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Cross Mountain Crusher Gravel Grinder -- a Fun Time for All

On Saturday, April 29, 100 cyclists partook in the second annual Cross Mountain Crusher, a rugged adventure traversing some of the Catskills most scenic roads and mountain passes. Known as a gravel grinder in the cycling community, this 55-mile non-competitive ride featured more than 5000' in elevation gain and several miles of unpaved surfaces.

Participants remarked on the beauty of the route, the low amount of traffic, the contributions of volunteers, and the quality of the technical support and vendors. Riders also received a free day pass to the Catskill Recreation Center (CRC).

Part of a larger collaborative effort between CRC and Overlook Mountain Bicycles (OMB) is to increase awareness of the Catskill Region as a cycling destination, the Crusher supports CRC's programming. The money raised will help offset the costs and allow for more affordable programming for people of all ages.

CRC and OMB would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event a great success. Sponsors include Wadler Bros. Inc., Energy Alternatives, Tanglewood Doors, Catskill Brewery, Zephyr Restaurant, Provisions Kitchen & Catering, Vly Mountain Spring Water, Foster Built Coffee, Clif Bar & Co., Organic Seal, Titan Drilling, Emerson Resort & Spa, West Hurley Service Center, Scarth Construction Company, Walter A. Crump, Barry Price Architecture, Cole and Griffin Construction, Herzog's Home Center, Masserson Properties, Rich and Debbie Pelham, Barbara Brown, Ericson's Automotive Inc., Garden Café, Marabeth Brandt, Peekamoose Restaurant & Tap Room, Catskill Revitalization Corporation, Freshtown, Margaretville Telephone Co. Patricia Tosi, Randy Fridrich, and Reliable Tent Rental.

We are also indebted to our all our enthusiastic volunteers, including the Arkville, Margaretville, Arena, Beaverkill, and Andes Fire Departments; the NYS Police; Margaretville Memorial Hospital; Cub Scout Pack 13; Tom Skeados; Pat Gonzalez; Lou Capello; Lenny Millen; David Pollock; Cindy Taylor; Axel; Ronan; Sue and Randy Adams; Phil Darmstadt; Tim Quilty; and Scott Gould. Staff from CRC and OMB were also indispensable to the day's success.

While this difficult ride is geared toward expert cyclists, CRC and OMB also host the Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge, which offers a range of scenic routes for cyclists of all levels. This year's Cycling Challenge will be held Sunday, September 3, 2017 at CRC.