



MVTR NEWS

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Next Meeting:

July 3rd, 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 news letter is the 20th 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.

Thanks to the Good Old Boys

By Dave

Thanks to the good old boys the 2002 New England Classic Charity Trail Ride was a success. I know Tucker didn't ride the weekend, but he stayed on top of it! Saturday's ride started out great with the By Pass off the starting warm up spots.....opened. Then the grease began with

the new Road that the loggers put in just before the ride then a little rain made the trails a bit more interesting. For some they could only Dream about the hero sections and think they must need a winch to get through if its worse then this dual sport trail ride. The hero's/non hero's had a Blast in my

yards. And then it was off to Reset after Reset.... over all it was fun. Yes Great!

I thought lunch went well, some wanted to bail and did and others rode all day. The banquet went well. John Penton was a little short, but new all the dates and places, that

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New Location for Hare Scramble

By Luis Colom

Due to the sale of Temple Mountain we lost use of the land for the hare scramble on July 28th. Mike & Jim Nash gave a great effort, but they where not successful in retaining the use of the mountain for this year. So we decided to check out Mount Madness in West Ossipee. After a very successful scouting trip the decision was made by Brian Thomas the new Trail Boss and myself to go ahead and have the event there.

Mount Madness was Mount Whittier Ski Area. It operated as a ski area from 1949 to 1985. We have had two workdays so far both under rain. The rain

was good it gave us the opportunity to ride the trails at their worst. Luckily, enough brave



people not afraid of the rain showed up to help scout and layout a course. I am happy to report that we have an awesome loop approximately 7 miles long with a great motocross section layout by the famous motocrosser, the

real Jay McGrath.

Let me run you through the loop: Start by riding a grass track on the side of a ski slope followed by a nice motocross section in a sand pit, then you make a sharp right turn up a service road followed by a nice slight down hill. Then comes the real climb a long wide rocky uphill with great traction no stoppers all the way to the summit, for you skiers this is where the gondola dropped you off. Then comes a long but steep downhill (horsepower hill) check your brakes before the start. This hill is made of big granite slabs, the coolest down hill I ever

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Classic Banquet 2002, "Thank You"

By Tom Levesque

As presented by Tom Levesque, representing the Merrimack Valley Trail Riders to quests at the Classic Charity Trail Ride banquet:

On behalf of the Merrimack Valley Trail Riders (MVTR), I would like to welcome you to the 2002 edition of the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride.

We wish to thank John Penton for his time to visit with us. For all of us who rode and remember the 60s and 70s; the Penton Jack Piner and your personal exploits, we are privileged to have you with us this week-end. For

those who reminisce the 80s and 90s, we recognize, welcome back and thank Mark Hyde and his dad for joining us.

To the sponsors of the event, we thank you for your time, product and financial support. I would ask you riders when you buy bikes, parts or services to personally recognize and thank these dealers for supporting our sport, the event and CF.

We would like to thank Annie for joining us and celebrating the evening. When we first meet Annie she was just a little kid, she's grown to be a young lady. A

heart felt thank you to Lisa and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of New England in allowing MVTR and the trail riding community to help in the fight against the disease known as Cystic Fibrosis.

To you trail riders and your significant others who have joined us this evening, we thank you, and ask that you offer your riding buddies that are not here, our thanks and gratitude for coming to the event and hope you will all enjoy the trails and experiences the ride will bring. Keep in mind, as a bonus to coming to

New Hampshire for the Classic and bike week, MVTR has a 70 mile dual sport ride on Tuesday and a 90 mile ride on Thursday. We invite you to both rides and suggest you take-in any one of the many activities in the area during bike week.

I would like to thank the Seacoast Trail Riders for helping out over the week-end.

As a rider, and for all participating riders, I would like to thank the Classic Committee and the members of MVTR who helped in making the event happen and I believe successful...

Thanks to the Good Old Boys Cont.

was great he helped the sport of dirt biking take off and he still does today. Lisa sure does care about the kids and young adults so much. I'm glad we all get to help find a cure. It's not fair to stop without saying anything about Sunday's ride. Lets face it, John stepped up to the plate again and got the paper work in order, then whacked the wrist like he was on a Honda 400 hop up kit. bla, bla, bla, and over he went leaving him kibbieing on the motocross course. I heard Dave Fraser just missed John and like a cat changed direction in the air. Good Job Dave.

So we get to the part where Neal takes over as trail Boss. Still lots to do, changing the course, some new land owners permission. Thanks to Neal and Pete the maps were made and the ball stayed rolling. The drastic short cuts were welcomed on Sunday by many, the riding was dryer, but not dusty. The hero sections were just fantastic, especially coming down White Face the view was well, "lovely" and yes brakes were needed in spots..... Hard.

Shawn rode his 2002 KTM to the point of Explosion leaving him

to have to borrow a spare bike from a friend. He pulled his end with Tucker as his super scout and Neal with his work force finished it off.

AMA, Suzuki, MVTR, and friends raised \$86,000 for the cure of CF. Thanks to the sale of raffle tickets, the club (MVTR) was able to make a little something and able to purchase staple guns (they seem to have a way of being miss placed, ha, ha, ha). Also new leather bags to carry arrows, cautions, slow signs and stop signs, new belts and holsters as well. Jay McGrath was a great

help on pre riding and pre/sweep riding as well as the rest of the team. You to Boo Boo.

Special thanks to Rupert and Freedom Cycle for their support. Oh, I don't want to forget the kids classic, I heard that went Great as well, thanks to Mike and Karen and all their team. The list goes on. Thanks to the Bureau of trails for working with MVTR and making 2002 a fun and happy success.

Happy trails in the future. Z-Man, Johnny Lightening, Super Scout II. Just don't call me late for the Banquet.

Dave

Hare Scramble Cont.

been on. From experience we know there is great traction even in a down pour. After, we continue down a jeep trail and then some fresh (hand guards required) single track. Followed by a nice wide-open road with another short hill climb and downhill, remember this was a ski area.

So far due to time constrains and short resources we have only cut one trail and are using existing trails and roads. This area has a lot of potential. I urge all of you to come and help us on one of the next workdays, Saturdays July 13th and 27th, possibly July 20th. from 9:00 am on. You skied it now come ride it. The plan for the July 13th workday is to ride the course and take care of any down branches or hazards on the trail. There will be no hard labor involved mostly riding and exploring. We will be up

there Rain or Shine. After July 8th Brian may be going up on weekdays. If you are available please give him a call at 603-887-8100.

Mount Madness (Mt. Whittier) is located on Route 25, Just 1/4 mile off the intersection of Rt. 16 and 25 in West Ossipee. (Yankee Smokehouse, Wind Song Motor Inn, McDonalds)

I do not want to beg but I think I am going to anyway. We need help on the workdays, but also we need help on July 28th, the day of the event. We have a lot of members it would be nice to see some new faces helping with this new location.

Dale from Mount Madness is organizing a parent child trail ride on Saturday the 27th with a Z50 race to follow at 6:00P.M. If interested in helping or for more information call Dale at 603 539-7300

M.V.T.R. Presents Hare Scramble Madness at



In West Ossipee, NH
July 28, 2002

Fast fire roads, Grass track,
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Directions: Rte. 16 to the junction of Rtes. 16 and 25W turn onto 25W 1/8 mile on right side, it will be arrowed.

Sign up info:
AMA & NETRA memberships are required & will be available at the event.

Classes & entry info:
Mini, Bigwheel, Jr, Girls, women - \$25.00
Novice - \$35.00
Amateurs & Experts - \$35.00

Timed Event:
Mini, Bigwheel, Jr, Girls, women - Start - 9:30A.M. 1 hr.
Novice - Start - 11:00A.M. 1 hr. 30 min.
Amateurs & Experts - Start - 1:00P.M. 2 hrs.
\$5.00 per car/truck parking donation

Primitive camping avl. For race people only.
Motel info-Mount Whittier Motel 603-539-4951
Wind Song Motor Inn 603-539-4536

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MVTR Trail Boss Brian Thomas 603-887-8100 days
Mt. Madness Adventure Center 603-539-7300
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Parent Child Ride & Z50 Race Saturday July 27th, 2002

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Parent Child Ride starts at 11:00A.M.
Z50 race starts at 6:00P.M.
Same location as the Sunday Hare Scramble
For more information call Dale at
603 539-7300

What Could Have Happened

By the time you read this its likely that July 1st is very close, or has past, and that means you'll need to ponder buying a new OHRV sticker for your trail bike. Probably the first thing you'll notice when you do that the is fee; it's gone up substantially from to \$28 to \$42.

To many of you this will be an unpleasant surprise. And to the rest of you it's no surprise, but a bitter pill non the less. So now you're asking yourself "how in the world did that happen"? Didn't we have an organization on the hill (Granite State ATV) fighting this sort of thing. How could GSATV have supported this???

Well, I've been hearing you, and I believe me I'm the last guy that wants to see this fee increased. In fact this year I've got two sons who've just started riding. So I'm looking at a new bill to pay.

That all said, GSATV did try very hard to let the trail bike/ATV community's voice be heard on the hill in Concord. It was a grass roots battle wagged by a lot of us new to this sort of thing, and running up against many paid professionals

who knew a lot more about the game then we did

Non the less, we made some major gains in this "defensive battle". And had we not stepped up to the plate here's probably what we would have had for July 1st, 2002...

(What Could Have Happened, But Didn't)

- OHRV fee of \$75-\$100
- Children under 12 would be essentially be banned from the sport
- All previous fees to snow grooming and snow trail maintenance would continue
- Winter riding essentially outlawed (but we would still pay for winter trail maintenance).
- Course and Fine Filter: it would have been far more restrictive then it is today (i.e. a total ban)
- Towns would be grated veto rights on any state land for new OHRV trails

In summary the bill would likely have been a multi pronged pitch fork to ban your sport from all sides; new fees, less trails, no youth. Instead, by showing up and participating here's what we ended up with...

(What Did Happen)

- A fee increase, but far less then what it might

have been, and no sticker fee for ATV'ers under 12

- Kids under 12 OK'd to participate
- Potential for winter time riding, albeit severely restricted
- Separation of accounts- WOHRV's no longer paying for winter snowmobile trails they cannot use
- Course and Fine Filter- although quit strict, not the ban that the environmentalist groups wanted for state land.
- Trail building to begin- Nash Stream & Pine River put on the fast track.
- The Roll Over Account (the big one)- WOHRV's keep unused "grant in aid" funds to buy new riding areas.

So looking at it from the "what could have happened perspective", had we not shown up this could have been a real disaster. Instead we molded the bill into something that on the whole is pretty positive. With the wheeled OHRV fees being separated from the snowmobile money we now will have more "grant in aid" funds then we will probably be able to spend, and should be able to do just about any project we want. Then what we can't use for GIA we still get

back to buy new ridding areas.

So I ask you to ask yourself "was this lobby group (Granite State ATV) worth \$5 this year for what it did for you. To become a member GSATV is asking for \$10. But MVTR voted in two meetings back to have the club treasury pay the other \$5 if you stepped forward with the first \$5.

So \$5 is all it's going to cost you to help keep this fledgling organization breathing, and help continue the campaign into next year. Please mail this in along with your MVTR membership renewal. Or if your MVTR membership is current, mail in to MVTR the GSATV membership form along with the \$5 payment.

Last, we're gearing up for the next round of legislative battles for 2003, and I'd be interested in hearing from the MVTR members what you'd like to see put on the agenda. Two that are already on that list are 1. Lower the sticker fee and 2. Exempt trail bike riders under 12 years from the OHRV fee. Email me at president@gstatva.org Thanks, Peter Sandstrom, GSATV President, MVTR member

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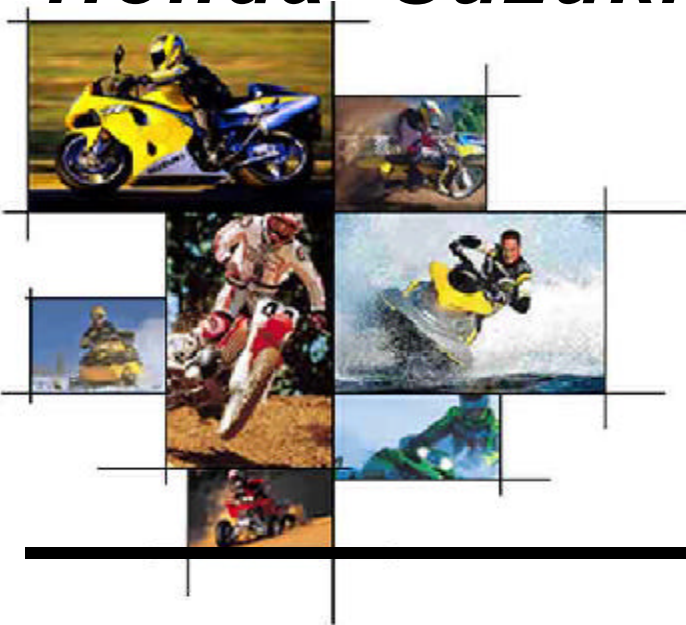
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Please Check All that Interest You:

- Youth & Family riding Trail rides ATV AMA Giving back to YOUR Sport & Volunteering
- Competition Snowmachine Legislative NETRA

Yearly Dues: Individual = \$15.00 Family = \$25.00 (Parents & children under 18)

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