



Volunteer Riders Newsletter

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Treasurer - Brian Kimmit

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News

- **This December Newsletter** - will be a little sparse this month because we're saving lots of year-end juicy details to reveal at the upcoming banquet on Saturday, January 6. So, for those of you who've been living under a rock and only get your news from this letter, here's a final invitation to join us for some fun and frolic:

- Our 2017 Banquet will be held at the Bearden Banquet Hall on Saturday, January 6th beginning at 6pm. We hope to see as many friends and family there as possible and this includes YOU!

This year we are asking that folks let us know in advance how many from their member group will be attending. This is important so that we can ensure we have sufficient seats and food on hand for the hungry hordes!

We want to make it easy for you to let us know what your plans are. So, we've created one of those web form thingies with the little check boxes that won't take a moment to fill out if you would be so kind.

Maybe you just don't know whether you'll be able to attend or not at this time. Or, maybe you know for sure you won't be able to (oh, the horror of it all). Well, we still want to hear from you. So we've provided check boxes for almost any eventuality.

So, without further ado, please go to the following link and give us some feedback. It will be most appreciated!

<http://volunteerriders.com/2017-banquet>

- **December Meeting Report** – Thursday, December 21st at the Time Warp Tea Room in the Holler.

- 26 on deck for the voting extravaganza (and fine Tex-Mex-Deli cuisine):

Aaron Cadle	Curtis Eldridge	Jimmy Eubanks	Preston Teague
Alan Smeltzer	Daniel Maley	Jonathan Flory	Richard Hutcheson
Allen Goins	David Farmer	Justin Cox	Robert Woodford
Andy Humphress	Ed Clark	Matt Roth	Sean Fitzgerald
Bob Howard	Gary Pugh	Michael Doyle	Troy Beeler
Brent Beach	Greg Thomas	Nathan Glinski	
Cody Bock	Jason Collins	Patrick Klepper	

- **2018 Officer Elections** – The following stalwarts were unanimously elected as *your* leadership for the coming year:
 - President: **Craig Teffeteller**
 - Vice President: **Curtie Eldredge**
 - Secretary: **Ed Clark**
 - Treasurer: **Brian Kimmit**

- **Bylaw Changes Effective 2018** – The following bylaw articles were new or changed by majority vote:
 - Old clause to be stricken: “All club dues shall be collected and records maintained by the club treasurer. No club funds shall be spent, nor any commitment of club funds made, without a majority vote at an official club monthly meeting. Club funds may be spent for any item, activity, event, or purpose, which the majority of club members vote for during a scheduled monthly meeting.”
 - Replacement clause to be added:
 - All club dues and other funds, and records of receipts, disbursements and balance on hand shall be maintained by the Treasurer.
 - The President has authority to direct the disbursement of club funds towards club purposes without ratification by membership.
 - Membership may propose specific expenditures in form of a motion in a club meeting. Motions for expenditure approved by majority vote will be executed by the Treasurer.

- **Bylaw Discussion on Club Membership Rules** – The following bylaw article changes were previously authorized in the November meeting but received considerable discussion in December:
 - Minimum age for club membership is 18.
 - Youth 17 and under may participate in all club activities and events with permission of and under the supervision of a Member. Youth are eligible to earn points and other awards. There is no membership fee for youth.

In discussion it became clear that the above wording did not capture the intent of the membership with respect to fostering and promoting youth participation. Therefore, the above two article changes will be parked until further discussion and agreement is obtained on what, if any changes are wanted to the bylaws on this subject. Meanwhile, there is no membership fee for youth (17 and under) and they will also be counted as full members.

- **Workday at Brown and Redoak – Saturday, Decemberth**. Despite frosty morning temperatures, ten Paul Bunion wannabees roused out of the rack and miraculously appeared at Brown at 9:00 (ish) to report for duty. There had been a lot of pre-grousing on the forum about the weather so the turn-out was splendid, thank you very much! Two working parties headed out of base camp and by

all reports, treefalls began to hit the dirt (huh?). After spending the morning working up a sweat, there was just enough retained energy to tootle around the newly cleared trails a bit. That's what I'm talking about!

Added to the Rocky Raccoon hall of fame list and recipients of the last double points opportunity of the season:

Alan Smeltzer	Ed Clark	Mark Kalchthaler
Andy Humphress	Elijah Cavin	Michael Doyle
Daniel Maley	Jonathan Flory	Preston Teague
		Robert Woodford

Upcoming Events/Rides

- **2017 Banquet – Have you not been listening?**
 - Jan 6, 2018 at Bearden Banquet Hall, 6:00 PM, Buddy's BBQ to cater, cash bar available.
 - Banquet fees:
 - \$15 per seat for members
 - \$15 per seat for minor children of members
 - \$20 per seat for spouses and other guests
 - By the way, if you're not a member or you haven't already renewed your membership for 2018, we will accept membership applications and renewals at the door.
- **Annual After Banquet Ride – When? Where? U gotta come to the banquet to find out. Devious, ain't we?**

Membership Stuff

- **New Members This Month – A hearty welcome to the following new Vol Riders:**
 - Oops! Nada.

2017 Club Points

- **2017 Points Winners – U got it. Come to the banquet to find out.**

Talkin' Dirt With Gary Pugh

We're giving Gary a little break this month so he can learn to properly ride that TM in the dry. I mean, really, *wants* it to rain?

Infomercials and Factoids

- **Vol Riders Decals** – We now have a restock on the fender decals. Right now, you can only get them at a meeting. Also, we've still got hats and tee shirts. Deck yourself and your ride out. Do it!
- **Permits to ride on TWRA managed land** - Now known as the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area. (WMA) (Royal Blue/Sundquist/Brimstone sections) This includes what we have known for years as Royal Blue, and what used to be the lower half of Brimstone. \$61 Annual Resident OHV Permit, **OR** you can get a type 01 hunting/fishing license (\$28) **and** a \$17 Type 093 WMA small game permit (for a total of \$45). You can get it at any Walmart.
- **Windrock/Coal Creek watershed ride permits** – Checked the Windrock website this month to make sure this blurb's still current. Annual permits are still \$100 (including tax). The best and possibly the only place to get them for sure is at the following location:

Windrock General Store

912 Windrock Road,
Oliver Springs, TN 37840

(865) 435-3492

<http://www.windrockpark.com/>

Check your permit expiration date! The permits are annual and no matter when you purchase them, you get a full year's use before they expire. Continue to enjoy 75,000 acres of the best riding area that you're going to find. Don't get embarrassed by having an expired permit on a club ride at Windrock. That would be tacky.

- **Postscript** – This month's newsletter edited by Ed Clark with lots of help from others . If you would like to submit opinions, articles, tirades or just generally help producing this letter, please contact Ed. Look him up on the forum and send him an email or text. Ta.
- **Links and Other Stuff You're Sure to Need**
 - **Volunteer Riders:** <http://volunteerriders.com/>
 - **Forum:** <http://volunteerriders.com/forum/index.php>
 - **Time Warp Vintage M/C Club (and Tea Room Info):**
http://www.timewarpvmc.org/tea_room.htm
 - **Windrock:** <http://www.windrockpark.com/>
 - **TN Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) License Info:**
https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/twra/attachments/License_Codes- J1.pdf