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As stated in our book, the VMC—the First 100 Years, one of the most prestigious VMC trophies to win is the Memorial Award, pictured above. It is not particularly pretty but the cast pot metal motorcycle on the top is a classic. The trophy was designed and constructed by the trophy committee of 1946 and is dedicated to the memory of those former members who gave their lives in the Second World War. It is presented to the member who amasses the most points by placing in Major events during the year, and because of rules changes, this trophy has not been awarded since 1990. Life member Martin Spriggs has won this trophy eight times, the most of anyone. It was last won by Ken Kroppmanns.

We have a number of older trophies that sit idle although many of the old scrambles trophies have been repurposed for other events. It's a shame to see them collecting dust as there is so much history attached particularly with the old silver

trophies. The best way to bring them back into circulation is to organize and run the events we have scheduled. Lets all work together to see if we can accomplish this.



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CLUB NEWZ



Further to my articles about the naming of trails and the licence plate topper I had in my last newsletter, here are a few comments that were emailed to me. It's nice to know that some members take the time to read the newsletter. *fd.*

Thanks for all your years of hard work **Roger** on the VMC news letter, always a great read. Your article on the enduro trail building and naming hits home with me, which I must mention one more name that pops up is the "Gillies Trail" after former member **Bob (RIP)**. That trail was used in numerous events over the 40 or so years at the Kapoor region for Terra Nova's, Kirk's, All Day Enduro's and Brentwood's and was still being used up until last year when it finally succumbed to logging. That trail was the building block for me in that region to spin off many hours, days, cutting, mapping and opening a numerous network trail system for VMC Events. Happy Trails **Roger** - *Atank*

Ed. Note:- Bob Gillies was active in the 70's and 80's and enjoyed moto-x, trials and enduros until turning his attention to racing cars. The Gillies Trail started part way up the Kapoor Hill above the parking lot and wound its way up to the top of the hill. There was a split to the right that went down to the Koksilah River where former member **Peter Wille** had built a shelter in memory of his daughter. The split to the left eventually ended at the old government road.

Thanks for your trail name article. What memories. We had the best of the times for sure. Working on the committees was part of the fun that those not involved will never experience. Thanks again - *Sary*

Just wanted to say thx for the newsletter. Very interesting about the trails history. *David*

Hi **Roger**. Yes I remember the licence plate topper, I have one somewhere. The original casting was made from a home made mold block of hardwood. This was made at 877 Clarke Road, and taken to the workshop at B.C. Cement plant on the far side of Brentwood Bay. That is were **Arnie Hamilton** worked for years. B.C. Cement had a full blown big shop there and many items for VMC members and others came from there. The shop was so big and spread out, a "rabbit" special could be very easily handled with no one the wiser. I think the ladies did not wish to go all over the place getting sore, dirty, dusty, and oily, on the back of a motorcycle, but would rather be in a sports car with their man and stay clean, wear a well filled sweater and smile sweetly. I remember the smiles, but everyone supporting the cause and keeping everyone happy. We had many get togethers usually starting or stopping at the little cafe at the foot of Island View Road. The fellows were all hanging around at the cafe, especially after work hours and weekends so it was a natural. The first few out of the mold were quite rough and needed hand cleaning badly. **Arnie**

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Hamilton had his hanging inside the snap on tool truck he ran after retirement. When he stopped selling, he gave me his, saying look after it, my family have no interest.

After **Arnie** died I checked around, and passed his on to his son in law **Gary Anderson**, I am sure he still has it in his shop now, still in the **Brentwood Bay** area. About twenty years ago I saw one in a nice looking car with Alberta plates at **Butchart Gardens** driven by an old friend of **Dave Rennie's**. He lived on **Cherry Tree Lane**. Had a very quick howdy, nice to see you again...and was gone. *Neil.*

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Our affiliation with the **Canadian Motorcycle Association (CMA)** will continue and a call for all trials riders who are interested in participating in the **Trials de Nations** scheduled for **September 24/25th** in **Italy** will be released by the **CMA** shortly.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

For several years I have tried to keep club members informed of issues involving the **VMC** by emails using blind copy in bulk. Within the last year this has been increasingly difficult as the club membership has grown and **Shaw**, the server, was sending them back as undeliverable. Until recently I was able to, over a few days, send bulk emails in ten groups of approximately **35–50** members/group. This is no longer. Due to the proliferation of **SPAM**, both **Shaw** and **Microsoft** seem to have changed the allowable number of addresses/email to ten and even this seems to have a limit of three emails per a given time.

I don't relish the thought of composing and sending out fifty separate emails so until this problem is solved, there will be no bulk emails. Secretary **Peter Grant** and member **Peter Smither** have kindly offered to help and have been working on the problem—I thank them for that. Members are encouraged to check our website at [Victoria Motorcycle Club \(vmc.bc.ca\)](http://VictoriaMotorcycleClub(vmc.bc.ca)) and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Victoriamotorcycleclub/> for club information. More info on this on page 5.

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Throughout the **Covid** pandemic regular monthly meetings have not taken place but the **Executive** have all remained in their positions to work on **Club** issues. We thank them for that. Here are the minutes from the **Executive** meeting held **February 15th** prepared by secretary **Peter Grant**.

This was the second in-person **VMC** **Executive** meeting of **2022**. Due to **COVID-19** **Pandemic** restriction no **Regular** club meetings have been held since **February 18th, 2020**.

In Attendance: President: **Dave Horner** Directors: Vice President: **Mark Fisher**, Treasurer: **Perry Chow**, Secretary: **Peter Grant**, **Rick Kool**-Membership Committee chairman, Directors:- **Andy James**, **Dave McCullough**, **Nick Newton**, **Dave Fair**, **Brent Donaldson**, **Tony Wilson**, Also present was member **Mike Hornick**. Absent: Past President **Dan McLaren**.

Long-time director **Jim Hannah** passed away on **July 21st 2021**, his chair has not been filled.

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at **7:03 PM**

As usual a range of topics were discussed:

Minutes from our last **Executive** Meeting on **Jan. 18th, 2021** were reviewed by Secretary **Grant**. No errors or omissions were noted. Moved to accept by **Mark**, seconded by **Brent D.** and approved.

1) First Agenda Item-New Business; **Mike Hornick** speaking on clubhouse rebuilding and local zoning restrictions:

Mike has been in contact with **Sherry Hurst** Planning Officer for the District of **Metchosin**, There are hurdles to be crossed in order to allow re-building. **Mike** said **Sherry** is sympathetic to this matter.

- I) rebuilding is possible under **Agricultural Zoning** (all **Metchosin** is zoned **agri**). Some other requirements are involved here but this seem doable.

- II) Re-zoned 'Community Intuitional', would require a large amount of legwork and cost.

- III) option for a **SeaCan** to be used as a temporary shelter. **Mike H** presented a

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draft budget.

- IV) Review, prepare and present recommendations to Membership:

- a) Pavilion style with central firepit 24' x 36' (pictures from East Sooke Park)
- b) 20' SeaCan with central door and windows cut in.
- c) permanent residential structure for use by a full time caretaker with accessory buildings



OLD BUSINESS being discussed, lead by President Horner:

2) Monthly Treasurer's Report, presented by **Perry Chow**, figures through Feb 14th:

Noted the line for Land Acquisition Fund as been added in Donations. Balance \$20. Moved by **Brent** to accept, seconded by **Mark** and carried.

3) **Perry** also spoke on new communication received from CMA Trials Rep **Derek Thomas**.

- **Peter** added that he has opened new communications with both **Derek** and also **Dave Rhodes**. Will send our Trials event schedule to both groups when it has been firmed up.

4) A general discussion followed about certain 'Tensions' arising between Trials bike and Enduro bike riding members.

Noted that the **VMC is a Motorcycle Club** with no division based on types of bike. No members is to chastise another member because he rides a different type of bike.

- There is nothing in the Club's bylaws that would limit use based on riding type. There are restrictions about making excessive noise and other limitations.

- If a member is noted as being abusive to another member they will be disciplined.

- Noted that increased trail erosion has been caused by greater number of riders/members using the property.

- Noted that we will be scheduling work parties for trail maintenance. All active members will be asked to sign up when dates are set.

- New methods & products for Trail Rehabilitation are being investigated and will be used on a trial basis to see if this reduces erosion and rutting.

- **Tony** presented pictures and details on TurfStone Savers. Agreed to purchase up to \$500 of these and have them laid down in critical areas for a trail re-hab experiment.



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5) Pres. **Horner**; restart of Regular Member Meetings:

- a Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15th, 7:30 PM upstairs at Barnes H-D. This is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, as in the past.

- to be hosted under the new reduced Covid19 Protocol.

- Proof of Vaccination will be required to enter and attend the meeting. To be communicated to all currently registered members.

NEW BUSINESS being discussed, lead by President Horner:

6) Pres **Horner** raised that **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter and Communications chair is having email trouble. **Peter** said he is meeting with **Roger** next Monday to see if he can help resolve this problem.

7) **Rick Kool**; spoke on New Membership Application procedure and changes once Regular Meetings have resumed. This topic is to be continued.

8) **Rick Kool**; spoke on hiccups with PayPal for Dues Payment and the renewal deadline. PayPal issue seems to be resolved, the Renewal deadline will be reviewed at a later meeting.

9) Letter received from long-time member **Monte Belson** was read aloud. Monte expressed his strong concerns about lack of involvement by many new members and suggested a return to our historic process for accepting new members and work requirements on various committees. This comment was triggered by our most recent club newsletter.

Subject tabled for further discussion next month.

10) New discussion about a dedicated Youth riding area, possibly in the area where the old clubhouse stood. Noise concerns raised.

11) **Peter** updated on hosting **Sam King's** Ride The Vibe Trials & Enduro riding schools. **Sam** will pay a portion of each participant's registration fee to the club for use of the property. Both **Sam** and his associate **Trystan Hart** are paid up VMC members. Dates to be set by **Sam**.

12) **Brent Donaldson**; change lock combination on gate to Cycle Park: **1956**

- He will wait until the new combination has been communicated in an all-member email.

13) **Brent**; update on site meeting with BC Hydro to bring electrical power to the club property. Presented recommendations received from BCH's representative **Mike Dunham**.

- Cost for this seem likely to be in the \$24K range for a new Pole and Transformer.

- All other options seem to be exhausted .

- Scheduled another site meeting for all on the Executive, members **Peter Pardell** and **Klaus Kreye** and any/all other members that wish to attend.

- Sunday March 13th at 9:30 AM at Cycle Park

14) Next Executive Meeting;

- Sunday March 13th, at approx.. 10:30 AM at **Mark Fisher's** barn following Hydro site meeting.

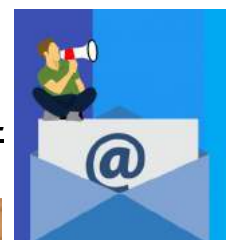
15) Next Regular Club Meeting;

- Tuesday March 15th, 7:30 at Barnes H-D.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM, moved by **Mark**, second by **Brent** and carried.

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Thanks to those members who offered a solution to my email problem—see **page 3**. Secretary **Peter Grant** and member **Peter Smither** have both worked on the problem and **Pete Smither** was able to create a new VMC email account with Gmail that will allow the insertion of multiple addresses in one email. This new email address is vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com which will be used for sending executive info and reminders to the membership which will be a time saving procedure for me. **If you change your email address, please notify me and/or the membership committee Rick Kool.**



It's what you learn after you know it allthat counts !!

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD

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Blast From The Past

2007 Greybeards/Wellburn Trial—L—R Martin Spriggs, Gary Nordstrom, John Boomer Gronow, Bob Wormald, Jim Justice, Allan Holmes. Winners of this years event were:- Gray Beards—1-Charlie South, 2-Jim Justice, 3-Roger Boothroyd. Wellburn Junior—1-Keenan Crocker, 2-Matt Fracy, 3-Mike Crocker. Wellburn Intermediate—1-Alvin Bergan, 2- Brad Mitchell, 3-Ken Rant.

The Graybeards event was started in 1981 by **Bob Gillies** for the “over the hill gang.” One of the prerequisites was that entrants had to be over the age of 36. The trophy was donated by **Bob Gillies** in 1984. The Wellburn Trial was started in 1956 and named after the late **George Wellburn** of Wellburn’s Market. It was combined with the Graybeards because there was no committee that wanted to organize it.

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A brief history of the Marque Opel

Adam Opel of Rüsselsheim am Main founded the Opel Company in 1863 to make sewing machines and bicycles, and by the mid 1920s they were the largest producer of bicycles in the world.



1929 Opel Neander

Motorcycle production was over three periods, the first between 1902 and the financial [slump of 1907](#). The factory experienced a large fire in 1911, and a decision was taken in late 1912 to return to motorcycle manufacture in the new factory. The assassination in Sarajevo in June 1914 which led to war put a hold on those plans.

Following the Armistice, production of motorcycles resumed in 1919, continuing to 1924. The firm built motor bicycles with the engine mounted adjacent to the rear wheel.

Franz Gnädig, previously a partner in the famous [K.G. Krieger-Gnädig](#) firm, joined Opel in 1928 and this marked the beginning of the third phase of motorcycle production, short but glorious. The company purchased the rights to Ernst

Neumann-Neander's brilliant Neander motorcycle, and they began building it as the Opel Motoclub, a stunning 500cc OHV [1](#) machine in red and silver. The design utilized a pressed metal frame which allowed drastic reduction of the hours required for assembly.

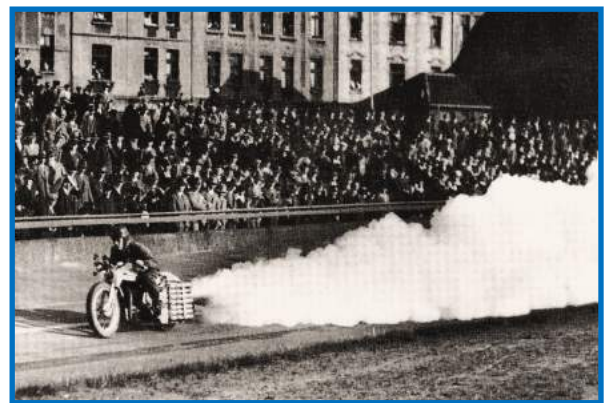
The Opel Rocket

Adam Opel's grandson Fritz was responsible for the Opel rocket-powered land-speed record project of 1928.

The machine chosen for the task was an Opel Motoclub 500SS fitted with 12 rockets, and the plan was to beat the Zenith record of 200.3 km/h by taking the Opel to substantially higher speed. The first attempt, really a practice run, was made at a velodrome before a crowd of 7000. The motorcycle's engine powered the machine up to 130km/h at which point the rockets were fired, with spectacular results. The machine attained a speed in the vicinity of 220 km/h. However, the record was not officially created, and the authorities in their wisdom banned future use of such "firecrackers". Sigh.

Opel also built a rocket-powered car, and a rocket powered glider!

They built a pacer motorcycle called the Derny, a veritable monster with a 2000cc engine producing 30hp which set a world record at Monthlery in 1928 with a bicycle tootling along behind it at 122 km/h. This wonderful period in the company's history had its balloon well and truly pricked when the financial crisis struck. Opel was acquired by US company General Motors in 1930, and despite positive response to the recently released Motoclub, GM decided to curtail motorcycle production.



1928 Fritz Von Opel Rocket 12

START LINE

MAIN EVENT





At the beginning of March I sent a club wide email with a Membership Report compiled by the Membership committee **Rick Kool**. Here are the highlights of that report.

Hello Everyone,

The 2022 membership renewal process ended on January 31, with a 2-week grace period added. Due to the high number of non-renewals after the first 2 weeks of January, I extended the period to reduce the amount of phone calls the Executive were required to make, to confirm non-renewing members.

At the end of 2021, the VMC membership stood at 515 members. This being a VMC record, it consisted of: 385 Active members/ 27 Senior members/ 58 Junior members 41 Life members/ 4 Honorary members *53 members did not renew (which is typical 10%), this opened the year with 462 members.*

The numbers are as follows: 41 Active members/ 11 Junior members/ 1 Senior member

The statistic I have tried to pay attention to the most, is when the non-renewals joined the VMC. This year it plays out as: 1994 **Jim Hannah** 2003 to 2013 = 4 members 2015 to 2019 = 13 members 2020 = 17 members 2021 = 18 members

With the VMC doing their best to stay unaffected by Covid, numerous changes have been made to the membership process.

After 4 years, what should have been a wonderful addition, PAYPAL decided to hold back money for 21 days this year. I feel for the fees charged to the VMC, this was an unacceptable practice. The VMC has recently setup e-transfers with Island Savings. This will be a little more bookkeeping but should be easier for members to pay their dues. And now with meetings about to start, I am confident more changes will appear. I try to analyze the statistics, and I want to apologize for not having as many details as I would like to report. I am looking forward to finding a rhythm, which would allow me to look for additional help. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Victoria Motorcycle Club **Rick Kool** VMC Membership Committee

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For the first time in two years the club was able to hold a “live” meeting. Twenty-eight members signed in at Barnes Harley Davidson on March 15th. Present were President **Dave Horner**, Vice President **Mark Fisher**, Treasurer **Perry Chow** and filling in for absent Secretary **Peter Grant** was former secretary **Meaghan Symes**. The following are the minutes from that meeting.

The minutes of the previous Executive Meeting held February 15, 2022 were read by **Meaghan Symes**. **Perry Chow** moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Dave McCullough**. Carried.

Treasurer **Perry Chow** then gave his treasurers report as of March 11, 2022. On a motion from **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Harold (Turk) Perepalkin**, the Treasurer’s Report was carried as read.

Perry also noted that last year’s premium for liability insurance for the club increased by 15%. **Perry** advises that he has discussed this with our insurer, and both D&O insurance and general liability insurance premiums will most likely not increase this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Upcoming Events

Les Blow Trial, March 27, 2022 at the Club Property. **Dave Fair** is putting this event on, and has indicated he needs help laying it out.

Sam King Dirt School – April 9th & 10th. We await further details from **Sam King** at this time, with flyer to be posted on the VMC website.

New Business

Membership – (**Rick Kool**). In **Rick’s** absence, **Dave Horner** reported that at year end 2021 there were



515 club members – a new record. By January 31st, (and after a further two week period due to Paypal holding back funds), the membership renewals totalled 462 so far in 2022.

Due to shortcomings with Paypal (15 holdback, user fees) Rick is looking into setting up E-transfer for club membership. To advise at a future meeting.

Dave Horner – we need to decide how to finalize the process for new members, i.e. swearing in. **Dave McCullough** made a Motion to hold a Swearing-In Ceremony at the Club Property on a Sunday. This motion was seconded by **Doug Wallis**. New members would have the option to attend a Sunday ceremony if they could not attend a regular meeting.

** Sunday, April 3rd – will be our first swearing in ceremony for new members at the Club Property, to be held in conjunction with a work party to do some trail maintenance.

Replacement Structure “Clubhouse” - **Mike Hornick** – **Mike** has spoken to **Metchosin**, who advises the zoning for the old shed is deemed “historic legal non-conforming”. The best way forward would to class the replacement building as “agricultural usage”, and show **Metchosin** an intent to carry out some form of agriculture (bee-keeping, community garden, etc). **Mike** will drawn up plans and estimate for a dry shelter with firepit prior to the next regular meeting and prior to pulling any permit.

Electrical power to the club property - **Dave Horner** - Members of the Executive held a site meeting with BC Hydro with respect to running a line to a pole on our property. The Galloping Goose right of way is problematic, and many options were considered, with the best and cheapest being to run a line to the Property and tying in to the neighbouring premises. Hydro’s cost for this work would be approximately \$24,000. It is felt as the needs of the club grow (electronic gate, possible caretaker premises for example), this may be the best time to take this project on. **Perry** made the motion that funding up to \$25,000 be approved to have BC Hydro run a line to the club property. **John (Boomer) Gronow** seconded this motion. This motion is deemed an Extraordinary Motion due to the quantum involved, and it shall be broadcast to the membership by **Roger Boothroyd** via email (sent March 21st). The Executive feels that due to current Co-Vid restrictions, this Extraordinary Motion warrants a longer notice period rather than the mandated two weeks, and that this matter shall be put to a vote at the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Gate Access - **Dave McCullough** – has been researching various locking mechanisms for the entry gate, with the best option at this time being a mechanical keyless lock at \$2,500.00. Will look into this further, as the lock would need to be operable from both sides of the gate.

Kids Riding area - **Dave Horner** - Young riders looping the parking lot pose a hazard. The area surrounding where the old clubhouse was would be a great location for them to ride safely. Discussion then arose about where the new structure would be situated, as the prior location of the old shed (across from the entry gate) was very windy, with dust being kicked up.

Correspondence - **Dave Horner** – member **Monte Belson** has sent the VMC a letter which **Dave** read aloud. **Monte** would like to see reinstatement of the requirement for new members to volunteer, to keep the Club events going. Now that health restrictions are lifting, we encourage all members to help out where they can. (See work party April 3rd). **Dave** sees that our budget this year for Entry fees from Events is \$3000, which is close to 10 events. Much discussion about access to riding areas on the Island to put on historic events.

Trespassing - **Mark Fisher** – has received a complaint from a Club property neighbour about riders on his property. **Mark** has taped off the area in question. **Dave McCullough** will talk to **Ben Hircock** and arrange to have a map posted. **Paul Gronow** – signage posted around the property is old and needs to be replaced. Has been speaking to **Dave Fracy**, who has offered to pay for new signs. **Paul** will orchestrate the procurement and posting of new signs.

Trail erosion - **Jamie P** - has taken new riders out who are bored of the flat areas, but they run into difficulty on the badly eroded Green Trail. Wonders about doing trail maintenance. See April 3rd – swearing in ceremony and work party.

“VMC The First 100 Years (Book) - **Roger** – has some copies with him available for purchase by any members in attendance. Also, thanks and round of applause for all hard work done by Executive and others on keeping the Club going. **Roger** notes that he now has new computer capabilities, so there should be no



problems in email communication going forward. (And a big thank you and round of applause to Roger).

Adjourn

On a motion by **Dave McCullough**, seconded by **Bruce (Silvertooth) Taylor**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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On March 21st, I received an email from a former member's son, **Craig Arnold**. He said he was paring down and would like to donate his Dad's old trophies, if the club would accept them. I replied that "yes, we do recycle some old trophies" and made arrangements to pick them up. When I arrived, Craig presented me with two small boxes and two bags of trophies, some dating back to the 50's. Many are usable wood bases with old classic cast figurines and can best be used for the junior events.



Charlie Arnold was very active during the 50's and early 60's. His name is on several of the old perpetual trophies including the Century Run (seven times), the Paper Chase (four times), the All Day Ride (seven times), and the Memorial Trophy (three times). The Kirk and Brentwood trophies also have his name on them (both—three times), and the Men's Activity Award (two times). Sadly, Charlie was killed in a vehicle accident in the 60's.

A LAMENT - by Gary Nordstrom

I woke up this morning and that is always a good sign. Lately I've noticed this old man in the mirror. Changes are afoot. It's unstoppable.

Riding new bikes has gradually transitioned into restoring old ones. I remember the features of many of my old favourites while I cannot keep up with even the names of the latest offerings.

And there's my trusty old steed - gathering dust. Air is slowly seeping out of the tires. Oil drops stain the cement floor. The dead gas gets drained into old cans and dropped off at Hartland Recycle.

Very occasionally I go for a ride on the club property. What used to be a fun excursion to the top is now somewhat intimidating. The unforgiving trees and rock steps appear at an alarming rate. My old bones suffer. I avoid the demanding sections that I used to relish. A fall would be a painful and unwelcome occurrence, where in my youth, it would be only a momentary embarrassment.

Where are all the old guys? My heroes of the past. I often reminisce about the great feats they performed. They were truly talented riders of their day. Now, me and my old buddies are the latest old generation.

A road ride to the club property where I can watch the new gladiators perform unimagined tricks is my preferred mode. At least there is that much left for me to do. I don't even know most of the new young riders! What is comforting is that more youthful volunteers have stepped up and the necessary jobs are being accomplished. The old Geritols can rest easy. They have done their duty.

Gone are the enduros and motocross. Our calendar of events, once full to overflowing, has been reduced to trials and a hillclimb. Road rides attract a few and what's this thing called Hare Scrambles? Competition

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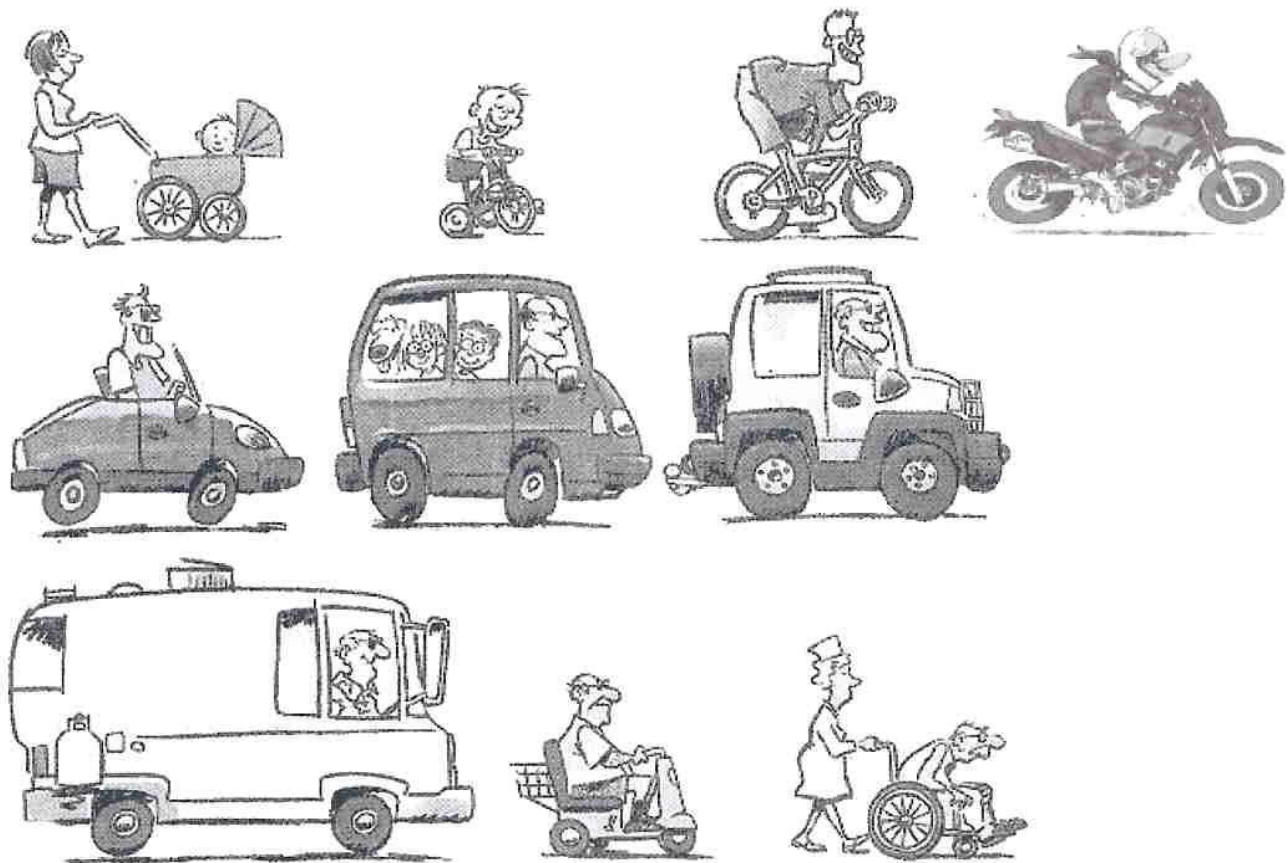
A LAMENT Continued

venues have all but disappeared, so our property looks pretty attractive for many who just want to ride. A few riders have resorted to traveling stateside to enjoy the competition.

I'm not complaining. The reality is that change is inevitable as we all know. Think of how my generation moved on from that of the Reg Shanks generation. However, it is still hard to see that old guy in the mirror and to attend another funeral.

Keep the faith and bike on. I've got to go to another doctor's appointment !!

The Wheels of Life



It's that time of year when many will be "dragging" their bikes out of the garage and insuring them for the summer. It's also the time when the public are wanting to get away on a holiday so the roads will be busy. Be careful out there!!



THE REG SHANKS TRIAL - by Roger Boothroyd

The first weekend of Spring and the first trials event for the 2022 year. Due to the covid pandemic, it's been seventeen months since the **Lohrmann** Trial in October 2020, that we've held a trial and the entry proved that as 41 riders signed up in the seven classes on March 27th at Cycle Park, the VMC's property in Metchosin. It was a great day for a trial as the rain held off and it wasn't cold.



The **Reg Shanks** Trial began in 1979. This trophy was given to **Bob Shanks**, brother of **Reg**, as a keeper" when he won the **Brentwood Reliability Trial** in 1931. For many years this trophy was hidden in storage. It came to light in 2010 and was refurbished with a new base and assigned as a perpetual trophy for the **Reg Shanks Trial**.

The Expert and Sportsman sections were laid out over a five Km. loop by **Thomas Cordner**, **Jeremy McChesney** and **Mike Graham**. The Intermediate and Junior sections were laid out by **Chris & John Faa**, **Dave Fair**, **Kevin Ash**, **Hugh Williams**, **Brian Speirs**, **Kevin Timmer** and **Mike Hay**. Sign up and score keeping was handled by **Susan Fair**, **Cecilia** and **Rachel Olsen** and **Klaus Kreye**. Thanks to **all volunteers** for a successful event.

After the instruction meeting, riders were on their way to ride three loops. In the Junior class with five entries, **Grayson Robertson** took first place while **Grayson Fisher** was second.

The largest class of the day, the Intermediate, saw young **John Faa** on Vertigo lead from the start to place first with 37 points. Closest to him was second place **Jamie Frater** on Gas Gas with 50 points while third was **Keaton Saddington** also on Gas Gas with 70 points.

Only four riders entered the Senior Intermediate class and TRS mounted **Peter Falk** took first place with 38 points. Close behind in second place was **Tim Jenneson** on Vertigo with 43 points. Third place went to **Dave Fair** on his Vertigo with 66 points.

The second largest class, the Clubman, had eight riders and six who did not finish. **Dan Hilton** on a Beta lead for two loops but faltered on the third but managed to take first place with 86 points. Second was **Wes Evernden** on Gas Gas with 90 points.

Seven riders entered the Sportsman class and **Blake Fontaine** on Vertigo also lead from the start to take first with 42 points. Second was Gas Gas mounted **Melissa Andrist** with 68 points. Rounding out the top three was **Mike Holmes** on his Vertigo with 69 points.

In the Senior Sportsman class, **Ernie Ferguson** on Vertigo took first place with 34 points while a TRS mounted **Mike Graham** was second with 51 points. Third place went to **Sol Hutson** on Vertigo with 67 points.

It was a Vertigo victory in the Expert class as the first four riders were on this make of bike. Canadian Champion **Thomas Cordner** showed his skill by placing first with 5 points. **Jeremy McChesney** lowered his scores on each loop and placed second with 31 points while **Andrew Watson** placed third with 39 points.

Full results on our website at <https://www.vmc.bc.ca>



Senior Sportsman winner **Ernie Ferguson**
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