



## **New Year Update**

It may not seem like it from this week's weather, but winter is almost over! Here are some things to look forward to in 2018.

### **New Membership Levels & Perks**



- If you haven't already, don't forget to [renew your NRVBA membership!](#)
- In addition to individual and family memberships, we've introduced two new membership levels (gold and silver) that further support NRVBA events and outreach.
- New to 2018, all members will receive decals. Gold/silver-level members have the option to receive our new t-shirts (modeled above) and stickers.
- If you've already joined, your swag should be arriving soon by bike!

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## Want to Organize a Ride?



- Do you have an idea for an NRVBA group event? Lead a ride!
- NRVBA has set aside some funding (for post-ride snacks or park entrance fees, for example) for member-led rides in 2018. Email a board member to request funding.
- NRVBA's incentives still apply to frequent [ride leaders](#).

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## MoM 2018



- Mountains of Misery is just around the corner. Don't forget to [register!](#)
- Sponsorship spots are still available. Please visit the [sponsorship page](#) for more information.

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## Bike Clinics



- NRVBA partnered with East Coasters and Bike Barn to hold two women's **maintenance clinics** and a **bicycle commuting clinic** over the winter. Stay tuned for more opportunities to learn about your bike.

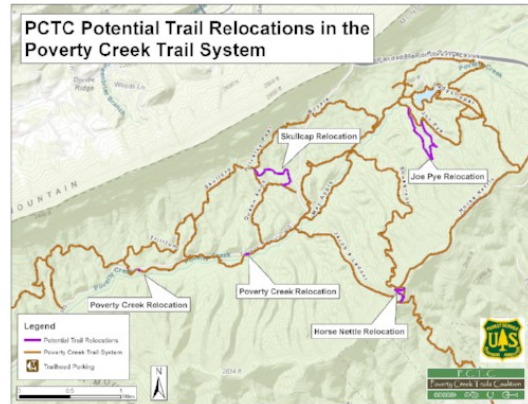
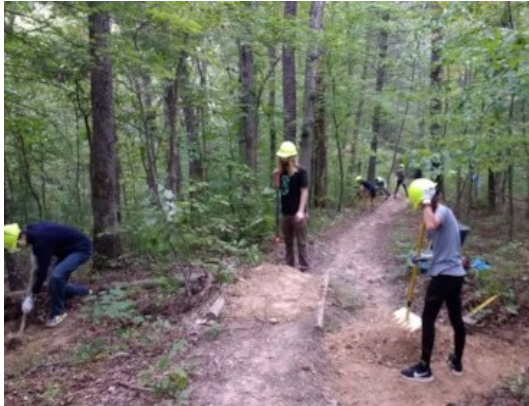
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## Gravel Grinding



- Last year's gravel rides were a blast. NRVBA is planning 4 gravel rides in 2018. The first are scheduled for April 22 (in Blacksburg) and June 10 (in Craig County). Specific routes and other details will be released soon.
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# Poverty Creek Trails Coalition



- 2017 was a big year for the Poverty Creek Trails Coalition. NRVBA's trail advocacy group organized 17 workdays with over 500 volunteer hours, including workdays with Radford Outdoor Club and the Blacksburg High School Mountain Bike Team.
- The Forest Service recently approved new trail reroutes on Skullcap, Joe Pye, and Horse Nettle. Regular workdays will begin in April and last until October. Details will be posted to [Facebook](#) and the NRVBA listserv.

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## Spin at the Weight Club



- NRVBA and the Weight Club have been hosting spin classes every Sunday when the weather isn't conducive to riding outside.
  - Updates can be found on the [NRVBA Facebook page](#) and on the listserv.
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