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Forty-eight years ago, my old pal **Gary Nordstrom** and I were on our way to the first FIM trial in Canada. The idea of a world round belonged to **Ron Mallett**, President of the Calgary club who “conned” Outlaw **Dave Rhodes** into organizing it in Bragg Creek, Alberta. We went with the intention of “watching” some of the best in the world but upon arrival at the campground, we were greeted by some of the Vancouver riders—**Bob Todosychuk, Pete Matheson** et. al, and they said “you’ve gotta enter!” This we did by paying for the entry and a FIM day licence. We were ready to go except for the need of number plates - which we made from the plastic kitchen drain board from my camper.

As a promotion, Champion Gold Paladium plugs were given to the riders and whoever won the event with one of these plugs received an award. Unfortunately, my 1975 Yamaha TY 250 didn’t like that plug so I switched back to an NGK and it ran fine even at higher altitudes which took us to the 6000 foot range.

The next morning the “fun” began with check #1 in the creek near the campground. While waiting for our turn, we watched the “best” and they weren’t doing well. In fact, I think **Mick Andrews** (pictured above) was one of the only ones who got out of that creek with three points. That did not bode well for **Gary** and **me** ! Our first of quite a few “fives” started at that check but we carried on.

The fifty mile loop was definitely a challenge as were many of the checks.

Memories are fading but two of my specific memories were of **Malcolm Rathmell** with his Montesa on it’s side on a steep uphill, changing the jetting.

The other was a check in the middle of the muskeg.

Stakes were driven in about twenty feet apart for the start

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and the same for the exit which was at the end of the muskeg. You had to make it through anyway you could. I watched **Martin Lampkin** go through weaving his way so as not to get stuck in anyone else's rut. There was a rooster tail coming off the back of his Bultaco 350 that was twenty feet high. He made it look easy !

On my first attempt I didn't even make it to the entry so tried again and finally made it by paddling all the way through. Same with **Gary** however, the best Canadian score at the end of the event was by our own **Gary Nordstrom** beating out all other Canadians.

The picture on page one is **Mick Andrews** on his Yamaha special in check #1. The picture was taken by **Harlow Rankin** who was responsible for forming the original ATRA (Alberta Trail Riding Association). He has both competed and promoted all motorcycle sport with his reports and photographs. He now lives in Nanaimo and has attended some of our trials as a spectator.

Results of the event:- 1st **Martin Lampkin (RIP)**, 2nd **Yrjo Vesterinen**, 3rd **Malcolm Rathmell**.

I have been producing this newsletter for 21 years. It is written with the intention of keeping members up to date as best I can with a few articles/pictures thrown in to, hopefully, be of interest. As this is "your" newsletter, it would be appreciated if some of the members could send me articles of a motorcycle or club nature that I could include. To those that have done so in the past - thank you. *Roger*



CLUB NEWZ

It was another "battle" between the top three enduro riders as member **Trystan Hart** ended up in third place in the Outliers Hard Enduro in Alberta on the last weekend in August. **Manny Lettenbickler** was in the top spot while **Billy Bolt** was second. Congratulations **Trystan**.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of former member **Mark Banfield** in mid August after battling a lengthy illness at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital. **Mark** joined the VMC in May of 2003 and soon became a member of the "Geritol II" group who were instrumental in cutting, clearing and maintenance of many trails in the Boyd's Pit and Tansky areas.

He always enjoyed a ride in the bush or on the road and the camaraderie between friends. **Mark** was "fastidious" about both his off road bike and his road bike as each looked like they belonged in a show room. On behalf of the Victoria Motorcycle Club, our sincere condolences to his family.

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Recently while researching for an article, I found a well written piece on the Canadian Biker Magazine website ([Victoria Motorcycle Club : 100 Years on The Throttle \(cdnbkr.ca\)](http://Victoria Motorcycle Club : 100 Years on The Throttle (cdnbkr.ca))) It's a great read and was about the book "The VMC—the First 100 Years" produced by **Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom, Barb Lohrmann** and yours truly, **Roger Boothroyd**. We sold out all that we had printed but if there is enough interest, we would consider having more redone. If you would like one and want to be put on a list, email **Gary** at gary.nordstrom@shaw.ca or **Roger** at rkbotts965@gmail.com If we receive enough requests then a reprint will be considered. All monies back to the club.



VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Kreidler

Alfred Kreidler began building 50cc twostrokes in 1950, having re-established his father's Stuttgart factory after war's end in 1945. The last real Kreidlers were built in 1983, although Garelli produced some mopeds in 1988 with a Kreidler badge, and a Dutchman was still producing small numbers of special order Floretts after 2000.



Kreidler was very active in competition, and his speed record machine, The Cigar, had considerable success. The firm dominated 50cc GP World Championship racing in the 1970s and 80s, taking the title 8 times.

Their road-going machines were highly regarded and sold very well despite their relatively high price. The Kreidler Florette was not very sporting in appearance, but

performed well and was known for its reliability.

There is an excellent brief history of the marque at [Maarten's Kreidler Club](#).



JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN IT ALL !



Daycare Transportation



Family Transportation

100 years ago most people owned a horse and only the rich could afford a car.

Now most people own a car and only the rich can afford a horse !!





He who hesitates is probably doing the right thing !

NAME THE RIDER



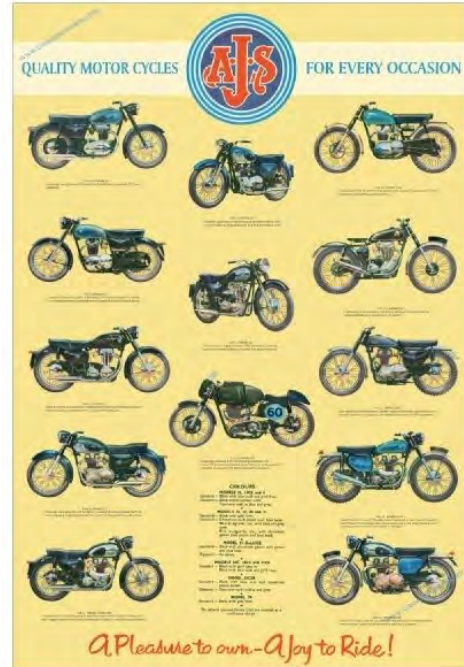
Barry Steven Frank Sheene - Member of the Order of the British Empire (11 September 1950 - 10 March 2003) was a British professional [motorcycle racer](#). He competed in [Grand Prix motorcycle racing](#) and was a two-time [world champion](#), winning consecutive 500cc titles in [1976](#) and [1977](#) for [Suzuki](#). He was the first 500cc champion from the Japanese marque, and remains the only person to win more than one championship on a Suzuki. He was the first as well as the only non-Yamaha rider to win a [Formula 750](#) championship. ^{[1][2][3][4][5]}

Sheene's 1977 title remained as Britain's last solo motorcycle world championship until [Danny Kent](#) in [2015](#) in the [Moto3](#) category.^[6] However, Sheene is still the last British champion in the premier class.^[7]

After a racing career stretching from 1968 to 1984 he retired from competition and relocated to [Australia](#), working as a [motorsport commentator](#) and [property developer](#).

From Wikipedia - [Barry Sheene - Wikipedia](#)

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



Century Run Road Ride X2 - by Gary Nordstrom

The genesis of this event came out of two things: an annual ride I take with my son-in-law's father and the fact that this summer, the VMC membership would host only ONE road ride!! (Thank you Graham Turner). Unthinkable!!

So, as my friend and I enjoyed the ride around the Pacific Marine Highway, I jotted down mileages in case I could muster up the strength in my frail, pacemakered body for one more effort. Our Geritol 2 numbers are dwindling as you know, and even the great event sponsor, **Dave Shepherd** (RIP) eventually had to step aside due to old age.

My good buddy **Roger Boothroyd**, the newsletter guy, threw his weight behind the idea. I cobbled together a route sheet and hoped riders would show support. Well, riders did make it worth my while. 15 bikes and 3 with passengers—GREAT!

I added 2 new classes: 250cc and Collector (bikes older than 25 years). No 250's appeared but 5 old bikes were in the mix. Four non-members joined us, thanks to **Roger's** advertising.

The weather was perfect as we pulled out from the Timmy's on Jacklin Rd. An accident between a mini van and an Amazon delivery van had just occurred near Saseenos. The drivers were exiting their vehicles to survey the damage as I scooted through.

Traffic north of Sooke thinned out a bit, but Sunday drivers always have been a bit of a bother, but then I suppose speeding motorcycles are a bother too.

First stop was at Jordan River Campsite where, by coincidence, the Cops For Cancer cyclists were assembled on the driftwood for a group photograph. And there, using a longstanding Terra Nova tradition, **Jan Orrico** handed out her famous, delicious cookies for our incoming riders. Many thanks to the **Orricos!**

After the China Beach turnoff, the road gets "choppy"—breathtakingly rough in unpredictable places, and here is **Martin Spriggs** on his 1947 Velocette with SOLID rear suspension, his back protected only by seat springs and tire depth. He persevered through to the end!



Gary Nordstrom giving his riders meeting
Russ Blow and **Bruce Taylor** in background
Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**

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Century Run X2 Continued.

As I approached the Sombrio River Bailey Bridge, from my limited vantage point, I failed to notice that a car was already occupying the single lane so I had to squeeze through by inches a bonehead move by me!

At the Port Renfrew gas station, speedo readings were recorded and some headed into “town” for lunch. Others carried on to Lake Cowichan for lunch there. The road continues to have its bumps but it is a terrific ride of sweeping turns passing Fairy and Lizard Lakes and gaining altitude which rewarded us with much warmer temperatures. (My favourite section is the one with the tight turns and steep uphill ...you know which one I am talking about.)

Russell Blow joined me at the A&W where bikini-clad girls carrying inner tubes passed by. Then the **Kenco Crew** rode by, so with a quick swallow, I was off to try to keep ahead of them. Little did I know that **Bruce Taylor**, on his handsome old Ducati 750 rode the whole event without stopping, so there was no chance of me being first to the finish line to collect his route sheets.

Somewhere after lunch, **Ron Foster**, riding his mid 60's Yamaha 250 twin joined the **Roger** and **Martin** duo. He must have known that they would be travelling through his 'hood'. So here we have three Brit-born buddies breathing the aromatic fumes of a 2-stroke. We did get a 250 into the event! The route followed backroads to keep the speed down and the sightseeing opportunities up. We travelled the Old Cowichan Lake Rd, followed by a pass through Duncan and then a winding road to the wooden bridge and narrow trestle underpass at Cowichan Station. Then, we found our way to “downtown” Shawnigan Lake and finally to the “Hat” which was full of Sunday traffic returning to Victoria. So it became a stop and coast event starting just above Aspen Road! By this time, it was stinking hot. I even stuck the bike in neutral and coasted and footed along. Some bikers used the “right” lane! Not a comfortable time.

Ah, but later on we discovered that two of our couples who live on the Duncan side, weary from the heat and saddle sore could not resist the call of beer in the fridge, thus missing the traffic jam and cutting for home—probably a wise choice.

At the finish, Westshore Parkway's Shell, survivors began appearing with crumpled route sheets complete and corrected...or not. Five hours and 230 km,— time well spent I venture to say, since I was not strung up on the spot by an angry mob.

But what about the winners, those whose 5 entries were closest to my recordings? **Russell Blow** wins the day with a variance of a mere 1.2kms. **Kelly Nordstrom** was second with 2.2kms and non-member **Kirk Hesketh** was third with 5.5kms. Full results are posted on the VMC Website. Regarding those riding 25+ year old bikes, first was **Russell Blow** on his tidy and well ridden 1978 BMW 1000, second was **Bruce Taylor** on his 1990 Ducati 750 and third was **Martin Spriggs** on his 1947 Velocette 350KSS, a thing of beauty for sure. Many thanks to **Roger** who was a big help making this Century Ride a success.

Finally a request: We need someone to run this event next year. It could (maybe should) be run in the opposite direction, thus avoiding the Malahat traffic jam. I can help in this effort. Please step up, especially if you are less than 78 years of age. Contact me at gnordstrom@shaw.ca Thanks *Gary Nordstrom.*



Riders prepare for the ride
Photo by **Roger Boothroyd**

IN MEMORIAM



We were sorry to hear of the passing of former member **Glen Berryman** on August 9th. **Glen** was active during the 60's and early 70's in trials, road rides and volunteering to help in cross country events. He retired to Osoyoos after working at the dockyard for many years. **Glen** attended the Victoria Motorcycle Club's reunion at the Cedar Hill Golf course in 2009. On behalf of the VMC our condolences to his family.



CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- Souvenir from the 1975 Terra Nova Enduro. For a few years it was customary to present a souvenir to participating riders in this event. This comic map of the course showed that there were 57 entries and I placed 8th overall. It even has some of the trails with names that carried on through the years.

Kenny Roberts Indy Mile When “King Kenny” says “they don’t pay me enough to ride that thing” it must be fast !!

In 1975 **Kenny Roberts** won the Indy Mile riding the legendary Yamaha TZ750 flat tracker - a bike so powerful that it was soon banned by the AMA. Stunning footage as **Kenny** rides the old bike again, and look out for the original clip as the Yamaha starts last and gradually reels the pack in...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgO-3WCjiYo>

The following is an article in the October edition of Cycle World in 1976. Castle Rock, Oregon - October 1976

<https://magazine.cycleworld.com/article/1976/10/1/race-watch>

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Scary stuff on the race track - copy and paste in your browser <https://pin.it/7ya9yxV>

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Ever dreamt of racing the Isle of Mann TT - this video may change your mind Or not !!

This Video IS NOT Sped Up - TT IoM Lap Record

Even if you were pushing maybe 50% as hard as this lap... the fitness level & strength required is off the charts. To push a bike this hard for this long is an incredible feat of endurance athletics, aside from the sheer mental fortitude required to retain focus and execution. It's just astonishing really

2023 WINNER PETER HICKMAN SET AN ALL TIME RECORD FOR THE RACE OF 136.358 MPH IN 16:36.16 MIM.

In 1957, Bob McIntyre became the first rider ever to lap the Mountain circuit at just over 100mph, (101.12) much to the annoyance of Duke who came agonisingly close two years before when he lapped at 99.97mph.

In 1982 Joe Dunlop set the lap record @ 123.87 However Ron Haslam won the 1982 IOM with a winning speed of 113.33 mph

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r85eO_VDEJI

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Back to School Opportunity! Member **Blake Sharples** sent the following:-

Why not continue learning with Trials riding!

Free course from Trials Progression for the month of September!

Learn to Nose wheelie! Great step by step instructions, with how to videos.

Learn in the correct steps for better safety and progress

Features National level rider, **Sam Fastle**, step by step coaching with **Tom Trantow**.

Why not Increase your skill and fun on the bike? Link below to website

[Trials Progression](#)

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**The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time,
But also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment !**

This is a Hillclimb you want to see !!
[Impossible Hill Climb Arette - Rocket Dirt Bike Race - 2023 - YouTube](#)

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A good report from the Canadian Motorcycle Association of the team efforts at the 2023 Trials des Nations.
[TDN 2023 Team Report \(motorcyclingcanada.ca\)](#)



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Rocky Mountain Motogiro Sept 9 & 10, 2023 - by Gary Nordstrom

The Motogiro committee put on their tenth annual event in Nakusp, deep in the mountains of the West Kootenays on a warm and sunny September weekend. The island was well represented by **Martin Spriggs** (NSU 250), **Ron Foster** (Yamaha 250 twin), **Richard Levert** (Honda 250 twin) and myself (Yamaha DT1 175).

Day 1 (30 competitors) was the 300 km tour from Nakusp, to lunch at Nelson, followed by a gas stop in Kaslo and a curvy pass over to New Denver, ending at home base. That distance on bikes older than 1970 and no larger than 250 cc's can be quite a chore, buzzing along for 5+ hours at modern speeds. We survived the winding roads without incident.

Day 2 was the hillclimb (24 competitors): a 10 km section of the paved mountain road to Nakusp Hot Springs. Committee chair, **Jim Kelsall**, manages each year to get official permission to close the public road for periods of 20 minutes to conduct flat out heats of up to 6 riders. This year, one rider slid out on a hairpin corner and ended up in Trail's hospital for foot surgery. The rest of us had a blast!

Two categories were competed for: fastest time and most consistent time for 2 heats. The hill record was broken by a young fellow on a Ducati 250 in a pass of only 5 minutes, 51 seconds. That is averaging over 100kph! Victoria's **Richard Levert**, a VMC member some years ago, put in a fast lap in the 6 minute range, winning the Most Improved Rider.

The Constellation Class (consistency) was hotly contested by our own club guys, with **Martin Spriggs** third with a difference of 5.5 seconds, multi year Terra Nova committee guy, **Ron Foster** (Duncan) second with 1.8 seconds and me, first with 1.4 seconds!

Trophy presentation were done on Sunday evening and the lucky ones took home handmade hardware featuring motorcycle parts. This event's success is due to the work of many volunteers.

Preparations are already in progress for next year's competition.



L—R Gary Nordstrom, Martin Spriggs & Ron Foster



Gary's Trophy

Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting
held on September 14, 2023, at Perry Chow's residence common room
Condensed For Publication



This was the eighth 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, Jordan McFarlane**
Absent were; Directors **Dave Fair, Gary Gronow, Mike Hornick, Justin Roach** and **Nick Newton** and (new/old) Past President **Ben Hircock**. Also unable to attend were members **Peter Smither** and **Bobbi Bjornholt**-new Website committee and **Ellen Voermans**-Membership Chair.

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:11 PM. Reading of previous meeting minutes was waived. As no quorum was present no motions were tabled.

Topics discussed:

- 1) Sec. **Peter Grant**; informed those present that *he will not stand for re-election to the Executive for 2024.* Now retired he and partner/wife **Terrie** plan on travelling throughout the coming year.
- 2) Pres. **Dave Horner**; reviewed progress towards removal of the charge on title against the lower portion of Cycle Park property. This charge is delaying the BC Hydro installation:
- 3) Sec. **Grant**; reported on **Brent Donaldson's** efforts in securing approval of 'permissive' General Tax Exemption 2023 #689, for 2024 from District of Metchosin.
- 4) Director **Brent Donaldson** reported on preparations for upcoming VMC's Historic Hill Climb on Oct. 1st:
- 5) Sec. **Grant** provided an update on New Website project:
- 6) Sec. **Grant** provide a brief update on Membership Committee and Wait List.
- 7) Sec. **Grant** opened discussion on current Motion to Increase Annual Dues:
- 8) Pres. **Horner** provided an update on construction at Cycle Park:
- 9) Dir. **McFarlane** provided an update on the new powered Gate with controlled access.
- 10) Dir. **Donaldson** provided an update on SAR Metchosin training exercise at Cycle Park on 09/23:
- 11) Treas. **Chow** presented his monthly Treasure's Report:

Next Regular Club Meeting: - Tuesday Sept. 19th, 7:30 at Barnes Harley-Davidson

Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Moved **Mark Fisher**, seconded **Brent Donaldson**.

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A recent email from **Claire Patterson**, Administrative Support Co-Ordinator for the Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live was received. Here is her letter.

Thank you for supporting the 13th Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live on Sunday, September 10 at Enrico Winery in Mill Bay. 190 motorcycle riders and participants rode a scenic 80km route through the Cowichan Valley to Crofton, starting and ending at Enrico Winery in Mill Bay. Our amazing participants and sponsors have raised \$41,000 and counting for local prostate cancer patients right here on Vancouver Island. What's raised on the Island, stays on the Island! We've put together a small infographic to share with you and a few photos of the event are attached. You can find more event photos on our [Facebook page](#).

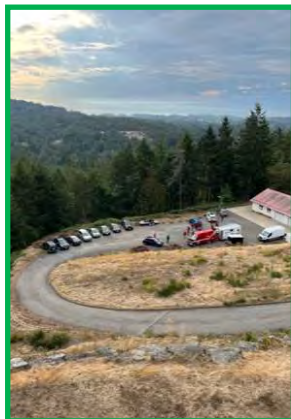
We truly appreciate the support from **Victoria Motorcycle Club** this year and your **\$1000 donation** and look forward to continuing this partnership in 2024 and beyond. If you would like more information about Island Prostate Centre and the work we do, please visit www.islandprostatecentre.com or we'd be happy to meet with you.

Thanks very much,

Claire



A celebration of life for former VMC long term member and past President **Dan McLaren** (RIP) was held on September 16th at the First Memorial Funeral Services in Saanich. A large contingent of family, friends, VMC members and former members were on hand to “say their last good-byes” to this talented member. **Gary Nordstrom’s** wife, **Elizabeth** gave the Welcome and brief biography of **Dan’s** life. It was then **Gary’s** turn to speak about **Dan** and to ask for any stories from those present. Some were able to speak about specific incidents throughout his life. A reception then followed where a meet and mingle took place. Rest in peace **Dan**.



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A note from Susan Fair to say that the Metchosin Search and Rescue Training, which had been given permission to use Cycle Park, was using the parking lot at Moto Trials West as a staging area. They are a very dedicated group of residents that are very appreciative for the use of our property and the Moto Trials West parking lot. Thanks to **Dave and Susan Fair** and the VMC executive. Photo by **Susan Fair**

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Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting - held on September 19, 2023
at Barnes Harley-Davidson prepared by Sec. **Peter Grant**

This was the ninth Regular Monthly Meeting of 2023.



In Attendance:- President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** Treasurer: **Perry Chow**
Secretary: **Peter Grant** Directors:- **Brent Donaldson** **Dave Fair** **Jordan McFarlane** **Mike Hornick**
Committee Chairs present included: **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter Ed., **Klaus Kreye**-Trail Maintenance
Committee Co-Chair and **Peter Smither**-new Website.

Absent were - directors **Gary Gronow**, **Justin Roach**, **Nick Newton** and returned Past President **Ben Hircock** (**Dan McLaren** passed away 01/29/2023), and **Ellen Voermans** Membership Committee Chair.

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by the President **Dave Horner** at 7:32 PM with 26 total members and executive signed in and guest **Glen Kokeske** (applicant for membership).

- 1) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 08/15/23. Moved to accept by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded **Mike Hornick**, **carried.**
- 2) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the prior weeks Executive Meeting of 09/14/23. Moved to accept by **Brent Donaldson**, seconded **Jordan MacFarlane**, **carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) Sec. **Grant** informed those present that he will not be standing for election at the next Annual Meeting and Election in January 2024. Asked that members consider stepping forward and accept enhanced roles within the club.
- 4) Pres. **Dave Horner**; introduced guest **Glen Kokeske**, who along with son **Clarke** (CRF50) are applicants for membership.
- 5) Pres. **Horner**; reviewed status of BC Hydro project and the removal of an old charge on title (mortgage) registered on the lower property, Lot A, Section 13 which was never removed back in the day.
- Back in the hands of legal.
- **Perry** reviewed the circumstances of the old mortgage payout.
- 6) Pres. **Horner** on the Awards Ceremony and Trophy Committee update.
- To be held next Spring (2024).
- 7) Pres. **Horner** and Dir’s **Hornick** and **McFarlane** provided brief updates on status of Memorial Pavilion construction and powered controlled access gate installation.
- 8) Pres. **Horner** introduced the subject of our application under the District of Metchosin’s Permissive General Tax Exemption 2023 #689, heard on 09/11/23:
- Dir. **Brent Donaldson** reviewed the bylaw’s details, requirements, and process:

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- In attendance were VMC members **Dave Horner, Brent Donaldson, Harold Perepalkin, Gary Smiffert** and **Peter Grant**. The bylaw passed 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading at the Council Meeting 09/11/23. Set for final reading at Council Meeting on 10/02 or date TBC.

9) Pres. **Horner** opened the topic of motion to Increase 2024 Annual Dues that which was introduced last month:

- Sec. **Grant** read the motion aloud as it was circulated.
- By show of hands it was determined that 18 people in attendance were eligible to vote.
- Emailed Ballots had also been solicited with 89 being received by the cutoff date.
- Call for a show of hands showed 17 Yea and 1 Nay.
- Counting both In-Person and Emailed ballots motion **PASSED; 73 Yea v 34 Nay**. for 2024 annual membership dues will be:
 - Active (adult 19-64) \$150 (increase from \$100)
 - Senior (65 and over) \$75 (increase from \$50)
 - **Junior (Under 19) \$25 (no change)**

10) Treasurer **Perry Chow** provided his monthly report:

- Income and expense statement
- Money on deposit
- Term deposits
- Events run to date
- Insurance coverage update
- Moved to accept report by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Gary Nordstrom**, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11) Past Events:

- **Gary Nordstrom** reported on The Century Run Road-Ride held on Aug. 27th. 15 riders plus 3 co-riders entered (includes 1 non-member), 230 km route.

12) Upcoming Events: **Dave Fair** reported on the upcoming Apted Trial for Vintage Bikes and Junior & Beginner riders on all bikes. Sep. 24th, to be staged in lower parking lot area only.

-**Brent Donaldson** reported on the upcoming annual Historic Hill Climb - on Oct. 1st First VMC Hill Climb was staged in 1929 at Mount Doug. After an absence it was reformatted and moved to VMC Cycle Park in 2016.

-Majority of preparations in place.

-Work parties set for Sept. 23rd and final set-up on Saturday Sept 30th

-20+ volunteers needed on event day - all new for 2023 Members should contact **Brent**, required to fulfill their 1st year *2-Days of Work Duty* requirements.

-**Meaghan Symes** will again be Clerk of the Event, Rider Registration (all classes) opens at 8:30.

-**Dave McCullough** will coordinate the X-Climb portion immediately following the traditional hill climb competition.

-Newsletter Editor **Roger Boothroyd** noted he is unable to attend and requested others send him photographs by email to; vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com **Rachel (& Lorne)** said OK. Others welcome to submit pics.

-Sec. **Grant** informed that he has submitted details to many of the local media outlets for posting on their Community Calendar. Expect a good public turnout.

-**Dave Fair** reported that there are two, possibly three more regular Trials events on the schedule for Fall 2023.

* Oct. 29th for the Reg Shanks Trial

* Nov. 26th for the Lohrmann Trial

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Other Events on our schedule with no organizing Committee include: Brentwood Enduro, All Day Dual Sport, others.

13) Dir. **Donaldson** reviewed/reported on the multiple reasons for the seasonal Riding Ban / Fire Ban at Cycle Park when in extended drought periods.

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-Informed of the upcoming Metchosin SAR Group training activity on Sept. 23rd and possible future training exercises.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14) Pres. **Horner** revisited the subject of Property For Sale (Shawnigan Lake/Nicky's Nest/Burnt Bridge 180 ac parcel). Has had spoken with current landowner, **Kenny Brotherson**. This is still a possibility.
- 15) **Brad Adams** presented two Broom Puller tools that have been donated to the VMC.
 - Thanks to **Brad** for arranging, doner's name unstated.
- 16) Pres. **Horner** and Tres. **Chow** about a Club Reunion and Movie Night.
 - **Dave H** will discuss with Terry Hyde
 - reminder that Dir. **Gary Gronow** suggested he wants to help rebuild the Summer Social at Cycle Park.
- 17) **Roger Boothroyd** reported on Celebration of Life for Past President **Dan McLaren** held last Saturday at First Memorial.
- 18) **Roger Boothroyd** stood to express thanks for the efforts put forth but the current Executive Committee, and to think about running for office at the next election of officers - received healthy applause.
- 19) Next Regular Club Meeting: - Tuesday October 17th, 7:30 pm, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria.
- 20) Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled

Adjourn

On a motion by **Gary Nordstrom**, seconded by **Roger Boothroyd** the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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APTED MEMORIAL VINTAGE TRIAL - September 24, 2023 - BY Roger Boothroyd

Grey skies loomed but not a drop was shed until later when the storm was forecast. It was the second Vintage Trial this year with ten riders signing up for this no entry fee event. The Boomer Trial was the first in July. Juniors and Beginners were also encouraged to ride and 12 were on hand to enjoy the day.

Ten easier sections were laid out, all below the enduro course, as the fire ban was still in effect for the upper portion of Cycle Park. A good variety of twin shock bikes was evident as well as a good spread in age of riders.

After the riders meeting, they were sent out to ride the loop three times with the only problem with the Vintage riders was the harassment given by some of the entrants.



Mark Fisher in good form



The brothers **Apted, Kevin and Justin**, showed up with their families to support the event by having a BBQ for those that attended - donations accepted.

In the Vintage class, first was **Hank Lovett** on his Honda 250 by cleaning every check on the three loops and ending with 0 points. A three way tie by **Tom Fisher** on Yamaha TY250, **Mark Roler** on Honda 250 and **Dave Fair** on Montesa 156 had all three with 1 point. Third place went to Bultaco mounted **Bill Smith** on Bultaco 250 and **Paul Lederis** on Yamaha TY250 with 2 points.

Raine Fletcher on a Scorpa 125 was first in the Beginner/Junior class. Fletcher had 9 points lost. Second went to **Rhys Fletcher** on a Gas Gas 80 with 36 points and third was **Cecelia Olsen** on her Gas Gas 80 with 50 points. A good time was had by all riders. Thanks to **Loren and Cecelia Olsen** and **Dave Fair** for section lay out and to **Susan Fair** and **Rachel Olsen** for sign up.