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Anacortes Community Forest Lands Advisory Board

August 3, 2023
6pm

In person and virtual meeting options.
In Person: City Hall, Council Chambers
Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88308344363>

Preliminary Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve May '23 Minutes
3. Public Comments *for any item not on the agenda*
4. ACFL Plan Update: no public comment will be taken on the Forest Plan update. The Board will discuss options for a new series of public meetings scheduled exclusively for this process.
5. Transition Fidalgo Presentation: Eric Shen
6. ACFL Trail Committee
 - a. Motorbike Special Use Request
7. Friends of the Forest Update
8. Staff Reports
9. Parks Commission Update
10. Other Business

Adjourn

****Please note, the June meeting was a joint hike with the Friends of the Forest with no business being conducted. The July meeting was not held due to the summer break.****

Minutes of the Meeting: May 4, 2023

Board members present: Brian Wetcher, JoAnn York-Gilmore, Tabb Stringer, Nathan Schwark, Kit Gerwels

Staff present: Bob Vaux, Steve Phillips, Darby Jordan

Guests: Asa Deane, John Meehan

Meeting held in person and via Zoom and called to order at 6:03PM

Minutes: April minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

None

ACFL Plan Update

- Board Study Session on Chapters 1 & 2

****Please note, the meeting was held in the Council Chambers, utilizing the audio system. Due to this, there were some issues with volume and clarity.****

The Board opened the first scheduled study session with extensive deliberation about the emerging themes from the public comments received so far and how this shapes the Plan review going forward. A number of the Board expressed desire to change the approach and published schedule for Plan review, opening up to any and all public comments prior to any Board study sessions or draft proposals of Plan changes.

The Board weighed the pros and cons of the section-by-section approach but came to the conclusion that the cohesive theme of the Plan could be missed if such focus is given to only certain sections at a time.

It was discussed that the Plan should have a statement of purpose in the introduction that is definable and clear. More discussion was had about reviewing the Plan in its entirety and then creating a more detailed introduction that conveys the impact of the whole document.

It was decided that the Board will open to public comment beginning at the August meeting and based on that feedback, will guide the next steps of the process.

Kit made a motion to not review Chapters 1 & 2 tonight and instead open the next meeting to all public comments. Tab voted to second this motion. All Board members voted in favor.

Bob reminded the public that any invitation to gather 3 or more Board members constitutes a public meeting and will need to be publicized. Individual members can meet with the public, but not as a group without it being advertised as a public meeting.

ACFL Dams Update:

Bob gave an update that the FEMA planning grant for the Whistle Lake dam would need a site visit. This will include FEMA representatives, Planning, Public Works, and Parks staff. This visit has not been scheduled yet.

Friends of the Forest Update:

Asa was in attendance to give the Friends of the Forest update. He shared a letter that had been submitted to the Board and staff to clarify previously submitted comments on the Forest Plan update. He had been contacted by the Skagit Land Trust who had concerns about the Friends of the Forest's request to remove the wording and designation of "wildlife sanctuary". The letter can be seen below in full. The intention of removing this erroneous distinction was to clean up any legal language in the plan. Asa requested that if there are any concerns or questions, please reach out to him directly.

The Friends are working with the Anacortes School District and the Samish on the Impact summer school program. They are planning to continue field trips to Washington park and the ACFL. Asa asked the Board for permission to utilize the ACFL in a group larger than the approved 25 from the Forest Plan. They will have approximately 40 students that will break into groups and rotate stations and activities for learning in the ACFL. They will utilize areas such as Heart Lake and the A Avenue access, areas able to accommodate a larger group. Brian made a motion to approve this exception and JoAnn seconded. It was approved by majority vote, with Nathan abstaining his vote. The Friends are getting ready to launch training for their Trail Ambassador program, run each summer on the weekends. This program places volunteers at popular trail heads to answer questions and educate users about the ACFL. Sunday, May 7th will be the Friend of the Forest Spring Fling, a gathering to appreciate the volunteers and members of the group. There will be music, games, food and fun!

ACFL Trail Committee Report:

Bob gave an overview of the Trail Committee and their role in the ACFL. There is a representative from each user group as well as a naturalist in the group. They help inform the Forest Advisory Board about trail use and requests or needs from all users. Bob stated that John Meehan was in attendance to present a proposal about changing the approved types of motorbikes in the ACFL. He has submitted a proposal to the Board and staff outlining his request. That letter can be seen below in full.

John spoke about his outreach and education of motorbike riders in the ACFL, sharing his frustration with riders that are breaking the rules and making the

entire group look bad. He is asking the Board to look at the rider/operator and education/enforcement instead of focusing on the type of motor.

The Board asked questions about what data could be collected to support the request of opening the ACFL to other types of motorbikes. John suggested he will track his interactions with other users and their feedback on the motorbikes. Nathan spoke about collecting data and quantifiable information. He does not want to see this opportunity taken away completely as it may lead to less ownership of the ACFL by younger users.

Brian expressed appreciation for the effort and proposal but does not want to see more combustion engines in the ACFL.

Kit shared that previous two stroke engines were louder and created more pollution. He shared that there may be existing data available to show the difference between the older models and the new motors. He acknowledged that there is lots of feedback on this user group which makes this issue super challenging.

Mark Nihart shared a letter he had written regarding motorbikes in the ACFL, which can be seen in full below.

The Board accepted these comments and did not come to a decision at this time.

Staff Reports:

Steve reported on the City's new app, See Click Fix. He appreciates the use of this as it allows exact locations and photos, making his days more efficient when a downed tree is reported.

Bob shared that National Trails Day is June 3rd and there will be a work party on trail #126, the connector from south Little Cranberry to Heart Lake.

SWITMO will be in attendance to help with this project.

Parks Commission Report:

JoAnn reported on the Parks Board meeting, sharing that the Skate Park bid came in high so staff are reviewing the next steps in this project. The Washington Park restroom project is in process and moving along. The Parks Board is working on project priorities and the funding for these projects.

Other Business:

The next Forest Board meeting will be the annual joint hike with the Friends of the Forest on June 1st. There will be no business conducted at this meeting. The Board expressed interest in visiting the Whistle Lake dam.

Adjourn at 7:53pm

Respectfully Submitted by Darby Jordan

June 2023

Highlights from the Assistant Director's Desk

MAY 12th

COA Parks, Planning and Public Works staff, along with our consultant, met with and lead two FEMA staffers on a hike around Whistle Lake, focusing on the dam and the challenges of accessing for any reason, large project or small. We are now working on a schedule and determination of next steps with the DOE Dam Safety Office.

WEEK OF MAY 15TH

Attended the annual Washington Recreation and Park Association for a couple of days. Some good content, and meetings with vendors we are currently working with. It's always the discussions between the sessions that provide the most valuable networking.

Was able to attend our quarterly Council Parks Committee meeting via Teams. Always a valuable update + Q & A session.

Took a couple of personal days as well.

Really enjoyed being a part of the Friends of the Forest's Trail Ambassador training at Heart Lake on the 20th. Parking lot was pretty much full by 10AM. DNR's decision to temporarily close the Harry Osbourne State Forest near Hamilton is going to force more equestrian use our way.

WEEK OF MAY 22ND

Special thanks to Parks Manager Johnston for continuing the seasonal hiring process in my absence. She found two solid candidates for the ACFL. We have worked through the preliminary hiring process and have them starting May 26th with Steve.

Presented the Janicki General Contracting Ben Root Skate Park improvement contract to Council, and it was unanimously approved. Great news! It looks like the project will break ground just after the 4th of July. In the meantime, we will be doing some in-house demolition of the existing parking lot.

Attended monthly ABPAC meeting; good non-motorized transportation route goals discussion.

Good on-site meeting at Washington Park as the RR project continues to evolve. Our team met and it looks like we may have some gravity flush options after all, saving the \$200K minimum required for a pump station. Next stop is Director Lunsford review of the new proposed site.

Friends of the Forest Asa and I had our regular monthly meeting. Mostly confirming arrangements for National Trails Day and general summer scheduling.

Great to see ACFL Steve heading out in the woods with two seasonal staffers in tow.

WEEK OF MAY 29TH

Kicked off the week with the Memorial Day holiday. Weather helped regulate the summer season arrival at Whistle. We did have a vehicle parked in the fire lane as well as a small "campfire" at family beach. Thank you to ACFL Steve and Director Lunsford, respectively, for handling the situations.

Conducted a Washington Park RR project site visit with Director Lunsford. Got the ok to explore locating the unit closer to the Park Shop, in order to avoid a \$200K pump station addition. Our Civil Engineer now working on the gravity options.

Attended National Trails Day pre-con on site with COA and FoF staff. All hands ready to go.

Attended Parks Maintenance Crew's monthly safety meeting. Great seeing more seasonal faces in the room.

Joined an RCO Zoom meeting, re: recent update to the State's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Some of the highlights:

- Heavy focus on public engagement
- Big jump in water-based paddle activity over the last 5 years
- 82% of survey responses claim overcrowding as a barrier
- Tremendous growth in winter recreation
- Top issues for land managers: maintaining existing sites and connecting and expanding trails
- 23,290 miles of public trails on 22,089,493 acres of public land

Was part of another Trail Ambassador training with the Friends of the Forest. Always a good conversation with folks who really care about the woods.

June 1 Forest Advisory Board Meeting: really enjoyed the annual FAB/Friends of the Forest hike "meeting". While no business was conducted, we traversed 205 in and out of the Whistle Lake dam. A beautiful evening.

Helped out the Spring ACFL FoF/COA Volunteer Work Party with parking and general meet and greet. Great to have the SWITMO team on site. Thanks to all who took some time on National Trails Day to help improve our trail #126 and pull lots of 'broom.

Spotted a small brush fire on Cap Sante, near the top of the rim or goat trail. AFD and DNR already on it. This was Sunday @ 10A. No sign of a camp. Right below a popular hangout.

WEEK OF JUNE 5TH

Had a series of tree site visits with various public hands neighbors this week. Lots of caterpillar questions, along with trees reaching over property lines.

Heike Nelson, our Wash Park RR project Civil Engineer, has found a way for gravity to work with our CXT plan, instead of the additional \$200K a pump station was going to require. The "new" location of the RR will be up the hill a few feet, close to the north side of the park shop. Thank you Heike!!

Joined the Friends of the Forest for one more Trail Ambassador training. Such a great program, with so many willing to volunteer their time.

Been doing my best to stay in touch with ACFL seasonal team as Steve enjoys some time abroad. They are doing a nice job of trimming progress, as well as keeping an eye on the place.

WEEK OF JUNE 12TH

Congratulations to the Parks Commission. June meeting was 19 min 😊. 8th grade moving up ceremony cut into our regular staff and board attendance.

Jon and Nicole both taking some time off this week with family. Doing our best to cover for them.

Very happy to report ACFL Steve has safely returned from his trip abroad, and back on the trails.

One of our "top hands", Sky Guthrie, has transferred to Facilities as of today, so we will be down a F/T maintenance position while we get the job posted and search for replacement. We wish Sky all the best and look forward to working with him on future shared projects.

Working with three different local homeowners this week on a variety of neighborhood tree issues.

WEEK OF JUNE 19TH

Council approves purchase of CXT restroom unit for Washington Park at its meeting on the 20th. Another step forward.

Parks Tottenham and I broke down a "campsite" on the Rotary Park gazebo terrace.

ACFL Steve and I located well marked corners for adjacent Forest Practice Application on private land between Heart Lake and Lake Erie. Steve will keep an eye out.

ACFL seasonal employees find another “campfire” pit at the Whistle Lake cliffs. This is becoming a regular occurrence. We will start doing some later visits to the site.

WEEK OF JUNE 26TH

Preparing for the annual 4th of July work. Most of the Parks Team busy working that holiday; town photo, parade, fireworks safety, ACFL patrol...

Parks Tottenham and I met on site at the BRSP with members of the Bell family, re: Bruce Bell's memorial tree and bench. The tree passed and was removed some time ago, and the bench is in some disrepair. We are going to work with the family on a new tree and bench as the BRSP improvement project progresses.

FoF Asa and I used our regular meeting time to hike up and down #300, investigating some survey stakes. Turns out it was a private job done by Pacific Engineering and Surveying.

Had a great “groundbreaking” event at the Skate Park, highlighted by Josh Root's participation. Middle son of Ben. So happy to be so close to getting this rolling.

Faithfully Submitted,
Bob Vaux

ACFL Maintenance Report JUNE – 2023 by Steve Phillips

June 28, 2023

Maintenance Activities

Late last month, we welcomed Henry and Lucy as our summer Seasonal workers. They have been excellent at getting up to speed in finding all the garbage cans and trail trimming. If you have been on our trails in the Heart and Little Cranberry Lake areas, you've enjoyed the fruits of their labor. Much of the month for them has been doing the rounds followed by trimming. I also showed them the locations in the ACFL where we have 5-gallon buckets stashed in the woods in the event we need them for fire extinguishing.

I was on a sabbatical in Germany for a week, where I studied European trail maintenance practices. But the primary reason for the visit was a cousin's wedding.

Just before leaving, FoF and the City, along with SWITMO (Skagit-Whatcom-Island Trail Maintenance Organization) co-hosted a National Trails Day work party on Trail 128 (Heart-Cranberry unit connector trail). Logging 70 volunteer hours (and 10 staff hours), we annihilated a large stand of invasive plant Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) and improved a washed-out trail in various places; we also created a Rock Taquito (small version of the rock burrito on Trail 10) to keep the trail dry in a place on 128 where ACFL staff removed a hazardous rotten bridge two winters ago. Co-Parks staffer Nichola Mitchell expedited both efforts with her smooth operation of our mini-excavator. Bob helped with traffic/parking control.

Later that day, I pulled a piece of derelict rebar from the margin of Trail 123.

There were a handful of blowdowns this month, most notably an alder root ball on 204 that created the need for trail grooming after cutting the tree.

I put up NO FIREWORKS and NO FIRES signs in various places.

I have only spent a fraction of the time trimming trails compared to Lucy and Henry, but I have been out there. Yesterday, I used a pole pruner to clear Trail 21 of branches that would hinder a larger emergency vehicle. This work has been needed for a few years.

Violations

The month began with two illegally parked cars in the fire lanes on Whistle Lake Road – two different cars, two days in a row.

I encountered a woman on Trail 20 on June 20 who was walking her dog off-leash. When I asked her to leash her dog, she remarked that this was the first time in 45 years that she's been asked to leash her dogs on the ACFL trails! I offered to take a selfie with her to commemorate the occasion, but she declined. The remains of campfires on two separate dates have been found at Whistle Lake. A galvanized garbage receptacle was exploded with a small explosive (M-80?) at Heart Lake. A trail sign was stolen on Trail 21. I think the kids are trying to collect them all over the place. I've been seeing a rash of signs with bent corners, as if one has been attempting to pry them from trees. If you notice that a trail sign has gone missing, please report it.

July 2023

Highlights from the Assistant Director's Desk

June 29th

NEIGHBOR'S TREES: met with Libby in Planning on the way to working with some possible hazard trees neighbors have been asking about. Scheduling site visits with Arborist Steve.

BRSP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Engineering Justin and I have been working on the mobilization details with Michael from Janicki. Equipment should start rolling in any day.

June 30th

BLOWING UP GARBAGE CANS: For any SCTV fans out there, "those cans blew up good!!" Sadly, we lost 2 or 3 at Heart Lake leading up to the 4th. The costly hijinks of celebrating this nation's birthday. On a more positive note, seasonal staffers Henry and Lucy were able to run off some commercial sword fern harvesters along Ray Auld Drive. Managed to get a license plate to police. We're all pitching in on fireworks patrol at a variety of locations.

Week of July 3rd

FIREWORKS PATROL: Spending time making the rounds, along with Steve, Henry and Lucy. Parking in the Whistle Lake Fire Lane has become an all-too-common occurrence this summer. APD doing a nice job responding.

While the 4th of July was certainly a busy day in the woods, most folks were just looking to have some family fun. Heart Lake facilities did take a bit of a beating leading up to the day, while the rest of our facilities hung tough. We were out all day and long into the evening, and happy to report all the same trees standing from the 4th to the 5th.

I did the early morning watch rounds on the 5th, starting with unlocking the gates at Heart Lake parking lot, and at the bottom of the Mt. Erie Summit Road. Very helpful having each closed overnight. I was pleased to find the busiest areas of the woods looking really good, including the Whistle cliffs.

DARBY OUT FOR A BIT: In her absence we all do our best to help cover the front desk. Not easy to replicate her level of service..

BEN ROOT SKATE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: We have officially moved on from golden shovel photo op to actual demolition. Parks and Public Works crews handled the in-house parking lot demo. Starting to look like a project.

Janicki crews arrive the next day. Mostly construction fencing and prep work.

TAILGATE SAFETY MEETING: Attended the Parks Crews' regular monthly safety meeting.

NO FOREST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: The FAB enjoyed their annual July vacation.

MORE WL PATROL SUPPORT: Filled in some patrol gaps. Happy to find most activity very family friendly.

Week of July 10th

WASHINGTON PARK RESTROOM PROJECT: Good meeting with Rob Frisinger, COA Building Official. We are proceeding with permitting and final site design.

SAN JUAN PASSAGE VIEW CORRIDORS: providing some assistance to Planning staff on this required work.

BRSP: Justin and I continue our regular site visits and work with Janicki.

COVID +: thought I had out run this. Ended up out July 13-21.

Week of July 17

Modified Office Duty: Finally back in the office July 22. Still testing positive, but symptom free otherwise. Masked up and catching up.
July 23 finally brought with it a negative test.

Week of July 24

Back on the active roster.

BRSP: demolition phase going very well. Working through some electrical and water questions. Will be able to salvage existing lights and poles, as they are not very old. Water pressure looks great for irrigation system.

Enjoyed another standing meeting with FoF Asa. Always a pleasure to get caught up on the good work he and the Friends are doing.

Attended regular ABPAC meeting. Open Streets all set for Aug 27th. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact me directly.

Faithfully Submitted,
Bob Vaux
July 27, 2023

ACFL Maintenance Report JULY – 2023 by Steve Phillips

July 26, 2023

Maintenance Activities

As of July 19, all the trails have been trimmed for the year. Some have regrown, but I have not heard any complaints in this regard. Thanks to Lucy and Henry for accomplishing the lion's share of this work. We have seen the usual summer uptick in garbage and litter. One common phenomenon, especially in summer, is the occurrence of white trash bags which are filled with trash, then stuffed into our trash cans. This is likely a ripple effect of "van life" or people spending time on the road in their mobile recreational living situations.

7/22 – Steve and Lucy sprayed two active yellowjacket nests on Trail 102.

7/25 – I checked on the gravel on 126 and raked away a bit of the excess. It was good to see this project (June 3 volunteer project) after a rain and after a good several weeks of use. It is beginning to pack better, but there is still excess. It's a work in progress but is definitely an improvement.

7/26 – the three of us pruned on Trail 28 (fire road) for clearance of tall/wide vehicles in the event of a fire where a brush truck may need to enter, or a rescue vehicle.

7/26 – beginning an investigation of questionable algae at Little Cranberry Lake.

Violations

We have generally had a peaceful summer, with cooler temperatures keeping visitor numbers fairly low. Of the people consuming alcohol and/or smoking, most have been cooperative when told to cease that behavior.

6/29 – I replaced another exploded trash can at Heart Lake. This may have been accomplished with fireworks, remnants of which were found in both trash cans at Heart Lake. (Upon writing this, I'm pleased to report that plastic trash cans must not be as fun to explode as the galvanized ones they replaced.)

6/30 – Fern Heist: Lucy and Henry happened upon a gentleman who cut several buckets full of fern fronds and refused to relinquish them. His license plate was forwarded to APD, who have since handled the incident.

7/3 – car in fire lane at Whistle Lake

7/4 – I pursued a group of kids with fireworks as they lit them off in the Little Cranberry Lake unit. Police responded, but did not interact with the kids.

Miscellaneous Good News

I met with an Eagle Scout candidate this month, whose proposed project is to restore and paint some of our trailhead signs on Erie Mountain Road.



Friends of the Forest

Dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach & stewardship.

May 4, 2023

To: Anacortes Forest Advisory Board
From: Asa Deane, Executive Director, Friends of the Forest
Re: Wildlife Sanctuary Comment for Ch 2 of Forest Plan Update

Dear Forest Advisory Board Members,

It's come to my attention that there's been some confusion regarding one of our comments on Chapter 2 of the Forest Plan update. The comment in question was in reference to the section on South Heart Lake Rd/Ray Auld Drive and reads:

- The term "wildlife sanctuary" should be removed. It has a very specific meaning and is not how the forest is currently being managed nor how Gus Hensler intended his donation to be used as he states it be deeded to the City for "park purposes" as well as a haven for wildlife.

I want to make clear that this was referring directly to the text of the Forest Plan and eliminating the wording "Wildlife Sanctuary" that is in parentheses when referring to the property donated by Gus Hensler and the Kiwanis Club. We were in no way suggesting to remove any sort of protections of the ACFL in part or in whole. The purpose of this removal is to allay any confusion in language for both the intent of the donation and the specific meaning of "Wildlife Sanctuary". The parameters for the donation of the land, while calling it a "haven for wildlife," do not specifically call for it to be managed as a wildlife sanctuary. Additionally, as stated in our initial comment, the term "Wildlife Sanctuary" has a very specific legal definition. In Washington State under RCW [16.30.010](#)(5), Wildlife Sanctuary is defined as "a nonprofit organization, as described in RCW [84.36.800](#), that cares for animals defined as potentially dangerous..." By striking those two words in this section, we remain in line with the land donor's intent while removing any potential legal confusion regarding the management of the land.

Sincerely,

Asa Deane

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April 19, 2023

Dear Forest Advisory Board Members,

Thank you all for serving our community as Board members. As you are aware, I represent the Motorcycle community out on the trails. This year, as we head into the Plan review, with intent to make changes, I feel it imperative to pass on to you a few of the prominent desires of the Moto community, then make one immediate request.

Over the years, as I've crossed paths with other riders, we end up discussing our access and the wonderful privilege we have to be able to ride in our ACFL. One of the repeated questions is: Why can't we ride our two-stroke motorcycles on the trails? I tell a story of past indiscretions and the necessary change made to the rules, at the time, to exclude this user group. However, time has passed, things have changed, and the rider group, as a whole, rides responsibly and carefully.

Modern two-stroke engine-powered motorcycles are fuel efficient, lighter, and much more quiet than the bikes from days of old (1996 and prior). Many of the members of our community are opting to purchase and ride these modern motorcycles because they are superior to similar sized four-stroke powered machines. Yet, they are currently excluded from accessing the trails under ACFL rules. I've been asked to seek change.

In an effort to support the Motorcycle community's request for inclusion, I reached out to the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) for some guidance, and ended up talking to Lori Taylor, one of the NMA's representatives for trail access concerns in our area. According to Lori, the biggest problems motorcycles present to other user groups are noise and speed, not engine type (two-stroke vs four-stroke).

I now have two motorcycles, one four-stroke, one two-stroke. My older (2009) four-stroke is approaching retirement age and I decided to purchase a new 2023 two-stroke this year to see why so many riders are making the change to this type of motorcycle. The claims are true, these new bikes are amazing and I understand why riders are making the change.

Additionally, I've been asked by our motorcycle community members if there is any way to connect the three trail networks via existing trails, and I've always answered "no," because of surrounding private land and current trail use rules. To that, I would like to address opening up Trail 21 from Heart Lake Rd to aid riders in the transition to the Whistle Lake trail network. Opening Trail 21 will give some aid to the group, make access safer than riding on the road all the way around, and mitigate some impact from all riders starting at the Whistle Lake parking lot. There are access issues that will have to be addressed at the State level, but bringing in this change will be beneficial to the community.

There are a few other things I'll address as the Plan Review unfolds, with respect to instituting a noise limit, and possibly group size limits that fall in line with what the NMA recommends. I'll brief you all later in the season with these positive changes to the rules. I'll also have the remainder of the season to talk to more riders about ideas for changes they would like me to bring to you all.

Here's my request for your immediate approval: I'd like to ask for permission, as a Beta test, like the eBike test currently in process, for me to operate my new 2023 two stroke in the ACFL, no more than three times per week, as a test run to see what feed-back, if any, is returned to you all via Steve Phillips, or phone calls from the public. I believe most folks will not be able to tell the difference, and it will allow me to interact with the public, as I always do, and educate them about modern two-stroke motorcycles. I'll do this by asking questions about how my bike sounds versus other bikes they've heard in the ACFL. I'll report back to Bob Vaux with the data so he can pass it on to you all.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Meehan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Meehan
ACFL Motorcycle Community Representative