



# MVTR NEWS

June Issue

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**Next Meeting:**

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Where:**

Freedom Cycle.  
Concord, NH

**Time:**

8:00P.M. - 10:00P.M.  
Bench Racing & Pizza  
7:00P.M. - 8:00P.M.  
(Pizza 7:45)

Ride at 5:30, call Doug McKinnon for details at Freedom Cycle.

**Membership Dues:**

MVTR dues are \$15.00 a year for an individual. Family dues are \$25.00 (parents and children under 18). If your address label is underlined in **RED**, send us money!

The Deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. At this time you can submit information to: lcolom@attbi.com

Classifieds will run for one month. You will need to resubmit a classified if you want it to run again.

Don't miss the President's Post starting on page 2.

## Are you with us? Join the Association! Join a club! Get involved!

By Richard Goudarzi

The Letter of the Law Comments from the Executive Director of the Granite State ATV Association on HB 1273-FN

As of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2002, two new pieces of legislation (amendments to existing law) were finalized to become law effective as of July 1, 2002. They are HB 1273-FN, which we had opposed as originally written, then after compromises supported and HB 1348 that I suspect you likely never heard about until last month if at all yet.

As a user group the direct impacts of the amendments passed this session are:

■ We are required to organize, form clubs and strengthen the Association.

■ We are required to build partnerships and strong relationships with the State Agencies, the land-owners, other trail

users, the retail dealers, and the lawmakers involved in directing the activities of our sport.

■ We are required to develop and maintain a more positive image of concerned and involved recreationalists.

I know this isn't what you expected to read, and the charts for fees are below, as well as the link to the exact wording of the amendment(s). However, while these words are not written into the law, this is what is required for us to become effective in using the legislation to our best interest.

As an Association, we were able to move the legislation from a ban on wheeled use on state lands to funding for trail development and land acquisition specifically allocated to the users who pay the fees. Yes, we

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## MVTR Trail Rides June 8-13

June 8 & 9 New England Classic Charity Trail Ride & Kids Ride Location: NHIS, Loudon NH. For more information on this ride:

1-800-757-0203

June 11 Class Six Trail Ride Location: Henniker, NH.

June 13, Nifty Ninety Trail Ride start time 9:00. Location: Jolly Rogers MX Park Rte. 10 in East Lempster, NH. Look for Start arrows to parking area. This ride is two route sheeted loops. Gas stop back at the start. You will need to bring gas. There is a \$10.00 fee to get into Jolly Rogers. We will be accepting donations for charity. Primitive Camping is available at the start. You are welcome to stay for the flat track races at 5:30

More information for these rides will be available at the club meeting and the Classic.

# President's Post

By Tom Levesque

Over the life of a simple chain and sprocket the sprocket carries the summed load of the individual teeth. During that life, due to different needs: power, torque, braking, some teeth will be stressed and worked harder than others. But in the end, they all work together and carry the load to drive the bike forward.

Last month I recognized officers of the Club, all of whom are teeth of the sprocket I now mention. This month I'd like to continue and recognize others who make up this drive sprocket.

MVTR's most visible project is the June "New England Classic Charity Trail Ride". Meetings begin in September plotting the course of the following year's event. Trail bosses are the managers and pivotal players of any event and again this year John O'Connor would oversee the northern loop while Shawn Northlund would shepherd the southern loop. That was the

plan unit John literally broke his a\_s.... Dammed motocross bikes. John is still totally consumed with the event, logistics, land owner permissions, but Neil Lorenzen has changed his event responsibilities to include the northern loop's trails. John Davis, a Lorenzenite from the past has steeped back into the woods to provide some new improved trails around the Speedway. Dave Heath, one of few who can converse with Neil on an equal level...what ever level that might be, is working the northern loop with Neil and adding some backyard stuff. If you need either of these boys for the past or next couple of weekends you'll have to go out on the trail to find them. Dave tells the story of approaching an older landowner recently whose daughter stop/stop/stop! (This story isn't for our family publication.) John O'Connor, some what immobile,

has with the help of neighbors in Alton, come up with some new single track stuff to add to the Northern loop. New trails are good but a lot of work.

In the south Shawn has had Al Tucker out on the trail for the last 3-5 weekends, not that Tuck isn't busy enough with other aspects of the Classic, The Colorado 500, AMA, hare scrambles. He's everywhere. We send an adult with Shawn because of stories we've heard with respect to his social escapades in Colorado, we can't afford to lose trail bosses, they're hard to come by. The same publication we see Heath's continued tail/tale in, we'll probably get a glimpse of Shawn's fabled story.

It ain't just kid stuff to Karen and Mike Harrison, but two days of Classic Kids at remote riding locations with or without parents is a true test of sanity or a test of the insane. Whatever. Last year's Classic Charity Kids event

went well and I expect will do so again this year. Mike is also president of the Seacoast Trail Riders. His multiple club activities allows MVTR to see and share ideas and efforts with our riding buddies to the east.

Pete Gerrior has been involved with the Classic for a number of years. We wish we could see him out casually riding more but appreciate his presents and effort. Not having graduated from the DeLoreme University of Mapmaking, he does not have a diploma to hang in the garage over his bike and boots but he will have a Classic trails inventory mapped to detail by GPS. Get lost, get broke, call him at the track, he and the sweepers will find you. Well they may not find you, but Pete will know where you are.

Jay McGrath, where the hell has the curly-topped dude been? Anyway he sits on the Classic com-

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# Are you with us? Cont.

compromised on the fees, but the original suggestion was to double the fees and not allocate the money directly to us. Next year we can anticipate the availability of an estimated \$435,000 for Grant and Aid, earmarked for our trail system and development. If the money is not spent then it is to be kept in an account for land purchase, easements or rights of way for ATV or trail bikes and facility development.

As an Association, we were able to get the legislation to require the identification of a new site on state lands to develop for ATV and trail bike use. Yes, we agreed to the coarse and fine filter, but this filter is required to work for the development of the trail system. This system is separate from the Nash Stream proposal, but Nash Stream was never allowed to be removed from the table.

As an Association, we were able to open a dialogue with the legislators and get recognition that we are a legitimate user and

the issues are not just illegal use and damage to land, but the lack of opportunity for legal and responsible use. Yes, we agreed to increased law enforcement, but to get the Fish and Games assistance on uniformity and fairness across the state in addition to increased safety and awareness.

As an Association, we strongly supported the development of a long term ATV and Trail bike Plan. We are working to be actively involved in the development and analysis of this plan.

Hopefully, you can see we have been effective in the last year. This was a lot of hard work from our clubs and many steadfast and willing people who recognize the

need for change was important to us all. Your challenge as an individual is how to support this hard work and keep it going in the direction we all want?

If you are not an active member of a club and also an active member of GSATVA then we already are losing the challenge. It is as simple as that! We don't need mandatory membership we need everyone to accept that without membership and volunteers we cannot meet this new need to be active messengers and advocates for our sport. We need volunteers from all the clubs to come and help the Association - just as the clubs need you to come and work for them in your

own community. I've kept this short and simple because that is exactly what it is. As a users group, we are short of trails. As a club and Association, we are short of volunteers and money. We all are simply trying to work toward the time when going for a ride with the family is legal, safe, fun and easy -

Are you with us? Join the Association! Join a club! Get involved! Join in the responsible use of the land we all value and wish to use.

If you want to read the amendments as they are written you can go to our Association web site: [www.gsatva.org](http://www.gsatva.org) - click on Laws then go to the link for HB 1273.

<b>Registration Fees Schedule</b>			
	TRAIL BIKE	ATV (Other OHRV)	SNOWMOBILE*
RESIDENT FEE	42	51	45 (75)*
NON-RESIDENT	61	70	60 (90)*
AGENT FEES 2	2	2	

\*Note: HB 1348 requires proof of membership in a local club that is also a member of NHSA or a user fee of \$30 is attached for trail grooming. This was a last minute resurrection of SB 315 that had failed. We cannot predict the impact this will have on local snowmobile clubs or the NHSA.

Also note there is exclusion for "youth model" machines. If the machine has a cubic inch displacement of 95 cc for ATV or 125 cc for snowmobile AND the youth is under 12 years of age and accompanied by a 18 year or older OHRV registered operator then there is no registration requirement for the youth machine.

## President's Post Cont.

mittee and has added some new private trail in Deerfield, part of the southern loop. Is that landowner with the shotgun guarding it for us? Don "Boo" Smith, a round-about, goes around and about helping here and there, making sure the job gets done. Along with putting on a couple low keyed trail rides every year he's around-about all Club events helping where needed. Dave Fraser along with being a Club officer is another round-about. About 1997 we were rounding up help to put on the first Rocky Mountain Hare Scramble. Dave was part of that group, including John O'Connor and Rick Claxton who in five weeks gained permission, scouted, cut and put on an 8-10 mile scramble. During a week long monsoon no less. The next year they put 16 miles together, the longest

loop in New England., Dave too gets around and about.

Rupert Dance is not last by design. But here is a person who brings business to the volunteer workings of the Classic, a mature stabilizing voice to MVTR meetings that at times get disjointed. Rupert is a low profile high output kind of guy.

This posting was not meant to be a who's who of the Classic, but that is in fact what it has turned out to be. That's OK, because everyone mentioned are as big a part of MVTR as they are of the Classic. Along with these folks are the Club members who show up to help or ride on the weekend of the Classic or any Club event, combining to make-up the drive gear that keeps MVTR moving forward.

Next month more teeth in "As the sprocket turns..."

## Sign Up Today!



### New Hampshire Fish and Game OHRV Safety Courses

In New Hampshire, OHRV operators aged 12 years and older must possess a Safety Certificate or valid driver's license. A safety Certificate is issued upon successful completion of the OHRV Safety Course.

The OHRV Safety Education Course includes instruction in proper preparation and care of the vehicle, basic operation and safe riding techniques. Operator requirements are also discussed, such as appropriate clothing, what to bring with you, outdoor survival skills, and medical self-help. The OHRV Laws are reviewed as well as environmental considerations, landowner relations, and

multiple use trail issues. A written exam will be required and a field test may be included.

The next OHRV ATV and Trail Bike Safety Education Course will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2002 and will be held at Greenfield Meeting House, Rte. 31 & 136, Greenfield, NH. Sponsored by The Greenfield Trails Assn, & Merrimack Valley Trail Riders.

For further details or to pre-register contact Wayne Zawadowicz, at 603-547-2329 or The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department 603-271-3129. There is no charge. Parents are encouraged to attend.



# How To Build a Route Sheet Using Excel.

By Neal Lorenzen

Record your actual mileage coordinates in column A and your "turn descriptions" in column B. Print the route sheet out and load it into your route sheet holder and go proof your route sheet.

While out on the course, make corrections by either using a recorder or have a hard copy of the route sheet along to write on. When noting corrections to be made, a good habit to get into is to state or write mile 17.2 L WR, should be 17.1 L WR. This lets you know the correction is limited to .1 miles and does not involve a turn description change (unless of course you stated 17.2 L WR, should be

17.2, R WR).

When you get back from proofing your route sheet, re-open your spread sheet and in Column C, write a formula which will calculate the mileage difference between each mileage coordinate in column A.

The formula is as simple as  $=a2-a1$ . Then copy this formula down for your entire route sheet. Sum the total of column C to be sure it equals the total mileage on your route sheet and that you didn't make calculation errors.

Now in Column D, in the second row, enter 0.00 indicating start area. In the third row, enter a formula which will add

each individually calculated difference for each mileage coordinate (the numbers in column C) to the 0.00 in column D. It would look something like  $=d2+c1$ . Copy that formula down to the bottom and it should look exactly like the sheet you took out to proof the ride (of course after you copy and paste the turn descriptions from column B into column E).

Okay, now to use the tool. Lets say you had to correct the route sheet by .2 miles between mile 72.4 and 72.9. Meaning, 72.9 should be 72.7. What you do is you go to the cell where the difference between 72.4 and 72.9 is calculated

(in column C) and where the formula calculated .5, go in and overwrite the formula with .3. That now corrects the new route sheet in columns D & E. Your total ending mileage should be .2 miles less if you made the proper corrections. That's it in a nutshell, if your mileage descriptions take more than one row, you need to correct your calculations to reference the cell with the previous mileage coordinate. By building small loops in this manner that can be cut and paste into bigger sheets, you can have alternatives already built in the event of landowner issues, course reroutes etc.

## No Computer?

Don't let that stop you from submitting articles for the MVTR newsletter. We accept hand written articles and photographs. Mail Submissions to:

Luis or Lisa Colom  
54 Senter Circle  
Fremont, NH 03044

Any Questions: 603-895-4567

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 GSATVA's membership consists of individuals from clubs throughout the state. Last year MVTR's treasury paid for all members to receive a membership in the Granite State Association. This year it was voted by the membership to pay the first Five Dollars of the fee for all members who wished to support the association.

**What do I get for my money?**  
 Last year you were protected from NH House Bill 717, which was tabled due to pressure from GSATVA lobbying. This year HB-1273 was greatly modified to become something the wheeled community could accept.

**How do I redeem this coupon?**  
 You simply mail the above coupon with your portion of the membership fee (single \$5 or family \$15 additional) to GSATVA's address above and they will bill MVTR's treasury for each coupon redeemed.

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