tucker with the Iron Man Award.
- Boo Smith presented JD Mott with the Hawk Award.

The Charity Trail Ride 10-12 June 2016

- The main entrance to the Speedway is closed to us; entrance will be only by the security trailer. Camping is limited to the same lot as last year, Lot S5. There will be no driving permitted to the bathrooms or through the vendor area.
- Northern and Southern routes are basically the same as last year.
- 42 kids have registered for the Kids Classic.
- The banquette has sold out.
- We need volunteers to help with parking, tech inspection, and sweeping.
- A Loudon snowmobile club, the Bee Hole Beavers, is actively trying to close the public class VI Wiggins Road in Loudon to the Classic. They using a bogus claim that a bridge is unsafe for trail bikes (but safe for snowmobiles?). To resolve, there will be a Loudon Selectmen's meeting at 6:00pm Tuesday 7 June. All MVTR members who are Loudon residents are encouraged to attend.
- Friday night 10 June there will be Supercross at the Rochester, NH fairgrounds.

Hopkinton Everett Riding Area

- Bruce Starrer reported that his recent project with Sarah, where they installed 203 cinder blocks on the Sugar Hill Trail to address a serious erosion problem.
- There is a need to have a trash pickup work party.
- Tucker raised the Long Bridge on the Stark Pond Trail.
- Tucker installed one "beaver deceiver" 6 inch drainage pipe in the dam at the Long Bridge, lowering the water level about 4 inches. This was insufficient and he wants to install a second pipe.
- Ron Sousa hosted the first Wednesday night ride with a good turnout. He will continue to host each Wednesday night (except the first of each month) at 5:00pm.

Recent Competition

- Three weeks ago there was a J-Day sprint enduro in Chester, NH. The event was described as tough, with a killer rock garden.
- Steve Semuskie was leading the CATRA vintage race when he seized his motor due to a coolant leak.
- The Canadian Rolling Rally was described as dryer than normal. The MVTR team was first out in the morning and last in at the end of the day. They followed GPS tracks without arrows or a route sheet.
- Tom Levesque has been perusing the GNCC series, recently returning from the John Penton event in Athens, Ohio. He described the hard packed clay and shale soils as very slick.

The MVTR Rock Crusher Weekend

- Andy Anthony is meeting with the landowner to finalize the parking location due to quarry activities.
- Andy expects it will take 3 more work parties to complete preparations.
- Tom wants to post orange BoT "OHRV Prohibited" signs on the property perimeter to keep out rogue riders.

The OHRV Club Incentive Bill has passed the legislature and is on Governor Maggie Hassan's desk for signature. It will go into effect May 2018.

Tech Discussion

- KTMs are known to have problems with their air filters seating properly. This may be due to a tweaked subframe, aftermarket plastics interfering, or poor quality aftermarket air filters.
- Of all those hanging tubes on a carburetor, only one - from the bowl - drains excess fuel outwards. All of the others have air flowing inwards to break the vacuum cause by fuel flow. These tubes must be routed so they don't pick up dirt. Often they are routed to the air box adjacent to a dirty air filter.

Trail riding in the town of Hill, NH

The town selectmen have made an effort to encourage OHRV use on class VI roads in an effort to get kids away from video games. There are numerous trails off of the roads of unverified legal status. The details are being investigated by new member Mark Laflamme of Auburn. Mark owns property in Hill, and is interested in hosting an informal breakfast ride.

Best Wishes to Tim, who is leaving the Freedom Parts department to pursue a non-motorcycling career opportunity. A card was circulated at the meeting for members to sign.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm without a 50:50 raffle.