

President's message – UROC year in review

The presidents report is provided in conjunction with the Trail Coordinator's report, a focus on trail development and trail work is highlighted in that document.

End of Jan:

- Welcomed two new board members, Monica Bartha and Jeff Smith

March:

- UROC attended Calgary Bike Show, as part of our goal of promoting CNP as a riding destination the Municipality provided financial support to attend. The balance of expenses incurred were either donated in kind by those who attended or covered by UROC.

April:

- UROC attended the Lifestyle show hosted by Chamber of Commerce at the Coleman SportsPlex
- Spring was in the air but snow was still on the trails...UROC proactively tried to remind riders to stay off the trails in wet/snowy conditions in order to preserve the integrity of our trails.

May:

- UROC social and movie night took place May 5: Very well attended with record numbers again, and a great fundraiser with live auction. A huge thanks to all of our supporters!

June:

- June 4: Very successful Ed Gregor days, once again spearheaded by Jim Lucas who pulled together a dedicated group of volunteers for some trail maintenance.
- Jim Lucas, Trail's Coordinator attended 5 sessions with Alberta Environment and Parks with a focus of the development of Provincial Land Use Zones in our region. Jim's synopsis of these meetings was compiled as a separate report.
- 4th annual Bootleg Bike Fest & Enduro: We're proud to be part of the BC Enduro series – this year we had 250 racers from all over Western Canada come to Crowsnest Pass. This was our second year as part of BC Enduro and we are already confirmed to be back on the circuit for 2018. As part of the Bootleg Bike Fest, UROC strives to create social and family friendly events and we're grateful for all of the support we received
- Because we're part of the BC Enduro we received matching donations from the BC Enduro Series and MEC totalling just over \$4000

July:

- July 30: Our Member of Parliament, John Barlow and his wife Louise, visited Crowsnest Pass and took part in a small tour of Buck 50. John was instrumental in helping us to secure the Canada 150 grant that went towards the creation of Buck 50.
- Highway Wayfinding Signage in place courtesy of Community Futures

August:

- Well attended group ride to Lille as part of Doors Open Heritage Festival
- Construction efforts on Rumhead bridge as well as Picnic Shelter by skills park in Blairmore
- Community wayfinding signage in place leading from HWY 3 to the Trailhead/Dirt Jump Park

Sept:

- Forest Closure: Rumors started in early Sept and by Sept 5 there was a full closure in effect – including PPK trails. As ambassadors of our trail system and sensitive neighboring forest UROC encourage all riders to respect the closure and the posted signage
- Sept 19: Closure lifted
- Sept 26: Castle Planning Meeting and discussion of Epic Trails
- End of Sept: Completion of picnic shelter – with exception of seating that will be added in spring of 2018. Picnic shelter is a gift to community from UROC. There is an estimated 135 hours in volunteer labor and about \$1500 in kind material donations. The fixed costs of about \$8000 were covered by UROC and Community Futures left over funding.
- End of Sept: Trail building day on Rumhead
- Sole Survivor took place at PPK using various trails in this network, and Buck 50 for the new descent on their 10km course – we know this is a footrace but it's a great example of how different user groups can use these trails

Oct:

- Oct 1: Poker Rally! A great social fundraiser with about \$400 donated to UROC
- Oct: Safety incident with volunteer being attacked while working on PPK trails

Dec:

- UROC published a series of informational posts about ebiking on our Facebook page. The intent of this was to educate our membership on a fore coming trend in mountain biking. Whether you are for or against ebikes, they are making a huge entrance to the world of cycling. It's important local government, land owners and trail users are aware of this and start thinking about how they will be adopted and/or prohibited based on trail access and local bylaws.

Jan:

- Planning for 2018
- Reminder about membership renewal