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There are still a “few” older members, and former members, who remember times like the picture above. There are many members in the club today who have never experienced riding in, or being involved, or watching at an event such as this. It’s a scramble (now MotoX)! This was a picture of the line up of riders taken from former member **Brian Moore’s** (RIP) album. It took place in the field behind the Goldstream Inn which is no longer in business having closed three years ago. The field was turned into a subdivision several years before the Inn closed. All were on two strokes and the “screaming” sound of a group of these bikes in a race could be hard on the ears. Earlier scrambles when four strokes were more prevalent, the sound of the big bore British bikes was more thrilling and easier to listen to and you could never mistake the Goldstar sound.

Those days are long gone ! Our events listed on our calendar have dwindled to a point that it seems redundant to put many of them on the calendar as the apathy to organize them by many members is ever present. Times change, machinery changes and so does the popularity of certain events. Even some events have “morphed” into something with different rules and classes but asking members to step up to organize any of them is like pulling teeth. It’s difficult to encourage members to get involved and to keep them interested in what was always known as the club with a variety of events. We need volunteers.

If anyone has any ideas of how to get volunteers to organize our events, please come to a meeting and express your views or get in touch with any of the executive.



In December, Life Member **Monte Belson** emailed me with the following link. It is about the **Creb Track**, a cross country event in Queensland, Australia. **Monte** has participated in it, as has his son **Martin** and grandson **Marco** who both live there. Life Member **Paul Gronow** has ridden it and his brother Life Member **Gary** may be in line for it. Shades of Terra Nova time. About 46 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3U3YNzcPIY>

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**OLD AGE AIN'T SO BAD WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVE !**

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## CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



**H**AVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE ?? Email ? Home address ? Phone # ? If any of these have changed recently, please notify our membership committee chair—Ellen Voermans at [chicmxr@gmail.com](mailto:chicmxr@gmail.com) and Roger at [vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com](mailto:vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com) to update the files.

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A friend sent me this link from the Trials Guru magazine about the exclusive story of **Don Smith**. It's a bit of a long but interesting read about a man's life in the world of trials and beyond, that trials enthusiasts might enjoy.  
<https://trialsguru.net/2023/12/10/don-smith-story-on-trials-guru/>

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In my 2023-9 newsletter, I mentioned that I do make mistakes from time to time. One of them was in that newsletter and it was in the Name the Rider article. I transposed (typo) the numbers in **Adam Raga's** age so that he would have been 131 years old had that been true. It should have read 1982 – 41 years old.

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### Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting held on December 12, 2023, at Perry Chow's residence common room

*Condensed For Publication*

This was the eleventh 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**  
Also present were members; **Peter Smither**-new Website Committee, **Ellen Voermans**-Membership Committee Chair and member **Eric Pagel**-has agreed to stand for election as Secretary next February). Absent were Directors **Justin Roach, Jordan McFarlane, Nick Newton** and (new/old) Past President **Ben Hircock**. The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:12 PM.

**Topics discussed:**

- 1) Secretary **Grant** read the previous month's executive meeting minutes: No errors or omissions noted.
- 2) Pres. **Horner** provided a brief year-end report of the Executive's accomplishments in 2023.  
- Felt this was a particularly good year with many improvements accomplished.

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### 3) Membership Report provided by **Ellen Voermans**:

**Ellen** raised questions about certain guidelines, processes and procedures;

- When does a member qualify to be classed as a Senior. Confirmed that to pay Senior dues you must have turned 65 years prior to Feb. 1st of the current membership year.
- When and how often are Guests are allowed to ride at Cycle Park? Confirmed that the current rule is appropriate. *See- VMC Property General Rules and Etiquette* on website for details.
- Related a couple of cases where a current member has submitted dues that included payment for children that were either never members or where they had lapsed due to previous dues non-payment. A new membership application to be submitted and placed on Wait List until room permits.
- Discussion followed about creating a new **Family Membership** category and possibly splitting Juniors into two sub-groups (referred to as Bantam and Junior or ?)
  - will review options in depth and report back with her recommendations. If approved by membership
  - would be implemented for the 2025 season (requires a Bylaw amendment).

### 4) New Member Requirements - 'Work-Duty and Other Requirements' report for 2023 New Members from Sec. **Grant**:

- Personal emails sent this day to 19 x new 2023 Members who have not fulfilled all the requirements of admission. Replies are being received and each new member will be dealt with individually.
- If all requirements are not completed by end of January members will be *called to appear* at an upcoming Executive Meeting and explain the reason for their failure to follow club rules as prescribed in the Bylaws and repeatedly communicated to applicants throughout the admission process.
- Members may request an exception if required, the onus is on the member to contact Membership Chairperson.

### 5) New Website design and Build update report from **Peter Smither**:

- Moving ahead working with Aila Studios staff. Basic layout architecture is set. Committee members **Pete**, **Bobbi** and **Peter** have been working through individual menu items to approve display style, type and feel for Aila.

### 6) Cycle Park construction update by **Mike Hornick**:

- Memorial Pavilion roofing is all but fully complete.
- Power Shed roof and flashing complete. Ready to schedule initial electrical rough-in inspection.

### 7) Update on the old Brooklands Sales charge on Cycle Park property title, update by Pres. **Horner**:

- Still in the hands of **Murray Anderson's** long-in-the-tooth lawyer. Agreed that no money is owing
- **Dave** will call lawyer again and confirm status. Discharge is coming, progress is at a snail's pace.

### 8) Monthly Treasurer's Report - by Treasurer **Perry Chow**:

- Income and Expense review vs budget and
- Cash on Hand, Cash Flow, 2023 and 2024 Dues and Initiation Fees received, etc.
- Key Deposits received; this is a rough number. Prepared to refund some key deposits for lost members. Keys must be returned to an Executive member and refund requested to Membership within 30 days from January 31st or deposit forfeited.
- YTD spend on capital improvements vs budget and cash flow with **Mike Hornick's** input.
- **Gary** reminded that we should be breaking out expenses that are actual monthly operating costs vs capital costs for property improvements and upgrades.

### 9) Jobs/Duties/Positions to be filled - update by Pres. **Horner**:

- Volunteer needed to head a new position named **Volunteer Coordinator**, to act as a central location for tasks, jobs and duties that need people and people looking for jobs to complete.
- Volunteer needed to maintain **Activity Tracking Sheet** for the annual activity award. **Barb Lohrmann** wants to retire from this duty (again) - new blood needed.
- Volunteer needed for **Trophy Committee Co-Chair** to work alongside **Melissa Andrist**, receiving training and oversight from **Barb Lohrmann**.
- Volunteer needed for **Social Media coordinator**, **Rachel and Loren Olsen** have asked to be replaced, they plan to move away later this year.

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- Other committees still in need Member Volunteer(s) support include: **Trials-National CMA Rep, Road-Ride Chairperson, Dual-Sport Rides Chairperson, Junior Members-New Rider Training Chair/Coordinator.**

- Do we need a **Club Captain / Referee** to mediate if ever needed to help settle a dispute?

10) Correspondence received, Sec. **Grant:**

11) Event Update from Dir. **Brent Donaldson:**

- Upcoming Boxing Day 'Vintage Trial' for everyone on all older bikes plus Beginners and Juniors and even New Riders. Includes a BBQ / Family Day at Cycle Park by **Bent and Meaghan Symes.**

12) New Riding Property Access / ISTC lands update by Dir. **Brent Donaldson:**

13) Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled

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

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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*As noted in the Executive Meeting minutes (#9) in this issue, here are the jobs/duties/committee positions to be filled:-*

**Ask not what the Club can do for you but what can you do for the Club ?**

**JOBS/DUTIES/COMMITTEE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED**

- Volunteer needed to head a new position names Volunteer Coordinator, to act as a centralized location for to log duties, jobs & tasks that need people to take and where our members to go when looking for duties, jobs and tasks that are to be done. *As of this December writing, this position may have a volunteer.*
- Volunteer needed to maintain Activity Tracking Coordinator for the annual activity award. Barb Lohrmann wants to retire from this duty (again) - new blood is needed.
- Volunteer needed for Trophy Committee Co-Chair to work alongside Melissa Andrist, receiving training and oversite from Barb Lohrmann.
- Other Event Committees that are in need of Member support including:- Trials Rep—CMA/National, Road-Rides Chairperson, Dual Sport Rides Chairperson, Junior Members—New Rider Training Chair/Coordinator.
- Should we have a Club Captain/Referee, if ever needed to mediate and settle a dispute, either from a competition or other ?

To volunteer please email to:- [vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca](mailto:vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca) and [peter@petergrant.ca](mailto:peter@petergrant.ca)

**GET INVOLVED**  
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

**IF WE DO NOT FEEL GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE,  
WHAT MAKES US THINK WE'D BE HAPPIER WITH MORE ?**

A Brief History of the Marque Galbusera

Galbusera motorcycles were built by Plinio Galbusera in Brescia Italy from the mid 1930's until the mid 1950's. His most notable motorcycle was a two-stroke V8 of 1938 which did not progress beyond the prototype.

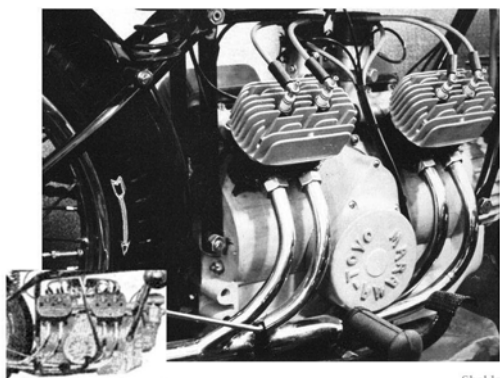
Postwar production consisted of three-wheelers and motorcycles using engines produced in-house along with Sachs and Villiers units of 175cc to 500cc until 1955.

Moto Galbusera & Co. (later Motocicli Plinio Galbusera) was an Italian motorcycle manufacturer headquartered in Brescia whose first machines appeared in 1932 (or 1934, depending on source)

Plinio Galbusera initially built motorcycles with engines of 175cc to 500 cc from Sturmev Archer and, for the most part, Rudge Python and with gearboxes from Burman or Sturmev Archer. In the late 1930s he was joined by rider and expert mechanic Adolfo Marama Toyo of Trieste, an unusual Egyptian-born character who is often credited in the annals of motorcycle history with introducing Italy to the savage joys of speedway, an art form which he had witnessed in its very early days in NSW, Australia.



At the 1938 Milan Show two exceptional machines from Galbusera appeared, a 249cc V-four two-stroke and a supercharged two-stroke V8 of 498cc created using a pair of counter-rotating 250 V4 blocks bolted to each end of the gearbox. It created a sensation.

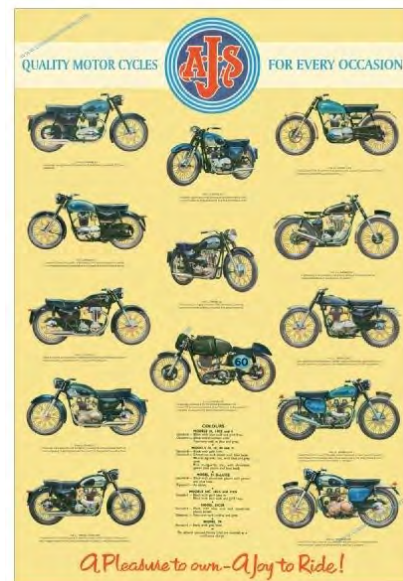
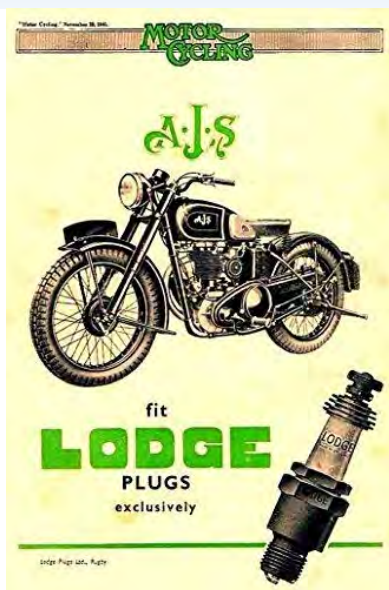


Sheldon's Emu

There is a suggestion that the 250 machine was a full-scale marquette, but the V8 was real enough. Whether it actually ran is another matter. Galbusera was not looking to achieve maximum power but rather good reliability, apparently, and expected 150 km/h from the machine. Before Marama and Galbusera could develop the machine further, Mussolini brought war to Italy.

1938 Air-cooled two-stroke, eight-cylinder V-engine with compressor, 6-volt battery ignition (cm<sup>3</sup>) 449.4 - Power (kW/PS) 20.6 (28) at 8,000 min<sup>-1</sup> Top speed (km/h) At 150 km/h.

VINTAGE ADS OF OLD





## JAWA/CZ TRIAL SPECIAL (S)

BY PAUL FOCKING

The following article is courtesy of the *Dutch Jawa/CZ Club* with permission from my friend **Ian Bridge**, editor of the *Smoke Signals* newsletter in the UK. Ed.

**D**uring the Soviet Communist era, motorcycle riders from behind the Iron Curtain who wished to take part in any type of motorcycle competitions were greatly restricted in being able to obtain ready-made competition models. The following is how one guy from East Germany put together a limited number of Jawa/CZ based Trials special, from parts that were available. This article was kindly sent me from our Dutch Jawa/CZ Club friends, my thanks to them and to the author. [I.B]

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Like many passionate off-road riders, a man from Chemnitz had to contend with the fact that ready-made competition models were either rare and expensive or not available at all. So with great skill and the art of improvisation, **Günter Ruttloff** conjured up an agile and robust engine from a standard 175 CZ / Jawa. MZ and Maico were successful in Off-road and Motocross, but did not want to invest in Trial sports, so **Gunter Ruttloff** tried his luck at producing a robust and reliable CZ/Jawa engine special to turn it into a competitive Trials bike.

He started with the robust 175cc Jawa chassis and engine, and coupled it with a MZ 250 cylinder with a bore of 70mm to get sufficient torque at low speed. To achieve this, a collar with studs had to be made and welded to the lower CZ/Jawa crankcase so that the cylinder could be mounted. He modified the frame to reduce weight and this ended up giving a revised total weight of only 84 kg. He used a Hercules 33mm army version front fork and the other technical data was as follows:

The engine being a 1 cylinder two-stroke. Bore x Stroke - 70x65mm and Compression ratio of 7.7:1. It was fitted with a BVF 24mm Carburetor, running on a Mixed lubrication of 1:70.

The Frame was single down tube type which was open at the bottom. As already mentioned the Front fork were Hercules 33mm, and he used CZ customized hubs with Tyres 270 x 21 front and 400 x 18 rear. The Wheelbase was 1330mm. Fuel tank capacity was only 4.5 litres.

The fact that the **Rütloff Jawa** was only successful behind the Iron Curtain was of course due to the Cold War. With the exception of the riders of the state-sponsored MZ factory team, they mainly competed against competitors from other Eastern Bloc countries. It was not until 1994 that **Günter Ruttloff** also won a title in the German Championship in the West . Nowadays it is believed there are still about 25 of this model still competing in Classic trial competitions in Europe.



# CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



**Blast From the Past-** A scramble at the VMC property on Hoy Lake Road off Millstream. The picture was taken in 1959 but the photographer is unknown. From the left:- **Don Zinelli #43, Brian Scharbach #6, Reg Shanks #9, Stu Timbres #20, Wes Morhart #3, Joe Brown #23** peeking above **Morhart's** helmet. The last four riders are no longer with us.



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Put the vintage class aside, take a look at this modern straight line concept bike on Youtube.

[TMC DUMONT - Motorcycle with an Airplane Engine \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMC-DUMONT)

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From Outlaw **Dave Rhodes** blog:-

Thinking of trying to get a ride in the Scottish Six Days ? Check this out - **Stan Baakgard** said it was getting expensive - - On top of these entry fees - you have to add Insurance !! ( new) plus bike rental, and air fare, plus hotel etc. It's the biggest and best Trial in the World - but for overseas riders not getting any Government funding - It is a real commitment - &700 pounds translates to:- **\$1069.35 Canadian !!!**  
**NOTE-** you're outa luck ! Entries closed in November 2023.

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**O**n December 16th, a work party, lead by member **Kevin Mitchell**, repaired two spots where intersecting trails were eroding the green lane. They also took down the ribbon of the recent trial and raked other sections of the green lane.

Members of the crew are as follows:- **Justin Drysdale, John Sutherland, Martin MacLulich, John Stalker, Chris Prichard, David Proctor, Matt Loken, Geir Opdahl, Mike & Brandan Campbell, Paul Gatto, Ryan & Chase Petersen, Andy James, Stu & Jake Eastman, Ken Bolton, Liam & Noah Proctor, Shane Anderson.** *Thanks to all for a great job.*

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## VMC VOLUNTEERS AT WORK





# INCREDIBLY RARE VINCENT BLACK LIGHTNING FOUND IN UK SHED

STORY BY JANAKI JITCHOTVISUT

One of the most legendary models in motorcycling history will head to auction in April 2024.

The name Vincent is often uttered in tones both hushed and reverent by fans of motorcycle history. Once you know even a little bit about founder Philip Vincent and his relentless pursuit of speed, it's not difficult to understand why. If the phrase "they don't make 'em like they used to" ever applied to anything, it's probably Vincent's entire engineering and design ethos.

Perhaps you've seen one of the most famous photos in all of motorcycling history: **Rollie Free** setting a land speed record of 150.313 miles per hour in 1948 on a Vincent HRD Black Lightning. That monumental achievement took place at the Bonneville Salt Flats, and the photo shows **Free** hanging onto the handlebars, Superman-style, wearing naught but his bathing suit in order to offer as little aerodynamic interference as possible.

Historians go back and forth on whether 30 or 33 Vincent Black Lightnings were ever made, but either way, it's safe to say that very few ever existed. **Free's** may have been a prototype, but the production version that appeared at the 1948 Earls Court motorcycle show impressed the public for a different reason: Its hefty price tag.

At the time, the Vincent Black Lightning came in at an MSRP of £400, plus a £108 added tax at purchase. Adjusted for inflation, given its comparative level of performance, fit, and finish at the time, it seems quite reasonable. That MSRP would amount to about £12,000 in 2023 money, with an added tax of about £3,237 for a total of around £15,200 (or about \$19,236 if we're talking about US dollars).

With historical context, of course, that price now seems like a steal. In the modern era, few Black Lightnings ever find their way to public sale, and when they do, they set records.

A particularly storied Black Lightning last found its way to auction in 2018 at Bonhams Las Vegas, where

it went for a cool **\$929,000** US including the buyer's premium. That bike had an incredible racing history, matching numbers, and only five owners since new; all factors in its extremely high level of desirability.

As the story goes, a person whose dad had seriously been into motorcycles for most of his life reached out to Bonhams earlier in 2023. He had a particular Excelsior in mind when he reached out, but he also had a list of other bikes that his dad had been keeping in a shed. This Vincent HRD Black Lightning was on that list.

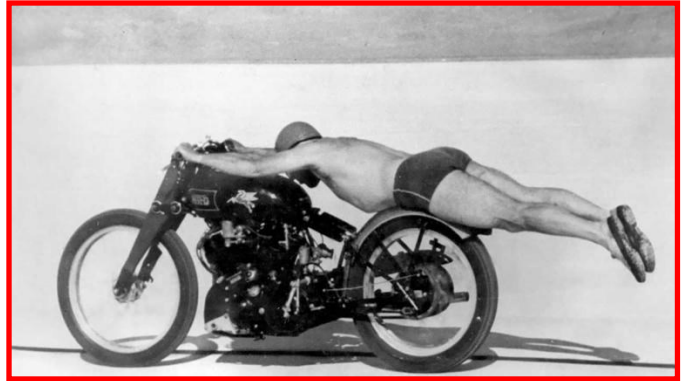
It was retrieved from Poland several decades ago.

Prior to that, it was one of the Black Lightnings that had

made its way to Australia, primarily for use as a sidecar racer. As renowned motorcycle journalist **Sir Alan Cathcart** (who, incidentally, is also one of the only living people to have ever actually ridden a Black Lightning) explains in this video, the handlebars and a few other details instantly point to its sidecar-racing nature.

This particular 1949 Vincent HRD Black Lightning will cross the auction block at the 2024 Bonhams Spring Stafford Sale on April 21, 2024 at 10:30 BST. As you can see from the photos, it's in unrestored condition, but clearly spent a good deal of its decades-long hibernation indoors. Bonhams expects it to fetch between £120,000 and £150,000 (or between **\$151,957** and **\$189,947**). We'll include a link to the auction placeholder page so you can keep an eye on it in April 2024 if you're interested.

[Incredibly Rare Vincent Black Lightning Found In UK Shed \(msn.com\)](#) This link also includes a 16 minute video. If it doesn't open, search for the Bonhams Las Vegas website.







## Victoria Motorcycle Club

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

This was the twelfth and final 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**, **Gary Gronow**, **Jordan McFarlane**, **Mike Hornick**. Committee Chairs present included: **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter Ed. & Communications, **Ellen Voermans**-Membership Chair, **Peter Smither**-new Website, **Klaus Kreye**-Trail Maintenance Committee Co-Chair and **Eric Pagel** (2024 Secretary in Waiting, tbd)

Absent were director **Justin Roach** and **Nick Newton** and (new/old) Past President **Ben Hircock** (as **Dan McLaren** passed away 01/29/2023).

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by the President **Dave Horner** at 7:34 PM with 22 total voting members signed in (9 x Executive, 13 Members, 1 Honorary Member).

- 1) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 11/21/23. Moved to accept by **Peter Smither**, seconded H. **'Turk' Perepalkin**, carried.
- 2) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the prior week's Executive Meeting of 12/12/23. Moved to accept by **Peter Smither** seconded by **Perry Chow**, carried.

### BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) Pres **Horner** called on Director **Mike Hornick** for an update on the Memorial Pavilion and other construction projects underway at Cycle Park:
- 4) Pres. **Horner** called on Director **Jordan MacFarlane** for an update on the new powered, secure gate to be installed at Cycle Park.
  - Ready to install in January pending BC Hydro electrical power installation.
  - Discussion on new electronic access Fobs to be ordered and exchanged for old keys.
  - **Jordan's** company will begin to program new Fob's with Member Name and unique ID # pending conclusion of Annual Dues renewal period (January 31st).
  - Any key-holding 'lost members' who do not plan to renew for 2024 will have 30 days from Feb. 1st to return their key and request a return of their key deposit money or deposit is forfeited. Contact Treasurer **Perry Chow** or Membership Chair **Ellen Voermans**.
- 5) Pres. **Horner** provided an update on the delay in proceeding with BC Hydro electrical installation. Caused by the lawyer being super-slow to file documents to remove the old (non-valid) mortgage removed from Cycle Park's title.
  - Both **Murray Anderson** (representing Brooklands Motor Sales) and Pres. **Horner** are pushing to get this matter completed. No money is owing.
- 6) Pres. **Horner** called on **Peter Smither** for an update on the new Website build:
  - Continues to move forward, step by step. Page by page.
  - Working with Aila Studios we have selected the various Plug-In modules needed to provide Member Portal function, Events Calendar, SmartWaiver function, Events Results reporting, Volunteer Work Opportunities, Mapping function, Photo Gallery, and more.
  - Will not be launched for this season's membership renewals. Aiming for early spring.
- 7) Treasurer **Chow** provided his monthly Treasurer's Report:
  - Reviewed income and expense statement.
  - Cash On Hand on deposit and Cash Flow projections.
  - Term deposits and Key deposits.
  - Events run to date.
  - A question fielded by **'Turk'**; Q: why is admin expense line so high this month? A: due to 50% deposit paid on new website build.

Moved to accept Treasurers Report by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Gary Gronow**, carried.





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### 8) New Member Introduction:

- New 2023 member **Branden Petrie** (admitted May 2023) attended his first monthly meeting. **Branden** stood and introduced himself for the first time.  
**Branden** lives in Alberta and works away, only spending winters in the Victoria area. He is a competitor in the AMA's Hard Enduro and EnduroCross series in USA and similar events in Canada.

- Pres. **Horner** read the club's Aims & Objects aloud, welcome to the club **Branden**.

### 9) Pres. **Horner** called on member **Sam Bradshaw** for introduction:

- **Sam** was admitted to the club in May 2023. **Sam** has volunteered for the newly created position of Volunteer Coordinator. He plans to compile a bulletin of all the various positions along with one-time jobs and other work duty opportunities for members to volunteer for.

- **Sam** will work alongside **Peter Smither** and Executive members to perfect this process.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Past Events:

10) **Jordan MacFarlane** provided a report on the Lohrmann Trial event run on Nov. 26th.

- 50 riders signed up including 3 new Juniors and more. Results posted on website.

- Event Committee, worker's names are included on website report as well.

11) **Klaus Kreye** -Trail Maintenance Committee Co-Chair provided an update on the Trail Maintenance work-party held on Dec. 16th:

- Work party was coordinated by member **Kevin Mitchell**.

- Well attended with 21 members in total volunteered to help. This list included 6 'new for 2023' members including 2 new Junior members pitching in.

- Two different sections of the Green Trail were rebuilt and re-routed to allow easier transit by riders with average riding skills.

- Tapes and arrows from the previous weekend's Trials event were taken down.

### Upcoming Events:

12) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** reported on the newly scheduled Boxing Day Vintage Trial and Fun Family Day and BBQ at Cycle Park.

- All drum brake Trials bikes allowed (twin and mono-shock) plus Junior and Beginner Kids classes included.

- Dir. **Donaldson** noted that two volunteers are required to operate a club run concession and BBQ for this final events. Called on all newly admitted 2023 Members to step forward to get in their required Work Duty completed.

- Dir. **Donaldson** noted that there is a new First Aid kit available now at Cycle Park:

- If a member uses any supplies from the kit they should re-purchase and replenish the kit.

- VP **Mark Fisher** similarly NOTED he has re-stocked the tool crib at Cycle Park:

Members removing tools for use are reminded to return them at the end of each day. If something breaks please inform either **Brent or Mark** or replace it yourself.

- The secret location Boxing Day Side-Car Trial will likely also proceed as it has in past.

## NEW BUSINESS:

13) Pres. **Horner** called on **Brent Donaldson** to lead a discussion on Trail Access and ISTC Property:

- **Tony Wilson** spoke on VIDRA's work seems to be stalled due to communication and administrative slow down issues internally at both Mosaic Forest Products and BC Forestry/Lands departments.

- VIDRA had completed a stakeholders survey, see **Kitt Stringer** for more details,

- Discussion followed about VMC and VIDRA working together to have this area re- opened for regular OHV use.

- Sec. **Grant** to speak with **Bobbi Bjornholt** for her viewpoint on behalf of VIDRA.

- Tres. **Chow** spoke on concerns of non-affiliated riders using and abusing any new crown land access.

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### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

#### 14) Roger Boothroyd -Newsletter Editor & Communication Director:

- a tentative 2024 events schedule has been posted on our website.

Many of these historical events will not be run unless an organizing committee is formed.

- Related about some 'hiccups' that members should read the reminder email(s) and check on our Website for the instructions about how to pay of your annual membership dues.
- Dir. **Gary Gronow** re-stated that dues are to be received no later than January 31st and that there is no grace period. In other words, **pay your dues by 01/31/2024** or your name gets removed from the membership roster.
- Members are again reminded to notify the club of changes of address, phone or email info. Send your new address or contact info to both Roger here: [vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com](mailto:vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com) and Membership Committee here: [vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca](mailto:vmc-membership@vmc.bc.ca)

#### 15) Ellen Voermans-Membership Chair:

- Second Notice of Membership Dues Renewal was emailed December 6th with details and payment instructions. Dues payments can be made by e-transfer or cheque and must be received no later then the **end of January 2024 or membership will lapse.**
- **Ellen** related that she is looking at various options for a new Family membership category and all that entails. Possible this could mean two sub-categories for Junior members, ages 1-12 and 13-18.
- She will continue to investigate and make her recommendations to the Executive for consideration and tabling to membership.
- If presented to membership for approval this will require a Special Resolution and Bylaw amendment, would be implemented for the beginning of the 2025 membership year.

#### 16) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** raised the matter of non-members riding as guests at Cycle Park. Guests are welcome but the following rules must be observed. Further discussion by **Brent, Perry** and **Peter** followed confirming:

- Guests may enter only when invited and accompanied by a current club member.
- All guests must sign a waiver of liability every time they visit Cycle Park. Forms can be found in the SeaCan or at the MotoTrials West showroom.
- It is the Member's responsibility to ensure their guest follows all rules of use including signing the waiver. The inviting Member's name should be inserted onto the Guest's waiver form.
- **Brent** will look into erecting a mailbox to hold both blank forms and for completed forms to be deposited. When the new website is launched the waiver form will be completed electronically by scanning and following a QR code to be posted on a sign by the gate and Memorial Pavilion.
- If a non-member wishes to return to ride at Cycle Park following their first or initial visit, they must submit a fully completed Application for Membership, including Sponsor Name and be placed on the Wait List. If the guest does not proceed to take the steps to, or is not interested in joining the club they are not welcome to enter the club's property.

#### 17) Sec. **Grant** again reminded about the subject of assorted Positions, Jobs / Roles / Duties where Volunteers are needed:

An overview on some the key Jobs that need Members to take on.

- Activities Awards Tracking Coordinator
- Trophy Committee Chair to work with **Melissa Andrist**.
- Referee, Club Captain, Sargent at Arms, other roles?
- Committee Chairs are needed to help organize - Dual-Sport, Road-Ride, Field Meet and a Trials Rep to CMA/National. Other event chairs are needed as well.
- There are many other historical club events on our annual schedule that had/have no Organizing Committee including: Brentwood Enduro, All Day Dual Sport, various Road Rides,

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and many more activities. Interested members should contact any Executive Member to volunteer and be directed to receive help with organizing tips and guidance.

18) Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled.

19) Next Regular Club Meeting: - Tuesday January 16th, 2024, at 7:30 pm, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Victoria.

#### Adjourn:-

On a motion by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Peter Smither** the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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## BOXING DAY TRIAL AND HOLIDAY SOCIAL

It was an idea of Directors **Dave Fair** and **Brent Donaldson** to organize a Boxing Day Trial and Holiday Social. No entry fee and no awards - just fun! Notices were sent and a poster was posted on our website and FaceBook page. Nine riders signed up and kept score but we also had about another dozen or so that signed waiver forms but did not want any score cards (must have been there just for a ride or to partake in the free BBQ!). Special mention to **Brent Roler** for doing the most Consecutive laps forward and backwards and if there was an overall winner it would have to go to **Gary Nordstrom** (the oldest competitor). Many thanks to the committee for an enjoyable event and BBQ. Sign up and score keeping was handled by **Susan Fair**. The sections were set by **Loren Wilson**. The BBQ was looked after by **Brent Donaldson**, **Ellen Voermans-Gronow**, **John Fulton** and **Keith Becher-vaise**.



Gary Nordstrom  
on his 1975 250  
Yamaha  
Photo by  
Blake Sharples

NAME	BIKE	LOOP	#1	#2	#3	CLEANS	TOTAL
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Here are the ones who handed in cards.

#### Sportsman

Aeron Fisher	Scorpa		0	0	0	30	0
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#### Sr. Sportsman

Mike Hornick	Yamaha TY		0	0	1	29	1
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Justin Peterman	Vertigo		1	0	0	29	1
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#### Clubman

Brad Adam	Yamaha TY		0	0	0	30	0
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Gary Gronow	Fantic		0	0	0	30	0
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Brent Roler	Honda		3	0	0	29	3
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Mark Roler	Honda		1	0	1	28	2
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Dave Fair	Montesa		0	0	0	30	0
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Gary Nordstrom	Yamaha 250 TY (1975)		0	0	0	30	0
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## SECRET BOXING DAY SIDECAR EVENT



Yes, the Secret Sidecar Event happened on Boxing Day at Kapoor Hill on the old Port Renfrew road but with only three chairs this year. There were also some single riders out for the day. As for the winner, that wasn't discussed, but **Bill Smith** with his "monkey" **Matt McTagert**, felt they should be the candidates to win as they had the best looking rig and finished without any damage ! lol

Photo by **Bruce Taylor**

