



Volunteer Riders Newsletter

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News

2017 Banquet – Saturday, January 6th, 2018

The annual banquet was held at the Bearden Banquet Hall on Kingston Pike in Knoxville. As usual it was a jolly good show and you should kick yourself if you missed. The turnout resulted in pretty close to a packed arena with 110-plus attending. The serving line formed up around 6:30 and the food was as good as it gets. After the meal and a good amount of chitchat, the well-fed crowd settled in for the festivities emceed by outgoing 2017 president, Preston Teague.

Highlights of Msr. Teague's presentation included a summary of last year's activities. He pointed out that the Volunteer Riders had hosted over 33 events last year which is pretty close to three events per month on average. And some of these things really rocked, Horace. Special recognition went out to Bucky and Kim Meek; John Strange and Slate Creek Motorsports; and Steve Staab and Spring Lake Trials Training Center for just being *majorly* good folks and great benefactors of the club. Michael Doyle walked away with the 2017 points winner prize. Well done Michael!

We'd be remiss if we didn't mention the several shiny new Beta and KTM enduro bikes on display by Knox Enduro and Sportcycle KTM. *No, honey, I hardly even noticed them. I was just over there shooting the bull for a moment.*

Our staff photographer (?huh?) produced some pretty lame photos of the event. Such as they are, you can catch a look at: <http://volunteerriders.com/photo-gallery> Don't complain, where are your photos?

Really, there was just so much fun and good times going on that's it's impossible to list everything. We're sure we've let a bunch of stuff drop through the cracks that we should have reported on. We'll do better next year (yeah, right).

There's one thing in closing that we definitely don't want to let drop through the cracks. We're talking about recognizing our great sponsors. Without them, a lot of stuff couldn't happen the way we like for it to happen. We've provided a recognition page at the end of this letter. Please have a look.

After Banquet Ride – Sunday, January 7th

You heard it right, Roscoe. The *very* next day following the banquet, 15 hearty souls ventured into the mountains to show that, "We bad – we *definitely* bad." We're just going to let a quote from our incoming president summarize the frame of mind of these nut cases:

“... It was a great day of riding. I must say that this is the first time I have been out riding with dust and frozen puddles everywhere at the same time. We had a great time.” By the way, check out a ride video at: <http://volunteerriders.com/photo-gallery>

So here's the suspect list and another 15 well-earned points goes in the record book:

Andy Humphress	Jason Collins	Preston Teague
Brian Kimmitt	Jonathan Flory	Robert Woodford
Craig Teffeteller	Katie Harris	Silas Rutherford
Daniel Maley	Kerry James	Tristan Teffeteller
Elijah Cavin	Paul Teffeteller	Tyler Fleck

January Meeting Report – Thursday, January 18th at the Time Warp Tea Room in the Holler.

- 29 in attendance including two guests. Be advised that while the “official” meeting starts at 7:30, quite a few folks arrive an hour or more early to enjoy a little comraderie (bs) with similar nut cases and enjoy some of Dan's fine Tex-Mex-Deli cuisine. If you are a first time attendee, don't be reluctant to arrive a little early and start to get to know us. To say we're informal is a bit of an understatement. We do try to wash up a day or two before the meeting, though. Here's the suspect list:

Alan Smeltzer	Derrick Rinehart	Mark Kotrys	Russ Townsend
Brian Kimmitt	Ed Clark	Matt Roth	Scott Cox
Clifford Stoops	Gary Pugh	Michael Doyle	Sean Fitzgerald
Craig Teffeteller	Jimmy Wathen	Nathan Glinski	Steve Lewis
Curtis Eldredge	Jonas Tankersley	Patrick Klepper	Tristan Teffeteller
Daniel Maley	Jonathan Ball	Paul Teffeteller	
David Farmer	Jonathan Flory	Preston Teague	
Derek Ford	Kelley Dobbs	Robert Woodford	

- Yahoo Groups – It was voted to officially shut this puppy down in favor of the new Forum which has been up and running for over a year now. The general report is that nobody (attending the meeting, anyway) is using it and it's time to take it behind the barn and, well.... Actually, this is old news because essentially the same thing was decided last year but everybody had apparently forgotten that discussion. Anyway, if anybody knows how to pull the plug on our Yahoo Groups, please do so. Otherwise, it's just going to wither away on its own.

Workday – Saturday, January 20th

It was short notice but was scheduled at the Jan. 18 meeting because some folks have a window of opportunity now, but won't later in the year due to other commitments. Besides a bit of nip in the air, 11 stalwarts slashed their way around Middle Ridge laying waste to offending treefalls and other such stuff. By all reports it was a grand old time had by all. And, the icing on the cake is: double points! So, unless my math skills have abandoned me, 22 more points have now hit the record book. Thanks to the following riders extraordinaire:

Brian Kimmitt	Robert Woodford	Alan Smeltzer	Michael Doyle
Craig Teffeteller	Silas Rutherford	Derek Ford	Tony Allen
Paul Teffeteller	Tristan Teffeteller	Luke Ford	

Upcoming Events/Rides

Club Meeting – Thursday, February 15th

Yo, we're going to have an auction! Check this out:

Hello Vol Riders,

The topic came up at the January meeting that we need to do all we can to support our "clubhouse" the Time Warp Tea Room. If you don't know, Dan doesn't charge the club for use of the place, he never has, and other people have even tried to get our date. You may not know this either, but Dan was a Volunteer Rider back in the day (take a look at the Vol Rider History book on the big round table). He loves having us there.

Winter time is a lean time for the Time Warp Tea Room. Revenue comes from people riding motorcycles down there and buying hot dogs and coffee, and the time change and cold weather slow that way down. If you had any idea what the electric bill alone is you would be shocked! So here is what we are going to do after next months meeting. We are going to duplicate what the Vintage Motorcycle Club does, and have a used "stuff" auction, with the proceeds donated to help the Time Warp.

After the February meeting, which will start early (7:00) we are going to auction off your used, but still good stuff, with the proceeds going to the Time Warp. If you have something laying around your garage that you don't use anymore, but someone else may want. Bring it in. That pair of riding pants that you wore 1 time 10 years ago and "out grew", bring them in! What about that set of Bark busters that have been hanging on your wall for 5 years? Bring them in! Anything that someone can use, that is still good, bring it in and we will sell it! I've been to several of these Auctions over the years and they are lots of fun. One year at the Vintage Club auction someone even brought in a Mason Jar of "Race Fuel" from Newport. 😊 Before the meeting all of the Auction goods will be laid out for everyone to preview. So bring your stuff early. Also, and this is important.....BRING CASH!! Ones, Fives, and Tens. The bidding will be fast, furious, and fun! I've already got some stuff set aside to donate, see what you can find.

Look forward to seeing you there!
Russ Townsend

Scribe Stuff

Membership

- We closed 2017 with 102 members. We had a hearty 39 new members belly up to the bar. Now, a few of these "new" folks were actually former members returning after a, shall we say, unauthorized absence. We count 'em as we see 'em.
- Through this month, we have 79 members on the roster with 9 qualifying as new. It's looking like a banner year is in store for us as folks begin to come out of winter hibernation. Ah, that siren song begins to blow through these East TN mountains even as we speak.

2018 Points Championship

- Well, we had four events in January counting the banquet, the after banquet ride, a workday and the January meeting. So, the maximum possible points earned at this point would be five

(since a workday earns two points). Right now we've got five happy campers with the max of five and another four folks nipping at their heels with four points. Yes, that's five for five and four for four, respectively. However, don't be discouraged. There's plenty of time to play catchup and, maybe, win yourself that pot at the end of the rainbow.

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 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 – Annual permits are still \$100 (including tax). 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.

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

Valued Sponsors and Partners

Without further mucking around, it's time to recognize our sponsors. These are the folks who are supporting our sport and particularly our club. You get a chance, please consider giving them a little support in turn. We'll be updating the website this month to include recognition of these folks with links and contact data. For now, how about a big hand for the following folks and companies. Thanks for your support guys and gals! *We Love You.*

Lee Ann Lewis

Beverly Pugh

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Curtie Eldridge – Tennessee Stone

Gary Pugh – Knox Enduro

Greg Horner – Royal Electric, Inc.

Tim Bowen – Parts Unlimited

D.J. Jordan – Western Power Sports

Cycle Gear of Knoxville

Please find contact info and links for the above folks at: <http://volunteerriders.com/sponsors>

And with that, "Elvis has left the building." Until next time....