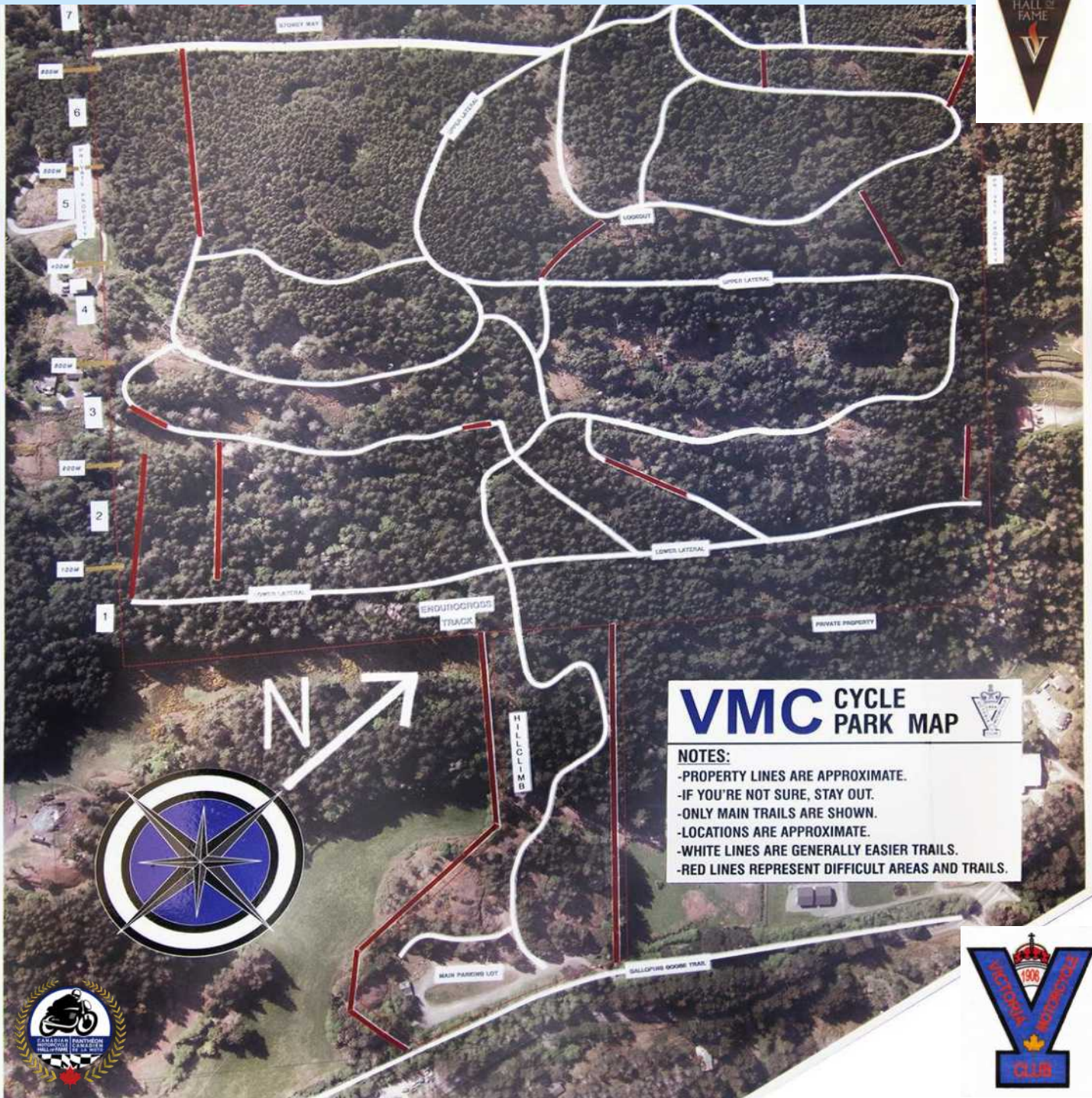


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Created by members **Ben Hircok** and **Dave McCullough**, the picture on the front page is an aerial view of Cycle Park, the property owned by the Victoria Motorcycle Club. The 160 acres on the mountainside, was purchased in 1962 and was land locked with access only by the generosity of a neighbour. However, there were no houses up top so riders were able to use a lot of that property for events and to make their way to the Sooke Road and beyond. We are now totally surrounded by housing with no access to that “beyond.”

The second purchase of the adjacent 12 acres was purchased in 1968 and allowed members private access to the whole 172 acres. Since purchasing, the club has shared a short section of the neighbour’s driveway where it crossed the CNR track (now Galloping Goose Trail.) In the early years, the club had to pay a fee to the CNR for the right to cross the tracks but that was eventually eliminated when the tracks were taken up.

The map shows approximate main trail locations. Several trails are difficult and none are rated by any formal system, some leading to steep cliffs or other hazards. Riders must use their own discretion as to their own abilities to determine which trails (if any) to ride. There are also many, many trails not shown on this map. Always ride with a buddy and never ride without someone having knowledge of the area before you are comfortable with knowing your own abilities and how to navigate the VMC property. All riders ride at their own risk.

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Many, many hours and even days of volunteer work have been put in to build and maintain this riding oasis with, this year, a new pavilion being erected to replace the old club house that burned in December 2021.

Using lumber milled on our property, member **Mike Hornick** has been the lead on this project. When finished it will be the shelter for event sign up and to keep out of the rain (?). We thank **Mike** and all other volunteers for the many hours of work that has taken place.

Aside from now being one of the entrance requirements, volunteering some time is educational, often good fitness, and a fun way to become more a part of this club that we all enjoy. Volunteering to help on one of the events is the best way to get to know people and to help make a good name for yourself, along with making the event a success. Check the Events section on our website to find upcoming events and then contact the organizer listed on the poster, or attend a meeting to offer to help out.

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



New CZ "Falta Replica" 250/400 Motocross

Designed from Jiroslav Falta's G.P. winning machine

JIROSLAV FALTA
Named the Falta Replica the new CZ Motocross machine has been performed (RVA) that ridden by Jiroslav Falta, second in the 1960 World Championship Motocross series.

Specifications	250	400
Engine	250 cc, 4 stroke, 2 valve	400 cc, 4 stroke, 2 valve
Power & Torque	15.5 hp @ 7000 rpm	22.5 hp @ 7000 rpm
Compression ratio	14.0:1	14.0:1
Carburettor	2x 38 mm	2x 42 mm
Transmission	5 speed	5 speed
Final Drive	Chain drive	Chain drive
Frame	Steel	Steel
Weight	135 kg (dry)	155 kg (dry)
Seat Height	860 mm	860 mm
Price	From \$2199	From \$2499
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SPECIAL FEATURES

1. RIDGELESS ALLOY FRIMS: New ridgeless alloy rims reduce unsprung weight by eliminating dirt and mud build-up.
2. NEW AIR SHOCK SYSTEM: Newly designed rear air shocks are light in weight, allow infinite adjustment for any track conditions and are easily maintained.
3. NEW LIGHTWEIGHT IGNITION: The 250 cc Motocross features a new lightweight ignition with higher rpm and an extremely responsive throttle.



BSA EMPIRE STAR

The Masterpiece of the Industry

You know you are getting old
When everything either dries up or
leaks !!





CLUB NEWZ

As of Thursday, June 8th, the top part of the club property above the enduro course was closed to riding due to a risk of fire and the Metchosin Fire District initiating a campfire ban. This area has a lot of long grass and a spark could set it off with devastating results. Anyone caught riding this area while closed could face a one year suspension from club activities including property access. The club thanks you for acknowledging this closure. It will open once there is enough moisture to dampen the fire risk.

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A celebration of life took place on Wednesday, June 7th for former member **George Apted**. It was held at the South Vancouver Island Rangers on Luxton Road. **George** passed away in January while holidaying on the Mexican Baja. He was very well known for his painting and pinstriping skills and the hall was filled with many hot rod and car people as well as family, friends and several VMC members. There was to be an Apted Trial in June but it was postponed due to the fire closure.



George's Pinstriping Handiwork.

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On June 11th, three life members, **Gary Nordstrom, Bob Wormald and Roger Boothroyd** accompanied member **Erick Holmes** to the property on their dual sport bikes. We rode up to the lower lateral trail, parked the bikes and hiked up to an area that **Erick's** dad **Allan** had helped to build a trail several years ago. It was here that **Erick** dug a hole to place **Allan's** ashes in memory of his Dad who passed away last January. Rest in Peace **Allan**

Roger, Erick & Bob. Photo by Gary Nordstrom.

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Congratulations to member **Trystan Hart** who had another podium finish in the 2023 Red Bull Erzberg Rodeo held in Austria on June 11th. **Hart** finished third at the Erzberg Rodeo for the second year in a row. The VMC member led early and put up a good fight but a few mistakes caused him to burn up energy and lose touch with **Manuel Lettenbichler** and **Billy Bolt**. **Lettenbichler**, who placed first, finished in 02:31:15, second place **Bolt** finished in 02:42:15 while **Hart** finished in 02:57:09.



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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Pictures of Pavilion and Power shed progress taken the first week of June.



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Another video from member **Graham Turner**. I decided to go over to Chilliwack a couple of weekends ago to do this race - the Piston Run 2023. Not my favourite type of trails (not enough gnarly stuff for me !!), but assumed I'd finish somewhere mid-field. HA HA !! Apparently I was too optimistic by far approx. 1 hr.

<https://youtu.be/Z2j57HX5moo>

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I received an email from a member in June regarding an article he'd seen on a vintage motorcycle Facebook page that could relate to all bikes. Thieves put small tracking devices on bikes and trucks and trailers that are at events so they can track them home and steal the bikes at a later date! Pretty nasty.

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Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting

held on June 15, 2023, at Perry Chow's residence common room

Condensed For Publication This was the sixth 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, Mike Hornick**
Past President: **Ben Hircock** (effective due to the passing of **Dan McLaren**)

Also in attendance were; members **Peter Smither** of the new Website committee, **Klaus Krey & Tony Wilson** of the Trail Maintenance Committee and **Ellen Voermans** standing for the Membership Committee
Chairperson opening.

Absent; Directors **Jordan McFarlane** (work), **Justin Roach** (family), **Nick Newton** (racing) and new website committee member **Bobbi Bjornholt** (illness).

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:08 PM.

Topics discussed:

- 1) **Dave Horner**; Trials des Nations Fundraiser trials school at VMC Cycle Park:
- Question posed by VMC member and TdN competitor **Melissa Andrist**;
- 2) **Dave Horner**; new topic raised by Sec. **Grant** about name plaques for placement on posts of the new Memorial Pavilion;
- 3) **Dave Horner**; Fire Ban at Cycle Park;
- 4) **Dave Horner**; on **Dave McCullough's** request to hold an fundraising event on the EnduroCross track on July 30th in support of **Jeff & Ashley Goodwin's** daughter **Colbey**.
- 5) **Dave Horner**; announced the sudden passing of **Art Watson**, father of member **Andrew Watson** and a long-time supporter of the VMC.
- 6) **Dave Horner**; introduced **Ellen Voermans** volunteering to take on the duty's as



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Membership Committee Chairperson:

7) **Dave Horner** called on **Klaus Kreye & Tony Wilson** for an update from the Trail Maintenance Committee:

Related that member **Matt Loken** was able to secure the loan of a new mini excavator loaned by **Sunbelt Equipment Rentals**. **Peter** to reach out to **Matt** and send a Thank You card to Sunbelt.

Klaus provided an overview on how they proposed to move forward with ongoing trail repairs and upgrades and emergency access.

8) **Dave Horner** provided an update on BC Hydro installation at Cycle Park:

9) **Dave Horner** and **Mike Hornick** provide an update on Memorial Pavilion construction.

10) **Brent Donaldson** spoke briefly on further milling of cut logs into timbers and lumber.

11) **Ben Hircock** (on **Dan McLaren's** passing, **Ben** is again our Past President) He spoke briefly on the news issued by the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC leadership (ORCBC) about the Province of BC's (government) announcement of the creation and funding of the new 'Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC'.

12) Sec. **Grant** reviewed two pieces of correspondence:

i) Reviewed a letter received back from member **Dan Charboneau** in response, on the new business enterprise

KAVE Storage offering mini self-store units for rent on private land.

ii) a letter received from **Don McCormick** of the Duncan Business Improvement Association's upcoming

Motorcycle Show and Shine scheduled for July 15th.

13) **Peter Smither**; on new Website development and Membership requirements:

- Communicating work-duty tasks and tracking capabilities.

- Need to be prepared and operating in time for Dues Renewal time - November 1st.

14) **Perry Chow** presented Treasurers Report and Investment Review:

Moved **Dave Fair**, seconded **Mike Hornick**.

Next Regular Club Meeting including (six) new member introduction.

Tuesday June 20th, 7:30 at Barnes Harley-Davidson

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Oh Crap Corner !



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- Terra Nova Enduro 1980. Starting at the Cowichan Community Centre -this picture surfaced in a collection of photos I have - photographer unknown. From left to right:- **Dan McLaren** (RIP), former member **Dave Clement**, rider leaning on the bars unknown, **George Lohrmann** (RIP), standing is former member **Frank LaFace**, non-member **Paul Boothroyd**, **Dave Titterton** (RIP) and **Len Orrico**. Winner of the event this year was multi-winner **Brad Skreen** from Portland, Oregon on a Montesa, second was **Tom Young** also from Portland and on Montesa. Third was former VMC member **Ron Wilson** on Bultaco. There were 47 entries, 19 finishers and the balance DNF. **Skreen** won with 25 points and the 19th finisher had 489

points. Info from **Gary Nordstrom's** Terra Nova records.

Note the dark clouds in the background — probably was a wet one !!!

VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Mitchell

A 50cc four-cylinder two-stroke built by Duncan Mitchell of Moto Decla, Stevenage, in the early 1960s. The engine was designed by Eric Fitz-Hugh some years earlier and further developed by Mitchel, an experienced 50cc frame constructor, who also built a 5 speed gearbox for the machine. With a bore and stroke of 25.3 x 25mm, each cylinder has a capacity of 12cc. The machine was not completed due, it is said, to financial constrictions. It now resides in **Sammy Miller's** Museum.



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?? MYSTERY MOTOR ??



Anzani was an engine manufacturer founded by Alessandro Anzani (1877-1956) in 1907 in France. Throughout its 73-year history, the company produced engines for aircraft, automobiles, boats, and motorcycles in factories in Britain, Italy, and France.

Alessandro's early designs included a 25 horsepower (18.6 kilowatt), three-cylinder motorcycle engine that in 1909 powered one of Sikorsky's first helicopters. The copter failed to fly due to a lack of power and a better understanding of the dynamics of helicopter design. Sikorsky went on to be a huge innovator in helicopters, producing the first operable American helicopter in 1939.

In 1913 Anzani had seven different aircraft engines available, one of which was a two-row 10 cylinder radial. in 1906 he built a motorcycle with a propeller.



The bike here was specially designed to create a large slipstream for its rider and is equipped with what was then a powerful v-twin motor.

I find that interesting as the cylindrical copper fuel/oil tank looks pretty uncomfortable with its flat end. If the rider was to lay down upon it while racing, it seems as if it would hurt. If the "slipstream" is at the end of the tank, the rider seems to have had to crunch into a fetal position to race this bike. See where the handlebars stretch back to the end of the tank? That seems to have been the concept. Were there chiropractors in 1925? Ed.

Note:- From BikerMetric.com

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Director **Brent Donaldson** has had some aluminum signs made up which will be posted in the appropriate places throughout the property.

If you go beyond the Boundary sign you will be on private property - please heed the warnings.

Thanks to **Brent**.



Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - held on June 20, 2023
at Barnes Harley-Davidson - prepared by Sec. **Peter Grant**

This was the sixth Regular 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, Jordan McFarlane,**
Justin Roach, Mike Hornick, Nick Newton



Committee Chairs present included: **Roger Boothroyd** - Newsletter Ed., **Pete Smither**-new Website, and **Tony Wilson**-Trail Maintenance Committee Co-Chair and **Ellen Voermans** standing for the Membership Committee Chairperson position.

WELCOME:- The meeting, 'al fresco' (open air) was called to order by the President Dave Horner at 7:29 PM.

1) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 05/16/23.

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

2) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the prior weeks Executive Monthly Meeting of 06/15/23.

- **Brent Donaldson** moved those minutes be adopted as read, seconded by **Mike Hornick**, Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

3) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** provided more info on the Fire Ban, its history and the penalty which remains in place at Cycle Park's upper 160 acres.

- Warning signs have been erected at upper and lower entry points.

- All riding activities above the Enduro Cross track remain halted. Anyone found riding in out-of-bounds areas will be subject to a one-year suspension.

- Back-Pack fire suppression units have been filled and distributed around lower property.

- Large water totes have been filled.

- If extreme heat and dry returns our entire property could be closed.

4) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** showed a sample of new signs ready to be placed along property boundaries.

- '**Property Boundary - Respect our Neighbors**'. If you see this sign you are getting to close.

5) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** provided an update on three (3) New Member Orientation Sessions held in May with 35 (of 46) new members attending.

- Eleven new members still to go through Orientation session to become qualified to receive a Gate Key.

- **Brent** will schedule two more sessions, dates TBD in July.

6) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** requested a Call for Volunteers;

- to assist operating a BBQ to provide a sponsored lunch for the Trials de Nations 'Fundraiser Trials Schools' scheduled for July 8th & 9th.

7) Pres. **Horner** called on Dir. **Mike Hornick** to provide an update on the Memorial Pavilion construction.

- Initial concrete works completed; forms stripped. Backfilling almost complete.

- Posts stained and ready to be erected. - Hardy-Panel to be ordered, 'Blue & White'.

- Electrical Power Shed concrete slab poured and framing up.

- Ready for trenching for conduit for power, water and comm's to pavilion.

8) Pres. **Horner** provided a brief update on the delay on BC Hydro's installation due to legal issue.

- Lawyers were to have completed the correction this week. **Dave** will contact **Murray Anderson**.

- update on the Powered Gate project - dependent on BC Hydro project.

9) **Peter Smither** provided his update on new website creation

- Reviewed the attributes, added functionality and new automation.

- Need to go through page-by-page with Sec. Grant to review and polish content and dial-in the layout.

- Two to three months to polish this.

10) Pres. **Horner** introduced **Ellen Voermans** standing for the open position of Membership Committee Chairperson.

- Originally from California, 41+ year MX competitor, **Ellen** is currently the membership coordinator for AHRMA's N/W division.

- **Ellen** resides in Saanich and is the long-time partner of Director **Gary Gronow**.

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- It is proposed that **Ellen** be admitted as an Honorary Member (member #476) of the VMC. To be put to a vote at our next Regular monthly meeting.
- By unanimous vote **Ellen** was admitted to the VMC as an Honorary Member.
- 11) Treasurer Chow** provided a report on changes to our insurance coverage;
 - Short term contractors coverage was added for Memorial Pavilion construction.
 - General liability coverage renewed on a shortened term, to allow O&D policy and General Policy to renew next year under one blanket policy. Reduced premium is reflected.
- 12) Treasurers Report:** review of current financial status as of May June 10th.
 - Income and Expenses lines detailed. Misc. income mostly from Gate Key sales (deposits).
 - Cash Holdings and term deposits detailed.
 - Overall, we are tracking as budgeted, with our expenses running ahead of income this year as projected due to the number of property improvement projects currently underway. We have the resources available to cover the cash-flow shortfall.
 - Sec. **Grant** moved we accept report as read, seconded by **Chris Hall**, Approved.
- 13) Pres. Horner** introduced four new members in attendance that were unable to attend the May 16th meeting for Mass Induction: Each candidate for membership was asked to stand and introduce themselves:
 - Candidates For Membership listed in alphabetical order are:
 - **Dylan Abernethy**, Active Member ▪ **Rob Abernethy**, Active Member ▪ **Harley Gorda**, Junior Member (with father **Brent**) ▪ **Elliot Smith**, Active Member
 - Pres. **Horner** asked the new members (including **Ellen Voermans**) to stand as the Aims and Objects of the VMC were read aloud. Welcome to the club.
 - Sec. **Grant** informed the new members to sign the Sign In sheet and reminded all to Sign In whenever they attend a monthly meeting.
 - Sec. **Grant** (as Interim Membership Chair) related that two May new members still needed to complete this formality, **Branden Petrie** and **Alex Walton**. Both are away from Vancouver Island for work.
 - and these new members did not attend any of the initial orientation sessions scheduled, to be contacted and asked to select from one or two alternate dates TBD:
 - o **Dylan Abernethy**, Active Member
 - o **Rob Abernethy**, Active Member
 - o **Harley Gorda**, Junior member (optional, under mentorship from Father Brent)
 - o **Emily Homuth**, Active Member
 - o **Cole Latiff**-Active Member
 - o **Lindsay Oien**, Active Member
 - o **Reuben Mitchell**, Active Member
 - o **Branden Petrie**, Active Member (out of town for an extended period)
 - o **Elliot Smith**, Active Member (working in Vancouver)
 - o **John Vowles**, Active Member
 - o **Alex Walton**, Active Member (working in Vancouver)

Director **Brent Donaldson** confirmed there are no other new members still to attend an orientation session.

NEW BUSINESS:

14) Past Events:

- Victoria Day Parade, again organized by **Rick Kool** with trials and street bikes we received excellent TV coverage and was hugely popular with the public. See CHEK TV's coverage here:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/IrJQwql3Noo?feature=share&t=4539>
- Nuts In May, report by **Roger Boothroyd**: Organized by **Graham Turner** on May 28th, 15 riders entered and \$165 raised. Winner was **Erick Holmes**

15) UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Apted Trial has been POSTPONED to a date TBD due to Fire Ban.
- Canada Day Dual Sport Ride - No Committee. Volunteers should contact **Dave Horner**.
- Trials de Nations, Trials School fundraiser, July 8th & 9th organized by Team TdN.

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and others. See website for details.

- Boomer Trial, July 16th, on lower property only, organized by **Dave Fair & Gary Gronow**. Vintage/Twin shock bikes only, details TBD.
- Show & Shine & Swap, July 23rd - need Committee (**Brent** is swamped and tapped out).
- Poker Run RR, July 30th - No Committee.
- The Decent Enduro-Cross, July 30th, organized by **Dave McCullough**.
 - Expert/Amateur/Ladies classes.
 - OK to run only under controlled conditions with limited entries (60 max). May be cancelled if Fire Risk Hazard does not increase further.
 - Fundraiser for member **Jeff Goodwin**, to benefit his daughter **Colbey** and assist with her treatment and parents' accommodation and travel costs.
 - Two event workdays are scheduled, July 8th and 23rd to prep the E-X track, clear & remove underbrush piles, remove Broom, water track and surrounding terrain and recharge all water totes. Contact **Dave McCullough** to help.
 - OK'd to purchase two new Broom Puller tools.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

16) Mike Hornick reported on a new listing of a 147.7 ac Property for Sale near Shawnigan Lake/Burnt Bridge area.

- \$899,000 listing
- Dissected parcel, both sides of Koksilah River. S/S has been partially logged.
- If no insurmountable hurdles and enough interest from Members, may do a member fund-drive to raise the purchase price.
- Lengthy discussion on Pros & Cons followed.
- **Dave Horner** knows the property and the seller, will speak with **Turk Perepalkin** and make some inquiries.

17) Next Regular Club Meeting:

- Tuesday July 18, 7:30 pm, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria.

18) Next Executive Meeting:

- Not scheduled

ADJOURN:-

- On a motion by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Mike Hornick** the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Major Trial 1957 Brian "Shorty" Orr

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of former member Brian (Shorty) Orr. Brian passed away on June 27th after a lengthy illness.

He was an active member in the 50's and 60's enjoying all activities of the club.

On behalf of the VMC our sincere condolences to his family.



The
VICTORIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB
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John Boomer Gronow (RIP)
Photo by Roger Boothroyd

BOOMER TRIAL

(IN MEMORY OF JOHN "BOOMER" GRONOW)

PLUS A

SHOW 'N' SHINE

CYCLE PARK

4192 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD

JULY 16, 2023

SIGN UP - 9:00 AM

RIDE - 10 AM

**VINTAGE TWIN SHOCK BIKES
ONLY**

**NON-MEMBERS
WELCOME**

**FUN TRADITIONAL SECTIONS
EMPHASIS ON FUN**

**Lower Parking Lot
Only
No Entry Fee**

**SPECTATORS
WELCOME**

**FREE ADMISSION
NO CONCESSION**

**BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS
&
SANDWICHES**

**INFO :-DAVE FAIR
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**Show 'n' Shine
Bring what you have
No Entry Fee
No Prizes
A Fun Event**

