

May MVTR Meeting

The May MVTR meeting began promptly after the pizza was distributed and most members were thereby quieted. A command decision was made to hold discussion of all things Classic until after other business was complete.

OHRVs, RSA 215:39, stickers, etc.

Tom presented a brief history of where we are and how we got here. To summarize (as best I can), back in 1984 legislation was passed which allowed an OHRV registered trailbike with a Certificate of Origin and the MVTR "conversion" form (or equivalent) to be registered for road (not interstate) use. This was intended principally to connect trail sections by road as the most likely bikes to be 'converted' were considered at best less than desirable as 'street bikes'. Because of this it was not deemed necessary to require the addition of all the equipment required on a 'street bike'. Consequently, if you are riding a bike on the road (public way) and it does NOT have an OHRV sticker, it is required to have full DOT required equipment, high/low headlight, legal size tail light, directional signals, i.e everything that 'normal' street bikes come with. Conversely, there is no provision in the statute for converting a street bike into a trailbike by removing the DOT equipment. We were also reminded that in NH we are required to display an OHRV sticker anytime we are operating off a public way on property other than our own.

Fortunately, if you are registered in an event (the Classic as an example) for which the organizers have obtained a NH F&G Rally Permit, the OHRV sticker is not required.

Youth Training

The snowmobile clubs have been active in running youth OHRV training but recent years have found the wheeled community less active in this regard. NH F&G is looking to the NHATV assn. to host more opportunities. MVTR did have a number of course instructors among the membership, how many remain?

Rumor Control

Having been 'out of town' I apparently missed it but there appears to have been a rumor circulating that MVTR and NETRA have been working against ATVs. While we are primarily a bike club that rumor is absolutely false. It seems to have begun with an ATV club planning to hold an outing in Devil's Den on 9 June 2012. It so happens that is the (only) day that the Classic would be routing several hundred bikes through that area. I have not heard whom it was that suggested that they might want to choose a different date but that suggestion was the seed from which the rumor grew.

As mentioned we are predominately a bike club (with members riding any and everything from 3 and 4 wheelers to snowmobiles and jet skis) but in the not so distant past MVTR hosted a couple of winter 'enduros' in Bear Brook which included bikes, snowmobiles and ATVs ... on the same course, at the same time. It was before "my time" and I don't want to even think about the logistics of making that work but it does help illustrate that we are supportive of trail riding in any flavor.

40 Years!

This is MVTR's 40th year as a club (hmm, I was just a teenager then). Tuck did a pretty good job of pretending not to notice when Tom suggested that perhaps we should have a club historian to try and get some information collected (while it is still available). A display of memorabilia may be in our future, definitely some logistics to be worked out.

Recent Rides

The Concrete Highway trail ride was described as much improved though shorter at 43 miles, some 'found' a few more miles to better fill the day. When 375 riders showed up for the J-Day race sign-ups didn't run quite as smoothly as in the past. Success has it's price! The short course was said to be dusty. Tonight's pre-meeting ride was judged to be a success, getting in about 20 miles with no one lost, drowned or arrested.

Hop-Ev

The trails in the Hop-Ev Flood Control Area will not be opening early. The area is managed by the NH Bureau of Trails but owned by the federal government, by contract the trails open on or after the 23rd of May each year.

The Classic

The Trail Bosses present offered up progress reports: Chip said that the Southern Loop will be pretty much unchanged up to the Lunch Stop. He is looking at substantial alteration to the afternoon route but does not have it 'pinned down' quite yet. The Rally Permit application is turned in. JD told us that most of the Northern Loop has been ridden other than Devil's Den. He plans to be out on the trails every Sunday from Mother's Day on and is looking for Pre and Sweep riders to get out with him to learn the route. According to Matt the sign-up is off to a slow start for the Kid's Classic with only 6 so far (just a few years back this would 'sell out', what has changed?). There will be a Pre and Sweep rider 'pre-ride on the 20th from Bergeron's. As always, additional 'adult' riders are welcome to chaperone the event.

Doesn't Fit Elsewhere

Jean-Marie is hosting a benefit enduro to raise \$\$\$ for breast cancer in New Brunswick in June. With some luck I will get the flyer attached to this summary.

Anyone who has found out that the soles of their Alpinestar boots wore out long before the boots might want to know that Sidi soles can be sewn on by United Shoe (Main St. in Concord).

First Annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser



Minimum \$50 entry pledge
Proceeds going to 'Tit Bateau'

Survival
Enduro

2012

June 30th, Saturday

Pre enter only

Entries closes June 1st

Maximum 50 total entries

Registration opens @ 6 am

First bike leaves @ 9:01 am

Directions:
Exit 223
Highway 895
Portage Vale, NB
43 couyl RD

Three 75 km loops

'A' Riders 225 km

'B' Riders 150 km

'C' Riders 75 km

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