

MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are the 1st **Wednesday** of the month- Have been since June, 1972.

February 2000 Meeting: Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH
Date: February 7th, 2001
Time: 7:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.
Bench racing & pizza: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (pizza 6:45)

**7 PM SHARP- SCOTT ROSS OF FACTORY CONNECTION
PUTS ON A SUSPENSION CLINIC!**

2000 Club Officers

President.....Dave Fraser
Vice President.....Wayne Zawadowicz
Secretary.....Shawn Nordlund
Treasurer.....Michelle McKinnon

Membership Dues: MVTR dues are \$15 dollars a year. If your address label is underlined in red, **send us money!**

The Merrimack Valley Trail Riders

“Dedicated to the safe and responsible enjoyment of the sport.”

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (First, Last) _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Home Phone _____ **Business Phone** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Circle those that apply:

Type of Vehicle: ATV Trail Bike Snowmachine Other _____

Areas of Interest: Trail rides Competition Legislative Youth Other _____

Related Affiliations: AMA NETRA Snowmachine Club ATV Club Other _____

Yearly Dues: **\$15.00** **New -or- Renewal**

Send completed application & Dues to:

**M.V.T.R.
68 Colburn Rd.
Milford, NH 03055**

LOCAL CLUB INFO:

Merrimack Valley Trail Riders (1974)

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Contact: Dave Fraser (603) 673-1029
EMAIL: MVTR@Altavista.com
Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month @ Freedom
Cycle (603) 225-2779
Home club of NOHVCC Partner

Ammonoosuc Valley ATV Club (1999)

PO Box 63
Bath NH 03740
Contact: Paul Cardin
Email: jeepny@webtv.net

Concord Honda OHRV Club (1999)

Basin and Sandquist Street
Concord, NH 03301
Email and Web Site: <http://www.concordmotorcycle.com>

Millsfield ATV Club

P.O. Box 295
Errol, NH 30579-0295

Montshire Trail Riders

P.O. Box 257
Cornish Flats, NH 03746-0257

NH ATV Club (1998)

P.O. Box 454
Auburn, NH 03032
Contact: Rick Lacourse
(603) 483-2848 evenings 5-9 and Sat 12-6 ONLY please

North Country ATV Club (1998)

RR 1, Box 34
North Stratford, NH 03590
Email/Web Site:
<http://www.greatnorthwoods.org/northcountry4X4/>

Raymond Dirt Bike Association (1998)

8 Edgewood Lane
Raymond, NH 03077
Contact: David Rousseau
Email: drtrblzr@mediaone.net

Rockingham County OHRV Association

P.O. Box 143
Sandown, NH 03873-0413

Scott Motorsports OHRV Club

362 Flatroof Mill Road
East Swansy, NH 03446

Seacoast Trail Riders (1998)

P.O. Box 852
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Upper Valley ATV Club

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EFTA Rep.....Dennis Laliberte
529-7629

Meeting Place.... Freedom Cycle -Concord NH
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Email: freedomcycle@inc-net.com

State of NH

Bureau of Trails....Paul Gray
271-3254

Fish and Game.....Tim Acerno
271-3129

NHSA.....Dennis Ford
744-5497



Here is a Website that has pictures of a recent Bridge-building session held by **MVTR**...

<http://www.empire.net/~harjula/mvtr.htm>

Thanks to **Brian Harjula** for building this webpage & **John O'Conner** for sending this in

I'm a member of MVTR who rides the legally open state park trails throughout the winter on my dirtbike. I don't stud the tires or run cleats. I run a hard sidewall tire and let the air down to just below 5lbs. I've never had a blowout with this setup and don't rip the trails up because of the low air pressure/no studs.

The problem is this - Snowmobilers who intentionally steer at you while flipping you off until you have to go off the trail and dump the bike. They feel that the winter use of trails is theirs alone, and are willing to hurt someone to enforce their rules. I've had this happen when they are in a group, but more recently it's happening more and more to me by even single riders on their machines. They fly around a corner using more than their lane on the trail then get mad because I'm there. I use less room than another machine on the trail. I sometimes can't imagine how they fit two machines going opposite directions in that same space.

I carry the park maps that say it is legal to ride ATV's and dirtbikes on snow covered state trails just to have proof if confronted. Is there a way we can get the information out to the snowmobile clubs that we have as much a right to use these trails as they do? I realize that many of these incidents are random, but if I'm noticing it happening more to me, it must be happening to others as well. Is there a way to report these people by taking down their plate #'s? Can they be held responsible for their actions if reported? They act as if they won't be hurt if they hit you head on. One way trail systems might help but even that won't stop the mentality that the trails are theirs alone.

Years ago I stopped riding road bikes because bikers face road rage by automobile drivers all the time. Now we can't even ride our legally registered vehicles on legal trail systems. I was wondering if this could be addressed at the next MVTR meeting. Thanks for your time on this matter. ...name withheld

EACH MONTH, I GET MORE EMAIL FROM PEOPLE THAT DONT BELONG TO MVTR THAN I EVER GOT FROM ALL MEMBERS COMBINED... HERE IS AN EXAMPLE...

Hi,

I'm a member of PaTRA and Tower City Trail Riders and I'm trying to get a group of guys together for a warm weather ride in Baja Mexico in March.

Trailboss Adventure Tours offers a ride in Baja Mexico and along the Pacific coast that looks GREAT. The ride is three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Arrival into San Diego on Thursday afternoon, they pick you up and provide a Honda XR bike, food and lodging for the three days and four nights. Fly home Sunday night or Monday. The tour cost is \$1400 plus air fare and any alcohol. About \$2000 should cover everything. They also have a ride that is 10 days that goes all the way down the Baja to Cabo San Lucas for \$4000 that sounds wonderful too. Check it out at <http://www.trailbosstours.com/index.html>

Are you interested and/or can you give me any email addresses of any people that may be interested in trail riding? Could you pass this email along to anyone who may be interested? Could you post something on your web site?

Hope you can help me out, as they need a minimum of six people.

Rick Resh, PaTRA webmaster and I are organizing the ride.

THANKS!

Pete
TCTR #878

**E-MAIL ADDRESS
To Contact the Editor:**

Please send ALL correspondence to:
MVTR@Altavista.com

Or Call (603) 424-6766

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GUEST SPEAKER**

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I am looking for a 98-00 KTM 250 or 300 EXC...

Call Jim Rooney @ 746-6203
Email at: jrooney@conknet.com

I'm looking for a used XR Honda 250 or bigger.

Possibly an older bike, '89- '96. Short money, \$1500 or so....
Contact: **Bill Kurth 437-8653** days or **432-0006** eves.
Email at: nhkurth@mediaone.net

Wanted: **Honda XR80**
Please call **Billie**
days **884-3770**
eves **329-6152**

ONLINE PETITION:

We are all unhappy with the land grab that Clinton has tried to enact. Congressman Cannon (Utah) has a plan, but he needs everyone's help.

Please go to the web site below and sign the petition supporting Congressman Cannon's effort.

www.monumentpetition.com

THE FOLLOWING VENTURE IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH MVTR:

A NEW TRACK IN GILMANTON...

The plan is to raise capital for 39 acres on Rt. 106 in Gilmanton NH in order to build an MX / ATV track open to members during hours of operation and potentially available for local weekend racing. Plans are to provide tracks for all level of riding with an emphasis in time on the track for 50-80cc riders. All levels of riders will be accommodated.

Capital will be raised by the sale of a limited number of Lifetime Memberships at \$1000 each. This may sound like a lot but if you run some numbers you'll see that spread out over time the investment isn't that large. You need to take the long view on this and consider the benefits of having a practice track available throughout the season and at your own schedule.

Below is the current Lifetime Membership Agreement. You'll see that it is basically risk free. Your investment will be tied up for about a year until the land is purchased. If there are any problems with the purchase of the land or the town etc., all money will be returned. I've even tried to take the future into consideration and will refund a portion of the fee during the time indicated.

Charter Lifetime Member Agreement.

For the sum of one thousand dollars [\$1000.00] the potential member is agreeing to buy a lifetime membership in Gilmanton Motorsport Park and will be subject to all rules of the track, and a waiver of liability. LTM fee will be used to obtain financing for the land. Money will be held in escrow until sufficient is raised at which time the money will be used to pay for the land or obtain financing at which time all rights and responsibilities of membership will take effect. If GMSP is unable to obtain financing the escrowed membership fee will be returned and all obligations will be canceled.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRACK WILL BEGIN WHEN SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS OBTAINED. WHILE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE EMPLOYED TO OPEN A SAFE USABLE TRACK ASAP. NO GUARANTEE IS GIVEN AS TO THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE TRACK.

Money will be held in escrow until financing obtained at which time money is invested in track. When the track opens membership depreciation goes into effect. If track fails, is sold or liquidated during first 3 years of operation then a depreciated amount will be returned to the LTM after which time no refunds will be given and track owner is not responsible for repayment of LTM. If financing is not obtained during specified time (approx. one year from January '01) or if land becomes unavailable, then money will be returned and there is no further obligation on either part. LTM does not entitle the member to any type of ownership in the land or business. Deprecation of Membership will be as follows year1- \$700, year2- \$400, year3- \$200 Make checks payable to Joe Scordato with memo for LTM@GMSP Your canceled check is your receipt .

Questions? Call Joe Scordato @ 603-783-9617

SPREAD THE WORD - TELL A FRIEND

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Don't Miss It !!

January 3, 2001 - Club Meeting Minutes

Old Business

Netra Sanction Meeting

- Work credit on Classic for Enduro
- John O sets rules on work time
- Looking into possible double-paying for electronic scoring
- Hare S. Riders – have # before first race (\$5) – lifetime #
- Pete Tanner donated generator for scoring

Newsletter

- No newsletter for January... NO NEWS !!!Please send in articles for newsletter
- Suggestion for Louis Collins' wife to take up newsletter... CURRENT EDITOR SECONDS THE MOTION....

Bob Landry will try to get someone from Factory Connection for guest speaker

Web Site

- Update Web site MVTR.org – Bird's daughter and P. Sandstrom – motion "aye"!
- Change MVTR.org to MVTR.com?

New Business

Hop-Ev Work Project Proposal by Wayne Zawadowicz, MVTR Trail Maintenance Coordinator and Vice President (handout has full details)

- Part A – Replank a 124-foot long bridge on the Stark Pond Loop. With sufficient workers, this could be completed in one day.
- Part B – Remove black plastic geo-fabric on a hill on the Stark Pond Loop and lay cement blocks to replace plastic. Manufacture and lay flexible water bars to control water erosion at 30-foot intervals.
- A grant to the state of New Hampshire to be written and submitted by a club member prior to the January 2001 deadline.
- Focus on grant NOW (get pretty good estimate for grant) – bridge first, then hill of blocks
- Next month focus on what we will do for work
- Pete, Ryan and others will clear single track
- Clyde will get most of materials

Safety in Hop-Ev

- There are a lot of wrong-way riders in Park
- Reckless riding in parking lot
- Parents watch and don't know better
- Get people out in orange vests – safety patrol – DREAD (Doug M. – ask about vests)
- Make another "Rules & Safety" sign to post up at large map. Billy Jo will get rules together.

Classic: John O

- Securing additional sponsorship, not much more time for sponsors to get "in" – it may be too late now
- Committee meeting coming up
- Kids Classic proposal
- 2000 acres up for sale near Merrymeeting Lake – boo hoo
- Let's talk to people about pre-riding
- Possibly may need new trails on North Loop
- Split trail bosses – how about split route sheet writers? – Dave F.
- Will add in easier beginning for D.S.

Kids Classic

- T. Ascerno says no problem to out-of-state riders who do not have safety card
- Minimum cc's: 4 stroke = 80 cc's↑ and 2 stroke = 60 cc's↑
- There will be a safety class somewhere before Classic
- OHRVsafety – Fish & Game Web Site

Club Challenge!!

- Steve Carley, Bob Landry
- Montshire, MVTR – possibly another club involved – in addition to Family Field Day! (at Jolly Roger – different dates)

Trellaborg is back – who sells them? www.winterstuds.com

Ice Racing

- In about two weeks (weekend of either January 13 or 20?)
- Milton Pond, North End, Mite Joe Campground
- Two tracks – cars
- Play track for bikes

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