

5 May 2010

May 2010 MVTR Meeting

The May meeting was called to order at 20:00 (perhaps the first time ever on time). Prior to the meeting our Certified Sound Test Technicians set up in the parking lot so that members could get an idea of where they stood. Most of the bikes passed, most of those that did not were already expected to be loud. It was a good practice and learning experience and it will be repeated next month before the meeting. Once everyone had moved indoors, Jay McGrath of Western Powersports was introduced and right at that point our timeliness went downhill due to the arrival of pizza. Once everyone was resettled, Jay began his presentation about the products they distribute. This is the 50th anniversary of Western Powersports, a substantial accomplishment in the industry.

The Jericho OHRV Weekend

Coming up shortly will be the OHRV weekend at Jericho Park in Berlin on 10 & 11 July 2010. In preparation, Neal and some hardy volunteers have flagged out about 5 miles of single track, in hopes that it can be approved by the State and cut in time for the event. With or without the new trail, Neal is planning to have a 60+/- mile dualsport ride for the event. Matt and Jay are working on having a Kids Ride put together for the weekend as well. By all appearances there is growing local support for the weekend and for the whole idea of having an OHRV riding area that is bike friendly.

The Hoots 100

Several MVTR riders attended the Hoots 100 trail ride in what was unseasonably hot weather. Art said it was great riding and included 5 HS courses with good arrowing but a route sheet that could have been improved upon. Someone else (whose name I missed) said that it took them 8 hours to finish and that they couldn't wait for the next one.

The Classic

A reminder that no one is allowed into Rocky before noon during May, failure to heed this could result in an unpleasant interaction with the turkey hunters (they ARE supposed to be there now) and jeopardize our use of the property! Work on the Classic Rocky hero section will begin in 2-3 weeks.

John JD and company were out last weekend building waterbars on a new (to us) section of trail that will provide access to Devils Den. The many blow downs on

the Northern Loop were cleared the week before. A new for this year, hero section on Whiteface was checked out during a snowstorm and a Trash Cleanup Day will be needed out there after Mother's Day.

JD The route sheet of the Northern Loop is completed with the exception of the Whiteface Hero section and needs only to be proofed.

Dan Sign-up sheets for pre riders and sweep riders are posted. Lots of volunteers are needed for this. Pre-riders should be both fast and already familiar with the route from having worked on its preparation, otherwise the need to replace an arrow or three could result in being caught up to by the participants. Sweep riders can be a bit less skilled, presumably there will be enough sweep riders to form groups and mixed abilities can be averaged out.

Tuck The last of the blow downs were cleared shortly before meeting time, the route sheet is ready to be proofed. There is still some bridge work to be done on Jay's private 5 mile trail section and some face slappers to be trimmed as well.

Dave A reminder that there is a number of non-riding jobs in need of volunteer coverage as well. Several drivers are needed to shuffle the videographers to numerous vantage points during the first half or so of Saturday. Someone is needed to transport the lunches and meet up with the Big Bike Rally in the North Country. More recovery vehicles and crews are always needed for both days of the trail ride. I snagged the cushy job of picking up the breakfast at 06:00 on Sunday.

Tom An overview of the many facets of What Is The New England Classic Charity Trail Ride was presented. Many of us have learned by osmosis over the years but we tend to forget that newer members have yet to be involved and may not be aware of everything that goes into holding the Classic and all the different elements that come together to make up the event. It is especially important that all MVTR members understand that there are always volunteer opportunities available and that everyone will be needed to make this, the 30th Anniversary Classic a success!

Bruce A reminder that the ticket office at NHMS closes at 20:00 (i.e. 8pm) on Friday! No one who is not pre-registered will be admitted into the track between that time and 07:00 (i.e. 7am) on Saturday. There is always some misunderstanding about pre-registration! To be pre-registered you need to **send in your registration form and be put on the list!** If you are collecting pledges, it is understood that you may not be sending cash/checks in ahead of the event, many are still collecting until the last minute and bring it with them to turn in; this can be done on Saturday morning. You can be admitted to the track grounds after 20:00 on Friday **ONLY** if

you are on the list, track security will be attending the gate and they will not make exceptions. So if there is ANY doubt as to whether you will be arriving on time Friday (flat tire, had to go back and get the riding gear you forgot to pack, overwhelming need to stop and shop at one of the state liquor stores, etc.) get your entry form sent in and get on the list.

Most if not all Classic questions can be answered by the

[CFF Office](#)

At

1-800-757-0203

Hop-Ev

Jim The recent winds have brought down more trees in the park, Bureau of Trails personnel are already removing them and have cleared all* the other trails. A change for this year is that maintenance and preparation of the entire single track is now our responsibility. The nature of the single track (i.e. being limited to a width of 36) does not lend itself to being traveled upon by tractors, etc., the need to create wider access into the single track for such machinery ends up attracting larger vehicles onto the trails.

This year's high water (50 deep in the parking lot) has created a need to reset several of the small bridges on the Hanglider Trail. A work party should be called shortly to accomplish this. A pleasant side note is that the other bridges (which have been weighted by various means) remained in place.

Upcoming

The Rock Maple Farm HS and Jr. Enduro are this (by now last) weekend. There is an Enduro coming up in two (now one?) weeks in Rhode Island.

MVTR Ride Night will be every Wednesday except meeting night, at Hop-Ev, beginning once the park opens on 23 May 2010. The plan is to meet up at around 17:00, some no doubt will arrive later, and others will probably have been riding much of the afternoon by that point.

Sound Test will be available 2 June 2010 from 17:00 or so until the start of the monthly meeting.