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Ahhh Memories - Mostly good but a few bad !! The pictures above show four of the many perpetual trophies that are no longer awarded. The oldest one on the left is for the Brentwood Reliability Trial later renamed the Brentwood Enduro and was donated by the Brentwood Hotel in 1914. Next to it is the Kirk Reliability Trial, like the Brentwood, had riding sections included in the course. It was donated by the now defunct Kirk Coal Company in 1930 and, like the Brentwood, later became the Kirk Enduro. It was only after the elimination of the riding sections that the names were changed to enduro. The wood trophy is the Terra Nova Enduro started in 1964 and the last time it ran was 2015. On the far right is the Field Meet trophy but like the other three and a few others, has been relegated to history.

There are varied reasons that the club lacks any cross country events now, not withstanding the land use and insurance issues. In the early days the bikes used in these events were the same bikes used in most events with a few minor changes. Then came the early trials bikes such as Greeves, Cottons and then Bultaco and Montesa, most equipped with an odometer. These were capable of being used for both observed trials or enduros as many of us did. The early enduro bikes were heavy and not really suitable for reliability trials but advancements in the manufacturing of these

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bikes led to an increase in sales as they became popular. At the same time trials bikes were having a remake with lighter, water cooled powerful engines and better suspension. Many trials riders didn't want to use these bikes in cross country events but use them only in observed trials. Cross country events started waning when the club had included Brentwood and Kirks in separate VIDRA events. We were also in trouble when we couldn't entice many riders to enter short cross country events at Cycle Park. There was also the problem of lack of volunteers to organize them and the only places to run any of these events was the Tansky property or, as an alternate, the Shawnigan property if we could get permission.

The days of the Geritol I and II groups as well as some others are gone where we would go out and search for and cut new trails or clear old trails and then organize an event. Ahhhh — these were the good memories !!

We realize the "old style" enduro with timed sections is no longer "in vogue" and that the popularity is with the "go fast" type of event but hope sometime in the future, the timed enduro style will, once again, become popular. Now to find some volunteers !!



CLUB NEWZ



Funny how the old saying goes - what goes around, comes around ! I found the following in a **Monty Belson** newsletter from 1997. The amendment to our by-laws was recently approved regarding membership and volunteering and *here is what was in the old newsletter*.

There are several calendar events that do not have committees. It is a pity that with a record increase in new club member enrollment that every event does not have a complete committee as well as overwhelming support. In aid of an improvement of this circumstance, I have proposed the following new club rule motion: AS FOLLOWS: NEW MEMBERS shall be considered PROBATIONARY until such member has proven to have assisted at a VMC event within the first year of membership. The Event Committee will confirm in writing to the Club Secretary, that such member has assisted at their event. Probationary members that have not assisted at a VMC event during their first year will NOT have their membership renewed.

The mechanics of the rule are easy - upon receiving his or her new membership the PB (Probationary Member) will also get a printed form to be signed by a committee member upon completion of the first assistance. Any senior member can advise one of a dozen ways a new member can assist at an event See **Perry Chow** or **Dave Moore** or any of a dozen or so members that run our events year after year. Maybe even volunteer to committee an event Ed.—how did this idea work ??

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Rob Beecroft's Tour

Our globe trotting member **Rob Beecroft** landed in Venice on May 6th and was able to make his way to the hotel which was 25 minutes away. He says it's an interesting, busy place with maze like streets and is easy to get lost. He had to use Google maps to find the bus station. He did manage to tour around and take some pictures so have included a couple here. **On Day 2** he rides to Pisa from Venice. If anyone wants a copy of his itinerary, please email me and I'll send one in PDF format.



Venice (/ˈvɛnɪs/ *VEH-niss*; **Italian:** *Venezia* [/veˈnettsja/] [ⓘ] listen); **Venetian:** *Venesia* or *Venexia*^[citation needed] /veˈnɛsjə/) is a city in northeastern **Italy** and the capital of the **Veneto region**. It is built on a group of 118 small islands^[3] that are separated by canals and linked by over 400 bridges.^{[3][4]} The islands are in the shallow **Venetian Lagoon**, an enclosed bay lying between the mouths of the **Po** and the **Piave** rivers (more exactly between the **Brenta** and the **Sile**). In 2020, around 258,685 people resided in greater Venice or the **Comune di Venezia**, of whom around 55,000 live in the historical island city of Venice (*centro storico*) and the rest on the mainland (*terraferma*). Together with the cities of **Padua** and **Treviso**, Venice is included in the **Padua-Treviso-Venice Metropolitan Area** (PATREVE), which is considered a statistical metropolitan area, with a total population of 2.6 million.^[5]

Day 2 - Pisa Italy

From Venice to Pisa is 335 Kilometres. We had some rain on the way to Pisa. The temp was mainly 19-22C. However, it did drop to 12C going over a mountain pass. On this leg of the journey we rode the highway where Enzo Ferrari used to test his vehicles and Ferrari test drivers of today still test out new models. From here it's an exciting ride onto Pisa, passing forests and mountains, and reaching up to 1,388 m / 4,554 ft above sea level as we cruise over the Abetone Pass. This evening we visit the magnificent Duomo and, of course, the famous leaning Tower of Pisa, on the Square of Miracles. Heading to Corsica today. It's a 4.5 hour ferry ride.

Day 3-4 - Pisa to Saint Florent Corsica (France)

From Pisa we head south to make our ferry crossing to Corsica, which takes around 4 and a half hours. Upon arrival we traverse some seriously



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winding and twisting roads, exposing us to some stunning island scenery and Mediterranean forests. Corsica is extremely mountainous. We rode some beautiful curvy roads along steep mountain edges. Fortunately, the roads had barriers. We lucked out as the predicted thunderstorm never happened in our area. We overnight in Saint Florent, a quaint port town on Corsica's north coast, nestled between the spectacular mountains of Cap Corse and the untamed Agriates desert.

French 'Corse' (official name 'Collectivité Territoriale de Corse'), is the Mediterranean Sea's fourth-largest island, after Cyprus, Sardinia and Sicily. Approximately 183 km / 114 mi long from north to south and 83 km / 52 mi from east to west, Corsica has around 1,000 km / 621 mi of coastline. Situated 170 km / 106 mi from mainland France's southeastern coast, it lies 90 km / 56 mi from northwestern Italy. Formed of ancient volcanoes, Corsica is the most mountainous island in the Mediterranean, offering a diverse range of vegetation including flowers, shrubs and woodlands, earning it the name 'Scented Isle'. This provides habitat for a range of animals, including bearded vultures, the Corsican red deer, the Corsican brook salamander and the Corsican fire salamander.



Home to around 340,000 people, tourism is the main industry due to the island's coastline, climate and mountains. Industrial development is limited and instead there is a focus mainly on food processing, with the island producing sausages, cheeses and wine, plus six official varieties of Corsican honey that are available for sale. While French is the official language, spoken by virtually all Corsicans, most also use the Corsican dialect, Corsu, which is akin to Tuscan.

Day 5 We have another day exploring the breathtaking scenery and riding the endless twisties of the incredibly mountainous island of

Corsica. As we make our way north towards Macinaggio, we get to admire a continuous array of striking landscapes, including the scenic Evisa Valley, a long stretch of narrow canyons dramatically carved by the Ruda river, then more stunning coastal terrain around Cap Corse, on our approach to Macinaggio. Ride Distance: 202 km / 126 mi

Located on the northeast coast of Corsica, the small port of [Macinaggio](#) has a dramatic history that has been active since ancient times. The Romans used the area as a military port and it was here that Corsican independence leader Pascal Paoli fell to his knees and kissed the ground after his return from exile in England in 1790. A few years later Napoleon Bonaparte passed through as well. Trade and fishing have been an important industry in the area, helping the port evolve into the modern marina that exists today.

Day 6 Macinaggio to Livorno (Italy)

This morning we make our way to Bastia for our ferry crossing back to Italy, which takes around 4.5 hours. We arrive into the beautiful city of Livorno in time to check into our hotel before dinner. Ride Distance: 43 km / 27 mi. Originally a small fishing village, [Livorno](#) is now Tuscany's major port and second largest city. Fortified by the Pisans in the 14th century, Livorno flourished as a free port from 1675 until it became part of the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. Much of the city has been rebuilt according to its original plan after sustaining severe damage by bombing during World War II.



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Travelling south along the ancient Roman road, the Via Cassia, we pass through some beautiful Tuscan terrain as we make our way towards Italy's capital. Our lunch stop today is the stunning hilltop village of

Montalcino, providing more spectacular views of Tuscany before arriving into the historic city of Rome. Ride Distance: 380 km / 236 mi

Known as the 'Urbs Aeterna', or 'Eternal City' (a phrase first penned by the Latin poet Albius Tibullus, c. 55 BCE - 19 BCE),



Montalcino, Italy



Rome has always been an important hub that is today a political capital, a religious centre, and a memorial to the creative imagination of the past. Starting out as a small town on the banks of the Tiber, Rome originally grew in size and strength through trade, as the city's location provided merchants with an easily navigable waterway on which to transport their goods. Though the city owed its prosperity to trade in the early years, it was the Roman warfare which would make it a powerful force in the ancient world.

Day 8

Today we have a full day to explore the mighty city of Rome. Join us on an included walking tour where we visit the magnificent Pantheon, Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica and much more. Tonight we suggest dinner in a restaurant around the Trevi Fountain (the largest and possibly most beautiful fountain in Rome), to take in the charming atmosphere of Piazza di Trevi and Rome.



Trevi Fountain

Day 9 Continuing south, we pass through southern Italy's largest city, Naples, and make a stop at the preserved ancient Roman city, Pompeii, for a guided tour. Leaving Pompeii, we enter the UNESCO listed Amalfi Coast, a landscape of breathtaking

coastal scenery and pastel coloured villages. We spend the next two nights in the charming town of Sorrento, located on the spectacular Sorrentine Peninsula.

Situated at the southeastern base of Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii was a large Roman town which was preserved in volcanic ash following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE. Excavated in the 19th - 20th century, Pompeii is one of the richest archaeological sites in the world and offers an important insight into a sophisticated Greco-Roman city that was frozen in time.



Pompeii Road

Day 10 We swap the bikes for a boat today as we explore this stunning region the best way possible - from the water, on an included excursion to the superb Isle of Capri. It was a 20 minute ferry ride from Sorrento. The two main towns, Capri and Anacapri were crowded with tourists. There were lots of restaurants and stores selling tourist merchandise. One church had a beautiful tiled floor. The few roads were very narrow, our little minibus had to backup on sharp corners and swing into the lane of oncoming traffic. The drivers were patient, no honking, so it's a regular occurrence.

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The Isle of Capri is composed of a single limestone block measuring around 6.25 km / 3.9 mi in length, with a maximum width of 2.9 km / 1.8 mi and an area of 10 sq km / 4 sq mi, rising up to 589 m / 1,932 ft at Monte Solaro in the west. The island's coastline is lined by precipitous cliffs and features two main indentations - Marina Grande on the northern side, which serves as the chief port of the island, and Marina Piccola on the southern side. Capri hosts the most varied flora in all of Italy and plants like Mediterranean bush, Ilex wood and Euphorbia have been observed here. Numerous fish species like conger eels, groupers, sargo, red goldfish, and mullets are found in the surrounding waters. It is also home to numerous avian species like robins, peregrine falcons,



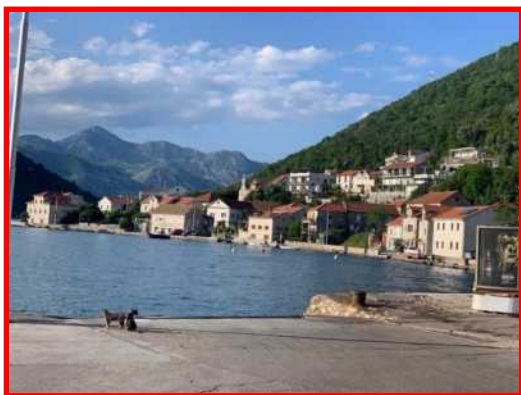
woodcocks, quails, and blackbirds. Various species of geckos have also been recorded on the island.

Day 11 This morning we ride the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, with its impressive cliffs, spectacular scenery and delightful towns - it is one ride you will never forget! Awesome views of small towns with colourful houses, perched on the cliff face. The road was narrow with lots of traffic. The average speed was only 25-40 km/hour. It's definitely a spot that attracts lots of tourists.

Leaving the west coast behind us, we make our way to the east coast of Italy to catch the overnight ferry from Bari to Durres, Albania. Along the way we pass through the beautiful Dolomiti Lucane Mountains, characterized by dramatic, high peaks that date back 15 million years. Ride Distance: 339 km / 211 mi

Day 12 We disembark the ferry and enter Albania, a little known destination filled with mosques, citadels and Ottoman architecture. Our time is short in Albania before we cross into an equally unknown country of Montenegro riding the coastline, stopping en route via the beautiful Budva, the coastline here is stunning as we ride along the shoreline of the wonderful Kotor Bay. We cross into Croatia and continue north with epic views of the Adriatic Sea before topping the day off with an incredible vista of the Dubrovnik Old Town.

A very long day today. We got off the ferry at 8:00 am and reached our hotel at 9:00 pm. We only went around 340 km, but going across 5 border checks was painfully slow. At each we had to produce our passport, driver's license and the registration for our bike. At one crossing the computer



Montenegro Town

system was down, so we had to wait an hour before the problem was fixed. At other crossings the border police weren't in any hurry to let us through. Probably on their coffee break. Albania, Montenegro and Croatia aren't in the EU, so traffic doesn't flow across easily, as in the rest of Europe.

Montenegro is an incredibly beautiful country. We rode along an ocean road for 150 km or more. It went through many tiny towns, with houses right up to the waterline. The only downside was the speed was only 30-50 km/hour. It was probably the most scenic road I've ever ridden.

Day 13 Today, **John Passfield**, my friend from

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Rob's Tour Continued the UK and I walked around the upper wall of the old city of Dubrovnik. The walls are the main reason why Dubrovnik is well known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. The old City of Dubrovnik is completely surrounded with defensive walls and forts, including the Old Port. The walls run uninterrupted for 1940 meters (6365 feet) in length, encircling most of the City, and reach a maximum height of about 25 meters (83 feet). It was built between the 7th and 11th century. Several scenes from the Game of Thrones were filmed there. Afterwards, we took the cable car to the top of Mt. Srd. The view was breathtaking.



Dubrovnik

Day 14 We are heading back into Montenegro again today. We had a short ride day, so went on a short boat ride out to an island with



a church on it. After returning from the island we hopped back on the bikes to ride on a serpentine (curvy) road to the top of a mountain. Along the way we stopped and climbed up a very long stairway up to a shrine for an historically important man (Peter II). A mountain lodge will be our overnight stay.

Day 15 Two days ago, on our way to Dubrovnik, one of the riders hit his right foot into a small cement block, about 2 ft high. We were being squeezed to the right side of a narrow road to let a bus go by. Unfortunately, he broke his tibia, so is unable to ride his bike. However, he's traveling with the support van driver, so will finish the tour. He said he didn't notice the block until it was too late

to avoid it. Bad luck. Yes, the weather has finally improved. The last several days it had been 25C.

We take the road less travelled once again today, meandering through empty narrow back roads, witnessing the beautiful country-side of Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Our destination this evening is Mostar, famous for its 16th century bridge built by the Ottomans and still bearing the scars from the recent conflict. Ride Distance: 240 km / 149 miles. We spent the evening exploring the old city of Mostar and walking over the famous Mostar bridge several times. Straddling the Neretva River, the bridge known as the "Stari Most" was originally built between 1557 and 1566. It was destroyed in 1993 during the Bosnian War and rebuilt in 2004.



Day 16 Our route today starts out following the river towards Konjic and the fascinating Tito's Bunker, riding through magnificent canyons and the spectacular Blidinje National Park. Leaving Bosnia & Herzegovina behind us, we return to Croatia and ride the stunning Adriatic Coast road to the UNESCO listed town of Trogir, where we spend the next two nights. Ride Distance: 280 km / 174 mi.



Called "Trau" by the Venetians, Trogir is a charming town on the Adriatic Coast. The historic centre is set within medieval walls on a tiny island, connected by bridges to the mainland. Designated a UNESCO heritage site in 1997, the old town contains many perfectly preserved medieval and Renaissance buildings and is home to a number of key attractions, including The Cathedral of St. Lawrence, a Gothic masterpiece of art.

Today we toured Tito's underground bunker, built to withstand a nuclear blast. Three hundred and fifty people had supplies to survive 6 months. What would they have found when they came out? The entrance to the bunker was through a carport door, in an



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Rob's Tour Continued old house. The bunker was 280 meters under a mountain. It was never used, but fully maintained from 1953 until 1980.

Day 17 Today we have an included excursion to the nearby historic town of Split, where we will explore some of Split's most interesting sights by foot. We return to Trogir for one more night.

Croatia's second largest city, Split has a rich history dating back to Roman times. The old town was originally built around the Diocletian's Palace (a fortress-like palace built for the retired Roman emperor Diocletian), where the locals sought refuge many centuries ago. Today Split has around 180,000 inhabitants and is the economic hub of the Eastern Adriatic shoreline.

Day 18 As we head north towards the historic town of Poreč, we follow the stunning Adriatic coast, passing through charming coastal villages before



Porec, Croatia

ascending into the spectacular twisties of the Ucka Nature Park. We cross onto the Istria Peninsula to spend our final night in Croatia.
Ride Distance: 495 km / 308 mi

Day 19 We head off to the northeast this morning, leaving Croatia behind and heading into Slovenia and the stunning mountains that border Austria, a landscape of epic alpine valleys and peaks. Our destination this evening is the awe-inspiring Lake Bled, nestled in the picturesque Julian Alps. It was a nice ride today through the mountains to reach the town of Bled. The temp was 27C. The roads

had good pavement, lots of curves and hairpin turns. What every motorcyclist dreams of! It must be a well known biker road in Slovenia, because dozens of motorcycles came in the opposite direction. The church on the big rock is outside my bedroom window in our hotel in Bled. The walled mountain top town is called Motovun.

Ride Distance: 266 km / 165 mi

Day 20 Our final day on the road provides one of the most scenic days of the entire trip as we explore the incredible beauty of this stunning alpine region.

On our way to the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana, we cross briefly into Austria and enjoy one of the most spectacular sightseeing roads in the region, the Solčava Panoramic Road. Upon arrival in Ljubljana, we return our bikes before arriving at our hotel and enjoying our final night together at our farewell dinner.



Motovun Slovenia

Ride Distance: 180 km / 112 mi

I finished the ride safely. The bikes have been returned now. Today's ride was spectacular, as the route took us high in the mountains and the roads were nice and curvy. Slovenia has lots of forests and alpine pastures. It was a beautiful place to ride.

Thanks for following my journey. ***Rob Beecroft***

Day 21 Spend some time in Ljubljana or fly home, the choice is yours.

Ed. Note:- Thanks to member **Rob Beecroft** for sending us the details and pictures of his tour from the Mediterranean to the Balkans. It's always an interesting read of his adventures.





CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting

held on May 11, 2023, at **Perry Chow's** residence common room

Condensed For Publication This was the fifth 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, Gary Gronow, Justin Roach Mike Hornick, Nick Newton**
Absent were Directors Jordan McFarlane and Dave Fair (work).

Also not present were members **Peter Smither** and **Bobbi Bjornholt** of the New Website committee.

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

Topics discussed:

- 1) Reading of the previous Exec Meeting minutes was waived as they had been previously read aloud at last month's regular meeting.
- 2) **Peter Grant** - reviewed letter received from member **Dan Charboneau** and his new business enterprise KAVE Storage.
- 3) **Dave Horner** and **Peter Grant** - on the large, detailed topographical map of VMC Cycle Park with trails overlaid created by past president **Ben Hircock** and **Dave McCullough** on Alumpanel with added labels with trail names.
- 4) **Dave Horner** - reviewed a fundraising letter received from member **Melissa Andrist** requesting support for the Trials de Nations team. Two current VMC Members, **Melissa** and **Jennifer Dickson** plus new member candidate **Alex Walton** are competing in this FIM event to be held in Auron, France, Sept 8-10, 2023.
- 5) **Dave Horner** - reviewed letter with an offer from **Dave McCullough** to donate used Electrical Equipment that could be used in the Power Shed.
- 6) **Dave Horner** - reviewed letter received from member Klaus Kreye on behalf of VMC Trail Maintenance Committee and member **Tony Wilson**.
- 7) **Mike Hornick** - provided an update on construction of the Memorial Pavilion.
 - Volunteer labour will be required on occasion
 - **Peter Pardell Electric** is still on for doing the electrical work
- 8) **Brent Donaldson, Mark fisher and Mike Hornick** -debated construction details for the required Power Shed.
- 9) **Dave Horner** - introduced a letter forwarded on May 4th by past president **Ben Hircock**, received from Outdoor Recreational Council of BC about the new Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC.
- 10) **Dave Horner** -provided an update on BC Hydro project and a delay encountered due to a minor legal hurdle which is being corrected.
- 11) **Peter Grant** - reviewed a letter previously given by **Perry Chow** with 5 items for consideration and action.
- 12) **Peter Grant**-interim Membership Chair - updated on progress for contacting and confirmation of new Candidates-for-Membership.
 - Also noted that we need to appoint a new permanent Membership Committee Chairperson, hopefully before our next Executive Meeting.
- 13) Tres. **Perry Chow** - provided his Financial Report; Reviewed Monthly Budget items through April 12th
 - Both Income and Expenses both tracking where expected near budget.
 - That the members who have volunteered to perform an Audit are now scheduled to complete this task on Wednesday May 17th
- 14) **Peter Grant** - inquired about our Aims and Objects, whether changes had not been approved at a meeting in 2018?
Dave Horner confirmed that in paragraph 2, the word 'Western' should be deleted and the year 1906 corrected to say 1912.
Peter Grant to amend and have updated Aims and Objects posted on website.
Next Regular Club Meeting including mass New Member Induction. - **Tuesday May 16th, 7:30 at Metchosin Community Hall** (returning to Barnes HD for June meeting and beyond)
Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. Moved **Dave Horner**, seconded **Mark Fisher**.

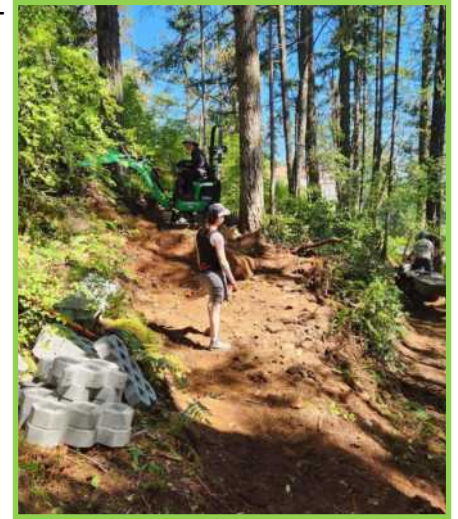
CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



On April 29th the trail committee consisting of **Klaus Kreye, Ben Williams, Quinn McCullough, Loren Olsen and Tony Wilson** met to discuss a plan to have a work party at Cycle Park on May 13th. On that day twenty-seven members, future members and helpers turned out to work on the Green Trail and **Dave's Corner**. A BIG thanks to all those who participated and a special thanks to



member **Klaus Kreye** for putting the trail re-alignment proposal together, to **Ben Williams** for picking the food and to **Matt Loken** for reaching out to **Sunbelt Rentals** for the mini-excavator donation. Those that participated were:- **Tony Wilcon, Robin Crumley, Adam Hendrickson, Andre, Josh and Brock Bocskei, Chris Lichty, Leon Tulevski, Kevin Mitchel, Greg Galliva, Tyler Blair, Brent Roler, Bill Tripple, Nat DeRosaroll, Quinn McCullough, Vanessa Metters, Jake Eastman, Gord Westerhoud, Matt Loken, Ben Williams, Brody Williams, Shane Anderson, Scott Edwards, Loren Olsen, Rory Passmore, Rod and Dillon Abernathy.** Approval for a budget for trail



maintenance was given at the last Executive meeting. A job well done !

The Green Trail and Dave's Corner - Photos by Loren Olsen

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As some of you already know, the *Trials des Nations* will be on the **World stage** from the 8th–10th of September in Auron, France. This event consists of teams from many countries. For the first time in 15 years, Canada is sending a women's team and we are proud to say that British Columbia is being well represented as two are from the Victoria Motorcycle Club - **Melissa Andrist** and **Jenn Dickson**. The other is **Katie McGeachy** from Vernon. The men's team consists of **Alex Walton** from Mission who has applied for VMC membership, **Sean Bird** from Port Coquitlam and **Michel-Fortin Belanger** from Notre-Dam-Du-Portage, Quebec.

A letter from "the team" was sent to the VMC Executive asking for support and outlining their proposal. It was discussed at a recent Executive meeting and the results are:-

Melissa, Jennifer and **Alex** may proceed to organize a VMC sanctioned Trials School at VMC Cycle Park as soon as a date is submitted for approval. It will be available to members and non-members. There is no additional outside insurance requirement as it is being operated by Club members. The TdN group will retain 100% of fees charged to attendees. VMC waivers must be completed and signed by all entrants and instructors and deposited with a member of the club Executive. VMC will communicate the GoFundMe address for the Trials de Nations team to club members via e-blast and inclusion in an upcoming monthly newsletter.

The link for the Go-Fund-Me page is:-

https://www.gofundme.com/k84yd3-trial-des-nations-tdn-team-canada-fund-raiser?pc=em_dn_contacts_r&rcid=r01-16800594428-4a7a7970cddf11ed&member=25957471

The team are also running a raffle and here are the details. Part of our fund raising efforts is to hold a 50/50 draw, on **NOW until May 31st, 2023!** So, here is your chance to buy tickets and maybe win some money! If you want to buy tickets, message us here or contact [Jennifer Dickson](#). We will either send you a picture of the tickets you buy and enter them into the bucket for you, or if we can actually see you, we will give you the tickets in person (Nanaimo / Victoria / Squamish, BC area). Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or 'an arms length' for \$20!

The winning ticket will be drawn on our Facebook and Instagram pages on May 31st, 2023

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It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of former member **Pat (Charles) McGaw**. Pat was a member in the 70's and rode trials, cross country and road events usually accompanied by his sons **Bob** and **Brian**. Our condolences to the family. A celebration of life will be held June 3rd at 2:00 PM at First Memorial Funeral Services 4725 Falaise Dr. Victoria B.C. Reception to follow.

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Member **Trystan Hart** continues winning the podium finishes having placed third in the XCross Hard Enduro Rally on May 17–20. The Xcross Hard Enduro Rally is recognized as one of the toughest hard enduro races in the Balkans. It is the only moto event in Serbia that is part of an FIM world championship. The event is a 3 day rally held in the Zlatibor, Tara, and Mokra Gora mountains. It's part of the championship since 2021. Congratulations **Trystan**

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The 123rd annual May Day Parade took place on May 22nd starting from the Mayfair parking lot and travelling down Douglas Street to finish in front of the Empress Hotel. As in the past several years, members of the VMC, both young and old, organized by **Rick Kool**, took part. **Rick** donated and decorated the pick up with large VMC signs on the side and the attached trailer with logs on it gave the trials riders a few obstacles to ride over. **Jeremy McChesney** donated the tow vehicle. The unit was followed by riders of all ages on trials bikes and some outriders on road bikes, some with sidecars. The trials riders were performing their wheelies and front wheel stops and jumping on and off the trailer while the sidecars



executed their balance with the sidecar in the air. In front of city hall and the CHEK news cameras, the usual cries of "I'm not doing it" from newsmen **Joe Perkins** and **Jeff King** were heard as they laid on the ground, joined by member **Thomas Cordner**, to be jumped over by VMC member **Jeremy McChesney**. Later a comment was heard "he got me" "he got me" with smiles on their faces. "I won't do it next year !!" This link will take readers to CHEK TV's coverage of the 2023 Victoria Day Parade thanks to the magic of YouTube. Coverage of VMC's jump entry begins at 1:16:17 thru 1:18:44.

Click here:- <https://www.youtube.com/live/IrJQwql3Noo?feature=share>

VMC members that participated are:- **Jody, Jim, Jaelyn, Jaia, Jayce Celebrado, Thomas Cordner, Ian, Raquel and Quinn Cottier, Steve, Dave & Matt Fracy, Brent Godda, Mike Graham, Rick Kool, Jeremy McChesney, Loren & Cecelia Olsen, Barry Smith, Cole Williams, Peter Grant, Kevin Puddy (n.m.)**



Photo by Rachel Olsen

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Victoria Motorcycle Club
 Minutes of the Regular Meeting - held on May 16, 2023
 at Metchosin Community Hall
 prepared by Peter Grant

This was the fifth Regular Meeting of 2023.

The meeting place was relocated to accommodate the mass induction of 46 new members along with a condensed meeting format. A large number of members were in attendance.

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

Committee Chairs present included: **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter Ed. and **Tony Wilson**-Trail Maintenance Committee, **Klaus Kreye**-BC Hydro program.

Absent: Past President **Dan McLaren** sadly passed away 01/29/2023 and **Perry Chow**-illness.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting continued.

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by the President **Dave Horner** later than usual due to a lengthy 'check-in' of new member candidates. The meeting started at approx. 7:55 PM.

- 1) President **Horner** welcomed the many members and candidates for membership present and asked that we waive the reading of the minutes of last month's meeting. No objections were heard so that variance was accepted.
- 2) Pres. **Horner** gave a quick update on BC Hydro project. Legal paperwork has delayed the installation.
- 3) Pres. **Horner** provided an update on the new Gate project - dependant on BC Hydro project.
- 4) **Dave Horner** and **Mike Hornick** gave updates on the Memorial Pavilion construction; Ready to pour concrete slab shortly.
- 5) Sec. **Grant** in place of ailing Treasurer **Chow** provided a brief Treasurers Report:
 - Quick review of current financial status as of May 11th.
 - Tracking as budgeted, with our expenses running ahead of income this year as projected due to the number of projects currently underway. We have the resources available to cover the shortfall.
 - **Harold Perepalkin** moved to be accepted as read, seconded by **Matt Loken** and approved.
- 6) Pres. **Horner** related that after 10 years service **Rick Kool** has stepped back as Chair for our membership committee but continues to manage the Gate/Key process as well as our entry in the Victoria Day Parade. A round of applause was given for **Rick's** efforts.
 - Sec. **Grant** has assumed the Membership Chair position only on an interim basis.
- 7) Pres. **Horner** introduced the conduct and approval of a mass induction of 46 new members: Sec. **Grant** reviewed the process and conducted the new Admissions portion of the meeting:
 - Each candidate for membership will stand and introduce themselves as each application is reviewed.
 - Candidates for Membership will be voted upon 'en-mass' with objections being raised individually if any.
 - To begin each candidate's name was read aloud in the order that their application was received (oldest to newest). Each person then stood and introduced themselves.
 - Candidates For Membership introduced this evening, listed in alphabetical order are:
Dylan Abernethy, Active Member (absent due to family event) **Rob Abernethy**, Active Member (absent due to prior event conflict) **Mike Barnett**, Active Member **Andrew Bond**, Active Member **Sam Bradshaw**, Active Member **Brett Callaway**, Active Member **Brendan Campbell**, Junior Member **Mike Campbell**, Active Member **James Chestnut**, Active Member **Justin Drysdale**, Active Member **Scott Edwards**, Active Member **Rick Fisher**, Active Member **Matt Fracy**, Active Member **Jon Fulton**, Active Member **Darrell Garbella**, Active Member **Paul Gatto**, Active Member **Brent Gorda**, Active Member **Harley Gorda**, Junior Member **Mike Guns**, Active Member **Aaron Hall**, Active Member **Rhys Hathaway**, Active Member **Jason Hogarth**, Active Member **Emily Homuth**, Active Member **Franklin Howe**, Active Member **Alfie Jones**, Junior Member **Billy Jones**, Active Member **Dan Kerr**, Active Member **Susy Lamb**, Active Member **Cole Latiff**, Active Member **Lucas Longstaff**, Active Member **Colin MacMillan**, Active Member **Jesse McRae**, Active Member **Reuben Mitchell**, Active Member **Lindsay Oien**, Active Member **Kevin Olauson**, Active Member **Scott Olauson**, Active Member **Chase Petersen**, Junior Member (absent due to family request-young age) **Ryan Petersen**, Active Member **Branden Petrie**, Active Member (absent due to working out of town) **Geoff Quinn**, Active Member **Jonah Quinn**, Junior Member **Steve Roodenburg**, Active Member **Elliot Smith**, Active Member (absent due to working out of town) **Ryan Smith**, Active Member **John Vowles**, Active Member **Alex Walton**, Active Member (absent due to working out of town)
 - Pres. **Horner** then asked if there were any objections from any members present to any of the candidates for membership introduced this evening - none were raised.
 - Pres. **Horner** then asked for a show of hands to accept all candidates presented this evening as members, carried.
 - Next Pres. **Horner** related a brief history of the VMC and its standing in the community,

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting continued.

then asked all new members to stand as the Aims and Objects of the VMC were read aloud. Welcome to the club.

- Pres. **Horner** informed new members to sign the Sign In sheet at the rear of hall and reminded all to Sign In whenever they attend a monthly meeting.

Notes:

- Any new members that were absent this evening are still required to attend a regular monthly meeting and stand for introduction or their admission can be revoked. Until then they are not eligible to request a secure Gate Key.

- The final step in this revised Admissions Process is that all new members are still required to attend an Orientation Day session scheduled and hosted by director **Brent Donaldson**. Only after attending an orientation are they eligible to request a secure key for the gate lock.

o when the candidates checked in, each was asked to select from a schedule and indicate which Orientation Day session they will attend.

And; these new members did not select from the initial orientation sessions scheduled and are to be contacted following the conclusion of orientation 'round one' and asked to select from one or two alternate dates to be scheduled:

o **Dylan Abernethy**, Active Member o **Rob Abernethy**, Active Member o **Emily Homuth**, Active Member

o **Lindsay Oien**, Active Member o **Branden Petrie**, Active Member (out of town for an extended period)

o **Elliot Smith**, Active Member o **John Vowles**, Active Member o **Alex Walton**, Active Member

Brent Donaldson will also confirm if any other new members failed to attend their scheduled session.

Prior to Adjournment:

8) **Dave Horner** called on **Roger Boothroyd** to speak;

- Sec. **Grant** introduced **Roger** as our Newsletter Editor, Director of Communications, author, and VMC Life Member.

- **Roger** informed the new members what to expect from him member communication.

9) No other business items, new or old was tabled:

10) Next Regular Club Meeting:

- Tuesday June 20th, 7:30 returning to Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria.

11) Next Executive Meeting:

- Not scheduled

Adjourn

On a motion by **Harold Perepalkin**, seconded by **Mike Hornick** the meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Nuts in May Road Ride - by Graham Turner

Our annual Nuts in May road ride took place on May 28th on a very pleasant day. No wet roads, but no scorching heat like some days we've had already this month either. 15 bikes attended, with their owners I should add. And a few with plus-ones. Almost all were serial repeat customers.

The committee was myself **Graham Turner** with my daughter **Julia** doing the sign-up. There was no sign of the West Shore mall security this time, who last year had me take down my lovely saw-horse and plywood desk. Strangely they were quite fine with me continuing using the plywood in my truck bed and hanging it out over the tailgate. (childhood saw-horse accident issues I'm assuming ???)

At the riders meeting, to ward off liability issues regarding distracted riding, riders were instructed to only look at their route sheets while pulled over. I tried to eliminate rapid lefts and rights to allow riders to just memorize the next few instructions enabling a long stint before reviewing the sheet again.



Graham Turner giving the Riders Meeting

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Nuts in May Road Ride Continued - by Graham Turner

Mark Roler was the only DNF, suffering from a dead battery part way through the ride. His wife rescued him with their truck. All others arrived at the finish in Brentwood Bay alive and unscathed, with, I hope, having had a great day enjoying our fantastic roads and scenery.



Martin Spriggs with his NSU strategizing with **Gord Blow**
Pictures by **Roger Boothroyd**

Monte Belson kindly donated 2 books, *The Long Way Down*, and *The Long Way Round* as door prizes; so one will go to the winner and the other to whoever guessed closest on the number of nuts in the jar. This was the "final insult" task of the day!

Numerous tasks and mileage checks made up the "skill" portion of the event, and using one of the newly available AI algorithms, and heavily influenced by bribery, I arrived at the following results.....

1st—**Erick Holmes**, 2nd—**Mark and Judy Walpot** (non-members) and 3rd—**Roger Boothroyd**. Full results on our website.

Many thanks to all who came out. See you next year.

Graham Turner

PS - I forgot to mention that it was **Ken Kroppmanns** who won the "guess the number of edibles and non-edibles in the jar." I can't reveal how many there were as I use the same jar every year, but I can tell you that he guessed 160 edibles and 80 non-edibles and he guessed the most but was still low. The other book goes to the winner - **Erick Holmes**

A look back at 2015 Nuts in May - videos by **Graham Turner**. <https://youtu.be/4S1i6JoRhiI>
This years event (with help from a drone!) <https://youtu.be/O1r5cj0VmOc>

And another from 2016 -

<https://youtu.be/MY32oo3QA04>



Judy & Julie
Sign-up
Photos by **Roger Boothroyd**

Becky & Ken Kroppmanns
Identifying "nuts" at the sign-up
table with
Doug Cross in the background



VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Bluebird Motorcycles

Bluebird was a motorcycle produced circa 1920s.

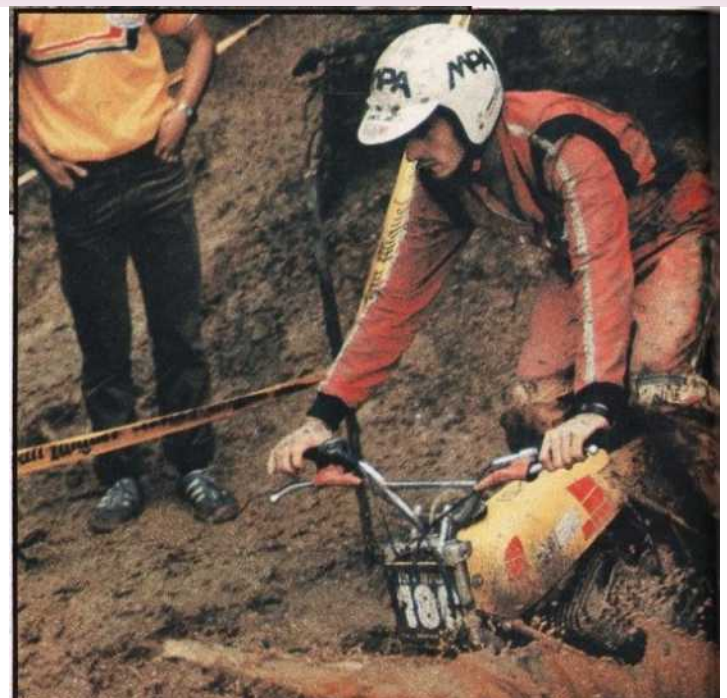
Post World War I, a revised form of artillery wheel had been patented by John Ireland and a Mr. Johnston. This wheel was for cars but it was not a commercial success. In the early 1920s John Ireland turned his attention to motorcycles and produced some machines in Wolverhampton under the **Bluebird** name. Most were fitted with V-twin [JAP](#) engines.

There is an interesting article from an owner of an Australian motorcycle of very similar name, the Blue Bird built by Healings of Victoria who sold the same machines interstate under the Peerless label.

The pictures are taken from the [earlymotor.com](#) site which states, "...able to locate the following advertisement in the Geelong Advertiser in 1921... Not only does the advertisement pin down the origin of Blue Bird Cycles, it also identifies Mr. Kinleyside as an agent for JAP motorcycles. Presumably Blue Bird cycles were sourced from Healings, who would also supply a motor cycle from their catalogue should the occasion arise." There was also a Bluebird by Geer of Missouri.



Oh Crap Corner !



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- Team Trial 1999—at Boyd's Pit. This was an event devised by the dynamic duo of **Dave Shepherd (RIP)** and **Albert Bean (RIP)** in 1975. L to R - Far left is **John Davis**, **Gordy Bean (RIP)**, **Dave Horner**, **Gary Nordstrom**, **Rob Beecroft** and **Gary Gronow**. Committee for this event was **Dave Shepherd**, **Albert Bean**, **John Gronow (RIP)**, **Howie Sadler (RIP)**, **Don Richardson (RIP)**, **Les Blow (RIP)**, **Sandy Vye**, **Al Cave (RIP)**, **Bill Smith (RIP)**, **Bob Mitchell (RIP)**, **Oly Rovielle**, **Jack Deakin (RIP)**, Winners for this year were **Rob Beecroft & Gordy Bean**, Second were **Gary Nordstrom**, **Martin Spriggs & Roger Boothroyd**, Third were **Dave Horner & Gary Gronow**. Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**.

TRIALS SCHOOL

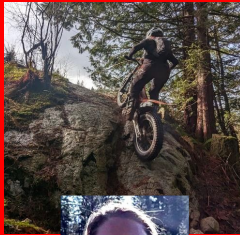
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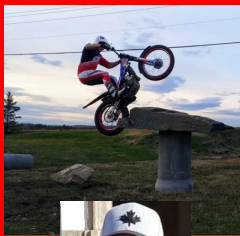
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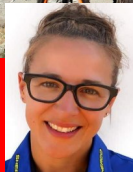
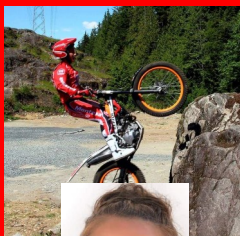
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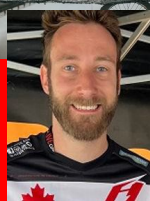
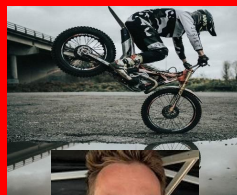
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11x North American Champion



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Jennifer Dickson
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CMA Expert Champion
2022



The members of the 2023
Canadian Trial des Nations Team
are putting on a Trials School to raise
money for their trip to Auron, France in
September.

VMC property, 4192 Happy Valley Road
When:- July 8 & 9, 2023

\$100 per rider per day

Lunch Provided

Beginner, Junior, Intermediate and
Advanced Levels - 16+

10am - 4pm

Sign in - 9:30am

Pre-registration required

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← **COACHES** →



Sean Bird Port Coquitlam, B.C.
CMA Pro Champion 2021