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It's been a long three years without an election of officers and throughout the pandemic there were no regular meetings but, thankfully, the executive from 2020 remained in office for those three years to keep the club active. Executive meetings took place when needed until finally, in March 2022, we could hold a live regular meeting. We thank the executive for their willingness to stay in their positions.

Tuesday, January 17th 2023, our regular monthly meeting and the election of officers. I was honoured, once again, to be the "chair" of the election procedures with assistance from member **Pete Smither** and **Dave Horner** who tallied the Directors scores.

It was standing room only for many of the forty-four members who attended as the meeting room was half full of bikes. To start, a round of thanks was given to the outgoing executive, **Rick Kool**, membership committee chair, and **Barb Lohrmann** for her mentoring of the trophy committee for maintaining their

positions during the three years of pandemic.

Next was the call for nominations for the positions of President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. All were won by acclamation. Dave Horner is almost tied for the longest serving president (8 yrs.) with **George Wellburn** in the 40's.

Next was the call for nominations for the seven Director positions. Ten were nominated. Five were re-elected and two were new recruits.

Pictured above is the new executive. From the left:- **Justin Roach**, **Jordan McFarlane**, **Dave Fair**, **Peter Grant (Secty)**, **Gary Gronow**, **Brent Donaldson**, **Mike Hornick**, **Nick Newton**, **Mark Fisher (V-Pres)** and **Dave Horner (Pres)**.

Missing from the photo is **Perry Chow (Treasurer)** elected by acclamation.

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CLUB NEWZ

The weather was against us on December 20th as the regular monthly meeting was cancelled due to a large dump of snow the previous evening. The next regular meeting was on January 17th when we held our Election of Officers.

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We all know that governments are pushing for the increase of manufacturing of electric vehicles and some bike manufacturers have been dabbling in the electric bikes for a few years. Where this will lead is anyone's guess? Here is the latest from Buell—the Fuell Flow Electric Motorcycle.

<https://www.treehugger.com/fuell-flow-electric-motorcycle-6832383>

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we say a final “goodbye” to the club’s oldest member, **John “Boomer” Gronow** who passed away on December 25th, 2022. **Boomer** was a Life member having joined the club in 1961. His enthusiasm for the VMC was evident by his actions as he was a competitor in many of the events and was also willing to volunteer his time on various committees. **John** was a director of the club many times and only missed meetings when he was working for the Coast Guard. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and the members of the VMC. On behalf of the VMC, our condolences to the family.

See **Gary Nordstrom’s** “Meet the Member” he wrote for the May **2003** newsletter on page 3.

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Photo by **Monty Belson**

The following was received from member **Matt**

De Turberville on January 1st - nice thoughts and his email was forwarded to the executive for their input. **Ed.**—a good suggestion but there are others put forward.

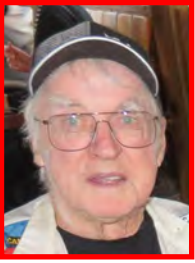
*Been thinking a lot about **Boomer** since getting the news and his passion for all things motorsports. Talked with his son **Paul** and heard he got the golden ticket and died peacefully in his sleep after an evening of singing with his grandkids. He truly lived life to the fullest and was an amazing example of a true Club member. I think it would be fitting to name the new pavilion after him with a bio of his enthusiastic involvement in all things VMC. So glad to have known him and shared some laughs. See Executive Minutes January 10 #9 Pg 4*

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Further to my “Editor’s Message” on page 1, the following was received from member **Barb Lohrmann**.

This will be **Dave Horner’s** 8th year as President! Not quite as many years as **George Wellburn** at 10 years. It is worth noting that **Wellburn** was president from 1939 to 1948 - not much happened during the war years, just the odd note on file to say they were keeping the club “together” by writing letters to those members overseas. No competitions were allowed because of tire rationing, and perhaps other ethical considerations. Whereas **Dave Horner** has been president from 2016 to 2023 - 8 years, mostly active years (except for the Covid “lock-down”) with lots of issues. Amazing these four guys, having served 3 years on the executive, agreed to stay on another year!!

MEET THE MEMBER - BY Gary Nordstrom



Lured by distant countries, racing motorcycles, party going “Sheilas” and “free” beer, **John Gronow** boarded an ocean liner for far off Great Britain. Leaving behind the Paramatta Motorcycle Club near Sidney in his home land Australia, he tagged along with twenty like minded “Ozzies”. In his dreams was a sponsored ride on the road racing Norton and in his past were a series of fixer uppers: a Harley “Peashooter”, a Matchless 500, an Ariel Red Hunter and his competition bike, a 38 Velocette 350 MAC. Now all he had was his riding gear and a pocket full of cash.

It was April 1953 when they landed on the shores of mother England. South End on Sea in Essex was their chosen location. There was plenty of work for **John**, the butcher, while getting established with his new club—the Raleigh Rockets. Some of his buddies managed to find factory support for road racing but alas, it was not in the cards for our **John**. He did act as a paid spare rider at race meets using his 350 Norton Manx.

Returning to Oz in 1955, he earned his fare by ship’s steward work, the beginning of a new career. **John** also saw that speedway racing showed promise as a way of racing for fun and profit - so he learned the skills.

Soon he was back in England and with the purchase of a Rotax framed JAP 500 he entered the third division of speedway racing. As a professional, our adventurous “**Boomer**” received travel allowance, appearance money and place money. He was well paid as a privateer - and why do you say? Well, nothing has changed. **John** rode hard and crashed often providing himself to be indestructible and a crowd and promoters favourite.



John Gronow
Speedway racer



Bill Smith as the “Monkey” and
John Gronow Driver

“**Ozzies**” were generally well treated. Events took him as far north as Scotland and south to Europe - the “circus” as it was called. Living in a van, he learned to do repairs on the go - sponsors provided fuel, oil, chains and tires. Finally in 1957, **John** returned to Sydney, racing in South Africa and New Zealand on the way.

In 1958, **John** married **Sue** in England and in 1960, they settled in Victoria, where his twin brother had lived since 1953. He was soon working for the Coast Guard and with **Bill Smith’s** encouragement, he joined the VMC. Early motorcycles in his stable included a BSA Gold Star, a Bultaco Sherpa T (the first in town), and a Bultaco Metisse scrambler.

Now consider this motorcyclist enthusiast, **John Gronow**, has been riding and racing for more than 50 years. He is out with the “Geritols” weekly and, as his Activity Awards can attest, motorcycling blood still flows strongly in, and out, of his veins.

Editor’s Note:- Here are a few of **Boomers** awards up to 1992:
- 1965—3rd Novice Scramble, 1966—1st All Day Enduro, 1967- Hard Luck Award, 1971—2nd All Day Enduro, 1976 3rd—All Day Enduro, 1978—1st Consistency Enduro, 1979—3rd All Day Enduro, 1987—3rd—Greybeards Enduro, 1990- 1st Century Run RR, 1990- 2nd Greybeards Enduro, 1991-2nd Greybeards Enduro, 1993 1st—Matson Award.



John Gronow, Bob Reid & Albert Bean.

Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting
held on January 10, 2023, at Perry Chow's Residence Common Room Victoria
Condensed

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

In Attendance: President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher**

Treasurer: **Perry Chow** Secretary: **Peter Grant**

Directors: **Andy James, Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Dave McCullough, Nick Newton, Tony Wilson**

Also present were members **Bobbi Bjornholt** and **Peter Smither** of the 'New Website' committee.

Absent was Past President **Dan McLaren** and **Rick Kool**-Membership Chair.

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

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:05 PM. The topics discussed include:

1) Perry Chow – new Website: reviewed **Tony Wilson's** points in reply to the Executive Update email sent by **Peter Grant** 12/21/22 (subject website). A general discussion ensued.

2) Bobbi Bjornholt - New Website design and Creation process:

3) Peter Smither – review proposed Membership work requirements and website automation.

4) Dave Horner – Electrification: reviewed email received from **Mike Dunham** / BC Hydro.

5) Brent Donaldson – Power Shed: quote received from **Mike Hornick** Construction to construct a concrete

6) Dave Horner – Hydro Service requirements confirmed by **Todd Bayliss** electrician

7) Perry Chow – Treasurer's Report: Year End 2022 financial report tabled along with draft of the 2023 Expense Budget.

8) Dave Horner – qualified new Life Members to be voted on at next Regular Meeting:

9) Dave Horner – Correspondence reviewed:

- from **Michael Travers**, Canadian Trials Initiative.

- from **Sam King**; Ride The Vibe Trial & Enduro Schools to be offered at Cycle Park.

- from Director **Dave McCullough**; Hill Climb updated rules, classes and event manual.

- from **Dave M/Ben Hircock/Peter**; updated Cycle Park Property-General Rules & Etiquette.

- from **Aaron Fisher** regarding bold painted graphics applied to the SeaCan at the ISTC property.

- on the recent passing of two long time VMC members, **John 'Boomer' Gronow** and **George Apted**.

- letter from member **Matt De Turberville** to name the new clubhouse Pavilion in **Boomer's** memory.

- Consensus to have the Pavilion dedicated as 'In Memory Of' pavilion - in the name of all VMC members that have since passed on.

- Previously there had been discussion on naming it for **Dave Moore** in respect for the generous financial legacy he left to the VMC.

If families wish they can purchase benches in their past family member's name to be placed inside the new pavilion.

Other Topics Discussed:

10) Peter – a question about the old Brooklands Motor-Cycle Sales mortgage.

11) Brent Donaldson – updated wording on sign at Cycle Park entry gate.

Brent-will place visual cues (tape and arrows) at key areas on trails near our property boundaries to assist members from straying off Club property.

12) Ben Hircock and **Dave McCullough** - have nearly completed a large-scale topographical rendering of the Club Property with internal trails indicated.

- This will be posted near Cycle Park's entrance when finished.

- An electronic PDF Hi-Res version to be produced for posting on website and other.

13) Dave McCullough - on the Hill Climb course; need to secure additional clean-fill to allow course grooming and improvement. Suggested to stockpile quality clean fill near bottom of HC course, move it up when sufficient amount on-hand to warrant hiring a rock-truck to haul the fill up the hill.

- **Brent** reviewed the municipality's restrictions on adding max of 10 loads of fill/year

14) Peter – noted that additional fill is required to raise and extend the berm fronting the Muller-Clem property

Meeting adjourned 9:17 pm

VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Durandal

French motorcycle built in Dijon by **Philippe Ulbérich** from 1926 to 1932.

Constructeur : Motocyclettes Durandal

21 rue de Reims, DIJON (Cote d'Or)

The name of the marque is derived from the character of legend, Roland, whose mighty sword Durandal was a gift from Charlemagne to his greatest warrior.

Around 1000 well finished machines of good performance were built in some 12 different models utilizing modular pressed-steel framework with rigid rear end. The machines employed engines from Chaise, Harrissard, [Rudge](#), Zürcher, and [Sturmey-Archer](#) of 250cc to 500cc.



Models included 250, 350 and 500 Chaise, 350 and 500 Rudge Ulster, and 350cc Zürcher. They also built a racing machine using a 348cc OHC Velocette KTT engine which did quite well.

In addition to the Rudge engine in this machine, Durandal used powerplants supplied by Chaise, Harrissard, Zürcher and Sturmey-Archer of 250cc to 500cc capacity.

Durandal frames were used by Italian manufacturers [Itala](#) and [Baudo](#).

Notes. Production may have ended in 1933, and Yesterdays NL indicates that only 2 or 3 hundred were built, of which 40 survive.

?? MYSTERY MOTOR ??



The **AJS 500 cc Porcupine** was a British racing motorcycle built by [Associated Motor Cycles](#) (AMC), which debuted in 1945 with a horizontal-engine designated E90S. The later E95 model was developed with an inclined-engine. AMC produced AJS and Matchless at that time.

The motorcycle was originally designed by [AJS](#) to be [supercharged](#), as were a number of pre-war racing bikes, but the FICM banned supercharging in 1946.^[1] The motor was then worked on to allow it to perform without a supercharger. [Jock West](#) first rode the machine at the [1947 Isle of Man TT](#) where he experienced teething problems relegating him to a 15th place, although he recorded the third fastest lap time of the race.^[2] [Leslie Graham](#) then rode the bike to victory in the inaugural [1949 FIM 500cc world championship](#).^{[3][4]} This was the only World Championship win for AJS. Despite this victory, the bike is often cited as unreliable, and not living up to its promise.^[5] Full details at:- [AJS Porcupine - Wikipedia](#)

None of us are guaranteed tomorrow. Make a difference today !

Oh Crap Corner !



Left Picture:- I wonder who's going to end up worse for wear in this one ?
 Right Picture:- Use 'em for traction to get to the top of the hill !

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



*If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.
 If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.*

PROFOUND STATEMENT !



The following was posted on Outlaw **Dave Rhodes** blog at the end of 2022.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit! And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

“Life” is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. **LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY! REMEMBER:....** “It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. **“LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR! LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.**

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called “pre-sleep”.

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~ You miss the days when everything worked with just an “ON” and “OFF” switch..

~ You tend to use more 4 letter words ... “what?”...”when?”... “what?” . ???

~ Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it’s not safe to wear it anywhere.

~ You notice everything they sell in stores is “sleeveless”?!!!

~ What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~ Everybody whispers.

~ You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~ But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, “OLD FRIEND!” Send this on to other “Old Friends!” and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It’s Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

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A great painting depicting “which road to take” by artist **Norm Boulet** of Nanaimo. It used to hang in a motorcycle shop a few years ago but they eventually vacated and the present owner, the Sally Ann Thrift Store, kept it on the wall. The model is Norm’s grand daughter.

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IN MEMORIAM



It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Senior member **George Apted** in January while on their annual holiday in the Baja, Mexico. **George** was a long time volunteer with the Terra Nova committee and enjoyed his rides with many friends. As he had paid his annual dues for 2023, **Life Membership** was bestowed on **George** posthumously at the January meeting. He had been employed at BC Transit and was well known for his painting and pin striping capabilities. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. Our condolences to his family.





CLUB NEWZ

Victoria Motorcycle Club Minutes of the Regular Meeting - Held on January 17, 2023 upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria

This was the first Regular Meeting of 2023. December 2022's Meeting was cancelled due to weather. By show of hands 44 Voting Members present (only 36 names on sign up sheet) and no New Member Applicants in Attendance. There were 3 guests also present.

In Attendance:- President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** Treasurer: absent Sectary: **Peter Grant**
Directors:- **Andy James, Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Dave McCullough, Nick Newton, Tony Wilson**
Committee Chairs present included: **Rick Kool**-Membership, **Peter Smither**-new Website.

Absent: Past Pres:- **Dan McLaren, Perry Chow** (health issues/strength climbing stairs)

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

First Order of Business was to hold our annual election for Officers and Directors.

This is the first annual meeting and election to be held following the Jan. 2020 election held just prior to Covid19 lockdown. By a count of raised hands we saw 44 Voting Members in attendance.

Long-Time member, newsletter editor **Roger Boothroyd** conducted the Election:

- All four current Officers accepted nomination and were returned by acclamation.
- Ten members accepted nomination for seven Director's positions.

A vote by secret ballot was held with **Roger** and **Pete Smither** counting the 49 returned ballots.

- The final tally shows: **Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair, Mike Hornick, Gary Gronow, Nick Newton, Justin Roach and Jordan McFarlane** were elected as Directors.

Previous directors **Dave McCullough, Tony Wilson and Bruce Taylor** were not elected.

The new Executive Group was assembled for a photo

Following the recording of election results a Regular Meeting was held:

Items of Business Noted were:

1) Motion to destroy the ballots was moved by **Doug Wallis**, seconded by **Ben Hircock**, carried.

2) The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of 11/15/22, were read aloud by Sec. **Grant**.

- **Brent Donaldson** moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Pete Smither**, carried.

Note: December's Regular Meeting was cancelled due to heavy snow fall and hazardous driving conditions.

3) Minutes of the prior weeks Executive Meeting of 01/10/23 were read aloud by Sectry. **Grant**.

- **Nick Newton** moved to accept these minutes as read, second by **Pete Smither**, carried.

Business arising from the Minutes

4) [New Website design / rebuilding project](#), **Pete Smither**;

- **Pete** and co-committee member **Bobbi Bjornholt** reviewed progress and direction for determining the new website's design requirements.

- **Bobbie** will facilitate 'member input' opportunities to allow for sharing of input to give a full understanding of features our members want to include.

- **Ian Burton** will hand off web content management duties when the new site is up.

5) [BC Hydro - Electrification of Cycle Park](#):

- **Dave Horner** informed that the final design has been approved by Hydro.

- BC Hydro's Invoice has been received and subject to final signoffs by project manager(s) and completion of a few small loose end's payment will be approved and BC Hydro's work will be scheduled.

- **Klaus Kreye** and **Brent Donaldson** remain as project leads.

6) [Hydro Power Shed Construction](#):

- **Mike Hornick** discussed his quote tendered for the construction of a concrete built shed.

- Size is mandated at 10' x 10', will be a Slab raised above grade.

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- Properly everlasting roof with eaves and insulated the design is built to last.
- His quote is for materials only, **Mike** assumes all labour will be member supplied.
- Quote for installation of all required electrical equipment was previously tendered by **Peter Pardell** Electrical Contractors.



7) Clubhouse Pavilion Construction:

- **Mike Hornick** reviewed current status of the new Pavilion.
- Site approval and Building Permit from District of Metchosis are in hand.
- Construction to begin soon. Call for volunteers to follow.

8) Mosaic Forest Trail Access:

- **Dave Horner** reported that we are proceeding slowly and hope to organize at least one Dual Sport ride across Mosaic Forest lands in 2023, for 'road legal' insured bikes.
- To gain permanent access license to lands here seems to be an almost insurmountable task. There seems to be 'strong reluctance' from Mosaic against motorized 2-wheel use.
- Member **Robin Crumley** is interested in assisting to help organize a ride, but no one has volunteered yet to Chair this committee.

9) Treasurer's Report:

- As Treasurer **Perry Chow** was absent Secretary **Grant** presented **Perry's** Year End financial report along with his proposed budget for 2023.
- As of Dec. 31, 2022: Year End financials were all positive with sufficient money on-hand to cover all projected capital improvement projects already approved or being considered for 2023.
- 2022 Income review shows significant growth (approx. 50%) over budget. Membership numbers continued to grow. Income from event entry fees also exceeded budgeted amount by over 100%.
- 2022 Expenses came in roughly 30% under budget.

The savings are entirely due to the removal of our land tax expense, otherwise we would have been marginally over budget on the expense side of the ledger.

- Overall, the Net Income of the VMC indicates it remains on solid financial footing.
- Budget for Year 2023 Expenses includes Property Improvements of \$100,000.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report by **Roger Boothroyd**, second by **Charlie Parker**, carried.

Committee Reports:

10) Past Events:

Only one event was run since our November meeting,

- **Bruce Taylor** reported on the Boxing Day Side Car Trial
- 6 Sidecar rigs entered this fun event.
- the father and son team of **Bill and Darren Smith** were declared winners.

New Business:

11) Future Events:

- 2023 Calendar of Events: **Roger Boothroyd** reported that the 1st draft will be posted on website soon.
- **Roger and Dave Fair** noted that another Trial will be added to our 2023 schedule for a total of 6 Trials events.

12) Annual Awards presentation: to be held in conjunction with our Regular March Meeting

- March 21st, with pizza and soft drinks to be brought in, if sufficient space is available.

13) Sam King's Ride The Vide Trials & Enduro Two-Day Schools at Cycle Park:

- Scheduled for two consecutive weekends: March 11/12 and March 18/19
- **Sam's** fee structure to be paid to club is unchanged from 2022, will provide \$50 per paid enrolment.
- **Sam** will provide proof of adequate insurance to Treasurer Chow.
- **Sam** will send posters to communicate these dates on website and social media.
- Motion by **Peter Grant**, second by **Dave Horner** to approve, carried. To be added to our event schedule.

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14) Qualified Life Members:

- For 2021 **Dave Fracy** and **Cam Anderson** became qualified as life Members
- For 2022 **Monte Belson** and **Graham Turner** were qualified as Life Members.
- Moved by **Roger Boothroyd** to accept, second by **Pete Smither**, carried.

15) News of the recent passing of Life Member **John ‘Boomer’ Gronow** and long-time member **George Apted** was read aloud.

16) Raised by **Roger Boothroyd** that **George Apted** would have qualified as a Life Member in 2023 and that he should be accepted as a Life Member posthumously. o Also suggested that his Annual Dues (\$45) be refunded to **George’s** wife.

- Moved by **Brent Donaldson** that **George Apted** be accepted as Life Member in 2023.
- Moved by **Ben Hircock** that **George Apted’s** annual paid up dues of \$45 be refunded to his wife.

Roger Boothroyd seconded both motions, Carried.

17) Due to the late hour no other new business items were tabled, carried forward to February.

18) Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 21st, 2022

Adjourn

On a motion by **Charlie Parker**, seconded by **Roger Boothroyd** the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.



Sam and Trystan

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Set to return to Cycle Park is **Sam King** with his **Ride the Vibe Trials and Enduro Schools** on March 11/12 and 18/19. The first weekend will be instructions on Trials riding and the second weekend will be an emphasis on Enduros. Those that have taken **Sam’s** schools in the past have given favourable reviews. If you are new to trials or even if you want to learn the basics or improve your trials or enduro skills then signing up for Sam’s school is a must.

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Once again, congratulations are in order for member **Trystan Hart**, Canadian and US Enduro Champion, for his win of the CMA’s White Memorial Trophy. **White Memorial Trophy - Trystan Hart** Donated by Ron & Eve White: *Best performance by a Canadian rider in all disciplines / later changed to best performance by a #1 Plate winner.*

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VMC Cycle Park Property - General Rules & Etiquette

For complete club rules please refer to the VMC website. Updated Jan. 16, 2023: PrG

- * NO loud / excessively noisy bikes are permitted to ride anywhere on club property. If a member has to be cautioned about riding a loud bike they will be asked to park that bike.
- Gate is to be opened and closed behind you. The exception being a busy riding day when multiple vehicles are expected to arrive. Ensure gate is closed while out for a ride.
- Last one out of parking lot at the end of the day ensures gate is closed & locked.
- Center grassy area is for mini-bikes & young tykes, slow riding only. Not a Flat Track.
- No riding around on the gravel parking lot ring anytime - includes small bikes and young riders.
- When riding in Parking Lot transiting to and from trails go slow - 1st gear only.
- Helmets must be worn 100% of the time on any moving bike by everyone.
- When no Fire Ban in force members are requested to ride the property principally above and beyond the EnduroCross track.

General Rules & Etiquette Continued.

- No riding allowed on the Hill Climb course or on Table-Top at bottom, except with expressed permission from Club Executive.
- * Respect the neighbours we have in close proximity to our parking areas (there are at least 4 in particular), no excessive noise anytime. Do not buzz their fence line.
- * No riding allowed before 9:00AM or within one hour of dark or after 9:00PM in all case.
- Club members should inform any rule or etiquette violators *IN A NICE WAY* on what the problem is and how to correct it.
- * Disrespectful, dangerous or damaging behaviour will not be tolerated. If you have a concern bring it to the next meeting or contact one of the Executive.
- Treat all club assets (eg. Property, Tools, Buildings, BBQ and all other infrastructure) with care, if something gets broken tell an executive member so repairs can be made.
- Avoid digging holes or trenching anywhere on the club trails, go around or go down and try again. Be aware of creating excess trail damage.
- As a 'property riding member' you are obligated to pitch in and help keep the club's trails clear of any dangers and clear debris that blocks trails or simple slapper-branch management.
- If you have a particular obstacle you don't want removed, flag it or mark it somehow.
- During an club event regular riding is generally permitted, please don't interfere with event or any spectators and always exercise caution.
- Always keep your dog on a leash and clean up its mess. Better yet leave your pet at home.
- If hosing off your bike always clear mud off the concrete pad, hang up the hose and turn off the tap when finished. No one will clean up after you.
- Guests are to be escorted by a club member at all times, one guest at a time.
- Guests are welcome one time per year.

VMC's Cycle Park is jewel of a riding property. It is every member's responsibility to protect and nurture the property. Always keep in mind we have neighboring properties. It's about common sense and courtesy and respect for all around you.

Notes for Parents with Youth & Junior members:

- Parents are reminded to keep young children in sight while riding and exercise proper control.
- Only *New Rider / Little Tykes* on quiet mini-bikes are permitted to ride in the grassy area inside the centre-ring of the parking area.
- More experienced Youth members are encouraged to practice skills and ride in the area around and behind where the old clubhouse was.
- * Older Kids, Teens and all Adults should transit from the parking area to the bottom of Hill climb and Enduro Cross track and beyond.

Notes about Guest use:

- Members are encouraged to bring a guest to experience Cycle Park BUT with limits.
- A "Release and Indemnity Agreement" liability waiver form must be signed by the guest every time, whether attending and riding in an event or for recreational riding.
- If Guest is under 19 years of age the rider's Parent or Legal Guardian must sign.
- Waiver forms (both Under/19 and 19+) are available on-line here: <https://vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/vmc%20release%20form.pdf> or at MotoTrials West counter.
- Deposit signed waiver forms at MotoTrials West with **Dave Fair**.
- It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure their guest signs the waiver form and rides responsibly and safely and respects all Club rules. If a Guest wishes to return to ride at Cycle Park they should apply to join and be placed on the Wait List to become a member.

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Other Member FAQ

The club property is generally not suitable for Motocross/Enduro type bikes, they tend to not perform well on the challenging terrain.

Do not leave combination exposed on gate lock.

All members have a duty to clean up after themselves and their guests and all dog feces. No garbage dumping.

All members are expected to pitch in with stewardship of your riding area, including trail maintenance, equipment maintenance and cleaning, removal of dangerous obstacles,

Any tree cutting requires permission of the club executive.

Members need to use their discretion in removal of hazards, notify the exec if you can't resolve the issue safely

Maintaining respectful conduct of behavior etc.

Many hands makes for short work. Happy Riding, See you on the trail!



Loren Olsen Photo



Ron Wolf Photo



Graham Turner Photo



Roger Boothroyd Photo



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VMC CALENDAR 2023

Jan-23

Month	Day	Event	Location
January	1		
January	8		
January	15		
January	17	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
January	22		
January	29		
February	5		
February	12		
February	19		
February	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
February	26	Les Blow Trial	VMC Group
March	5		
March	11 & 12	Sam King's School	
March	18 & 19	Sam King's School	
March	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
March	26	Rick Wells Trial	VMC Group
April	2		
April	9		
April	16		
April	18	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
April	23	Equalizer Enduro	
April	30	Joe Brown Major Tr	VMC Group
May	7		
May	14		
May	16	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
May	21-22	May Day Parade	
May	27-28	Cougar Cup Trial	VMC Group
May	28	Nuts in May RR	Graham Turner
June	4		
June	11		
June	18	Paper Chase RR	
June	20	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
June	25	Field Meet	
July	2	Canada Day Dual Sp	
July	9		
July	16	Trial Parking Lot	VMC Group
July	18	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
July	23	Show 'n' Shine	
July	30	Poker Run RR	
August	6		
August	13	Economy Run RR	
August	15	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
August	20		
August	27	Century Run RR	
September	3	Team Enduro	
September	10	Mt Baker RR	
September	17	Brentwood Enduro	
September	19	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
September	24	Memorial Trial	VMC Group
October	1	Hillclimb	
October	8	Thanksgiving	
October	15		
October	17	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
October	22	All Day Dual Sport	
October	29	Reg Shanks Trial	VMC Group
November	5	The Grind	
November	12		
November	19		
November	21	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
November	26	Lohrmann Trial	VMC Group
December	3		
December	10		
December	17		
December	19	Meeting	Barnes HD 7:30
December	24		
December	31		

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- Thanksgiving
 November 11 - Remembrance Day December 25 - Christmas December 26 - Boxing Day.