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No, it's not a motorcycle, but it does have a history of hauling motorcycles. It's a 1953 Ford F100 belonging to former member **Murray Anderson** who is **Reg Shank's** great nephew. The truck belonged to **Reg** who owned Brooklands Motorcycle Sales in the 900 block of Fort Street. In those days it could be seen hauling motorcycles, used for business, and also visibly seen at VMC events. Brooklands closed its doors in 1989.

It is completely stock with a flathead 239 V8 rebuilt by member **Ernie Hills** in 1999. These days one might be lucky to see it at a local car show.

At the end of every year, the renewing of membership takes place. Emails are sent out well ahead of time and it's posted on our website and Facebook page that dues are due. A deadline for dues payment was set but, as usual, a grace period with permission from the executive was allowed for those tardy members.

Last year the club had over 500 members and chasing some to renew their membership was a problem and this year the grace period was eliminated. We were no longer accepting applications for membership so anyone who missed paying their dues was put on a waiting list if they wanted to rejoin. That would mean another initiation fee plus abiding by the new rules for joining which were accepted by the club.

This year eighty-two members were eliminated off the email list due to non-payment of dues. Some were legitimate reasons i.e. moved, sold my bike, family isn't interested anymore etc. but there will be some who want on that waiting list.

Soon there will be a new updated website that should make it easier for members to get information, pay their dues, fill in any necessary forms, etc. all from their phones or computer. It may make it necessary to fill in a form each time their dues are renewed but then they should be able to update their statistics such as email address, phone number, contact info etc. **It will also be the members responsibility** to make sure the information is current. It will also make it a little easier for those of us that volunteer to administer this kind of information.

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## CLUB NEWZ

Several of our members have suffered motorcycle thefts, including myself. (Monte’s new Honda \$9000.) The following video may be of some interest to all members.

Here’s a link sent in by member **Monte Belson** about the theft of bikes.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_0DB3gBM3Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_0DB3gBM3Y)

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**T**wo weekends in March were dedicated to member **Sam King’s** Dirt School for trials and enduros. **Sam** arrived on Friday the 10th with his truck and toy hauler to prepare for the start of his trials school on the 11th and 12th. The following weekend was for enduros and Canadian and US champion, member **Trystan Hart** arrived mid week to help with teaching those that had signed up.

It was a small entry on **Sam’s** first Saturday having only six riders but that allowed **Sam** to give some good one on one instruction but a very small entry on Sunday with only one rider to instruct - the epitome of one on one instruction. As **Sam** put it, “it seems trials riders have been reluctant to enter in this past year.”



**Sam King** Instruction  
Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**



**Trystan Hart** Instruction  
Photo by **Loren Olsen**

The Dirt School for enduros on the 18th and 19th was better attended. Twelve were scheduled for the Saturday course and 20 made it for Sunday. Riders were divided between the two instructors to make it more manageable. Instruction began with the basics—body position, levers, braking, balance etc., to watching a champion change a rear wheel tire. It was then off to the enduro course area for more instruction to put what had been learned into practice. All enjoyed the days. We can look forward to **Sam** and **Trystan** returning in the future.



## VINTAGE SPEAKING

### A Brief History of the Marque AWO "SIMSON SUHL"

Suhl is located in the southern part of the former East Germany. In the early 1920s the Simson company manufactured also large and luxurious automobiles, bicycles and weapons. After the second war the Russians took control and formed "Awto Welo", better known as AWO.



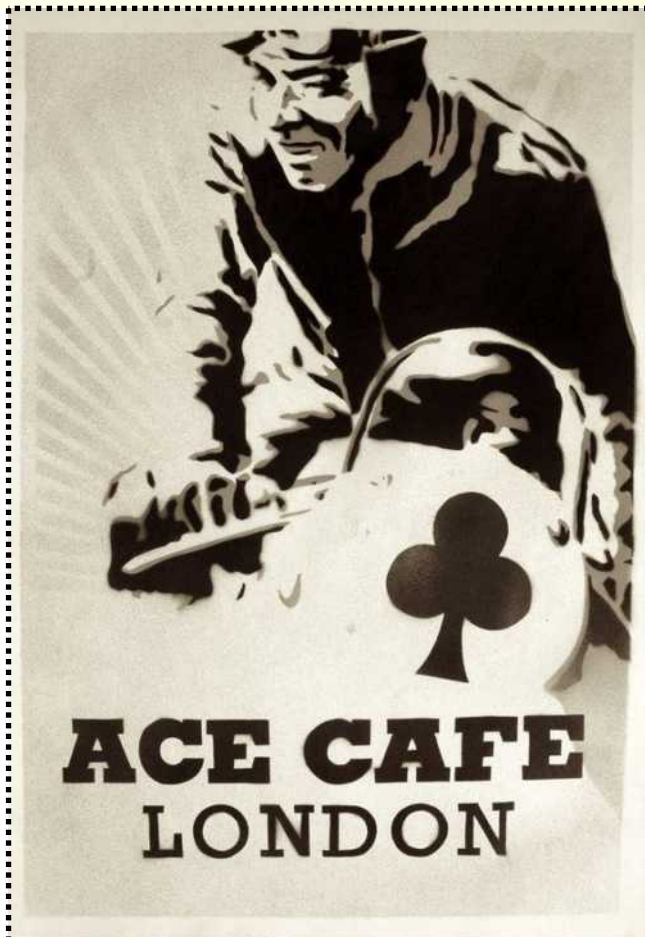
From 1952 to 1962 they produced the AWO 425 T model, a single cylinder 250 cc, 12 hp, four stroke, shaft drive touring model. The 425 T is very similar to the BMW R 26 of the same period. This was followed by the AWO 425 S (also marketed as the SIMSON 425 Sport), a single cylinder 250 cc of 15.5 hp, four stroke, shaft drive with better suspension and handling. In competition it was woefully outclassed by its West German counterparts from Adler, NSU and DKW.



Production of the 250cc AWO models was curtailed around 1963 in favour of two-stroke MZ models. SIMSON Suhl was also very well known for 50 cc auto-cycles, many having the names of birds.

There are fan-clubs for these models. Look for the names "Schwalbe" or "Star" - they were produced in huge numbers until the collapse of the Soviet Union. AWO was part of the IFA concern.

## VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



**A PENNY SAVED IS OBVIOUSLY THE RESULT OF A GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT !**

## Oh Crap Corner !



### WHO WAS RICK WELLS ? By Roger Boothroyd

**R**ick Wells, (commonly known as “**Ricky Wells**” in the old minutes, was a member of the Victoria Motorcycle Club having been accepted for membership in September 1958.

He was a machinist by trade and worked in several areas of the province in construction. In Victoria he worked for Whitaker & Revercomb, an automotive supply shop.

**Rick** competed in scrambles, trials and cross country events and in 1962 he won the Vern Amor Island TT challenge trophy. In 1968 he tied for first place with fellow member **John Davis** in the Novice Mini Scot Trial. He was second in the Novice Trial in 1968.

**Rick** tragically died after an accident while riding his Ossa as an outrider on a sidecar event in 1969. He was returning from that event in the Mt. Work area when the front wheel of his Ossa collapsed. At the January 1970 meeting, a committee of members **Comp Kelly** and **Ernie Hills** was struck to receive funds for the **Rick Wells** family. At the February meeting a one minute of silence was observed for recently deceased **Rick Wells**.

The family donated the perpetual trophy for the Rick Wells Trial in 1970.



### THE RICK WELLS TRIAL - BY ROGER BOOTHROYD

**C**ool, sunny and dry weather was in store for the 30 riders signing up to compete in the annual Rick Wells Trial held at the club's property on Happy Valley Road in Victoria. However, rain on the previous days had made for some very slippery sections. This might make for some higher scores for the seven classes of riders. There was one rider from Penticton in the Okanagan and one rider from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, who was in Victoria to pick up a new Vertigo from Moto Trials West. He rode his

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## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

### Rick Wells Trial Continued

first trial on that bike.

The usual ten sections were laid out within the property boundaries with ribbons and markers indicating the route to take for those classes. Following the course that has been laid out by the committee, each rider must visually determine the route in the section that he/she has to take. Points are awarded for dabbing with a foot, moving a ribbon or marker or going out of bounds etc., and the rider with the least amount of points at the end is deemed the winner. In some classes the win can be determined by the number of “cleans,” riding the section with no penalties. The results are:-

In the small wheel class, **Matt Duggan** was first while his sister **Elizabeth** took second. Third place went to **Danica Fisher**. Only two loops were ridden. All were on Oset.

There were only two in the Intermediate class. Riding a Scorpa, **Jake Eastman** took first with 64 points while second place went to **Brodie Williams** on a Vertigo with 73 points.

It was close for the first two loops in the Senior Intermediate class but **Wes Evernden** on Gas Gas had a good third loop to take first with 25 points. Second on a Beta was **Dan Hilton** with 31 points. Close behind **Hilton** was third place **Ben Williams** on Vertigo with 33 points.

Seven riders were in the largest class of the day, the Sportsman, and **John Faa** on Vertigo led for the first two loops. He almost lost it on the third loop but squeaked out the win with 29 points. Close behind **Faa** was **Blake Fontaine** on Vertigo with 30 points lost. Not far behind on another Vertigo was **Jason Bickford** with 35 points.

In the Senior Sportsman Montesa mounted **Phil Plasterer** took first with 28 points. Second was **Sol Hutson** on a Vertigo with 49 points. In third place was another Vertigo rider, **Mike Graham** with 54 points.

Only four riders signed up for the Expert class and **Jeremy McChesney** lead from the start on his Vertigo to take first place with 37 points. Following in second was **Ryon Bell** on his “older Montesa” with 45 points. Another Vertigo mounted rider, **Andrew Watson** took third with 62 points.

In the “fun” class, the Clubman, riders were given the option of riding two loops or three and the best scores of two were taken. This option was reflected in the final scores. **Dave Fair** rode his way to first place on his vintage Hodaka taking the win with 10 points. Second was **Brandon Horner** on a Gas Gas with 15 points. Nanaimo rider **Rick Whiting** on TRS took third with 28 points.

A BIG thank you to all the folks that worked on setting up the trial. Sections were set up by **Steve Mawer, Chris Faa, John Faa, Connor Lund, Nik Ferguson, Kevin Ash and Hugh Williams**. Signup and score keeping was done by **Mary Deschene (Dave Fair’s sister)** and **Susan Fair**. Concession was handled by the Boy Scouts. Full results on our website at [www.vmc.bc.ca](http://www.vmc.bc.ca)



Beginner Winner  
**Matt Duggan**

Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**



Senior Sportsman Winner  
**Phil Plasterer**  
Photo by **Dale Coull**



Clubman Winner **Dave Fair**  
On his Hodaka  
Photo by **Dale Coull**



## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

**M**ore accolades for member **Trystan Hart** who placed first in the AMA Hard Enduro Series, King of the Motos in Johnson Valley, California on January 29th. He then went to Hawaii for the March 12th running of the IRC Endurofest placing first again. Congratulations !

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The following was submitted by Secretary **Peter Grant**.

CANADIAN GP  
BC PLACE VANCOUVER  
Sat 28 Oct 2023  
Gates 4:00pm PST  
BC Place | Vancouver



### ***Preregister to be notified first!***

The **FIM World Supercross Canadian Grand Prix** will make its supercharged debut in the **2023 WSX World Championship** at one of the most technologically advanced venues in the world, **BC Place Stadium**, in the heart of **Vancouver**.

Ten teams and 40 of the world's best riders will continue to battle for world dominance in the most prestigious competitive action sport spectacle ever seen in the region.

The **WSX Canadian GP** will be an amplified combination of action and entertainment turning **BC Place** into an unmissable spectacle for all ages. [Preregister](https://wsxchampionship.com/events/rnd-05-vancouver-2023/) for tickets today so you don't miss out! Details Here: <https://wsxchampionship.com/events/rnd-05-vancouver-2023/>

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A Celebration of Life will be held for former member **Dan McLaren** who passed away February 9th. It will be held on **Sept. 16 at 2:00 pm** at **First Memorial Funeral Services** on **4725 Falaise Dr.** in Royal Oak.



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**L**ife member **Barb Lohrmann** is stepping back from the VMC. She and her partner, **Dan McLaren (RIP)**, discussed the possibility of moving prior to his passing. She will be moving to Courtenay in the near future as the house has now been sold.

**Barb** was a consummate volunteer for the club. She appeared on the scene in 1974 riding and running events from then forward. She was invited to join the VMC as an honorary member in 1987 as the By-laws stated "members shall be of the male sex but Honorary members could be of either sex." That was changed to Life member in 2007.

She honed her riding skills, both on road and off, while married to **George Lohrmann (RIP)** and eventually became an instructor at the Vancouver Island Safety Council. Helping on committees and events, she became the "go to member" for information on club rules and the constitution having consolidated many changes in rules that had not been reported to the Registrar of Companies.

She took over the trophy committee in 2008, with help from **Dan**, and eventually became a mentor to future members who volunteered for the position.

She collaborated with her step grandson-in-law, executive, and **Steve Drane**, for the building of the trophy case at Barnes Harley Davidson and the rebuilding and repair of some of our trophies. Her knowledge and volunteerism will be missed. With almost 50 years of VMC activity, she had a hand in many facets of the club. **Barb** will continue with her love of riding on road and off with friends in the Courtenay area.

*On behalf of the Victoria Motorcycle Club we wish her all the best in her future adventures.*

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As you are most likely aware, if you have tried to enter the VMC's club property, there has been a change of protocol regarding the lock. It is explained on the next page in the copy from the February minutes.



**Barb Lohrmann** with the newly constructed VMC logo

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## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



Issues with the Gate and Access to Cycle Park - Discussion put forth by **Gary Gronow**. Due to a significant number of non-members who actively access and ride at VMC Cycle Park, a motion is going to be put forward for the following changes:

- Effective end of day on March 31st a new Security Key type Padlock will be installed on the Cycle Park gate.
  - For all members that desire unencumbered access to ride and enjoy the VMC's Cycle Park property they will need to purchase a key, from **Rick Kool**.
  - **Rick** with Executive support will be on site April 1st & 2nd to receive a \$60 fee (cash or cheque only), for a new secure non-copyable key which will be used to secure the gate until the powered Electric Gate is installed and fully operational.
  - At that time the Secure Key will be exchanged at no cost for an electronic gate Access Fob.
  - The new automated opening/closing/locking gate once installed will permit tracking entry and exit at Cycle Park. A video camera is to be installed to record anyone trying to sneak in a second vehicle. The gate control will be set to allow only the minimum amount of time required for one vehicle to enter. The same access fob/code will also be required to exit.
  - This will allow club members with the key unencumbered access to the site while keeping out non-members who are abusing concurrently almost open access (the 2020 keycode has been given out extensively in the community and therefore no longer serves as a barrier).
  - We have 75 keys on hand for Series II padlock, which are marked for non-duplication. The revenue raised selling these first 75 keys will more than cover the cost of any extra keys we need to cut to bridge the gap between the April 1st date and when the power gate is installed.
  - On Event Days there will be a system override that will be obligatory to remain open during the event to allow volunteers and spectators that are non-club members to freely enter and exit.
  - If a Secure Key (or Access Fob) is lost the \$60 fee will be charged to secure a replacement plus any associated costs for reprogramming.
  - Any Members leaving the club midseason will be refunded their \$60 for the return of the key/fob. This will allow the consideration of potential new members on the list being expedited for membership in 2023 only.
  - Executive members will be in attendance at the main gate on Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd during the hours between 9:00am to 2:00pm to facilitate this activity.
  - Any Members wishing to secure a key are requested to bring cash or cheque to the gate at that time.
- This change in entry protocol is to be published on our existing website and social media and will be sent to all club members via direct email.

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Congratulations are in order for member **Melissa Andrist** who has been chosen for the women's team to represent Canada at the Trials des Nation along with **Jennifer Dickson** from Nanaimo and **Katie McGeachy** from Vernon. **Melissa** will be on Gas Gas, **Dickson** on TRS and **McGeachy** will be on a Beta.

The men's team will consist of **Sean Bird** from Port Coquitlam on a Scorpa, **Michel Fortin-Belanger** from Notre-Dame-Du-Portage, Quebec on Beta and **Alex Walton** from Mission on TRS.

The event is scheduled for September 8–10 in Auron, France. **Andrist** is a regular at our trials while **Dickson, Bird** and **Walton** have all competed in our trials at one time or another. We wish them all well !!



Melissa Andrist

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BLAST FROM THE PAST:- *Twenty-five years* ago and the VMC was using Boyd's Pit regularly and paying a fee each time we used it. This picture was taken at the Greybeards Enduro in 1998. It shows **Turk Perepalkin** (left) describing the intricacies of the Gas Gas Pampera to members **Gary Gronow** (kneeling), **Len Oricco** and **Martin Spriggs** (right). **Don Richardson** (RIP) is in a white T-shirt is in the background. Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**



## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



The following was submitted by Treasurer **Peter Grant**.

Any parents with kids interested in Road Race competition, this is a great place to get them started. Operated by my long time friend **Toni Sharpless**. First time to be offered in BC, this series culminates in the FIM World Championship

Our mission at the Super Sonic Road Racing School is to provide a fun and safe introduction to road racing motorcycles for all ages and experience levels with a clear aim to give rise to future Canadian Champions competing internationally at the highest level. <https://supersonicschool.com/>

### RD2 June 24-25 Greg Moore Raceway, Chilliwack BC - Race 3 & 4 & 5, Points Round

Everyone is welcome to join this exciting opportunity for young riders aged 10-14 on Ohvale GP-O 160 machines using Pirelli tires and Motul oil. Our Champion will be offered to compete in the FIM MiniGP World Final Valencia Spain in November. The FIM MiniGP Canada race series will be a 6-event series with 12 point races in Canada.



\*\*We can prepare your rider for competition at the Super Sonic Road Race School. We have bikes, gear, technicians and coaching available. Have Questions? contact [info@minisbk.ca](mailto:info@minisbk.ca) or call 416-629-8989

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The March monthly meeting was abruptly cancelled as members who were attending were standing outside Barnes Harley Davidson waiting to enter. The meeting room had been filled with motorcycles preventing us from holding our meeting and we had not been informed by the business. The meeting was rescheduled for the following week.

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The FIM World Supercross Championship is coming to Vancouver, BC Place in October. After two highly successful pilot events in 2022 that saw more than 85,000 fans enjoy world-class supercross action in Cardiff, Wales and Melbourne, Australia, SX Global announced six events for the 2023 FIM World Supercross Championship (WSX) - including a stop at BC Place in Vancouver, BC on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Here is the link:- [FIM World Supercross Championship - BC Place](#)



## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of former member **Roy Foord** younger brother to **Maurice**. **Roy** was a member in the 50's having joined in May 1957 and sponsored by his brother. **Roy's** love of motorcycling took him all over British Columbia. He passed away in Kelowna in December 2022. Our sincere condolences to his family.



It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of former member **Maurice Foord**. **Maurice** was a member in the 50's having joined in February 1951. It wasn't long before he was voted in as Secretary.

**Maurice's** interests were varied. From touring Europe to being a member of an auto racing team in 1959 and being in a pit crew at LeMans. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Army Reserve and the B.C. Aviation Museum. He was also a founding member of both the Victoria Motorsports Car Club and the Vancouver Island Model Engineers.

**Maurice** retired from the Gorge Road Hospital having worked in the Maintenance Division. On behalf of the Victoria Motorcycle Club our sincere condolences to the family.



## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



Another win for member **Trystan Hart** - Congratulations.

**TRYSTAN HART AND FMF KTM FACTORY RACING ON TOP AGAIN AT GRINDING STONE HARD ENDURO Round 3 - AMA U.S. Hard Enduro Series**



**PAGE, Arizona** - FMF KTM Factory Racing's [Trystan Hart](#) continued his winning ways in the third round of the 2023 [AMA U.S. Hard Enduro Series](#) at the **Grinding Stone Hard Enduro**.

After winning the opening two rounds, defending champion **Hart** was once again exceptional onboard his KTM 300 XC-W in Page, Arizona, taking control as difficulty increased in the knockout-style two-day format and finishing with a total time of 2:03:17.

**Hart** was P2 in Saturday's race and then went 1-1 on Sunday across both the morning's action and the Feature after successfully navigating the extreme nature of the rocky, sandy terrain. Combined, that was enough to maintain his perfect start to the season and he delivered once again in a convincing fashion.

The weekend marked **Hart** and FMF KTM Factory Racing's second year in succession in winning the Grinding Stone Hard Enduro event together.

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**O**ur VMC Facebook page has been an integral part of getting information out to members and the general public. For the past few years it, and Instagram, have been managed by members **Rachel** and **Loren Olsen**. Unfortunately for the club they, with family in tow, are leaving the area and moving back to Ontario. We shall miss them both for their involvement with the club, their volunteering and Loren's picture taking. We wish them all the best in their next adventures. However, this leaves us without the use of our Facebook page. Is there anyone within the membership that can volunteer to take their place? If so, please email me at-

[vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com](mailto:vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com)

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*Victoria Motorcycle Club*

**Minutes of the rescheduled Regular Meeting** - held on **March 28, 2023** upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria prepared by **Peter Grant** This was the third Regular Meeting of 2023.

By sign-in sheet there was 16 Voting Members present and two New Member Applicants in attendance. The temporary halt in processing new member applications remains in place.

In Attendance:- President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** (absent) Treasurer: **Perry Chow** Secretary: **Peter Grant** Directors:- **Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Gary Gronow, Jordan McFarlane, Mike Hornick** Committee Chairs present included: **Peter Smither**-new Website & **Roger Boothroyd**—Newsletter Ed. Absent: Past President **Dan McLaren** passed away 01/29/2023, **Mark Fisher, Nick Newton, and Justin Roach**.

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by the President **Dave Horner** at 7:31 PM.

1) The minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 02/21/22, were read aloud by Sec. **Grant**.

- **Roger Boothroyd** moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Peter Smither**. Carried.

2) Minutes of the prior weeks Executive Meeting of 03/16/23 were read aloud by Sec. **Grant**.

- **Brent Donaldson** moved to accept these minutes as read, second by **Mike Hornick**. Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

3) **Dave Horner** - high level review of proposed changes to Membership requirements and admissions:

- Sec. **Grant** - read aloud the specific details of proposed changes to Bylaws; Article 1, Sections A, B and C.

- A lively discussion followed on the proposed changes with certain tweaks being adopted.

- Discussion on Member's Mandatory Work requirements (1 day per year).

- Discussion on Guests of Members riding at Cycle Park - required to sign waiver form and limitations on how many times a guest may come.

- Discussion on qualifications & annual limits of Members sponsoring a new applicant (3/year) **Continued Pag 10**



- Discussion on New Member's mandatory work requirement. (2 days/first year)
- Discussion on Gate Lock & Key requirements and related matters.
- Discussion on mandatory attendance at an Orientation Day for new members in Year 1.
- Question raised about accepting Family Members of a current member if the membership cap is reached. To be reviewed later but would be OK to bring in family members.
- This is an Extraordinary Resolution which requires publication on website and circulation by direct email to the membership. A 75% majority vote at the April meeting is required for approval.

\* See attached Appendix A for details of the proposed changes.

4) **Pete Smither** - reviewed his progress on new website design and construction:

- In particular he reviewed the choice between Google Sites or WordPress as the platform. If Google Sites is selected, **Pete** indicated he is capable to construct the entire site and will manage this transition and content for first 18 months. If WordPress then likely an outside agent would need to be hired to build and manage content.

- **Pete** distributed a ticket with a unique URL to allow members to surf a beta-test new website and 'rip it to shreds' and then provide member's comments internally.

- Determined that **Pete** will continue to investigate options for online Payment platforms.

5) **Mike Hornick** - reviewed progress on construction of Memorial Pavilion and Power Shed:

- Concrete footings are scheduled to be poured tomorrow.

- **Brent Donaldson** indicated milling of timbers is set to begin tomorrow.

- The assistance of members is required with milling. Have two volunteers with more needed.

o Work One Day, receive 50% off next years membership dues.

o Work Two Days, receive next years membership at N/C.

o Contact **Brent** at 250-532-7644

6) **Dave Horner** - reviewed progress on BC Hydro project:

- Brush and limbs have been removed. One tree needs to be taken down to allow for new power line. Hydro said to have this scheduled for a day, TBC.

7) **Jordan McFarlane** - reviewed status of new powered & electronically secured gate:

- New gate location has been defined. Waiting on BC Hydro and Power Shed construction to be completed.

- **Perry Chow** - Treasurers Report: reviewed current financial status as of Feb. 28th:

- Detailed income and expenditures over the month, tracking close to initial budgeted amounts.

- Reviewed revenues still to be received from the recent Sam King's Ride The Vibe Trials & Enduro Schools as well as Entry fees received from Rick Wells Trial.

- Question raised about reporting income received in the prior year for this year's dues.

Confirmed that this revenue is reported in the year it is received.

- **Roger Boothroyd** moved the Treasures Report be accepted, seconded by **Bruce Taylor**. Carried.

- **Perry Chow** - requested two Member volunteers to conduct an audit of the books.

o Members **Darrell Dobell** and **Bruce Taylor** stepped forward for this task.

8) - **Dave Horner** - reviewed correspondence:

**Lorne & Rachel Olsen**, are resigning as co-Chairs of Social Media committee, as they are relocating away from Vancouver Island soon. Turn Call for Volunteers to take over coordinated our Facebook and Instagram accounts has been made, **Roger B** to repeat as no one has stepped forward yet. Thank You to **Rachel & Lorne** for their efforts was voiced.



### Committee Reports:

- **Roger** reported on the Ride The Vibe schools;

o the Enduro was well attended while attendance at the Trials School was very weak.

▪ Trial School has 6 riders attend Day 1 with only 1 attending on Day 2.

▪ Enduro School had 12 riders attend on Day 1 and 20 on Day 2.

- **Dave Fair** reported on the Rick Wells Trial on Mar 26th;

o 30 total entries including 3 Little Kids. Results on website.

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- o local Boy Scout Troup operated a BBQ for riders and spectators.
- o \$490 raised from entry fees.

- Next Trial on the schedule is the Joe Brown Major Trial, organized by **Steve Fracy**;
- o April 30th at VMC Cycle Park
- full 2023 Schedule here: <https://vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/events/vmc%20calendar.pdf>



**New Business**

- 9) **Tony Wilson** – reported on his efforts to form a new Cycle Park Trail Maintenance Committee:
  - Five members have communicated that they are interested in assisting.
  - No one has volunteered to act as the Committee Chairperson. **Tony** said he will assist but is very busy with another project.
  - Suggested that the first task is to walk the entire property to make a visual survey of trails to help develop a list of needs - to set priorities for trail repairs, reconstruction and possibly even temporary closure or diversion of some areas.
  - Once the committee has been established, **Tony** indicated he will lead two one-day work parties.
  - Requested that a new section called ‘Trail Standards’ be added to our new website.
  - Suggested that the club will need to invest in some equipment (shovels, rakes, pick and possibly a Quad to move material and tools - tbc)
  - **Peter** commented that he has the business card of owner/operator of a mini-Excavator (Kubota w 36” width) that is capable of getting into tight areas. Discussion followed on various methods for repairs (mechanical vs manual labour, etc).
  - **Peter** reminded that he has contacts that can provide training and techniques on trail building and repairs in west coast USA. To turn over when a Committee Chair is named.

10) No other new business items were tabled:

11) Next Regular Club Meeting:- Tuesday April 18th, 7:30 at Barnes H-D.

12) Next Executive Meeting: Not scheduled

**Adjourn**

On a motion by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Peter Smither** the meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.

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There will be two new Trials events added to our calendar this year. According to **Jordan McFarlane**, the first will be the **Apted Trial** on June 25th in memory of recently passed life member **George Apted** and the second will be the **Boomer Trial** in July (date to be confirmed) in memory of recently passed life member **John Boomer Gronow**. Both will become perpetual events.

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A celebration of life will be held for former member **Allan Holmes** who passed away on January 29th. It will be held on May 20th at Lambrick Park Church, 1780 Feltham Road at 2:00 PM.



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The following link is a 15 minute video taken at the Rick Wells Trial on March 26th. It was taken and posted by **Jacek Jablonski** who lives in Penticton in the Okanagan and rode the expert class and his video shows some of the Experts in action.

<https://youtu.be/m9Gi3qwO-Bk>

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*The older we get the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for !!*

**VMC CALENDAR 2023**

Mar-23

Month	Date	Event	Location
January	1		
	8		
	15		
	17	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	22		
February	29		
	5		
	12		
	19		
	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
March	26	Les Blow Trial	VMC Group
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April	11 & 12	Sam King's School	
	18 & 19	Sam King's School	
	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	26	Rick Wells Trial	VMC Group
May	2		
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	18	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	23	Equalizer Enduro	
	30	Joe Brown Major Tr	VMC Group
June	7		
	14		
	16	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	21-22	May Day Parade	
	28	Nuts in May RR	Graham Turner
July	2	Canada Day Dual Sp	
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	16	Boomer Trial TBC	VMC Group
	18	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	23	Show 'n' Shine	
	30	Poker Run RR	
August	6		
	13	Economy Run RR	
	15	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	20		
	27	Century Run RR	
September	3	Team Enduro	
	10	Mt Baker RR	
	17	Brentwood Enduro	
	19	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	24	Memorial Trial	VMC Group
October	1	Hillclimb	
	8	Thanksgiving	
	15		
	17	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	22	All Day Dual Sport	
	29	Reg Shanks Trial	VMC Group
November	5		
	12		
	19		
	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	26	Lohrmann Trial	VMC Group
December	3		
	10		
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	19	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
	24		
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April 9 - Easter May 14 - Mothers Day May 22 Victoria Day June 18 - Fathers Day  
 July 1 - Canada Day August 7 Civic Holiday September 4 - Labour Day October 9- Than anksgiving  
 November 11 - Remembrance Day December 25 - Christmas December 26 - Boxing Day.