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The Victoria Motorcycle Club has always been known as a “friendly” club with events that support as many forms of motorcycling as possible. Events such as scrambles, cross country events, hillelimbs, road rides, trials and a few others however, some of these types of events have been curtailed due to apathy, land use and insurance issues.

Over the years we have also been community minded (to a point) with organizing events such as rodeos, supporting the Cancer Society, delivery of magazines to the different care homes and participating in the May Day Parade. Back in the 40’s up to the 70’s members would don their uniforms (white shirt, black tie, black pants and black socks and shoes and no helmet when the club drill team, performing their maneuvers, would lead the parade through the route set by the May Day Parade committee.

Technically the club was not supposed to be in front of the armed forces but we were there for crowd control and to let the spectators know that the parade was on it’s way. This carried on through the decades but at some unknown (or at least I can’t remember) time the club was not contacted and asked to lead.

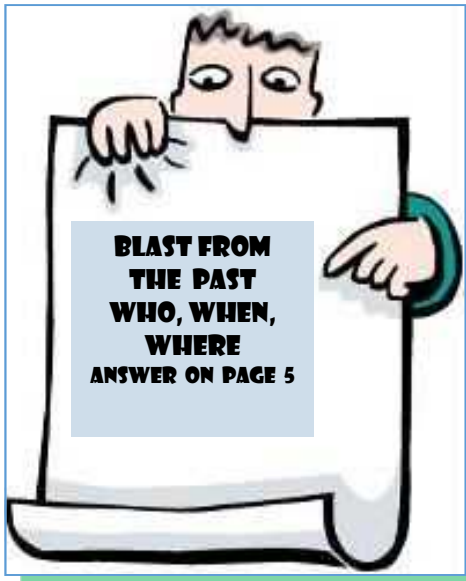
In the early 2000’s it was decided that the club should enter a float in the parade. Arrangements were made for a truck and driver with a flatbed and a committee was formed to clean and decorate it. Members were asked to “ride along” with a few trials riders performing by riding up and over the logs that were placed on the

flatbed. A few of the younger riders were also included with Dads riding along or walking beside them. A highlight in later years was a club member jumping over a “celebrity” lying in the street. It was a big hit with the numerous spectators and in some years the club took top awards. The picture above was taken in 2013 (photographer unknown although it may have been **Lorraine Fracy**). Many of the riders as well as the younger ones are still involved in club activities.

With the pandemic raging and everything shutting down, the parade did not run but this year it will go ahead. Always a crowd pleaser, let’s hope the VMC volunteers lead by **Rick Kool** will, once again, keep this new tradition alive.

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CLUB NEWZ

This one's been around the internet a few times but is always pleasing to watch if you're interested in the old machines and racing. Features the Isle of Man TT.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNNUYHhoDiU> The Glory Days of British Motorbikes - about 1 hour.

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On March 31st the tumbler lock on the Cycle Park gate was changed to a keyed lock. The keys are special in that they can't be reproduced and, up to this writing, over 200 had been sold to members only. This was to be a temporary solution to non-members using our property until the electric gate was installed. Those members who had purchased a key could then exchange them for an electronic fob.

Is this temporary solution affective to keeping the non-members from riding without permission at Cycle Park ? The only way it would work is when the gate was unlocked and the member entered, that member turned around and locked it immediately. This would ensure that only members with keys could access the property. It may seem like a bit of a hassle but all members should accept the responsibility of who can enter. One of the main reasons for all this is:- it's an "insurance liability issue."

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT:- Many of us have encountered wildlife while riding in the bush, but this seems a little too close for comfort ! <https://www.facebook.com/reel/613887880238886>

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The Distinguished Gentleman ride Sunday, May 21, 2023. Classic and Vintage bikes, riding for a good cause. www.gentlemansride.com

The International Norton owners association rally will be held in Winthrop, WA from Wednesday June 21st to Saturday June 24th.

The annual Vancouver Island Vintage tiddler ride will be held on Sunday, June 25th with this years event covering the Saanich Peninsula, starting from the Brentwood Bay ferry terminal. Open to all bikes 25 years or older to a maximum of 350cc. Up island folks meet at Mill Bay ferry terminal at 10:00 AM, ride will commence from Brentwood ferry terminal at 11:00 AM.

The Velocette Owners Club of North America is holding their annual rally in Courtenay, BC, July 9th to 15th, 2023. There is an organized ride for club members but the Saturday bike lineup is open to the public. Details at www.velocette.org

The annual Brits on the Beach show and shine is on July 9th, 2023 at transfer beach, Ladysmith, B.C. 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM.

There are quite a few VMC members who are also members of the Vancouver Island Dirt Riders Association which hosts quite a few events on Vancouver Island. Here's a list of what is upcoming.

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

May 7—Hell’s Kitchen Heat Relay - Cook Creek Bowser - Stand Alone Race
 May 20/21—The Knockout - Wastelands—Nanaimo - Hard Scramble
 June 10/11—The Wild West - Tansky - Jordan River - Hard Scramble
 July 15/16—MotoFest - Whiskey Creek - Errington - MudHunniez
 Sept 30/Oct 1—Alberni GiveerTake - AVMX - Alberni - Hard Scramble
 Oct 13—Girls Day Out - Wastelands—Nanaimo - MudHunniez
 Oct 28/29—Monster Mash - Cook Creek - Bowser - Hard Scramble
 Nov 11—Tearzberg Hard Enduro - Tansky - Jordan River - Stand Alone Race.



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Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting held on April 13, 2023, at Perry Chow’s residence common room

(Condensed)

This was the fourth in-person VMC Executive meeting of 2023.

In Attendance: President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher**
 Treasurer: **Perry Chow** Secretary: **Peter Grant** Directors: **Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair,**
Gary Gronow, Justin Roach, Mike Hornick

Also present were members **Peter Smither** and **Bobbi Bjornholt** of the ‘New Website’ committee
 Absent were Directors - **Jordan McFarlane, Nick Newton**, (work).

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:10 PM.

Topics discussed:

- 1) **Peter Grant** – read aloud the Minutes from Mar 16th Executive meeting. Accepted as read.
 - 2) **Peter Grant** – reviewed further amendments to Bylaws suggested by **Ben Hircock**:
 - 3) **Perry Chow** – reviewed the proposed updates to Admissions Process:
 - new member Wait List received from **Rick Kool**
 - 4) **Perry Chow** – on the resignation of **Rick Kool** from his position as chair of the Membership Committee:
 - 5) **Peter Grant** proposed on new member Wait List:
 - pending outcome of next weeks vote on Bylaw amendments) he will contact the first 46 applicants on Wait List, to invite and confirm whether they will attend our May 16th Regular Meeting en-mass for Introduction and Voting in as new members.
 - **Brent Donaldson** will confirm whether the Metchosin Community Hall is available for this date.
 - 6) **Bobbi Bjornholt** provided an update on the *new website needs assessment*:
 - 7) **Dave and Brent**; provided updates on:
 - Pavilion Construction
 - BC Hydro project
 - Milling of logs
 - Power Shed
 - Agreed to provide V-Pres. **Mark Fisher** with \$100 cheque to pay for fuel used in his backhoe
 - 8) **Perry Chow** informed of a mix-up that occurred during distribution of new Secure Keys for the new Gate Lock. A course of action was proposed and this issue seemingly remedied.
 - 9) **Dave Horner** raised a concern about a lapsed member that is back and riding at Cycle Park with friends that are members and seemingly will not make application for membership.
 - 10) Tres. **Perry Chow** – Financial Report; Reviewed Monthly Budget items through April 12th.
 - Both Income and Expenses both tracking where expected near budget.
 - Deposits received from new Gate Lock/Key are being tracked as deposits not income and the funds segregated.
- Next Regular Club Meeting including vote on Extraordinary Resolution.
 - Tuesday April 18th, 7:30 at Barnes H-D.
 Next Executive Meeting,
 - Not scheduled

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. Moved by **Brent Donaldson**, seconded by **Dave Fair**.

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You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only option you have !

WHO WAS JOE BROWN ? By Roger Boothroyd



Joe Brown (RIP) was a member of the Victoria Motorcycle Club having joined in January 1951 after his release from the Canadian Air Force. Upon his return to Victoria, he bought a Matchless G45, travelled back to Ontario to road race and sold the bike while there.

Joe rode a variety of motorcycles from Triumph to BSA, Velocette scrambler, Husquvarna, Yamaha, Can-Am, to name a few. He gained his Expert status in scrambles by winning the Novice Scramble in 1959. The All Day Enduro was next with a win in 1961 and 1969. The Men's Activity Award was given to Joe in 1963.

Joe's VMC race number was #23 and in 1966, **Joe** placed third in the CKDA Good Samaritan Scramble. In 1967 he placed third in the Saanich Motocross.

Reliability Trials were also enjoyable for **Joe** as he attained his Expert status in 1969 by winning the Wellburn Trial. In 1970, he was second place in the Brentwood Reliability Trial and in 1980 **Joe** and fellow member **Stu Timbres** were third place in the Team Trial.

Road rides were also a favourite of **Joe's** and in 1979, with wife **Carol**, he won the Nuts in May Road Ride.

In the late 50's and into the 60's, **Joe** worked as a mechanic at Brooklands Motorcycle Sales. He then purchased Les Blows Motorcycle Sales from former member **Neil Laing**.

During the years of ownership, he moved the shop several times. His last move was to the strip mall across the Six Mile Bridge. Les Blow's Motorcycles sold many bikes and one year they had one of the highest sales of Yamaha trials bikes in Canada winning him and his wife **Carol** a trip to Japan and the Yamaha factory. He was also a sponsor for **Steve Fracy's** quest for the Canadian Trials Championship

With the downturn in motorcycle sales, **Joe** had to sell Les Blow's Motorcycles to SG Power Products who promised to keep him employed for a year. At the end of that year, the shop was amalgamated with the down town store and Les Blows was no more.

Joe and his family enjoyed many happy weekends camping with other VMC members at Burnt Bridge, Wild Deer Lake and other areas.

Joe managed to secure a position at the University of Victoria as a custodian and stayed there for many years. Sadly, **Joe** passed away in the fall of 1998 of cancer.

Originally called the Border Trial, it was renamed the Joe Brown Trial in 1999. In 2002, life member **Howie Sadler (RIP)** donated the perpetual trophy to replace the missing trophy. In 2012, the Joe Brown Trial was combined with the Major Trial.



JOE BROWN MAJOR TRIAL - BY ROGER BOOTHROYD

Thirty-four riders signed up on April 30th for the annual Joe Brown Major Trial held at Cycle Park, the club's property on Happy Valley Road in Victoria. Using a loop around the circumference of the property, ten sections were laid out with varying degrees of difficulty for the seven classes. All riders were to

ride three loops except for the junior and clubman classes. They could ride two or three and use the best of two for their final score.

After the rider's meeting given by **Steve Fracy** and **Dave Fair** they were on their way to the first section. Some riders by-passed the first to start on the second to help stop any bunch up of riders at any one section. They would then ride #1 section on the way back to the



Listening intently to the riders meeting—L to R
**Jake Eastman, John Faa, Jason Bickford,
Blake Fontaine, John Newberry.**

start.

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In the Beginners class, there were only three and the full names and scores were not recorded. A participation award was given to each.

There must have been too many other things going on in town as there was only one rider in the Junior class. Riding a Gas Gas, **Cecelia Olsen** finished the event with 73 points. Sadly for the VMC, **Cecelia**, her family, **Rachel** and **Loren**, will be leaving Victoria and settling back east. All have been big supporters and volunteers for the club and we'll miss them.

Only three riders entered the Intermediate class and all finished within a 10 point spread. In first place was **Cole Latiff** on Gas Gas with 29 points. Second, also on Gas Gas, was **Aaron Grant** finishing with 33 points. Third place went to **Jake Eastman** on a Scorpa with 39 points.

In one of the largest classes of the day, the Senior Intermediate, **Dave Fair** on a Vertigo was the one to beat as he placed first with 6 points and 24 cleans. A first loop disaster for second place **Dave Carlson** had him tied on cleans with **Fair** but a final score of 13 points. Third place went to Beta mounted **Dave Hillman** with 20 points. **Hillman** was tied in points with fourth and fifth place but took third with 19 cleans.

The other class with eight riders was the Sportsman and **Connor Lund** on a Gas Gas led from the start. He finished the three loops with 17 points. **Riley Ferguson** on Vertigo had a poor second round but managed to place second with 25 points. Not far behind **Ferguson** was another Vertigo rider, **Blake Fontaine** who finished the event with 27 points.



The Senior Sportsman class could only entice one rider, **Mike Graham** on a Vertigo. He finished with 37 points.

VMC Champion **Thomas Cordner** on Vertigo had a low score in all three loops ending in first place with 18 points. Second place went to another Vertigo rider, **Jeremy McChesney**, who doubled **Cordner's** score and finished with 36 points. Also on a Vertigo, **Andrew Watson**, placed third with 42 points.

The Clubman class had five entries and leading from the start on a Gas Gas was **Cam Woodsend**. Riders could ride two or three loops and use the best of two. **Woodsend** finished the event with 3 points. Second was **Graham Twiggs** on a Vertigo. **Twiggs** used the first and third loop and ended with 39 points. In third place using the first two loops was **Colin Newberry** on a Montesa. **Newberry** had 48 points.

Full results on our website at www.vmc.bc.ca
Next scheduled Trials event is the **Apted Trial** on June 25th

Third place Expert **Andrew Watson** in Check #1
Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- Terra Nova 1997—at the cable crossing. The creek was too high for many of the riders to cross although a few were able to find an area that they could use. The Cowichan team rigged up a cable and the bikes and riders were “ferried” across. This picture shows left to right - Life members **George Foster**, **Bob Wormald**, **Charlie South** and former trials champion **Ryon Bell**. Rider on the cable unknown. Winner in the Expert class was former member **Ray Leach** and in the Senior class - **Rod Rodgers**. Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**.



A Brief History of the Marque Paton

Manufactured: 1957-1976 (or later)



Commencing in 1958, Giuseppe Pattoni, his brother Giuseppe and designer Lino Tonti produced motorcycles of 125 and 175cc. That year a machine sporting their DOHC 125ccc engine finished in 7th place at the IOM TT, ridden by Mike Hailwood. Giuseppe had previously been chief mechanic of the FB Mondial team, and Tonti is perhaps best known for the frame he designed for Moto Guzzi. Tonti left Paton shortly after the first success.

In 1964, using components from the 125, Paton produced a 247cc twin-cylinder motorcycle developing 32 hp at 11500 rpm. Alberto Pagani took 3rd at the 1964 TT on this machine. In 1966 a 500cc twin of 52 HP distinguished itself.

During the 1960s they built around ten racing motorcycles which competed in some 150 events. 1976 saw the advent of a remarkable two-stroke transverse V-Four, with the two central cylinders facing rear and the outer two inclined forwards. The 492.6cc engine is water-cooled with a six-speed gearbox and develops 95 hp at 11300 rpm. The frame too is innovative.

The firm began building replicas of their earlier machine for competitors in classic racing, and also built road-going TT style motorcycles using Kawasaki engines designated S1 Strada.

Paton returned to GP racing in the years 2000 and 2001, in the 500 class. In the same period they introduced their PG500R, a 500cc 70° V4 two-stroke capable of speeds in excess of 340 km/h.

In 2016 the company was bought by Advanced Group S.r.l.

DAVE RHODES OPINION

Dave Rhodes, a “senior” Welshman, has been involved with Trials from his early days of his youth in Wales. He is the owner of Outlaw Trialsport in Vernon and was inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2018 along with the Shanks family from the VMC. His involvement with Trials is well known throughout the western provinces and Canada, and for his organization of the 1975 FIM trial at Bragg Creek, Alberta. Quote - I heard “I’m so old I can remember when World Trials was interesting.”



Inductees into the CMH of F 2018
L to R - Al Perret (RIP), Steve Crevier,
Dave Rhodes, Steve Baker, Bob Work (RIP)

Yes I know some new to Trials, might be confused if they click onto the videos showing what the Euros call Xtrials - they even refer to the events being a “Race” - No wonder they often fast forward to another sport. - with words like “I can’t do that”

As many old timers will remember - Trials events were invented at the turn of the Century in Jolly old England, with long distance courses. - riders usually started at one minute intervals and followed a pre - marked loop over rough back roads which had numerous big hill climbs, - riders lost points on these natural obstacles, and at the end of the day the rider with the lowest score was the winner. (remember these were all rigid frame bikes back then)

While we won’t go into too much detail from the prewar events - after the second world war - Trials once again were the most popular sport, as riders used their every day transport to compete at the weekends. (most events had close to 100 riders).

Most Trials in the UK started from a Pub yard - and again riders were dispatched at one minute intervals, - the loops at that time were all around 70- 100 miles, with approx. 30-40 observed sections. - The course consisted of ordinary Country roads, with detours through farm land and moorland crossings, which all featured a variety of Observed sections, with muddy gullies being a favorite. All the riders rode the same loop and the same sections. (This is still how it is at the Scottish Six Days) **Continued Page 7**

Dave Rhodes Opinion Continued

A time limit was imposed, plus usually a couple of special tests to act as tie breakers. The long course helped to thin out the riders and avoid too many delays. - The events were very much an individual sport, and often you would not see many riders along the way - no big backlogs at sections etc.

After clocking off back at the finish, many would stop in the pub for a pint and a chat, before heading home, with no idea who had won - you saw the results in the newspaper the following week, but also received a copy in the mail, along with any award which you had won.

It is our opinion that Trials run in this fashion were the very best then - and could be the very best now with a bit more effort. (Note : Some UK events still follow this format)

NOTE:- This writer can remember organizing a trial from Cycle Park all the way over to the Sooke Road and back with multiple sections near or within the single track trail. Now-a-days we are lucky to have Cycle Park but limited to using the full area of our club property. **Ed.**

Oh Crap Corner !



CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Another win in the bag for member **Trystan Hart** at the VIDRA 2023 The Suffering Hard Enduro held April 16th at the Shawnigan property on Vancouver Island - **congratulations**. Second was another well known name from Vancouver—**Alex Walton**, a trials rider who has ridden some of our trials. Hart's time was 1:26:37 while Walton's was 3:08:45. Last to finish the course and in 6th place was another VMC member, **Graham Turner** with a time of 4:52:33. All three were riding KTM. The *Suffering Hard Enduro* was a good descriptive name for this event as only six out of 69 riders completed the course. Have a look at **Graham Turner's** video - about two hours long. https://youtu.be/uGh-P_8TSL0



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The amendments to the By Laws were voted on at the April general meeting and were passed by a majority of attendees. The executive had been working on these for a considerable amount of time and only a few minor changes, mostly grammatical, to what was presented and voted on, were made. A big round of thanks were given for their efforts. Some are effective immediately while others start in the new year. See minutes P. 9

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Chalking up another victory is **Trystan Hart** having won the Pro Men's class in the US Hard Enduro Series Battle of the Goats on April 24th at the Brushy Mountain Motor Sports Park in Taylorsville, North Carolina. **Hart** was on KTM. Second was Cody Webb on Sherco and third was **Ryder LaBlond** on Husqvarna Congratulations **Trystan**.



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Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the rescheduled Regular Meeting - held on April 18, 2023 upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria. Prepared by **Peter Grant**

This was the fourth Regular Meeting of 2023.

By show of hands there were 38 and by sign-in sheet there was 40 Voting Members present with four Member Candidates in attendance. The temporary halt in processing new member applications remained in place.

In Attendance:- President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** Treasurer: **Perry Chow**
Secretary: **Peter Grant** Directors: **Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Gary Gronow, Jordan McFarlane, Justin Roach, Mike Hornick, Nick Newton**

Committee Chairs present included: **Peter Smither**-new Website, **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter Ed. and **Tony Wilson**-Trail maintenance Committee.

Absent: Past President **Dan McLaren** sadly passed away 01/29/2023

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

1) Secretary **Grant** read the minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 03/28/22.

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

2) Secretary **Grant** read the minutes of last weeks Executive Meeting of 04/13/23.

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

Business arising from the Minutes:

3) President **Horner** reviewed the process and majority requirements for approval of the Extraordinary Resolution to be voted upon tonight. Secretary **Grant** highlighted the areas of change by article with each of the three changes to be voted upon individually:

I) Article 1 Membership; A-Qualifications: addition of Section 8 and 9:

Sect. 8) Allows for a Cap in total membership (475 for the remainder of 2023) which may be amended annually as recommended by Executive and Approved by regular vote.

- Sect. 9) Approval of one/day per year mandatory work-duty for Active Members.

- **Approved** by a vote of 38 Yea/2 Nay.

II) Article 1 Membership; B - Dues. Clarifications to Section 2, Expansion and clarification to Section 3.

- **Approved** by unanimous vote.

III) Article 1 Membership; C - Admissions: expansion and changes to process for acceptance of new members with new added requirements for new members in their first year of membership.

- **Approved** by unanimous vote.

4) **Peter Smither** - asked for acknowledgement of the work put in by Executive to update the Admissions process. - applause

5) President **Horner** - moved to rescind the motion originally approved July 19, 2022: '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.'

- Seconded by **Peter Smither**. **Motion** passed unanimously.

6) Secretary **Grant**:- related the steps he will undertake to process new membership applicants:

- Initially the first 46 Candidates for Membership from Wait List will be contacted and Invited to Attend our next regular meeting on May 16th for a personal introduction and vote to allow admission to the club.

o Candidates need to confirm their intent to attend or to provide the Membership Committee with a valid explanation as to why they are unable to attend.

o If no valid acceptable explanation is received their name will move to the bottom of the Wait List.

- The Candidate's Sponsor should attend alongside the candidate, if possible, although not mandatory.

- Overall intent is to have each Candidate stand and introduce themselves and then members will vote for induction followed by a welcome to all the new members 'en-mass'

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

- Due to large attendance numbers expected at the May 16th meeting, the meeting's location will move to **Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Rd, Metchosin, 7:30 pm.** Google Maps here: <https://goo.gl/maps/si4tZW3wPsfJuo3c8>

7) **Peter Smither** - provided an update on status of new website design and build.

- Anticipates the Google Sites build could be ready as soon as July.

- The site now under construction will provide all the core functionality that is desired by members.

Member **Bobbi Bjornholt** has completed the Member Needs survey and is set to table a detailed report at our next Executive meeting. This report will include estimated cost and time to build along with results for the Member Needs survey,

- **Pete Smither** suggests his Google Sites build be considered an interim upgrade which will to get us through 1-3 years until a full upgraded website can be budgeted for and built.

8) **Mike Hornick** - Update on Memorial Pavilion construction.

- Footings poured and work is progressing.

9) **Brent Donaldson** - update on Milling logs into timbers for the pavilion and lumber.

- 3 days sawing completed with the mill remaining on site for more as needed.

10) **Klaus Kreye** - update on BC Hydro project:

- Site meeting with BCH scheduled for next day

- Power shed construction to follow power pole installation.

11) **Jordan McFarlane** - Powered gate installation to follow power shed construction

- **Bruce Taylor** asked what happens if a power failure? Battery backup power is included for up to 300 openings by battery power.

12) **Perry Chow** - Treasurers Report: reviewed current financial status as of April 12th.

- Tracking as budgeted, our expenses are running ahead of income this year.

- Income for 2023 Membership Dues received in 2022 is not included in these numbers.

- **Gary Nordstrom** moved to be accepted as read, seconded by **Roger Boothroyd**, **Approved.**

13) **Dave Horner** - on the resignation of **Rick Kool** as chairperson of the Membership Committee after 10 years service.

- Those present voiced a loud Thank You to **Rick** for his service.

- A call for a new volunteer to be sent out for this position.

- Secretary **Grant** will fill-in as interim Membership Chair, short term.

- **Nick Newton** and **Bruce Taylor** can support.

14) **Dave Horner** - reminded that **Lorne & Rachel Olsen**, are resigning as co-Chairs of Social Media committee when they relocate away from Vancouver Island this summer.

- 2nd call for Volunteer(s) to take over coordination of our Facebook and Instagram accounts to be made. Important to do this now to assist in this turnover of duties.

- Repeated that the whole VMC owes **Rachel & Lorne** a big thank you for their efforts.

Committee Reports:

15) **Perry Chow** reported on the revenue received from Sam King's Ride The Vibe schools:

- 37 riders total signed up. Overall the Enduro School was well attended while attendance at the Trials School was poor.

- Charitable donation(s) of \$2k+/- will be made to 2 or 3 Cancer Support groups with the funds raised.

16) **Dave Fair** reported on upcoming Joe Brown Major Trial on April 30th

- Expert sections are being constructed by **Steve Fracy** with **Dave Fair** and committee building most of the other section layouts.

- local Boy Scout Troup will be on-hand to run a BBQ for riders and spectators.

- full 2023 Schedule here: <https://vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/events/vmc%20calendar.pdf>

17) **Dave Horner** - reminded all that Rick Kool is organizing the club's annual entry into the Victoria Day Parade again this year.



CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

18) **Tony Wilson** - updated on the Trail Maintenance Committee progress:

- Saturday April 29th Site meeting scheduled - members are requested to attend and help to survey the trails and map out a plan of priority for work needed.
- Where/what/when/how.

- Tools needed? Purchase or borrow? Store where?

- Saturday May 13th for the first of 2 (or maybe 3) Cycle Park Trail Work Parties scheduled for this summer.

- contact **Tony Wilson** at [250-818-2115](tel:250-818-2115) to get involved and help.

New Business

19) **Roger Boothroyd** reported on the Suffering Hard Enduro organized by VIDRA last weekend at ISTC lands.

- VMC Members **Trystan Hart** was overall winner, with **Graham Turner** in 6th

- Reported 69 riders started with only 6 riders completing the event.

20) **Len Orrico** asked for clarification on points tabulation and scoring for Trials Beginners Class.

21) No other new business items were tabled:

22) Next Regular Club Meeting:- Tuesday April 16th, 7:30

A large turnout is expected so we have moved the meeting to -

METCHOSIN COMMUNITY HALL, 4401 William Head Rd, in downtown Metchosin.

- Google Maps here: <https://goo.gl/maps/si4tZW3wPsfjUo3c8>

23) Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled

Adjourn On motion by **Mike Hornick**, seconded by **Harold Perepalkin** the meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

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Our globe trotting (riding) member **Rob Beecroft** is, once again, off on another tour in the world. This time it's from the Mediterranean to the Balkans (see map). He left May 4th to arrive in Venice, Italy where he'll stay for a couple of days. On day 2 of the tour it's off to Pisa (335 Km.) on his rented bike. **Rob** will be sending pictures back and I'll try and feature them in a future newsletter. If anyone would like to see **Rob's** itinerary, please email me and I can send it in PDF format.



?? MYSTERY MOTOR ??



The **Aprilia RS50** is a [sport moped](#) made by [Aprilia](#).^[1] The model made until 2005 was powered by a single cylinder [two-stroke](#) aluminium cylinder block, liquid cooled 49.7 cc (3.03 cu in) [Motori-Minarelli AM6](#) engine. The new model, made since 2006, uses a single cylinder two-stroke aluminium cylinder block, liquid cooled 49.9 cc (3.05 cu in) engine made by [Derbi](#), the D50B0. The bike is popular in countries that have restrictions on motorcycle engine size at specific ages. In restricted form the RS50 is capable of speeds of 50 km/h (30 mph), as per the laws in many European countries for those aged 16. In derestricted form, the 1997 model was tested at a speed of 105 km/h (65 mph).^[1] This and other similar machines such as the [Derbi GPR 50](#) and [Yamaha TZR50](#) have also been popular choices as a more adult-sized option for MiniGP racing, which is otherwise more commonly participated in by riders of smaller bikes such as the [Honda NSR50](#).