

North Shore

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As we move into the fall season the temperature is cooling down. This summer's riding on the North Shore was more like the southwest, hot and dry. The good weather was for great mountain biking, this made the Monday, and Thursday night rides most successful. The Monday ride at Willowdale had many of the same people from last season along with some new faces, the group really gelled as skills progressed, and I always looked forward to this weekly ride. Thanks goes out to Fred (Oldslowdoggy) White the best sweeper around. Bob Ganley organizing the 6:00 Harold Parker ride on Thursday evenings, this time works well for folks looking for a ride after work, it was good to see some new faces finding their way around the rocky tails of HP. The scheduled weekly rides have concluded for this season, plan on them to start again in the spring, participants from both rides will qualify for the Moots Cycle give away.

The chapter has sponsored its first Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day held at Maudley State Park in Newburyport on October 3rd, the park offers many carriage roads and great scenic views for youngsters starting out as mountain bikers. Thanks to Howie Granat for getting this event off the ground and to our local sponsors Riverside Cycle, and Amesbury Skate and Sport Shop.

The TREK Bicycles Trail series has started the fall season with a trip to Beverly Commons, with help from the guys at Western Cycle the chapter constructed more board walk for the Essex County Greenbelt. This popular biking spot located at the end of Greenwood Avenue offers some of the North Shores more technical terrain, thanks goes out to the ECGA for letting MTB people access their land. The trail crew will be at Ward Reservation on October 26th for our annual trail day. This Trustees land has many miles of single track and great views of the Boston sky line. Please come out and help with the trail work and get in a ride afterwards.

The 11th Annual Wicked Ride of the East is scheduled for October 31st every year this Kona Bicycles -Fox Shox MTB Adventure Series gets bigger and better. This year plan on great Harold Parker trail riding, bike demos, plus more of Lee's famous chili and Jamie's great Barbeque. Please mark your calendar for this year's fun ride.

The Final Chapter meeting will be on Sunday November 14th a ride at Willowdale State Forest will start the day followed by a meeting. Come out and celebrate another successful year for your North Shore chapter. —Frank Lane



Nathaniel Williams, Dan Streeter, Mark Thayer, Frank Lane, Steve Charrette, Bob Ganley, Joe DiZazzo, Kirk Goldsworthy. Photos by Lee Hollenbeck



The North Shore crew building a boardwalk at Beverly Commons
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