

MVTR October Meeting

The October Meeting accompanied change, with daylight fading fast; we are now on 'winter schedule' with an abbreviated (temporary at best) pre-meeting ride for those with good lighting. The 19:00 'official' start time was more of a suggestion as members wandered in. In retrospect, it reminded me of the change to and from Daylight Saving Time at a friend's dairy farm, cows don't wear watches but by moving milking time forward or back about 15 minutes per session they are able to get 'on time' over a period of a couple days. By 19:30 most of our members had arrived and business began, not so different from the farm, a gradual transition into fall. We were fortunate to add a couple of special guests among the 'usual suspects'. Frank Buck, who worked on club events back when MVTR was hosting rides from Pat's Peak and Mike Nash, in town from Arizona to help his dad host this weekend's "Past to Present" motorcycle gathering, also centered on the 'Peak' area were in attendance.

Fast approaching is the 2nd annual "**Past to Present**" gathering, orchestrated by Jim Nash this weekend. Making full use of the upcoming holiday Jim has planned for three days of motorcycle enjoyment. Beginning at 09:00 on Saturday at Jim's house on Flanders Rd. (earlier if you want breakfast at The Pancake House 'next door') there will be a 'Class 6 Dirt Bike Ride' (older bikes encouraged) that will make it's way south to (over?) the border with a stop for lunch and a vintage bike display along the route. On Sunday the venue changes to Hillsboro for a Vintage Bike Show, which runs from 10:00 to 17:00 at the American Legion on Rte. 202 with a Banquet featuring special guest Doug Henry and comedian Bucky Lewis running from 14:00 to 17:00. For Columbus Day, the 09:00 start moves back to Jim's house for a Back Roads Adventure Bike Ride that will cover about 120 miles. Donations for the rides and a 50/50 raffle at the banquet will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

The **Mountain View Turkey Run** is also coming up on the 7th of October. Luis (with some of the usual suspects) has worked out a route beginning at the Mountain View Airfield (fly ins welcome) in Wolfeboro. Sign-up opens at 07:00 and the Start is scheduled for 09:00, with 125 ground miles and lots of trails you haven't seen on anyone's scheduled event for many years. Primitive Camping is available at the start; bikes need to be quiet and street registered.

In case there did not seem to be enough going on over the Columbus Day Weekend, the final Hare Scramble of the year, **Barnes Way** will be taking place on Sunday, the 7th in Rhode Island. On the following weekend, the **Noble Woods Enduro** will be held on Saturday, the 13th in Berwick, Maine. Using the AMA National format, riders will tackle between 4 and 6 sections (C's ride 4, B's ride 5, A's get 6), with the intent that it will be "C" friendly but still challenging. Sunday, the 14th is the **Noble Woods Turkey Run**, which will share the Enduro Course ONLY for the Hero Sections, the remainder being a selection from the myriad of trails in the area. Not enough yet? Sunday, the 14th will also find a street ride available. The **Cystic Fibrosis Street Ride**

has not one but many starting points around the state, all routes converging on Gunstock Ski Area. To finish out the month of October, don't forget the **Hawk Ride** to be held on Halloween. This year's ride will be held entirely on Jay's property (No street registration required) and he has opened up somewhere between 5 and 7 miles of NEW trail since the Classic visited there back in June.

Looking ahead into November, those who have recovered from Thanksgiving Dinner will want to head to the **Windham Challenge** (or is it the **MVTR Challenge** in Windham?), either way, be there on Saturday the 24th for the annual event. Work is underway, preparing the loop and the \$20 donation is expected to be split between MVTR and the local FOOD PANTRY.

The consensus of opinion about **Unadilla** was that it was NOT muddy (for a change) and that there were plenty of riders present with 663 in the morning race. Shawn finished well (70th O.A.) while being reminded that sprockets need teeth to provide forward motion. Chip, JD and Pete had a good time but someone mentioned that 2 hours seemed like a long time to get through sign-up (just spoiled by Rocky Mountain Events, I think).

It is that time again, winter is approaching and that means that the **NETRA Competition Committee** will be meeting soon. Proposals to be the Official Scoring Team are being accepted. Requests for **Rule Changes** should be submitted by 1 November 2012 to the Competition Committee in order to be researched and considered at the 2 December 2012 meeting. If you are submitting a rule change, it is always helpful to attend the meeting to explain your proposed change and answer questions. Also to be held on 2 December 2012, will be the **Sanctioning Committee** meeting, to approve all the 2013 events and create a schedule. MVTR should be putting together a list of proposed events and preferred dates at our November meeting. Rick and Tuck are still working to get a schedule which comes closer to alternating weekends between Enduros and Hare Scrambles and thus prevents having back to back events in one 'type' of event followed by several 'open' weekends. It seems that having a scramble one weekend and an enduro the next would make it easier for competitors to heal and repair their bikes between races (If you run both series, there is no rest – ever) but clubs are also 'used' to having their events at certain times so it is hard to change.

Kevin reported that '5 guys' were up at **Jericho** for the last work party and that they have finally received state approval for the first ½ mile section of single track. While to a casual observer that doesn't sound like much, it represents a lot of work (and may represent the first legal opening of any single track in over a decade?). They have another 3-5 miles planned and ready to cut. They will be back up in a few weeks to post signage.

In **Hop-Ev** news, we have been approved for \$4,500 in Grant-In-Aid for a Bureau of Trails project. Crews were out last month on the River Loop replacing railings and the ramp of "A Bridge Too Far".