



# Hoot Owl News

Hoot Owl Scramblers  
Motorcycle Club

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## Happy Memorial Day

It's hard to believe that this weekend is the "official" start of summer. But what will be even more surprising is how quickly the next Hoot Owl race comes up on us. Didn't we just put on the Spring Fling?

Plan to attend the club meeting on **Friday, June 1 at Kenny's at 7:30**. At this meeting we will wrap up and "debrief" the Spring Fling race. A treasurer's report will be provided, and we will go over the various statistics available from our event.

At the same meeting, we will begin the necessary planning for our events at Richardsons' Farm, to be held the weekend of August 25th. We will be sponsoring a junior enduro, PeeWee event, and then a full day of Hare Scrambles, so we will need everyone's help to prepare the course and work the weekend.

While it looks like we have plenty of time to get the course ready, there is quite a bit of work to be done since we haven't been at Richardsons' for a couple of years....and the summer will go by quickly. Plan to help out during June. Specific work party dates will be decided at the meeting.

We discovered at the Spring Fling that this season has more riders than ever, so all of us need to pitch in to make this large event go smoothly. NETRA is working to reduce the lags caused by transponder sign-ups which we experienced. We also discovered that the day of the event it is critical that all club members show up to work and work where assigned. Club members have priority for receiving NETRA work credits, and, of course, all club members need to receive club points to maintain their membership in the Hoot Owls. Running a 2 day event, as we will at Richardsons', requires extra efforts by all.

Many thanks to the Hoot Owls who worked so hard at the Spring Fling. While the course was extremely wet and degraded during the day because it was new, all riders seemed to have a good time, and it was a good race.

Happy Memorial Day—ride safely, and if driving, remember to check twice—motorcycles are everywhere!



## Dates to Remember

**June 1—Monthly Meeting at Kenny's 7:30 p.m.**

**July 6—Monthly Meeting at Kenny's 7:30 p.m.**

**Work parties in June at Richardsons'—attend meeting for details**

**Club points will be maintained this year—make sure you sign in at every Hoot Owl event to be counted! To be a member in good standing you must earn 100 points a year! First year members must be especially careful about this—your membership could be in jeopardy without 100 points.**

**Thanks to Paul for hosting our last few meetings at his place. It was great to have heat!**

**Congratulations to Jim Sherman as the newly elected NETRA VP. Both Jim and Kenny represent the Hoot Owls on the NETRA Board of Directors.**



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## **Information to be noted**

1. If you have a rule change you would like to see implemented, please talk to either Kenny or Jim Sherman, as both serve on the Competition Committee. Rule changes are made at the meeting in December.
2. The NETRA Rule Book was updated in late April and can be found on line on the NETRA website at [www.netra.org](http://www.netra.org).
3. There is an increasing level of disrespect and misconduct being observed at NETRA events—temper tantrums at the finish line, yelling at pit crews, and in general, abusing the volunteers who put on events.. This is supposed to be a family sport and friendly competition-Behavior like this from NETRA members towards fellow NETRA members discourages volunteers and the organization loses good people. We can't afford that. If you observe this kind of unsportsmanlike behavior, please ask them to stop on the behalf of all of us, or report them to race officials, as they can be disqualified.
4. If you know your state representative, (and even if you don't!) drop him a line and remind him that we need places to ride without fear of penalty.
5. See you at the meetings—the first Friday of every month.

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