

November MVTR Meeting

President Tom made it known that he was ready to start the meeting on time, it was the rest of us, scattered about, comparing notes and eating pizza who were holding up progress (this time).

We started right in with a progress report about the **2013 New England Classic Charity Trail Ride**. The Classic Committee is looking to get the 'teams' started in the next month. The registration cost has increased for 2013 to try and keep up with the expenses. There have been some trail issues on the Southern Loop for next year and they have already been resolved. 'Negotiations' with the State have resulted in there being a flat fee for use of the Bear Brook trails rather than a proposed 'per rider' fee. For 2013 the Southern Loop will be run on Saturday, 8 June 2013 and the Northern Loop will run on Sunday, 9 June 2013.

The club received a 'Post Hurricane Sandy' **Hop-Ev** report. On Saturday a combination of MVTR members and other volunteers rode all of the trails and cleared them of more than 100 trees. On Sunday the 'Blurred Vision ATV Club' covered the trails to clear a few more trees and 'fine tune' the trails.

We are still looking to RTP for a grant to upgrade some of our trail maintenance equipment, specifically the Grizzly and the older trailer (that isn't large enough to haul everything that is in it. There are two sources of grants for trail maintenance; RTP grants are sourced from un-refunded (road) fuel taxes, while Grant-In-Aid is sourced through OHRV registration fees.

Thanks to Kevin and company, the first section of single-track trail is now signed and open in **Jericho**! There are now 12 cabins (only 5 according to their website) available, each holding up to 6 riders and having direct trail access there. Reservations are not currently available, they are on a first come first served basis. More information on the Campground can be found [here](#).

A discussion of upcoming MVTR Events, their costs and **Sanctioning** was held. We have the Classic each year and do that as a pretty much break-even project, everything beyond expenses goes to CFF. The Rocky Mountain Weekend is our major source of income (other than dues, pretty much only source of income); it provides the initial 'funding' for all the other activities. If things go well, the other events at least break-even and pay back their operating costs, although that doesn't always happen. We are looking to sanction the **Classic** on 7,8 &9 June 2013, **Rocky Weekend** on 27 & 28 July 2013 and the **Mountain View Turkey Run** on 6 October 2013 (or earlier if there is an available date). Unless someone steps forward to be Trail Boss for an enduro, we won't hold one in 2013. All dates are subject to approval at the NETRA Sanctioning Meeting on 2 December 2012.

In light of much recent discussion regarding the requirement for **Spark Arrestors**, there was some research done (by Jason?). It appeared that there was no (easily found) requirement in the vehicle rules, which lead some to believe that there was no requirement at all....however, there is indeed a requirement in the forestry rules which govern the places that most of us prefer to ride dirt bikes. Statute XIX-A requires a spark arrestor for all non-street registered vehicles. For those thinking that they have a plated dirt bike and therefore don't need a spark arrestor, there is also a reference to those street registered vehicles having a stock exhaust. In short, if you ride off-road, you need one!

Recent Events were reported on. Paul's first attempt at organizing a ride yielded the **Mountain View Turkey Run** held on 7 October in Wolfeboro. He had 97 riders plus the sweeps in attendance and put together a 125-mile route by working with landowners and arranging donations to area charities. There were many positive comments, one section needed a 'last minute' reroute over in Eaton, it will be back again on the 2013 schedule.

JD reported on the **Noble Woods Enduro and Turkey Run** having swept both days. There were 130 riders for the enduro but pouring rain reduced the Turkey Run numbers to more like 40 on Sunday. Mark made 25 miles before flatting a sidewall which made the next 15 miles more interesting, John 'had a blast' and Art rode the Turkey Run only as far as the Gas Stop (did any continue further?).

Columbus Day Weekend found plenty to do with Jim's **Past to Present II** providing a three-day bike gathering. Saturday saw riders head out from Jim's in Henniker on Walter's 97-mile loop of Class 6 roads with a bike display and lunch in Leominster. On Sunday things moved over to Hillsboro for a Bike Show and Banquet featuring Special Guest Speaker – Doug Henry and comedian Bucky Lewis. Monday found the adventure bike riders again departing from Jim's to follow Skip's 120-mile loop. One adventurous soul started from home in Derby Line, VT on Monday morning, joining the crowd for the loop and then riding back home again.

Mark, Tuck and Art were among the crowd that braved post-hurricane Sandy New Jersey to tackle the **Hammer Run**. 500 miles of driving each way is a lot of driving but a great event.

The **East Coast Militia** made an appearance to let us know that the MX track is now open on route 106 in Belmont (5 miles north of NHMS, at the Lakes Region Casino). They look forward to getting in some Snowcross once we actually get snow.

In **Upcoming Events** we have the **MVTR/Windham Challenge** on 24 November 2012 providing time trials on the Windham Loop. A \$20 donation and perhaps some food to share (BBQ grill provided) get you (probably) as many laps as you care to try. It is open to MVTR, SCTR and their friends, quiet bikes only please; proceeds donated to the Shepherd's Pantry, last year yielded a total of \$490. Also, don't forget that Sunday the 25th will be the annual **PSTR Toys for Tots Ride**; entry 'fee' is two unwrapped toys!