

MEETING INFORMATION

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

March 2001 Meeting: Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH
Date: March 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)

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!**

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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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:

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Milford, NH 03055

LOCAL CLUB INFO:

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Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month @ Freedom
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Home club of NOHVCC Partner

Ammonoosuc Valley ATV Club (1999)

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Concord, NH 03301
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RR 1, Box 34
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271-3254

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

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Email at: jrooney@conknet.com

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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**

Greetings !

My name is Dave Bowers and I got your e-mail address from the NETRA website.

I own an off-road motorcycle tour company - MotoAdventures, Inc. – with operations in both Costa Rica and Peru.

We offer enduro style guided tours in both locations on new 2001 Honda XR400R's in Costa Rica and XR650R's in Peru.

We offer substantial discounts for motorcycle club members and thought that some of your members might be interested in riding with us.

Our website is:

<http://www.motoadventuring.com>

The Costa Rica tour has been reviewed previously in Dirt Rider magazine and Ken Faught (Dirt Rider editor) gave the tour great reviews.

We have also just completed a fantastic press tour in Peru with Dirt Rider magazine and Speedvision TV. Look for the article in the February 2001 issue of Dirt Rider magazine.

We have just completed an exciting new video that is now available and includes segments from our two TV shows on Speedvision TV with Dave Despain. The new video is available through our website.

Please contact us through our website or by telephone at (440) 392-0926 if any of your members might be interested in a club ride with us in either Costa Rica or Peru.

Best regards and good riding,

Dave Bowers, President
MotoAdventures, Inc.

(THIS GUY SAID HE WOULD GIVE DISCOUNTS TO MVTR MEMBERS !! -rp)

The logo for 'SPECTRO' is rendered in a bold, italicized, yellow font with a thick blue outline. The letters are slanted to the right, and the 'O' at the end is stylized with a pointed tail that extends downwards and to the right, resembling a lightning bolt or a speed trail.

OHV & HUNTING SUMMIT

A Summit to Address Ethics Information and Education by Dana Bell, NOHVCC Project Coordinator

Should hunters utilizing off-highway vehicles for scouting, hunting, or retrieval be allowed to travel off of existing routes of travel? This questions and a myriad of similar tough concerns were addressed at the OHV & Hunting Summit facilitated by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council in Great Falls, Montana on August 20-21, 2000.

The purpose of the Summit was to offer an opportunity for a wide variety of interests to discuss concerns regarding the use of OHVs, primarily all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), as part of the hunt. Bob Walker, State Trails Coordinator, MT Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and one of the principal coordinator of the Summit states, Land managers report that the majority of illegal operation of OHVs occurs during the hunting season. An aggressive ethics information campaign that is consistent among agencies and hunting and OHV organizations is necessary.

The forty participants from six states representing federal and state agencies, and hunting, environmental, recreational, ranching, private property, and OHV manufacturing interests who attended the two-day Summit validated Bob's statement. Participants included representatives from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Leave No Trace!, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana Trails Vehicle Riders Association, Tread Lightly!, Iowa ATV Association, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Motorcycle Industry Council, Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Orion, Yamaha Motor Corporation, American Honda Motor Company, Montana Hunter Behavior Council, and Smith Livestock Company.

There was concern prior to the meeting that with such a diverse group personal agendas and biases could prevent honest discussion and cause the group to digress from the purpose of the Summit. To focus attention on the Summit goals and facilitate constructive discussion the advance material and agenda review emphasized that the group was not brought together to debate the status of existing laws or to discuss changes in law but to address ethics information and educational alternatives. Specific objectives outlined in the Summit invitations included:

- Identify issues and activities perceived as inappropriate use of OHVs as part of hunting
- Develop key ethics education and behavior messages consistent with existing information and programs that should be communicated nationally to the hunting public
- Identify traditional and innovative ways to distribute these key messages, and Identify representatives willing to undertake the tasks that would fulfill the Summit goals
- Recognize that actions of the Summit not restrict hunters with disabilities. (This last point was added by consensus of the group at the Summit.)

Following review of current state and federal laws, existing information, and educational programs the participants broke into three groups for facilitated discussion of perceived inappropriate uses of OHVs as part of hunting. The Perceived Inappropriate Use of OHVs as Part of Hunting common to all three groups were further prioritized by individual vote. In the following results, number 1 indicates the issue receiving the highest number of votes, number 13 indicates the issue receiving the lowest number of votes. Future education and outreach efforts will first focus on the highest priority issues.

1. That hunters on ATVs ride illegally on non-motorized single-track trails and on motorized trails designated for motorcycles only.
2. That hunters utilizing OHVs trespass into areas and trails closed to motorized vehicles.
3. That hunters utilizing OHVs travel cross-country.
4. That hunters utilizing OHVs have poor ethics; sportsmanship, fair chase or respect for resources.
5. That hunters utilizing OHVs travel off of existing routes to retrieve game and drag rather than carry out their game.
6. That hunters on OHVs displace wildlife.
7. That hunters on OHVs spread noxious weeds.
8. Inappropriate use of OHVs for hunting is encouraged by media advertising.
9. That hunters on OHVs chase wildlife.
10. That hunters on OHVs diminish the traditional hunting experience.
11. That hunters on OHVs have an unfair access and retrieval advantage over hunters not using OHVs.
12. That hunting with OHVs causes noise, air, and water pollution.
13. That hunting with OHVs causes damage to wet areas and wetlands, and during adverse conditions.

MISSION STATEMENT: Develop and provide an off-highway vehicle ethics awareness program for public and private lands that is consistent among all agencies and initially oriented toward hunters who choose to use OHVs as part of their hunting experience.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To significantly reduce illegal use of OHVs used during the hunting season.
2. To incorporate an OHV ethics message in all state Hunter Education Program student manuals by July 1, 2004.
3. To develop a comprehensive package of ethics awareness tools that are available for agencies and private organizations by January 1, 2002. (Brochures, posters, fliers, PSAs, etc.)
4. To publicize nationwide the "On The Right Trail" program.

SLOGAN: On The Right Trail

For further information regarding "On The Right Trail" contact: Bob Walker ///State Trails Programs Coordinator ///Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks ///1420 East 6th Avenue //Helena, MT 59620 ///Phone: 496-444-4585
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Gilmanton Track blocked by Red Tape

It was a great idea, but the town planning board was very polite in letting me know that this would probably never happen and if I pursued it they were able to regulate me into oblivion. SO... for now there won't be a new track in Gilmanton.

Thanks Joe S.
joescordato@juno.com

Final Tally from the NEW HAMPSHIRE SNOWMOBILE ASSOC. RAFFLE

OUR CLUB RAISED \$ 1,658

Of this amount, MVTR gets to keep 50% = \$829 (Less postage \$102.30)

Resulting in a Net Profit for MVTR of \$721.70

Out of the 186 people we sent tickets to, only 91 people participated.
Not bad, but we could do better.

Thanks to everyone who participated and to Michelle McKinnon for her hard work !!

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

February 23, 2001

Dear Monument Petition Signer;

Because there have been a number of significant developments in the past week, I want to update you on our efforts to deal with the "dark of night monuments" our former President set up to create a legacy for himself.

We appreciate your signing the petition to President Bush at www.monumentpetition.com to establish a blue ribbon commission to review these designations. Last week I met with new Interior Secretary Gale Norton and discussed creating this commission with her. She liked the idea and was impressed that so many thousands of you have signed this petition. We will continue this discussion in more detail after she gets settled in. I am particularly pleased that Chad Calvert, former Executive Director of the House Western Caucus, was with us in this meeting. Chad has just been appointed as the acting Congressional Liaison for the Interior Department. Since I am the Vice Chair of the Caucus, I have a long working relationship with him. I know that he will be helpful in making sure that creating this commission is carefully considered along with all of the other concerns that I and others in Congress have about these monuments. Since our meeting, Secretary Norton has provided additional details on the likely direction the Bush Administration will take.

While it is clear that no final decision has been made, she indicated that President Bush probably would not try to undue any of the Clinton monuments. Instead, she said the Administration would look at adjusting monument boundaries and redirecting management plans to be more responsive to local problems and other concerns.

Last week I also met with House Resources Committee Chair Jim Hansen and the committee Chief of Staff, Allen Freemyer. Jim has made it clear that he will let each congressman with a Clinton monument in his district decide how to proceed. However, since some monuments are creating greater problems than others, we've agreed that we should meet as a group. Creating a blue ribbon commission also will be a focus of that meeting.

I will keep you informed of our progress on the monument issue. No matter which strategy emerges, solving the problem of these Clinton monuments will be a very tough fight. The environmental groups have been drumming up opposition to doing anything about these monuments since Gale Norton's confirmation hearings. I am convinced that winning will take some creative and innovative approaches as well as a lot of old fashioned hard work.

I will also keep you informed about another very tough fight, one that will have a direct impact on how successful we can be in dealing with these monument problems. That fight will be over passing legislation to explore for oil in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). In terms of reorienting our thinking and policy direction on how we use our natural resources, I think this will be the "mother of all battles." Of course, the fight to open ANWR also has broader economic implications. In the short run, winning it matters a great deal to the many Americans burdened with high energy prices and dealing with shortages of electricity. But in the longer run, the outcome will directly affect the strength and resiliency of our economy and our ability as a nation to compete successfully in the 21st century.

Thanks again for your support!

Chris Cannon

House Western Caucus Vice Chair

CLUB MEETING February 7, 2001

FACTORY CONNECTION GUEST SPEAKER STEVE ROSS

Factory Connection works on suspensions for many bike brands. People don't really know how to set up their suspension properly and Factory Connection can make a difference.

REAR

- Under-sprung - hard feeling, bottoming
- Over-sprung - too stiff, feel everything
- Rider sag should be set anywhere from 95mm-110mm (depends on rider's weight)
- Free sag - very important 25-35mm

FRONT

- Pre load should be set to 20-30mm
- Rider sag should be set to 90-100mm
- Maintenance - Bump rubber on bottom of shock - clean it!! Dirt builds up - can score and pit
- Rebuild 40-50 hours
- Oil change 20 hours
- Forks - make sure axle is square in fork legs
- Tire pressure - 11-12 lbs. Is optimal
- Seal head assembly will wear on shock body
- Anodize fork housing and tubes is a service offered
- Fork oil = shoa oil
- Fork height in triple clamp - (3-5)mm
- Steering dampers? Yes they are helpful

COMPRESSION AND REBOUND

- Bottom - how fast going down
- Top - how fast coming up
- High speed - hit curb (blunt object) at 15 mph -drive shock up fast
- Rear - side to side, too much rebound
- Rebound too quick - add compression
- Rebound can affect compression - stiffer rebound, stiffer compression
- Forks if the head shakes, possible due to forks too stiff; back off compression
- Rebound does not affect compression
- Fork springs will sag in time

OLD BUSINESS

- HOPEV - Grant is in! Thank you Rupert and Wayne.
Safety - vests, signs - educational safety grant can be used .
"Courtesy Patrol" on vests - Billy Joe
3 signs made up
- Web site? In progress - Bird and Sandstrom
- Snomobile Raffle – We raised \$1600 (we keep 1/2) - \$721.70 profit
- Newsletter - Russ – During a quite month (ie nobody sends in any info) we may send a postcard-type mailing

NEW BUSINESS

- Kids Classic - 45 total - 12 years and up
- We have permission at Bergeron's for kids classic

For those of you who have not heard about this legislation; the following is a proposed bill in the New Hampshire house. If you have an opinion please contact the Representatives noted in the bill. As always remember that common courtesy and direct factual information is what is needed whenever discussion policy and laws with our elected officials. If you don't express your opinion or express your opinion in a manner that does not allow your view point to be heard then your opinion remains uncounted. As always I apologize to you all who receive this twice (or more).

**Richard Goudarzi
New Hampshire State Partner-National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council
and Education Foundation, Inc.**

House Bill # 717 - AS INTRODUCED

2001 SESSION 10/01

AN ACT establishing a committee to make recommendations on policy concerning state-operated trails for all terrain vehicles and trail bikes, and establishing a temporary moratorium on new all terrain vehicle and trail bike trails. SPONSORS: Rep. Alger, Graf 9; Rep. Dickinson, Carr 2; Rep. Babson, Carr 5; Rep. Scanlan, Graf 11; Rep. Gilmore, Straff 11; Sen. Gordon, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS: This bill establishes a committee to make recommendations on policy concerning state-operated trails for all terrain vehicles and trail bikes. The bill also establishes a temporary moratorium on new all terrain vehicle and trail bike trails pending completion of the study.

AN ACT establishing a committee to make recommendations on policy concerning state-operated trails for all terrain vehicles and trail bikes, and establishing a temporary moratorium on new all terrain vehicle and trail bike trails.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to make recommendations on policy concerning state-operated trails for all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and trail bikes, as defined in RSA 215-A.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(b) Four members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Review the statutory provisions, administrative regulations, and other policies concerning trails for ATVs and trail bikes in the state whether public or private, with consideration of:

(a) History, experience, and operational characteristics of ATV and trail bike trails operated by the state.

(b) Requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in national forest trail systems.

(c) Statistics of sales and registrations of ATVs and trail bikes.

(d) State enforcement procedures for ATV and trail bike trails, including rescue capabilities and enforcement concerns in surrounding communities.

(e) Interests of abutting landowners and neighboring municipalities.

(f) Rights and responsibilities of manufacturers, sales organizations, and OHRV clubs.

II. Seek input from concerned individuals, organizations, and state agencies such as, but not limited to:

(a) The department of resources and economic development, divisions of forests and lands, parks and recreation, and travel and tourism.

(b) The fish and game department.

(c) The department of environmental services.

(d) The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association.

(e) The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

(f) The statewide trails advisory committee.

(g) Representatives from municipal services or from other states.

(h) The general public, OHRV clubs, and other organizations with an interest in public and private land policy.

4 Chairperson. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson

from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. 5 Recommendations and Report. The committee shall:

I. Determine whether the state should continue to develop and operate trail systems for ATVs and trail bikes, and shall make recommendations concerning the status of the moratorium established in section 6 of this act.

II. Develop recommendations, based on the committee's determination and recommendations in paragraph I, for the ATV and trail bike trail planning process by the department of resources and economic development and by other state agencies, including identification of sites, development of site plans, maintenance and operation of trails, and related uses.

III. Report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2001.

6 Moratorium. Pending completion of the report of the committee established in this act, the department of resources and economic development shall not adopt any new policies, rules, or plans concerning trail systems for ATVs and trail bikes, and shall not proceed with development initiatives for any new ATV or trail bike trails in the state.

7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage

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