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JUNE 2002 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

JULY

- 1 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm, Northgate Cycle**
- 6 Rumble on the Ridge ATV Poker Run, www.rumbleontheridge.homestead.com for details
- 7 MX, Steel City
- 13 SX, Switchback
- 14 HS, Switchback
- 14 MX, Brownsville
- 20 SX, Switchback
- 21 MX, Pleasure Valley
- 21 TRCR Monthly Ride at Switchback Raceway, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**
- 27 SX, Switchback
- 28 HS, Beaver Valley

AUGUST

- 3 Rumble on the Ridge ATV Poker Run, www.rumbleontheridge.homestead.com for details
- 6 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm, site to be announced**
- 11 Log Hopper 100, Boyers, Quads
- 12 Log Hopper 100, Boyers, Bikes
- 18 TRCR Monthly Ride at Switchback Raceway, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

SEPTEMBER

- 3 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm, site to be announced**
- 15 TRCR Monthly Ride at Switchback Raceway, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**
- 22 TRCR Annual Picnic at Switchback Raceway**

THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

President: *Don Adams* Vice President: *Celine Nista* Treasurer: *Michael Hawthorne*
Secretary: *Jeff Pflugh* Legislative Affairs/USFS Liaison: *Mike Babusci*

GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK

Our June meeting was held at Augustine Cycle at Switchback where we all got to drool over the new KTMs. Thanks to Mark Augustine for hosting us – he put up tents and everything in case it rained. Although the turnout was a little light, nothing out of the ordinary for the summer months.

At the meeting, all officers in attendance, some recent rides and events were reviewed. There was the ongoing success of the monthly rides at Switchback where our membership continues to grow a little and everyone gets to come out and ride – especially the kids. One thing that came out later was maybe looking for a volunteer or two to show up early and mark a short C loop in the woods on the old go-kart track for the kids. This would give them something else in addition to the kiddy MX track to ride on.

There was also a report on the High Point MX nationals over the Memorial Day weekend. And, there were some real good stories following the 2-day dual sport put on by Tim Hoover.

And, I had the opportunity to ride both the Wayne National Forest in southeastern Ohio as well as a couple different days at the Marienville system. Wayne has improved much over the past several years. We rode the Monday Creek area, which is but one of three different regions of hundreds of miles of trails. There are lots of new trails, good maps and trailheads and loops with enough to keep everyone happy. If you're thinking of going, check it out online at www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne and be sure to check the trail permits and registration guidelines because they do enforce them.

At Marienville, I had the whole crew on the Timberline and ATV loops one weekend and did the bike trail the next with Vinny “the big banana” Kabay. The bike loop is in really nice shape right

now. The newer section that was put in last year is broken in pretty well and is twisty and fun. The new Penoke Boardwalk is complete, thanks to TRCR grant money, and it looks real good.

Next up was a vote on defraying the costs of Mike Babusci attending the Coalition for Recreational Trails luncheon on June 13th in DC – the club voted unanimously to cover Mike's expenses of course. TRCR received an award there in connection with all its work involving labor and grants in connection with the Marienville Trail.

Tom Baty and Chuck Smith gave a report on our most recent PenDot Adop-a-Highway clean up at I-279. The turnout was downright dismal as only 5 members showed up. It was suggested that the next time the club has the opportunity to bow out of that project, we should consider doing so. What a shame.

The topic of whether and/or when the club should consider doing another bike raffle to benefit the Dirt Quest was addressed. There is some interest yet no consensus on the part of the members in attendance. What do you think?

Dates were shored up for the remaining monthly rides at Switchback for the rest of the year, including the date for our annual picnic. We managed to not schedule it on the same date as the High Point GNCC for a change!

Shawn “I may be short but I'm fast” Downing won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to the treasury. Thanks Shawn.

That's it for this month. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. You can send us something at our website or directly to the secretary at jpflugh@salsgiver.com See you at the July 1st meeting at NORTHAGE CYCLE where Steve Stiller will host us. Then, we'll see you in the woods. Thanks.

TRCR RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK AT MARIENVILLE TRAIL

On June 13th, Mike Babusci, our legislative affairs officer and liaison with the US Forest Service, traveled to Washington DC to rub elbows with the muckety mucks once again. No, this time it wasn't to beg for trail dollars and more trails, it was to receive an award from the Coalition of Recreational Trails on behalf of TRCR. According to Mike: "The awards presentation was nice. The folks at CRT gave a run down on each of the projects, based upon the application reports that were submitted, and they introduced the people who attended the ceremony. I didn't know what to expect so I didn't go crazy in sending out invitations but many of the award recipients had a congressman present to say a few words about the project. I was there along with Mark Conn (*our friendly Ranger at Marienville*) and Kevin Elliot from USFS. Fred Brown also stopped by and sat through the award ceremony. They also arranged for us to meet with Representative Peterson from the 5th congressional district (north central PA). We shook his hand, he congratulated us on winning the award, and we took a picture with him. The AMA had some people on hand and we were told that they would probably have something about the awards on their website and maybe in their magazine. We received a framed certificate that I gave to Mark Conn and Kevin Elliot to take back with them. They said they would hang it in their new Marienville Ranger Station."

Much thanks to Mike for all his hard work on coordinating what happens at the USFS trails. Mike also wanted to thank, in particular, those that worked on the particular rehabilitation project at Marienville that were named in the application for this award. They are: Mark Augustine, Thomas R. Batty, Larry Baden, Roger Clapp, Mike Heineman, Bob Huerbin, Robby Huerbin, Randy Huerbin, George Huerbin, Ed Knisley, Jeff Pflugh, Russell Pflugh, Dustin Pflugh, Jim Seibert, Chuck Smith, Michael Swain, Jonathan Swain and Ray Ventura.

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