Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club

2025 March Monthly Newsletter

Mar 30th trail maintenance day

Next Trail Maintenance Day is Mar 30th. We always need volunteers for the trail maintenance days and highly encourage riders to come out and help. Trail days are typically the last Sunday of each month. We meet in the staging area around 9:30, organize into groups and then head out for around 10am. Everybody who shows up gets a free 'trail crew' t-shirt. We always try to have a giveaway – sometimes gift cards from local motorcycle shops, sometimes tires, tools etc. When possible, we try to have coffee and donuts for all the volunteers. We rarely ride in to do trail work – we typically drive and hike in. Many locations will require a truck to get to. If you don't have a 4x4/truck, you can always leave the car in staging and hop in with somebody else. Come prepared with proper clothing and footwear – the club will provide all the tools necessary.

Wednesday evening trail work

Once it's light enough until about 8:30pm or so, we'll start having Wednesday evening trail work parties. They'll be announced on the Facebook Group. These work parties are a way of getting extra work done on the trails to prep them for the Route of All Evil Fun Ride in June.

\$1000 giveaway to volunteers

Every time you come out to a trail maintenance day between Oct 6 2024 and the 2025 Route of All Evil Fun Ride (Jun 22), you'll get an entry into the draw. One \$500 and two \$250 prizes will be awarded. If you do work outside of a Trail Day it must be substantial (at least 2 hours per person) and not just cut a couple of dead falls. Contact Rick Green, Ryan Thom or Clay Walker before you start the work and have before and after pics of the work done. BMMC directors and Trail Committee members will not participate in the contest.

Pristine re-route

The trail Pristine used to be the primary trail to access the mountain and has seen a ton use over the years as a result. Due to hydrology issues, being ridden in adverse weather conditions, and the terrain it's in, it's no longer serviceable in its current location. We've done some work to keep it rideable while a re-route is worked on. The re-route will be a very significant project – likely a year to complete. The club will be hoping to get volunteers out to help with this massive project. The primary focus until June is

preparing the trails for Route of All Evil, but when we have spare resources in that time period, we'll be working on this re-route, and then hitting it hard after the ROAE.

Logging repairs

The process is ongoing to repair the damage to the trails as a result of the 2023 harvest. The woodlot has completed some of the repairs – The Line and Express Lane have been re-opened. Part of the work on Future Trail is done and the repairs on the remainder of Future Trail and Barrel Trail will commence soon – once the weather dries up a little.

Wet Weather

We're still experiencing some very wet weather – a reminder to consider the condition of the trails before going out and riding. Please see the wet weather riding guide on the website.

Thank you to our volunteers and paid members

Thank you to those that bought memberships or came out to volunteer! We had a great turnout for the January trail day – let's keep up the momentum and continue to get solid attendance at the trail days. Come on out and help build the legacy that is Blue Mountain. If you do volunteer trail work (outside of regular Trail Maintenance days as time is tracked by the crew leaders), please log your time at: <u>BMMC.ca/time</u>