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Next Meeting:

October 3rd, 2001

Where:

Freedom Cycle.
Concord, NH

Time:

7:00P.M. - 9:00P.M.
Bench Racing & Pizza
6:00P.M. - 7:00P.M.
(Pizza 6:45)

Membership Dues:

MVTR dues are \$15.00
a year for an individual.

Family dues are \$25.00
(parents and children
under 18).

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Brian Harjula and Bob
& Carol Landry for
supplying the digital
photos for this issue.

Over 160 Riders Enjoy MVTR Family Day 2001!

By Jack Heminway

More than 165 riders and their families enjoyed a fun filled day of riding at the MVTR Family Fun day

50s, revved engines to the max, dropped their clutch and headed toward the first turn as fast as they could

Now for the flat track and some real excitement.

Again, the Peewees led off in the flat track as they did two laps around the 1/10th mile track. All riders finished and there were no crashes or tangles. After Peewees, the Minis lined up to race. Speeds picked up markedly as the little boys and girls on their Mini's side-slipped around the track. There were some pretty fast little budding racers out there. Next riders were the Juniors and some skilled riding was shown. There were also some pretty spectacular spills as the adrenaline flowed and several riders

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Junior Girls Flat Track Race

at Jolly Roger Motorcycle Park on September 15th. Many riders camped out Friday night in order to get an early start on the festivities. By 9A.M. Saturday, 168 Men, Women, Minis, Peewees and Seniors had signed up to ride the days events consisting of the Flat track race, Motocross race, and a Slow race and Trials for Peewees and Minis.

First on the agenda came the Peewee Slow race. The first heat was hilarious. When the flag dropped, most of the little riders, mounted on PW

go. I guess nobody had explained the object of the slow race. Finally, after what seemed hours, the slow race was completed for the little guys and gals.

Rocky Mountain Benefit Weekend, Oct. 27th & 28th

Join the fun and make a difference. Oct. 27 & 28, 2001 the MVTR is sponsoring two events. Saturday will be a street only ride (Poker Run). Followed by an afternoon/evening of entertainment featuring a Rock Band at the parking/

start area where camping is available. Sunday will feature a 25 mile off-road loop that you can ride as many times as you like. **All proceeds to benefit The N.Y. Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.**

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New Gates in Alton

By Luis Colom



Jimmy Vernal

On Sept. 9th we had a work day in Alton. A. J. one of the land owners needed to install two gates.

Ten volunteers arrived, five MVTR club

members, four neighbors and an employee of Freedom Honda. Steel I-beams courtesy of Multi-Weld Services and DBS Machine, cement and tools



John and Boo



Tim Supervises Dad Arthur Douglas and Jimmy

where brought out to the job site by four ATV's one courtesy of Freedom. We took turns digging the holes 4 ft. deep by 3 ft. in diam-

eter. Progress was slow due to numerous rocks but we prevailed and the steel I-beams where set up and concrete was poured.

Hop-Ev Work Day

Great improvements were made at Hop-ev. Though the volunteer numbers were very low many will benefit.

and finished the cinderblock project. The old erosion preventive plastic was replaced with cinder blocks and gravel.



Jack enjoys his job delivering gravel to the site.

The small group of volunteers worked from early morning until dusk On September 22nd & 23rd

Thank you all. The finished hill looks great. See more photos on the club web site.(www.mvtr.org)

Rocky Mountain Benefit Weekend

Saturday's Event

A street only ride (Poker Run). Key time 9:00A.M. Followed by an afternoon/evening of Rock & Roll with a live Rock band back at the start.

Sunday's Event

A 25 mile off-road loop, ride it as many times as you like. (Note: some of these trails will be used in next years enduro. It's your chance for a sneak peek.) You will need to bring gas for this ride. Key time 9:00A.M.



- Minimum donation of \$20.00 per event.
- The start is the same for both events and will be arrowed from the intersection of Rt. 11 and 28 in Alton.
- Camping is available at the Start/Parking area.
- Due to the short notice of this event please visit www.mvtr.org for up to date information or call Luis at 603-895-4567

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Family Day Continued

exceeded the limits of their capability in their eagerness to win. Finally all classes finished with the Flat track race and Motocross practice was begun.

First, the Peewees practiced on a shortened course sans big jumps. There were however some fairly steep down hills that initially presented a challenge to the little riders. Finally, all Peewees mastered the track and later put on a good race.

Next, came the

mighty Mini's. I was the flagman at one of the jumps. Most of the riders



Maxwell Landry wins 1st

rode this jump very carefully. One gutsy little guy however, must have been a

Jeremy McGrath fan. Every time he went off the jump, he did a Nack Nack for the crowd. For me, this was the highlight of the day. The rest of Moto-cross practice and race went fairly smoothly. There was some very exciting riding in the upper four classes and especially the in the Expert class. The event drew many expert Moto-cross riders who heard of the event and of the very nice trophies to be won. Top classes had to ride a very steep hill called 'the

intimidator". This was followed by a steep dropoff and a second jump. Several of the top Experts could clear the second hill, landing on the dropoff. Scary. The Senior Motocross was also exciting and had some very close racing by the top 3 or 4 riders. In the end, the win went to Speedy Bob Landry on his Honda CRE.

A hearty thanks Bob & Carol who planned and staged the event and Mike & Karen Harrison and the volunteers who pitched in where needed.

A Mini Monster Has Been Created At MVTR

By Carol & Bob Landry

The MVTR Family Field Day has turned into something much more than we ever anticipated. From 40-50 riders our first two years to 105 riders last year to this year's whopping 161 riders. The slow race turned out to be much too time consuming and a scoring "nightmare", so we quickly cut that event after the Pee Wee and Mini Classes and everything seemed to go much smoother from there. Participation and cooperation was great.

Since Jack Heminway did such a wonderful job on his article, we are not going to go into much detail. However, we did want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers

who helped us get through the day. Without all of you, the day could not happen. We would like to recognize each and every one of you by name, however, we didn't even know some of you which was really nice that you still "stepped up to the plate" to help out. You know who you are and we want to extend our deepest appreciation to all of you.

I do need to embarrass a couple of folks who we know were there all day and never stopped helping. First thing in the morning, in a desperate moment, I nabbed "Tuck" and Sean to help with the MVTR membership sign up. They took over willingly and did a great job. I am not sure

where Sean was the rest of the day, but I do know that he didn't leave until well after dark and was working all day. "Tuck", I believe, was doing a great job staging the classes in the "pit" area. Again, I am not sure who was with him, but I feel confident that, knowing them like we do that there was a Jim Bird and a Dan Murray out there. They both had kids riding that day, but gave us every minute they could. Also, our buddy, Boo. He was our flagger for the day waiving the green and checkered flags for every race. Thanks, Boo, you were great! We need to give a special "thank you" to Mike Harrison and Karen Cader. They pro-

vided the big tent which is a lifesaver and gave us use of their bus for warming up the night before, heating up my cup of tea in the morning and providing a safe haven to tally up the scores. Thank you both so much for all your help throughout the day. We can always count on you. Then there was John Rodis and Jack Heminway and Bob's brother, Jody, who helped with the Trials event. Thanks guys. You did a great job and I am sure it was enjoyed by all. Also, I can't forget everyone who helped with sign up. I couldn't have done it without you.

A big "thank you" also goes to Marco for use
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Mini Monster Continued

of his great facility. Without him, where would we go?

And last, but certainly not least, a huge "THANK YOU" to the MVTR members for all their support in putting on this event. I told our club President, Dave Frasier, that we were getting into some real expenses this year because of the trophies and ambulance and his response was "it's all for the kids. That's what this day is all about."

Again, thank you all for your support, cooperation, participation and understanding during some

confusing moments. We made some improvements, we believe, this year and plan to make a couple more next year including the elimination of the Slow Race which will allow more time on the Flat Track and Motorcross for everyone. The Trials Event will be used as a filler between other events and we will determine at that time how we will handle the scoring. We will also try to include additional classes including a 4-stroke class and breaking out the Pee Wee Boys and Girls.

The essence of the

day was summed up by Marco's "right hand man", Bob, who said that we are the best event they have there all year. We are organized and well behaved and get the most cooperation from everyone. You all know who you are so give yourselves a good pat on the shoulder for a job well done. You are all respon-

sible for helping make this day the success that it has turned into. I wish I could mention more names, but I hope you can understand that Bob and I are pretty out-straight all day long, and cannot possibly know where everyone is, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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The Merrimack Valley Trail Riders
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- Competition
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Send completed application & dues to: M.V.T.R. 68 Colburn Rd., Milford, NH 03055

Family Day Trophy Winners

Pee Wee Mini

4-Wheelers

1. Maxwell Landry
2. Mitchell Bailey
3. Dan Duffy

Mini Girls

1. Allison Bird
2. Cara Dennis
3. Alexandra Celani
4. Marissa Soucy
5. Amanda Soucy

Women's

1. Karen Cader
2. Amy Gregorich
3. Sue Norcross

Novice

1. Scott Beranger
2. Rodney Norcross
3. Bill Paquette
4. Aaron Plaza
5. Joe Steward

Pee Wee's

1. Alec Chase
2. Alex Paquette
3. Rodney Norcross
4. James Marshall
5. Victoria Yerkes

Junior Boys

1. Jake Korn
2. Eric Steeves
3. Dillon Berry
4. Adam Clement
5. Gregg Driscoll

Senior Class

1. Ed Rowell
2. Joe Cogan
3. Shawn McCormick
4. Robert Bendix *
5. John Rodis

Amateur

1. Mike Rector
2. Peter Sandstrom
3. Marc Hull
4. Bill Cannon
5. Shawn Nordlund

Mini Boys

1. Cole Johnson
2. Philip Scordato
3. Brian Doyle
4. John Cader
5. Kyle Kenney

Junior Girls

1. Jessica Maynard
2. Christy Rodis
3. Beverly Bendix *

Super Senior

1. "Wolfman"
2. Tom Levesque
3. Bob Landry

Expert

1. Duane Call
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