

7 September 2011

## MVTR September Meeting

With the weather not encouraging a pre-meeting ride, the crowd was ready and the pizza mostly devoured when the meeting began at 20:00. Rick gave us a brief recount concerning Luis' daughter who was seriously injured last month in an accident caused by a drunk driver. After being airlifted to Boston and having several surgeries, she has been moved to a Rehab Hospital in Haverhill where she continues to recover. This has of course taken a toll on Luis and any time he had to work on the upcoming Rocky Mountain Enduro. For the time being Rick has stepped up to cover some of the Trail Boss duties. (Late note: Luis was planning to head up the work party today 18 Sept.) In other MVTR friends and family news: Nate of Klim gear, known by many members was hit and killed by an SUV when he stopped to assist someone on the side of the road. Nate was 32 with 3 kids, the youngest only 3 weeks old. On a happier note both Jay and JD are recovering well from their respective surgeries!

A further review of **Rocky Mountain Weekend** shows it to be one of our better years. With cooperating weather we had 282 riders venture to the woods of Alton. Changing our handling of the parking donation to be more in line with other events and having a number of trophies already on hand were seen as two contributing factors in improved revenue.

The **Ladies Ride** was held under great riding conditions. There were 15 riders participating in a "something for everyone" event. Extra Special Thanks are due to the landowners who refused the collected donations, preferring to have it used toward growing the event next year!

Next month we will revert to "Standard Schedule" for meetings. Show up before **19:00** or plan on missing out on the pizza!

In **Hop-Ev** news: The Bureau Of Trails covered the post Irene trail clearing and repair on the "main trails", getting the park back open quickly, leaving only the single track for MVTR to handle. As of meeting date Brian had cleared the River Loop, having the BT trail still to do. Mileage Signs have been hung on Stark Pond, Basset Mill, Hanglider Hill and Sugar Hill trails.

The **Wednesday Night Rides** will continue until the end of Daylight Savings Time.

**Recent Events** found MVTR riders at Speedsville in NY where 37 NETRA were among those appreciative of the rain having held off until almost the end. Also notable was the No Snow Run Enduro in CT where they did in fact have snow in August! Riders enjoyed a good mix of trails with some new stuff mixed

in. No one seemed to be complaining about the last few miles being cut out due to the initial arrival of Irene.

A consensus of those attending events this year is that they are getting a bit easier. This is seen as a way to keep from losing more and more riders to competing race series. By meeting attendee 'guesstimate' the average age for enduro riders would be in the 40's with Hare Scrambles riders averaging in the late 20's.

**Upcoming Events** include:

The Ammonoosuc River Run on 3 & 4 September in Haverhill, NH will feature 127 miles of trail plus 20 miles of single track on Saturday, followed by another 100+ miles on Sunday.

The Eighth Annual Hawk Ride in memory of Tom McAlpine will feature 75 miles of trail and a BBQ. Hosted by Jay, it will start and end at his place in Deerfield, NH on 2 October.

Also on 2 October will be another Ladies Ride, this one hosted by Karen and Mike. It will center around a 10 mile loop featuring the 3 miles of single track in their backyard in Lebanon, ME.

On Saturday, 26 November there will be the annual Time Trials at Jeff's in Windham.

The **Rocky Mountain Enduro** will be soon upon us! Rick brought us up to date on the 9 October event. The plan is to have an all off road (no plate or license needed), AMA rules (you stay, get to ride all day with friends on the same minute), 25 to 30 mile loop, with a gas stop back at start (approximately midway on the loop), which will be run twice. He has been up scouting and found considerable storm damage that will need to be cleared. Work parties are scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (yes, the one on the 18<sup>th</sup> was unknown at meeting time but since it has now come and gone, I am including it here). If the trails already planned on can be cleared in time he hopes to add some more "fun stuff" to the route. Keep tuned to NEDB and your email (you DO have a current email on file with MVTR right?) for more work party announcements. There will be a lot of "Day Of" workers needed to cover the event, keep the date open!

Neal reports that he needs someone to go to **Jericho** go over the single track there with the Bureau Of Trails. This is a necessary step in getting it approved, contact him if you can help.