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Ten years ago the club was still able to use the Cowichan area lands, with permission, to organize cross country events such as the one above. This was the 2012 Greybeards/Wellburn enduro, two events combined due to the lack of a committee to organize one of them. The “lack of committees” was already evident in the club and it’s becoming more so as we try to get back to “normal”!

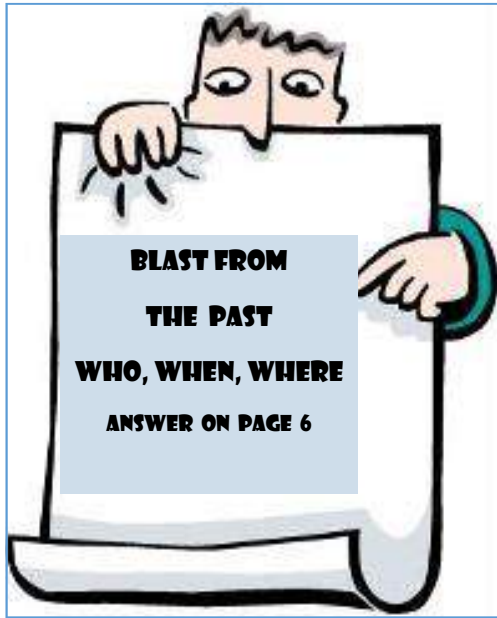
The Wellburn, originally a reliability trial (time and riding sections), was our junior cross country event. Named after the late **George Wellburn**, it began in 1956 and he donated the trophy that year. It was a popular junior event which, when won, elevated the rider to expert status as there were no intermediate classes.

Like many of our events the Greybeards was also a very popular one. It was started in 1981 by former member **Bob Gillies** (RIP) who wanted to get some of the “over the hill gang” actively riding. One of the prerequisites was the entrants had to be over the age of *thirty-six*! The idea was to make the event relatively easy so that all the riders would finish and enjoy it. **Gillies** donated the trophy in 1984.

One would think with all the new members that have joined over the past few years, that they would be eager to have all the scheduled enduros/cross country events listed on our calendar organized and run on schedule. Alas — that is not the case. The Life members have done their volunteering over the years by joining committees, searching out areas to hold events, cutting new trails, mileaging, arrowing and putting on these events. It’s time for the younger members to take over the responsibility of making sure the events take place. If you want to compete then a little work needs to take place. Volunteer now before it’s too late and these historic cross country events are “scrubbed” for good !!



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## CLUB NEWZ



Minutes of the Regular Meeting - Held on June 21, 2022, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria. With 13 Voting Members present plus 9 First-Time New Member Applicants and Five Returning Member Candidates in Attendance:

In Attendance – President: **Dave Horner**, Vice President: **Mark Fisher**, Treasurer: **Perry Chow** Secretary: **Peter Grant** Directors: **Andy James, Dave Fair** Absent were directors **Brent Donaldson, Dave McCullough, Tony Wilson, Nick Newton** (work conflict) and Membership Chair **Rick Kool**

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order by the President, **Dave Horner**, at 7:31 PM. This is the fourth Regular Meeting to be held since February 2020, due to Covid19 Pandemic restrictions.

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held May 17, 2022, were read by Sec **Grant. Roger Boothroyd** moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Brad Adams** and Carried.

### Business arising from the Minutes

**1) NEW MEMBER** Applications were reviewed first: nb, currently new Applicants are requested to attend two meetings. To be Introduced at first and Voted upon at second.

Seven applicants were Voted upon and approved for membership were:

**a)** Present and Approved for Membership were: **Stewart & Jake Eastman, Trevor McKay, Nick Morrison, Clyde Jinenez.**

**b)** Not present in person (working) but Approved for Membership were **Tyler Blair** and **Graham Twigg.**

The above applicants were accepted into the club as new members. Our Aims and Objects were read aloud by **Gary Nordstrom. [Welcome to the club.](#)**

**c)** New member prospects that were present and introduced to the club for their first time: **Nick Niedziela, Dave Rogers, Chris Duggan, Chris Combiadakis, Emily Mendum, and Rob Hayward.** **Chad Krugar** was also present having submitted his new member application by email earlier the same day.

**d)** Listed but not present was **Spendsir Biffert.**

A previous applicant also not present at either April, May nor June meeting and not voted upon was **Peter Falk** of Nanaimo.

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2) Treasurer's Report - numbers as at June 1, 2022

**Perry Chow:** presented the Treasurers Report and related Updates:

**A)** Regarding 'Permissive Tax Exemption application approved by the District of Metchosin:- it

appears that we have received an exemption against all realty taxes payable not just the Municipal portion.

- Our current tax bill for 2022 seems to be \$\$ nil. Details are sketchy and not as previously understood with further investigation required.

- We will hold an amount in Reserve to cover the Provincial and Regional portions in case this in in fact an error.

- There are no restrictions or covenants on this exemption.

- The exemption does need to be approved by Council yearly and could be revoked if the club falls out of favour with the District.

**b)** Our Liability Insurance premium (\$5,000,000) has increased by only \$100 to \$5,100.

Including coverage for Officers and Directors our annual insurance cost for 2022 is \$5,800. Our insurance

coverage is for all club activities and events as long as they are 'Timed' events or 'Skills Competitions'

Excluded are 'Speed Events or Races' where competitors run head to head.

**c)** Current Budget YTD and Term Deposit updates were presented.

- The **Dave Moore** Fund's term deposit matured and renewed for a 12 month term.

We are tracking to budget YTD with nothing out of the norm to note.

**3) Business arising from the Minutes / Outstanding or Old Business (continued):**

**Dave Horner** raised the matter of BC Hydro and running a power line to the Cycle Park property. Member **Klaus Kreye** will speak with **Brent Donaldson** to have BC Hydro confirm cost and schedule this project to proceed and move ahead with electrification.

**4) Dave Horner** raised the topic of New Member Application process.

- It is known that the current process is clumsy, time consuming and difficult for the membership Committee to manage.

- Discussion ensued on the purpose of the 'two meeting rule' and whether it remains valid today.

- Agreed in general that we need to find a way to **a) streamline this process and b) add at least two people to assist in support of the Committee Chairperson.**

- Noted that the concerns relate primarily to New Member Applications and not annual membership renewals.

- As well, Membership is now in excess of 500 with the club property showing obvious signs and wear & tear with soil erosion on many trails.

- Calls for a volunteer for a Trail Maintenance Committee Chairperson to manage and oversee volunteer work parties have gone unanswered.

- Discussion followed on the merits of placing a temporary cap on membership at the numbers as we stand now (including current applicants in process).

- A motion was tabled:

This Motion is considered an 'extra-ordinary motion' which is to be circulated to the entire member by email and voted upon at our next Regular Meeting on July 19th.

Moved by **Perry Chow**, Seconded by **Brad Adams** and to be voted up next meeting:

**to Temporarily suspend the processing of any new applications for membership until the Executive and Directors have resolved the current concerns and issue (s) being faced. Names and info received from new potential applicants will be placed on a Wait List.**

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- 5) **Dave Horner** presented multiple copies of a rendering of our proposed new Club Pavilion.
- A period for review and commenting followed.
  - A few minor changes / improvements were suggested that will be included in the final design.
  - **Mike Hornick** will present this rendering to District of Metchosin building department staff for Site Plan approval to proceed to the next step in rebuilding the structure.
  - It was unknown whether a full property survey is needed - suggested not likely, TBC by **Mike**.
  - This application will be for an Agricultural Outbuilding which does not require as rigorous an engineering review or detailed engineer's drawings.
  - Following review and with tentative approval by the District of Metchosin a site meeting will be scheduled to pinpoint the exact location for the Pavilion and firm up all final design attributes.
  - Timbers for this structure will be cut from timbers already felled on club property.
- 6) **Dave Horner** raised the topic again on Trail erosion and Work Parties.
- Certain trails are badly trenched and can't be used anymore. In bad need of repair.
  - **Mike Hornick** will look at bringing a small bobcat or similar excavator onto the upper property that can complete the needed repairs.
- 7) **Peter Grant** updated on current status of Mosaic Forest Trail Access committee.
- 8) **Dave Horner**; no update or progress to report on website rebuilding.
- 9) **Peter Grant** read the CMA's June Update aloud.
- 10) **Dave Horner** related on the passing of member **Al Barclay**. Flowers to be sent.
- 11) **Dave Horner** informed on the Celebration of Life for Member **Dave Titterton**.
- VMC Members are invited to attend on Saturday 23rd July 2022 at 1:00pm. Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Road, Victoria V9C 3Y6
- Speeches will start at 1:30 pm We will have an open mike, so please if you have a story to share that would be appreciated.
- Also any photos you have, please send them ahead of time by email to my daughter-in-law **Robyne**, so she can scan them for a slide show. [Robyne.titterton@gmail.com](mailto:Robyne.titterton@gmail.com)
- There will be light refreshments, wine and beer. Please could you let **Robyne** know if you will be coming. Thanks, I'm looking forward to seeing, it's been way too long! Love **Swannie Titterton**
- 12) Call for Volunteers to Chair organizing committees for these event committees and club functions. No new volunteers stepped forward.:
- a. Dual-Sport, b) Road Rides, c) Hare Scrambles/Enduro
  - b. Trail Maintenance work parties at Cycle Park c. Hill Climb committee for October 2nd
  - d. Various events on the schedule but without organizing committees
- 13) COMMITTEE REPORTS - Past Events
- the Rick Wells Trial, held June 5th at the Club Property: **Dave Fair** reported 36 riders signed in. Results on website.
  - Victoria Day Parade, held on Monday May 23rd. **Rick Kool** was Committee Chair. CHEK's broadcast of the parade is here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/thrifty-foods-victoria-day-par/453606999903193/> VMC's entry is showcased from 59:07 thru 1:03:12
  - Paper Chase Road Ride, June 19th. **Rick Kool** Committee Chair. 12 Riders participated.
- 14) - COMMITTEE REPORTS - Upcoming Events
- Nuts In May in July - Road Ride by **Graham Turner** on July 17th
  - Regular Club Meeting, July 19th, 7:30 at Barnes H-D upstairs



- **new** - Show & Shine at Cycle Park, July 24th, by **Brent Donaldson**
- Hill Climb, Oct. 2nd at Cycle Park (contact to **Brent Donaldson** to chair this event)
- two Trials Events are scheduled for the Fall period at Cycle Park;
- Lohrmann Trial on Oct. 23rd
- Joe Brown/Major Trial on Nov 27th
- maybe another trial, date tbc, by **Chris Duggan**?
- Century Run Road Ride, Aug 28th but no Committee as **Rob Beecroft** is N/A.
- there are many events showing on the VMC's annual schedule for which no members have stepped forward to chair the event committees. Includes Field Meet, Road Rides, Enduro and Dual Sport.

These events **WILL NOT RUN unless members put the effort in to organize them.** See Event schedule here: <https://www.vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/events/vmc%20calendar.pdf>

15) Want to read Canadian Motorcycle Association (CMA) Member Updates?

i. CMA Member Update, May 1, 2022 click here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:dafa632d-5b02-3b0f-8451-220442de0f6d>

ii. CMA Member Update 1 June 2022 click here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:51816084-2810-3557-b785-568f24486605>

16) NEW BUSINESS:

Director **Andy James** reported on the upcoming Red Bull Outliers Hard Enduro:

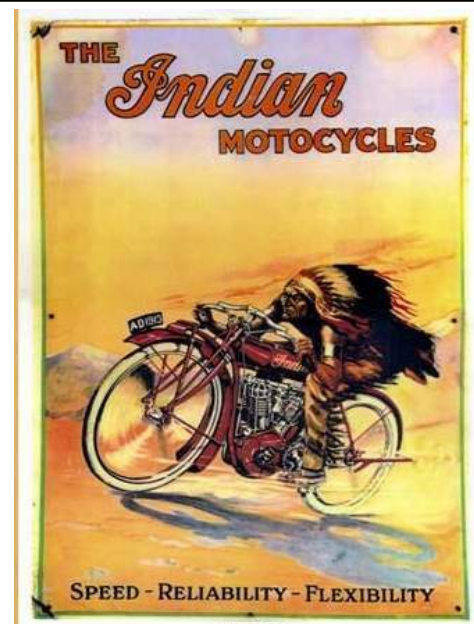
- Calgary and environs August 27th - 28th
- .Yes, this is an FIM Hard Enduro World Championship event.
- VMC member **Trystan Hart** is competing. **Trystan** podiumed at the last event in the series
- **Andy** is going to help work the event.
- Volunteers are needed to assist running this World Championship Round.

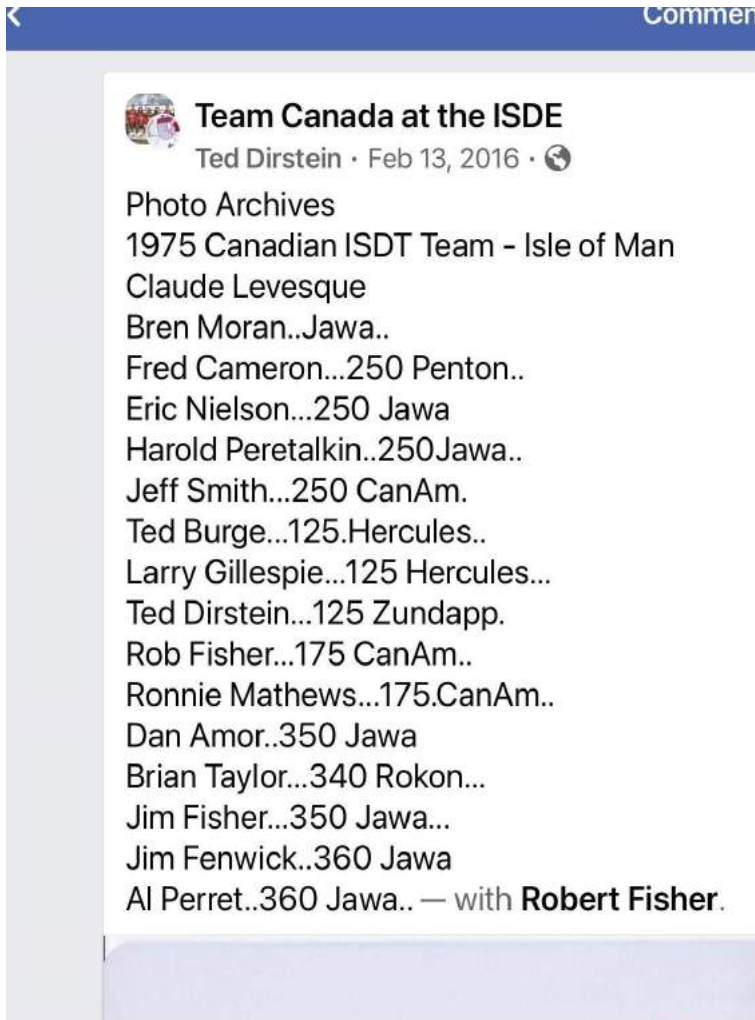
Contact **Andy** if interested. [101cap.city@gmail.com](mailto:101cap.city@gmail.com) or phone (778) 678-3995

Adjourn

On a motion by **Gary Nordstrom**, seconded by **Andy James** the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD





## **B** LAST FROM THE PAST

Have you identified **member Harold (Turk) Perepalkin?** (spelled incorrectly in the list at left). He is in the front row , third from the right. **Turk** was a Canadian member of the 1975 ISDT team on the Isle of Mann. Seven members were riding Jawas, Czechoslovakian two stroke bikes and sponsored by Motokov Canada. A few of those riders are no longer with us but in past years **Turk** has actively ridden in many of the ISDT reunion rides in the States and done well in them.

The following was written by **Gary Nordstrom** and published in my first newsletter in 2002.

**Turk** joined the VMC in the late sixties and immediately demonstrated his considerable off road talent. As an expert in trials and motocross, he was included on the Canadian team for the 1973 International Six Day Trials held for the first time in the USA. The wet mountains of Massachusetts were a suitable match for **Turk's** skill. Riding a stock Bultaco 250 Matador, he overcame worn out shocks and a brain jarring crash to earn a Bronze medal.

Back with Bultaco in 1974, he rode close in the schedule with Vancouver's **Bob Underhill** through the hot, dry hills of Italy. On the fourth day, the crew was too hasty, only half filling the gas tanks at a check point. They both ran out of gas, miles from help, and they both timed out—tragic, considering they were doing so well to that point.

In 1975, he was off to the Isle of Mann, sponsored by Motokov Canada, on a Jawa 250 ISDT. He knew from his practice bike that it would be slow and heavy so he had **Steve Drane** fashion a Yamaha DT1 pipe (Drane pipe) to reduce weight. Endless rain and mud eventually resulted in the pipe falling off, and the gas tank literally flipping away and breaking. By day five he was DNF.

**Turk** still enjoys riding enduros on his "Gas Gas Pampera" or Yamaha TTR250. The years have not slowed him down much. He'd love to attend an ISDE reunion and his bronze medal sits in a prominent place at home - a fond memory of international competition almost three decades ago.

**Footnote:-** The Jawa 250 ISDT that **Turk** used as a practice bike back in the 70's was restored to original condition, after languishing outside for many years and subsequently licenced for the road by this editor. It now resides in California - a fact that **Turk** is thankful for !!

**My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, three of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from !!**

This is your newsletter. I am always looking for articles of interest to publish. If you have a story to tell or an event you've been to about motorcycling, please send it to me at [vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com](mailto:vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com)



Once again our world travelling member, **Rob Beecroft**, is off on a tour, this time to Norway. It started with a flight to England at the end of June. The trip didn't start off on the "right foot" as noted in the following report by **Rob**.

I forgot to say that the trip didn't start off well. When I arrived at Heathrow airport my suitcase with all my riding gear wasn't there. I put in a claim with Air Canada to recover it. However after waiting 4 days, it was still lost. On the day before the tour started, I was forced to go to a motorcycle store and buy a helmet, gortex boots, gortex gloves, gortex riding pants, plus elbow, shoulder and a back pad for my riding jacket. Fortunately, I brought my riding jacket, minus the pads, in my carry on back pack. The cost for all these items was £1725 GBP (Great Britain Pounds). In addition to this I had to buy new non-riding clothes and toiletries. I will definitely be giving these bills to Air Canada. My missing suitcase has now been located and I've requested it be returned to my home address.

**Robert Beecroft** is sharing their location at the MapShare website:

<https://share.garmin.com/RobertBeecroft> I'm starting my trip. Follow along at my MapShare site! Do not reply directly to this message. To learn more about MapShare and the inReach two-way satellite communicator, visit <http://explore.garmin.com/inreach>.

**July 4th** - I'm currently in Denmark, about to take a ferry to Norway. There are a lot of bikes queued up waiting to load. It's a 4 hour trip. You have to tie down the bikes which is difficult when they are packed so tightly.



Rob's Ride on his Norway Tour.



A Long Queue

If you are following my trip progress, Click on the view all tab to see my cumulative route. You can zoom in to get more detail. The blue dots are the position the bike was at when the GPS signal is sent. The time between dots is 10 minutes.

The first 2 days of the trip was kind of boring, as it was 700 miles of freeway, riding at 75-80 miles per hour. Once we get to Norway the riding distance will be much shorter and the speed much lower. This will allow me to enjoy the scenery. Bye for now.

**July 5th** - Here are a few pictures from Norway. The fjord is a famous WW2 spot. British bombers sunk a German warship there. We went through lots of long tunnels today. One was 3.2 Km long. They had warm air inside because the tunnels need to be ventilated to get rid of the exhaust fumes. Maybe this heats the air a bit. The bad part was when we rode into the tunnels our cold face shields on our helmets instantly fogged

over. Also, the tunnels didn't have bright lights which made it extremely difficult to see. Kind of dangerous.

We have a ride optional day, so I'm going to stay off the bike and walk around the town of Stravanger.

(Editors Note:- the German warship bombed in the Fjord was the battleship Tirpitz—

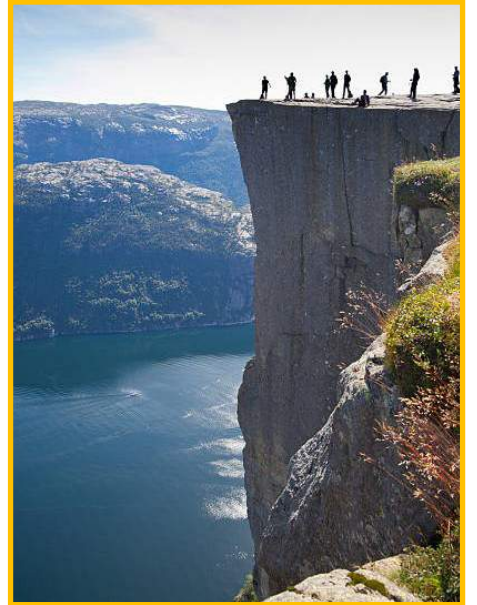
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German\\_battleship\\_Tirpitz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_battleship_Tirpitz)

This is Pulpit Rock. It's 2000 ft straight down. It's a major tourist attraction near Stavanger. There is a ferry ride up the fjord (3 hours) a bus trip (1.5 hours) or by motorcycle (45 minutes). I didn't go because there is a 5 Km

steep climb that takes 2 hours to walk to the top. I didn't want to over stress my Achilles as I had surgery to repair a tear 3.5 months ago and it's still weak.

**July 6th** - Today we are heading to Ilvik, where we'll spend 2 days. It's 331 Km away. We are about 1/2 way and have already ridden through 50 Km of tunnels. One was 14.4 Km long. They go under fjords and through mountains. Many are curved. The cost to bore these tunnels must have been astronomical. However, Norway is the richest country in Europe with trillions of dollars of sovereign wealth. It came from sales of oil from the North Sea.

**July 7th** - The ride today took us from Ilvik to Bergen for lunch and back to Ilvik. It was a 190 mile round trip. Beautiful scenery with lots of waterfalls. Also, it didn't rain, so that was a bonus. The pictures are from Bergen. It's a cruise ship stop, so lots of tourists were on the street. 3 cruise ships were docked in the harbour. Unfortunately, I had some starting issues with my bike and had to



Pulpit Rock

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preikestolen>



Bergen Norway

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen>

get jump started 3 times. It also acted up on the 2nd day of the trip when I tried to leave the ferry from the UK to Holland. Two of the ferry crew pushed me to the unloading ramp and I tried to bump start it, but was unsuccessful. I had to get a jump start from the Tour Leader, Paul. I contacted the company that rented the bike to me. They said I have BMW roadside assist, so I may have to call them to fix the problem. I'm kind of hesitant to do that because I have no idea how long it will take and I don't want to get separated from the group. I'll have to pack the jump start battery with me.

**July 8th** - We rode to Geiranger today. It was 231 miles and was a long day as the speed was 60-80 km/hr. With 20 bikes and 27 people it takes a long time for everyone to get gas, visit tourist sites, have lunch and 2 coffee breaks, plus a ferry ride across a fjord and road construction delays. We are staying in a beautiful hotel for 3 days. I have a great view from my room.

This is the **Stave church**. It may be the oldest remaining one in Norway built around 1120. It was a cold ride today, as we went over 2 mountain ranges and has deep snow on the edges of the road. A large lake had ice in it and the

temp. was 7.5C. We dropped down from a very high elevation to our hotel. Lots of tight switch backs.

#### Stave Church

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stave\\_church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stave_church)



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## ROB'S TRAVELS CONTINUED

**Day 8 cont'd** - I discovered that I missed tracking one day of my route. It was from Stravanger to Ilvik. Not sure what happened? I must have not selected something on the GPS that was necessary to send the tracking signal.

**Day 9** - The route for day 9 has been cancelled because of heavy rain. We'll hunker down in our hotel and hope Sunday's weather will be better.

**Day 10** - Gas is 26.07 kroners per litre in Norway. That's **\$4.61 CDN**. I'm glad I'm on a motorcycle.

We rode out to the Atlantic coast road today. It was 216 miles return. We had to go on 4 small ferries. One bridge on the coast looks like it ends. Later we climbed out of the valley to snow level. I took a picture of the road, with lots of tight switchbacks. If a bus was coming the other direction you had to stop because it was



using the entire corner. The weather was nice in the afternoon and reached 16C. We are stopping at a BMW dealer tomorrow, so I can get a new battery installed in my bike. Had to jump start it 3 times today, plus get pushed off a ferry.

**Day 11** - Not many pictures today. We visited all the scenic spots yesterday. It was a 235 mile ride from Geiranger to Trondheim. The roads were nice and curvy. Some of the route was repeated from yesterday but at least the weather was sunny and 20C, so that was really nice.

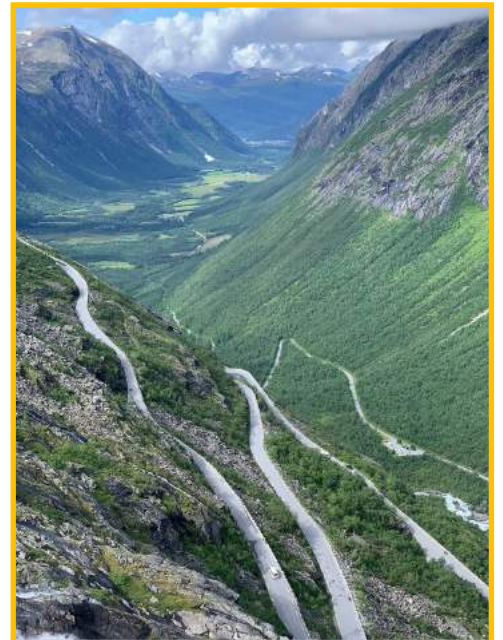
**Day 12** - Glorious day today. I got a new battery installed and the weather was sunny and 25-

30C. I had to open vents on my coat to cool down. We had a long ride of 308 miles today. For once we rode more inland and didn't follow many fjords. We are in the northern part of Norway and the trees and scenery reminded me of northern BC, around the Peace region. We stopped in a Route66 diner along the way to our hotel in Mo-I-Rana. It was full of authentic Route 66 artifacts. The owner said they spent years traveling through the US collecting all the stuff. Amazing to see this in Norway.

Route 66 Memorabilia



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Tight Switchbacks

Today was a short ride of 51 miles to the Arctic Circle Centre. This is the highest North we'll get in Norway and tomorrow we start heading back to the UK. The weather was wet and cold all the way there, but just cold on the return. On the way back we stopped at a small motorcycle museum. Very few bikes, but still interesting to look at. Since we'd get back to our hotel by 1:30 pm, four of us decided to ride to Sweden for lunch. The border was only 20 miles away. Now I can add Sweden to the

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list of countries that I've ridden in.



Rob Beecroft at the Arctic Circle Centre

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/arctic-circle-centre>



Sadly, I'm a very experienced wet weather rider. Certainly getting a lot of practice here. The Arctic bike museum is smaller than the one in Sorrento B.C. I've been there as well. The Arctic Circle Centre is a top destination for motorcycle riders. Dozens in the parking lot. I guess the motorcycle museum is trying to entice riders to visit after they leave the Centre. The entry fee was \$10 CDN. Yes, nice to tick off another country that I've ridden in. I have a lot more in my plans.

**Day 14**

Rode 321 miles from Mo I Rana to Trondheim. It was cold, wet and windy. A miserable day of riding. Glad to take a hot shower at the hotel. No pictures today.

**Day 15** - We rode 233 miles to Lillehammer today. Instead of taking the freeway we took a scenic route through the mountains. Some of the



M/C Museum

terrain looked a bit like the Okanagan, with lots of long lakes. Other areas looked like the Yukon. The weather was cold in the morning, but warmed up to around 20C in the afternoon. Just a few light rain sprinkles in the morning. (Editor's Note:- Lillehammer hosted the 1994 and 2016 Winter Olympics)

**Day 16** - Rode 129 miles to Oslo, on a very scenic route along a very long lake which was at least 60 miles long. Definitely felt like I was in the Okanagan again. The weather was dry and 20C. Didn't see much of Oslo, as we went directly to the ferry to Copenhagen. It's a 15 hour trip. It's a very large ship, almost like a cruise ship. It has lots of bars and restaurants and even has a pool. Here are a few pictures of Oslo. I won't be able to track the ships route to Copenhagen. I'll start the GPS tracking after we get of the ship.



← Oslo, Norway

Ferry to Copenhagen →





**Day 18** A few pictures of the coastline from the ferry. The Norwegian ferries use a powerful magnet that attaches to the steel deck. The magnet will hold 1000 pounds and has a hook attachment point. A strap with a loop goes over the pillion foot peg mount and at the other end is a hook for attaching to the magnet anchor. Then the ratchet strap is tightened to hold the bike down. (Ed. Note:- perhaps B.C. Ferries could use some of these magnetic anchors instead of the old wooden blocks that very seldom fit or work under the bike !)



After getting off the ferry, we rode 229 miles from Copenhagen to Hamburg. The first 100 miles was along the coast and through lots of hay/barley fields. The remaining distance to our hotel was along the high speed motorway. Cars were going by us at a very high speed, even though we were going 70-80 mph. No rain, but it was very windy. The high temp was 23.5C.



We are at the overnight ferry back to the UK. Doesn't load for another 90 minutes. It was a hot 329 mile ride from Hamburg to the ferry. Started off at 19C and it reached 34.5C near Holland. On the way through Amsterdam I saw a sign for the Utrecht Science Park. That's where both of our Dutch antibody companies, which were bought by my old company Immuno Precise Antibodies, are located. Probably as close to those companies as I'll ever get. Technically, the riding part of the tour is over now. We'll have to celebrate in the bar tonight and have our final goodbyes. After we land in the UK tomorrow morning everyone will be heading home. I have to return the bike to Road Trip Motorcycle rentals in Woking. It's about 2 hours from Harwick, where the ferry lands in the UK. Afterwards, I will fly to Glasgow to visit my daughter. Thanks for following my Norway tour.

**Ed. Note:-** Rob returned the hired bike to Road Trip Motorcycles on July 19th and they weren't sympathetic about the battery issue although they did reimburse Rob for the cost of the battery. They said he created the problem for 11 days by not going to a BMW dealer and getting a replacement battery. Rob didn't do this because he didn't know how long it would take to repair and he didn't want to get separated from the group. However, they charged him £100 for extra mileage. The trip was 4200 miles (6720 Km), 400 miles above what he was allowed. That's more than the distance across Canada. No wonder his butt felt sore !! He said he was glad to be off the bike for awhile. They refused to give him a discount so have lost him as a repeat customer. The only downside to his trip ! Customer service ?? Rob got to Scotland on July 20th to visit with his daughter who is attending a dental school. His wife and his other daughter will be joining them there and they'll be renting a car and touring the area. It's then off to Ireland for four days to visit with a friend from UVIC who will show them around the "tourist" area.

**Rob's next tour:-** I will send you the GPS tracking route from my tour of Portugal, Spain and Morocco when it starts on September 1st.

For a little something that we don't see around our "neck of the woods" have a peek at 50 Years of Wins— Harley Davidson Flattrack - about 33 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=363HRmYPfCQ>



## NUTS IN JULY ROAD RIDE - by Graham Turner

This years Nuts in May was held in July, as I was in England for the month of May, and was thus re-named to the Nuts in July. Twelve riders showed up despite the real threat of some wet stuff. Eleven members and one non-member. Kick-off was sharp at 10am and they were off to visit several of our scenic municipalities. There were reports of slight rain but for the most part the weather co-operated and I believe everyone enjoyed the course. As usual there was a mileage element as well as the obligatory tasks, some of which were even nut-themed. The tie-breaker at the end was to guess how many nuts were in a jar, but there were no ties to break. With my tricky and very secret scoring system ( mostly based on the size of the bribes ) there was a large range of demerit points from 8.1 for the winner to 107.7 to the guy at the other end of the score sheet. Thanks to all those who came out..... see you next



1st—Russell Blow  
3rd—Phil Turner

May. **Graham Turner.**

PS - The big winners are **Russell Blow**—1st, **Mike Iverson** - 2nd, and my brother **Phil Turner**—3rd.



How many squares in the sign ?

## SHOW 'N' SHINE - July 24th.

Show 'n' Shine and impromptu Swap Meet, organized by member **Brent Donaldson**, was held at Cycle Park on July 24th. Several members along with some non-members brought their “special” iron out to display. There were no fees, no prizes and all enjoyed the warm, sunny weather to “drool” over some very classy bikes. Here are a few pictures of the day.



Klaus Kreye



**Victoria Motorcycle Club**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting - Held on July 19, 2022,**  
**upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria**

**With 12 Voting Members present plus 8 Second Meeting New Member Applicants and One First Meeting New Member Prospect in Attendance:**

**In Attendance**

President: Dave Horner  
Vice President: Mark Fisher  
Treasurer: Perry Chow  
Secretary: Peter Grant

**Directors:**

Brent Donaldson, Dave McCullough,  
Dave Fair, Tony Wilson

Absent were Past Pres Dan McLaren and directors Andy James, Nick Newton and Membership Chair Rick Kool

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by the President, Dave Horner, at 7:30 PM. This is the fifth Regular Meeting to be held since February 2020, due to Covid19 Pandemic restrictions.

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held June 21, 2022, were read by Sec. Grant. Len Orrico moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Dave McCullough, carried.

The minutes of the previous Executive Meeting held July 13, 2022, were read by Sec. Grant. One correction noted to item 11) New Business. This subject was raised by Nick Newton not Tony Wilson. Dave McCullough moved the minutes be adopted as amended, seconded by Brent Donaldson, carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes**

- 1) Dave Horner; BC Hydro Electrification Project:
  - member Peter Pardell Electrical Contractor provided updates and detail on Power Shed Requirements, Line Routing and other details. He will coordinate with member Klaus Kreye – project manager, Mike Hornick (Construction) and director Brent Donaldson.
- 2) Dave Horner; Shelter/Clubhouse reconstruction:
  - Reported that member Mike Hornick has provided conceptual drawings with structural engineer for detailed drawings needed to submit for building permit.
- 3) Dave Horner on the motion tabled June meeting:  
*‘to Temporarily suspend the processing of any new applications for membership until the Executive and Directors have resolved the current concerns and issue(s) being faced. Names and info received from new potential applicants will be placed on a Wait List.’*

The Floor was opened for discussion:

- Brent Donaldson spoke in favour of the motion but only until required updates and assistance was provided for the Membership Chair.
- Perry Chow deliberated on a range of concerns:
  - o the clumsiness of the current application process and the two meeting process.
  - o The many concerns / issues being faced by the club due to lack of engaged members assisting in various projects and activities.

- Perry continued: No cap currently on total membership. Is not in favour of a two-tier membership program either.
  - He suggested that annual attrition will likely show a 10% decrease, year over year if no new members are accepted.
  - In favour of raising the new member Initiation Fee.
- > (new) Member Candidate Dave Rogers spoke on computer software that he developed for use by both his and other commercial enterprises that he wishes to modify and resize to make it suitable for smaller organizations, clubs and associations. Dave wishes to provide his software and will make modifications and provide expertise working with the Membership chair to make this work on a trial/beta-test project. End goal is to streamline the new membership application process coupled with the annual membership renewal process.
- > Bruce Taylor volunteered to join the Membership Committee to assist the Chair
- Member Len Orrico spoke in favour of putting a cap on total membership.
- New member Candidates Chad Kruper and Chris Duggan both spoke on the topic and provided their perspective.
- Tony Wilson spoke up against capping membership. Suggested that annual fee should be increased and that revenue directed towards property and trail maintenance costs. Does not want to exclude any riders from joining.
- Member Andre Chabot spoke on the topic, feels that the membership fee is too low at \$7.50/month when compared to any other activity.
- A new membership prospect, Rick Green spoke up, he is able to volunteer to assist the Membership Committee chair. (Andre Chabot sponsor)
- Dave Horner brought the topic back to focus on the current motion on the table and called for a vote:
- In Favour 7 / Opposed 3. Motion Passed.
- 4) Dave McCullough spoke on the recently scheduled EnduroCross event he is organizing to run at Cycle Park on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Dave is hosting **TWO Work Parties** to do upkeep on the EnduroCross and Hillclimb courses and general trail maintenance.
- A call for volunteers is to be circulated for these two weekends – 4 days in total
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.**
  - Please bring shovels and rakes and axes and other tools and implements.
  - Repair trails, cut broom and more. There will be mechanized support as well.
  - All active member's support is requested.



5) Treasurer's Report – numbers as at July 11, 2022

Perry Chow: presented the Treasurers Report and related Updates:

- YTD Income and Expenses vs Budget was presented
- Details from last weekend's Road Ride not included.
- Overall financial status update provided.
- Review of upcoming capital projects and projected spending.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Eric (last name not recorded), Seconded by Dave McCullough, Approved.

6) NEW MEMBER Applications were reviewed: nb, current new Applicants are requested to attend two meetings. To be Introduced at first and Voted upon at second.

Eight new member candidates were Voted upon and approved for membership:

a) Present and Approved for Membership were:

Chad Kruper, Nick Niedziela, Dave Rogers, Chris Duggan, Emily Mendum, Rob Hayward, Chris Combiadakakis. Also present and approved was Spendsir Biffert.

b) Notwithstanding the motion item 3) above one new member prospect was present and introduced to the club for their first time:

- New Member prospect Rick Green is a friend and tenant and has been sponsored by member Andre Chabot. Rick wishes to join the club and stated he will be active in assisting in assorted club events and projects. His application will be considered at a later date.

c) The above applicants listed a) were accepted into the club as new members.

Our Aims and Objects were read aloud by President Horner, Welcome to the club.

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VICTORIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB – 2009 Aims and Objects

*Traditionally, the Aims and Objects of the Victoria Motorcycle Club are read aloud at meetings when new members are voted into the Club. The Aims and Objects are also printed on the back of the membership card.*

**AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE  
VICTORIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

With your application to become a member of the club having been approved and accepted in the proper manner, it is now necessary that you become acquainted with the aims and objects of this organization.

The Victoria Motorcycle Club (one of the oldest and largest motorcycle clubs in western Canada) was originally banded together in 1906 to foster the sport of motorcycling in all its phases.

Its members are expected to contribute to its welfare by supporting every project which it may see fit to sponsor.

All members are expected to be proud of the good name which the Victoria Motorcycle Club holds in the community of Victoria and endeavour to uphold that good name to the best of their ability. They are at all times to observe the rules of the club, both written and unwritten.

*Welcome to the Club!*

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**7) Committee Reports:**

- **Past Events:**

- No Trials events have been run since the June event previously reported on. Three to date.
- Nuts in May in July Road Ride was held last weekend. No report tabled.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Show & Shine and Swap Meet at Cycle Park Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - o No Entry fee to attend, public welcome. Contact Brent Donaldson.
  - o Donation Bucket at gate
- The ‘Decent’ EnduroCross on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Dave McCullough.
- The Grind Enduro on September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tony Wilson.
- Hill Climb on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Dave McCullough or Brent Donaldson.
- Two fall Trials events;
  - o Lohrmann Trial on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Joe Brown/Major Trial on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>
- maybe another trial, date tbc organized by Chris Duggan tbc.
- Century Run Road Ride, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> has no Committee as Rob Beecroft is N/A.
- Other events are on the VMC’s annual schedule for which no members have stepped forward to chair the event committees. Includes Field Meet, Road Rides, Enduro and Dual Sport.
- These events will not run unless members put the effort in to organize them. See Event schedule here: <https://www.vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/events/vmc%20calendar.pdf> and contact Roger or any Executive member.

8) Dave Horner and Brent discussed purchase of new Fire Extinguishers and recharging/filling existing units for club property. Extinguishers to be taken out of lockup and spread around when events are run.

- Brent reminded that the back-pack ‘piss-can’ units should be refilled whenever they are used and emptied. They are to be distributed around the property.

9) Dave Horner reported on a recent telephone conversation with Pam Jorgenson of Mosaic Forest Management.

- Pam related that ‘Mosaic has no agreements with any motorized vehicle clubs’ including the Sooke ATV club which is contrary to recent news reports.
- They do have an agreement with Bicycle Club for trails Dave helped create for the Terra Nova Enduro.
- Pam indicated it would be easier to apply for an access permit on an event-by-event basis (day of only) as they are not looking for any long-term leases of any sort. Promised that the application process would be faster than it has been in the past.
- In general Dave felt that this was a good conversation and the way forward is with a Dual Sport (licensed for road use) event to begin with.
- A concerning comment was made that they (Mosaic) are not fond of ‘high powered motorcycles’.
- Next step is to identify potential FSR that are suitable riding areas for Dual Sport ride and make application. Not going to be easy and must follow their rules.
- Any permit for anyone if for Logging Roads and not for Trails.

**New Business:**

- 10) Peter Pardell raised the subject of VMC sponsoring the team Moto Kooks, which he is entering to ride a Yamaha R6 in a Nine Hour Endurance event on August 21<sup>st</sup> at VIMC, Highway 14 to Lake Cowichan.
- This event is to raise funds in support of Children’s Health Foundation of Vancouver Island.
  - 15 teams will do their best to complete the most laps and raise the most for charity.
  - Open to the Public with a Viewing Deck, Upper Lounge, Food Trucks, bikes on display and more. All are invited to attend.
  - Peter will ensure large VMC logos are applied to the Yamaha.
  - Pit crew support is needed as well. Contact Peter Pardell.
  - All VMC members are encouraged to also provide personal donations for sponsorship if they wish for this cause.
  - See more and donate here: [http://higgys.ca/charity/?fbclid=IwAR2bvUYSrTKEVegFj1-YH15Pf8tIWNRe6xF0IikCFXUy9y\\_Iha8wsORUWNY](http://higgys.ca/charity/?fbclid=IwAR2bvUYSrTKEVegFj1-YH15Pf8tIWNRe6xF0IikCFXUy9y_Iha8wsORUWNY)
  - A Motion was made by Brent Donaldson, seconded by Bruce Taylor for the VMC to provide \$500 sponsorship to Moto Kooks entry. Approved.
  - Sect. Grant to advise Treasurer Chow pf the details for payment.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Brent Donaldson, seconded by Dave McCullough the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Peter Grant  
Secretary

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Dave Horner  
President