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Hello Riders,

With the mountain bike season on the horizon, MAMBA (Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Assoc.) is looking forward to continuing our efforts to provide outstanding trails and riding opportunities for our members, as well as ensuring sustainability of our trail system in Central VT. We hope that you will consider renewing your membership for 2011.

Looking back on 2010, Mamba was able to recondition a number of trails (Sparrow, Dan Smith), as well as build a new lower connector trail on Irish Hill, creating the Laffal loop, which makes over 7 miles of trail on Irish/Boyer alone. We hope to smooth out the rough edges of the Laffal loop first thing this spring. As always, Mamba is interested in pursuing any new trail building opportunities on private land, so please contact us if you know of any landowners who would allow access.

Mamba continues it's close relationship with Onion River Sports, with ongoing discounts on new bikes, parts and preferred service. Please show your appreciation to Andrew, Kip and the ORS crew by supporting a great community-oriented store.

One thing that Mamba is interested in improving is offering more weekly or frequent riding opportunities for our members. To that end, we are providing access to our listserv to Onion River Racing and Mountain Moxie (a new women's race team) where folks from both organizations can link up to train for specific events i.e. the Millstone Grind, VT 50, or just hook up an ability matched group of riders for a weekly ride. Eric Medved from ORR and Kelly Ault from Mountain Moxie are the contact folks; stay tuned for ongoing communication from ORR.

Important Mamba dates:

- May 7th- Mamba trail day- Sparrow/Irish/Dan Smith clean up. Volunteers needed to lead groups at each location.
- June 4th- National Trails Day- Maybe combine with another club I.E., Stowe for a project in the Adams Block or Little River State Park.
- Sept/Oct-Annual Meeting/Mamba Tour date pending

Please utilize our website/blog/listserv to communicate with other Mambans at www.bikemamba.org

See you on the trail,
Brad Watson

Mamba Membership Coordinator