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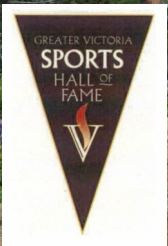


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These were the days that memories are made from! Sitting on the top of a mountain with the “boys” having lunch and admiring the view. Boyd’s Pit was the area of choice for many years, both for the Geritol one and Geritol two groups and many others who needed to feel that exhilaration of off road riding. Whether it was a ride to explore, cut, clear or build new trails, or even just to enjoy a ride with one’s buddies, it was always gratifying. (except when the weather turned against you).

Boyd’s Pit was privately owned by a logging company and technically they didn’t want us in there, particularly when they were logging the area. However, when we did go in we were very aware of the sections they were busy in so stayed away from them. At times, when the logging trucks were heading out, the drivers would even wave at us.

The area was laced with trails, most were given names, some rough and some easy, mostly cut and maintained by the two VMC Geritol groups and also riders from other areas. Many VMC events were started there albeit costly for the club. But it was worth it if only for the memories of friends, trails, and some of the views.

The picture above, taken in June 2006 was at the top of the Dutch Rock trail, named after a Dutch couple who accompanied Gary Nordstrom on a ride there. Gary is left in the picture, Mark Banfield is in the middle and Jim Justice on the right. I’m sure it is a part of their memories !!

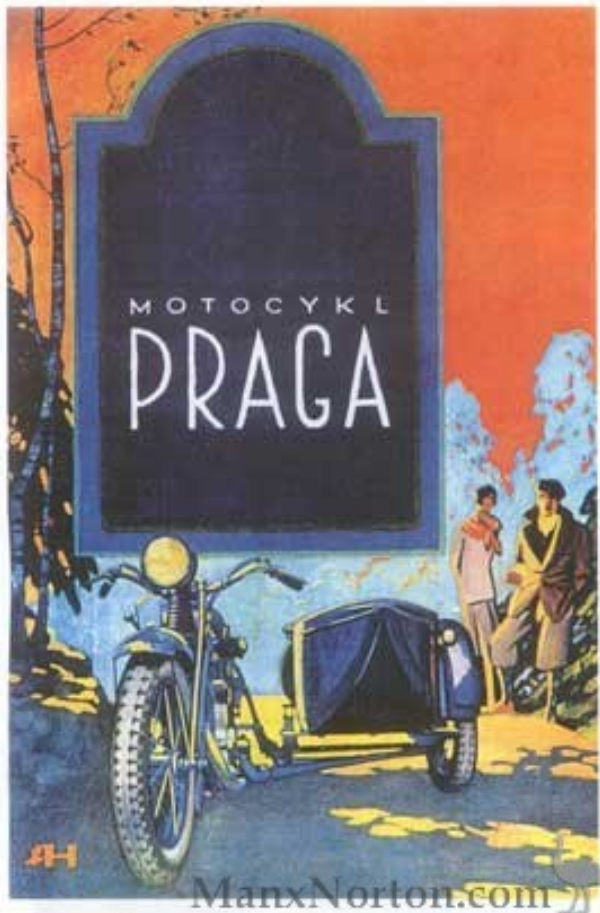
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As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation !!

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Daimler

1885-1886 Gottlieb Daimler, Stuttgart-Bad Cannstadt

Circa 1896 the Daimler Motor Co and the assets of the Daimler Motor Syndicate were sold or transferred to E. T. Hooley, M. D. Rucker and Harry Lawson for £35,000 and the British Motor Syndicate was formed.

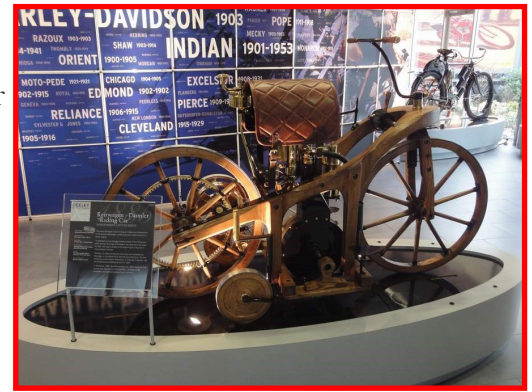
At some time prior to the First World War ... Harry Woollen became designer to M. Clement-Bayard, of Paris, and on his return to this country was appointed senior draughtsman with Daimler.

In 1884 the world's first petrol-engined tricycle was patented by Edward Butler (this was a year ahead of Gottlieb Daimler in Germany)

The relationship between German Daimler and British Daimler requires clarification.

Motor Manufacturing Co of Coventry 1904 June. The company went into liquidation. Their buildings were sold to Daimler for £14,000.

1910. BSA acquired the Daimler Motor Co (1904) Ltd.



Daimler Replica
In the Deeley Museum

CLUB NEWZ



Due to an injury of a team member, VMC member **Sam King** was chosen to ride on the Canadian Trials Des Nations Team competing in Monza, Italy in September. The TDN team placed 14th in the international trophy. For all members, it was their first TDN and with non stop rules it was challenging. After a rain, the first lap was very slick but the second lap was drier which made for some better rides. Riders had a lot of fun and as the level of riding was very high, it helped gain knowledge for any future international competitions. Congratulations.

[Canadian Trials Des Nations Team](#) 14th place in the international trophy!

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Hart on a roll !! Congratulations are again in order for member **Trystan Hart**. He recently placed first in an Enduro X in Denver, Colorado and was second in the Enduro X Pro Moto 1 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Congratulations **Trystan**

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It's been a long three years for many as the covid pandemic has continued on. We can only hope with the lifting of covid restrictions, the club will be back to some sort of normality. Through it all the club has had an executive that volunteered their time to stay in their positions and for that, we owe them a BIG round of thanks. Those members are:- **Dave Horner, Mark Fisher, Peter Grant, Perry Chow** with directors **Andy James, Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Dave McCullough, Nick Newton and Tony Wilson**. Included with the executive are **Rick Kool** (membership chair), **Lillian Wilbur** (trophy committee) with **Barb Lohrmann** as her mentor. I have continued on with emailing notices and producing the newsletter and posters. Thanks also to those members who stepped up to organize some of the events throughout those years.



**** With the lifting of covid restrictions, there may be an election of officers early in the new year. Will you be up to letting your name stand for any of the four executive positions or any of the directors positions? The members listed above may want a break so it would be nice if other members "threw their hat in the ring."**

HILLCLIMB 2022—by Roger Boothroyd

After an absence of three years due to Covid, the annual VMC Hillclimb took place at Cycle Park on October 2nd 2022. Forty-three riders on a variety of bikes signed up to ride in the several classes of the day. Sunny skies prevailed throughout the day as the fumes permeated the air and the sounds of two strokes, twins, singles and multi-cylinder bikes were warmed up.

A few weeks prior to the event, the hill had been prepped by a team of volunteers. A couple of trees had been removed to improve sight and safety and the tabletop had been combined with two other small jumps at the bottom of the hill to make it more interesting.

After the rider's meeting, the "show got on the road." First to attempt the hill were the "youngsters" on small wheeled bikes. Some had trouble with the larger tabletop but most had a good attempt at the hill. Their efforts were evaluated on how far they got up and in first place was **Kaylie Livingston** on a TTR230. Second place went to **Ivan Ritchie** riding a KX60. In third was **Cecelia Olsen** on her Honda 125.



The second wave consisted of "kids" in the large wheel class. **Jayden Roach** was unstoppable on his Gas Gas 280 taking first place. KX100 mounted **Tyler Belanger** was second while third place went to **Jayden Barry** on his CRF150. Honourable mention went to **Cynthia Barry** on her CRF150.

In the largest class of the day, the 0–450 cc, **Quinn McCullough** on a KTM 450 was the only one in this class to be under six seconds putting him in first place with 5.77 secs. Milliseconds behind was **Thomas Cordner** on a RMZ450 taking second with 6.02 secs. **Kurt Allen** on a CRF450 placed third with 6.64 secs.

The 701–Open class saw a switch of the top three in the previous class. **Thomas Cordner** on a Yamaha R1 flew up the hill in 5.81 seconds to take first place. **Quinn McCullough** wrestled a Harley Davidson 1427 up the hill to place second with 5.88 secs. with both his runs. **Kurt Allen** from Cowichan placed third on his Yamaha R1 with 6.11 seconds.



The Paul Girardeau Club Championship is only open to club members. Beating out second place **Quinn McCullough** by .02 seconds was **Thomas Cordner** on his Yamaha R1 "flying" up the hill in 5.98 secs. **McCullough** reached the top in 6 secs. on his Triumph 675. An unusual bike to take third place was a Yamaha Adventure Tenere 700 in 7.68 secs. ridden by **Paul Lederis**.

Open to all comers, the FW Francis Island Championship, it was, once again, **Thomas Cordner** in top spot beating out **Quinn McCullough** on a Triumph 675 by .01 secs. **Cordner** had 5.58 secs. while **McCullough** crested the top in 5.59 secs.

Photo by Bill Thompson In third place was **Kurt Allen** from Cowichan on his Yamaha R1 with a time of 6.31 secs.

The X Climb 0 - 450 cc. was open to all and had 14 entries. Once again the two top spots were dominated by **Cordner** and **McCullough**. **Cordner** on his Yamaha R1 was first and **McCullough** on his Triumph was second. Third place went to **Jayden Roach** on a Gas Gas 380.

The Log X event had three entries to try and cross a log before challenging the hill. **Quinn McCullough** on his KTM 450 won the purse as he was the only one that successfully crossed the log and made it up the hill. Others that tried were **Sean Durrell** on his TTR 225 and **Franklin Howe** on a 250 Sherco. Many thanks to the committee and all the volunteers who made this a successful event. Full results on our website at

<https://www.vmc.bc.ca>



Photo by Bill Thompson



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- September 2007 - Another successful trail build. The old cedar tree wasn't one that could be "jumped" easily so it had to go. Life members **Jim Justice** and **Bob Wormald** used their "tiny" saws, aided by the rest of the Geritol 2 group, to take out a chunk in the new Firehose Trail at the Tansky property creating another loop in that area that has been used many times on various events.

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This year the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Club celebrated their 100th anniversary. Like the Victoria Motorcycle Club, they had many events to run, both on and off road and still continue their activities today. This club was a combination of the Lions Gate Motorcycle Club started by **Trevor Deeley** in 1922 and the



High Hatters Motorcycle Club. It then became known as the Vancouver Motorcycle Club and the "Greater" was added later. In 1937, the GVMC purchased a piece of industrial property for \$50 where a clubhouse was constructed. The GVMC was inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2010, the same year the VMC was inducted. Congratulations for reaching 100 years.

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Most are familiar with the makes of trials bikes from the sixties to present day but have you ever seen one of these ? Here is the write up of it.

It's best known bike was not a motocross or enduro machine, but the 1978 Maltr Trans-ama 320cc trials bikes designed in collaboration with Trials Champion Sammy Miller. The 1978 Trans-ama was designed by Rene Maltr on behalf of Pesaro Transama motorcycles. Fitted with a 320cc Hiro engine, which was the most influential trials engine of the time. The big engine hangs from the huge backbone frame. The fuel tank is under the seat and

needed a diaphragm pump to supply the fuel. According to those in the know the Hiro engine was used by Sammy in his prototype—and the under the seat fuel tank idea was on JCM—but they were dumb and did not fit a pump so you never got to use half the gas in the tank as it was below the level of the carb float bowl. Sherco had a pump on their design but they failed quite often. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



An engine with "hair curlers !!" From bicycles to bicycles with motors in the frame to the modern motorcycles of today technology has been a constant exploration. This multi-cylinder bike uses the hairpin valve springs rather than coil springs and it looks like it's been at a hair dressers.

Those are 'hairpin' valve springs on the Moto Guzzi 4cyl. from 1930. Coil springs were not as reliable at that time, plus it is a simple, quick item to replace, possibly during a race, or also on a road bike. Lower valve-train height is another possible advantage, as there isn't 50mm or so of coil adding to the valve length. Think about it, a coil spring, even when fully compressed has a significant length; the majority of a 'hairpin' spring is not directly above the valve.

Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - Held on October 18, 2022, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria With 19 Voting Members present and zero New Member Applicants in Attendance:

In Attendance President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** Treasurer: **Peter Grant** (interim) Secretary: **Peter Grant** and Membership Chair **Rick Kool** Directors:- **Brent Donaldson, Dave McCullough, Tony Wilson** Absent: Past Pres **Dan McLaren**, Tres **Chow**, directors **Andy James, Dave Fair, Nick Newton.**

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

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held Sep. 20th, 2022, were read by Sec. **Grant**.

Dave McCullough moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Roger Boothroyd**, carried.

Business arising from the Minutes

1) Dave Horner opened a discussion on the New Membership Application Process and overall duties of Membership Committee.

- Membership Chair **Rick Kool** asked for direction from the Executive of any changes to be proposed and he will work to implement.

- **Rick** asked if we were going to 'cap' membership numbers of Off-road riders? What about Road Riders?

- Pres. **Horner** called to have an Executive meeting in two weeks to hammer out the suggested revisions.

- Annual renewal process is working and does not require any tweaks other than no more payment by PayPal, Cheques or E-Transfers only.

Next Executive meeting set for Tues. Nov 1st, 7:30 PM at Barnes HD. To be circulated to all Exec. Members.

2) Dave Horner opened discussion on Mosaic Forest Trail Access Committee.

- Committee meeting to be scheduled for 3 weeks

- Tuesday Nov. 8th, at 7:30 PM.

- Tim Hortons West Hills; 3150 Langford Lake Rd, Victoria, BC V9B 0L9 (near the YMCA)

- add **Aaron Fisher** to invitation list. dallanmotorsports@icloud.com or (236) 594-1869

- Aaron proposed to that he wants to stage riding events on the ISTC riding territory which requires Mosaic Forest road access

- **Andy James, Brad Adams, Brent Donaldson, Dave Horner, Harold 'Turk' Perepalkin and Peter Grant Sec.** plus **Aaron Fisher**

3) Dave Horner provided an update received from **Mike Hornick** on the Clubhouse/Shelter rebuilding project:

- **Mike** has met with District of Metchosin's Planner and new Building Inspector and has received their feedback.

- Has engineering plans and is ready to apply for our building permit.

- Question was raised as to physical location of the shelter. Will require a survey of lower property line boundaries.

- **Len Orrico** noted that he was involved back-in-the-day when the original ground survey stakes were driven. Not sure if they are still in place.

- **Len** also recalled that **Dave Brown** installed the chain link fence across the front of the property fronting along the Galloping Goose Trail and he may know where the property boundaries are.

- **Len** noted that it is critical that the new building be sited properly according to municipal set-back requirements.

- Proposed to hold a Site Meeting to determine preferred siting for Shelter - to be held on Saturday Oct. 29th at 10:00 AM. All members are invited to attend and have their voice heard. Roger to communicate to membership.

○ Motion made by **Len Orrico** to approve the required expenditure to engage **Summitt Land Surveying/Jason Kozina** to survey our lower property to locate property boundaries and stake the proposed building location, seconded by **Dave McCullough**. Motion Approved.

- **Dave Horner** to oversee Summitt's scope of work.

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4) Project leader **Klaus Kreye** provided an update on BC Hydro and electrification of Cycle Park.

- BC Hydro's project manager has been on leave, returns next week.
- **Klaus** will reach out again. Nothing further to report.

5) **Brent Donaldson** provided news of our application to District of Metchosin on General Tax Exemption:

- **Brent** gave a presentation and supplied a rebuttal to the letter received from local resident in opposition to the application.
- Member **Harold Perepalkin** also attended council meeting and spoke on VMC's behalf. Member **Gary Smirfitt** sent a letter of support of our application.
- The outgoing Council reviewed and approved our tax exemption for 2023
- Good News with thanks and applause given to **Brent**.

6) **Peter Grant**: Treasurers Report presented:

- Acting as interim Treasurer, reviewed YTD Income and Expenses relative to annual budget.
- We are tracking well with a projected surplus on operating budget.
- The surplus is principally due to our savings on the 2022 tax bill.
- Projected capital expenses coming late 2022 and through 2023 include – Pavilion/Shelter construction, Electrification, main gate upgrade.

New Business:

7) Member **Aaron Fisher** inquired on status and use of ISTC land:

- **Aaron** is looking to revive riding events on the old ISTC lands near Shawnigan Lake.
- This would require an access agreement with Mosaic Forest Management for road access to get to the property. **Tony Wilson** indicated that he doesn't think any other off-road groups have made any progress in securing access agreements to re-open this riding area.
- **Aaron** hopes to host the **Dan Fisher** Memorial Trial event in spring 2023 followed by more Trials events tbd.
- He is in the process of rebuilding his late father **Dan's** motorcycle dealership, **Dallan Sports** in Cobble Hill.
- **Aaron** will be added to Mosaic Trail Access committee list and invited to attend meetings.
- **Dave Horner** indicated he and others will help direct **Aaron** on Mosaic's application process and requirements.
- ISTC is a named insured on VMC's liability policy.
- **Aaron** can be contacted here: dallanmotorsports@icloud.com or (236) 594-1869
- **Matt Loken** inquired on more details of Mosaic's requirements to allow riders access; discussion followed.

8) New Member Applications:

- None present. No new membership applications are being processed at this time.
- **Rick Kool** informed there are Six (6) New membership Applications on the Wait List.

Committee Reports-Past Events:

9) **Brent Donaldson** and **Dave McCullough** both gave reports on the Historic Hill Climb:

- **Brent** provided a financial report with Net Profit just under \$1,000.
- Metchosin Boy Scout troop operated the Food Concession / BBQ as no member(s) volunteered. All concession profits to Scouts. Good for local community in any case.
- **Ben Hirecock** stepped in as PA Announcer.
- **Dave McCullough** reported on the classes and results with almost rider 50 entries total.
- See results on here: www.vmc.bc.ca/results/hillclimb.pdf

10) **Dave Horner**: - No news on a Dual Sport event. He will contact member **Robin Crumbley** to see if anything happening.

Committee Reports-Upcoming Events:

11) **Dave Horner** - reported on revised date for fall Trials events: • Lohrmann Trial is now on Nov. 13th

- Joe Brown Major Trial remains scheduled for Nov 27th
- The Grind Enduro (part of the VIDRA Series) is now on November 5th & 6th.

CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

• All involved are hoping that seasonal rains arrive soon, and full riding activities can resume at Cycle Park.

12) Correspondence - presented by Dave Horner:

- Email sent to members about Life Member **John Gronow** in hospital
- Email regarding Treasurer **Perry Chow** in Vancouver Hospital following transplant surgery

Other New Business - continued:

13) None other new business items were tabled

Adjourn

On a motion by **Brent Donaldson**, seconded by **Harold Perepalkin** the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

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***** If any member knows the following members and is in contact with them, could you please have them email me at the email address on the front page so that I can compare their email address to the one I have on file.**

My group club emails to them don't seem to be getting through. Thanks—Roger

Dale Risvold, Sid Irvine, Stewart Gordon, John Graham, Denis Nagy.

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It is that time of year again, 2023 Membership dues will be as follows:

Junior \$25.00	0-18 yrs
Active \$95.00	19-64 yrs
Senior \$45.00	65 yrs to infinity and beyond

PAYPAL is off the table this year. Last year they decided to hold funds for 20+ days, worrying about refunds. The VMC appreciates the fact that you covered their fees, but I felt that **PAYPAL** was more work than help.

Payment Methods

1) Cheques can be mailed to: VMC RPO Town & Country PO Box 48138 Victoria BC V8Z 7H5

2) direct deposit e-transfer: vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca

Please put Members name and level of membership being renewed in description

3) cash or cheque at the Nov, Dec, Jan monthly meeting

If you require a receipt, Please use cheque or e-transfer

Deadline is Jan 31/ 2023, you will start to receive reminder emails and phone calls after the January 1st hangover. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca or text/call at 250-889-2908 **Rick Kool**

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Report from Secretary **Peter Grant**. Roughly 40 or more members including almost all of the executive committee attended the site meeting this morning. President **Dave Horner** introduced member and Project Leader **Mike Hornick** who provided an overview and status report. Mike continued by detailing various location options with their pros and cons from a contractor's perspective. Following discussion and question period the final location choices were put to a vote by a show of hands. The decision was virtually unanimous. This location has been staked out for anyone that is curious. Next step is to finalize the Building Permit from District of Metchosin and then begin assembling materials and finally commence laying of footings and concrete slab. Picture is of a similar structure to be built. Photo sent by **Peter Grant**.

