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Like a fine wine, the Victoria Motorcycle Club continues to get older! One hundred and twelve years since we separated from the car club in 1912, we are still attracting riders from the island and occasionally from the mainland to join our club. Our membership has ballooned to 475 but that has been capped for obvious reasons, one of which is the wear and tear on Cycle Park. Being a part of a club is knowing some of the history and I'm sure that many new members are unaware of this aspect of the VMC or who some of the main "players" were. Those 112 years have created many memories for members and former members unmatched by few motorcycle clubs in North America and it all started from the pictures above and the article about the **Shanks family** written by **Bob Shanks** prior to the clubs induction to the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame on page 2—Enjoy!

**A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DAVE HORNER**

The last year for the V.M.C has been very busy and very successful. A lot of work has been done by the executive and other members of the club, on various projects. BC HYDRO To The Property - this has been stalled because of an old mortgage that was never removed when the mortgage was paid off in the 1960's. Removing this mortgage has been a lot longer process than I had originally thought, but is slowly being rectified. PAVILLION - 95% Complete and the budget has been adhered to. POWER SHED - The structure is built and wired but is stalled waiting for BC Hydro. NEW GATE - Ready to be installed once we have the power to operate it. DIGITAL MAPPING - has been started of the trail system. WEBSITE - A new website has been started, design planning, building and testing are ongoing. It will be a big help to run the club's activities when completed.

We have run a full compliment of trials event with the addition on 2 new trials, the Apted and the Boomer Vintage trials. We still need to run more Enduro's, but land access is still a big hurdle. Some simple Enduros could be run on the Club Property *if any member wanted to organize them.*

Roger Boothroyd has done a marvelous job of the newsletter and getting information out to the club members. The membership was capped in 2023 @ 475 and has been raised to 500 in 2024. The addition of the padlock instead of a combination lock on the gate has seemed to stop the unauthorized riders from accessing the property. The new gate will

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reinforce that as well. We intend on starting a new family membership in the near future, for family's with young children and teenagers. **All members** now are required to do a days work at the property, with **all new members**, doing 2 days and an orientation before receiving a key. Dues have unfortunately had to be increased in order to keep up with the costs we incur. The club is still in a very good financial position and we will be able to finance New Viable Projects in the future. In 2023 we ran the following events, in the future this and more information will be on our new website. TRIALS - 8 ENDURO - 1 DUAL SPORT - 2? ROAD RIDES - 5  
 Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the executive and all the club members who helped with our projects in 2023. *Dave Horner.*

## The Shanks Family - by Bob Shanks

### Richard "Pop" Shanks (RIP)

Had a very successful machine shop in England selling bicycles and cars. See picture front page. His family immigrated to Canada in 1912 with sons **Reg** and **Bob**. "**Pop**" began at Plimleys Cars as a foreman of motorcycle repair and a year later he started Brooklands Motorcycle Sales and Service in 1913. "**Pop**" rode a motorcycle until he was 84.

### Reg Shanks (RIP)

**Reg** was born the year the Victoria Automobile and Motorcycle Club was founded: 1906. He lived his preschool years about two miles from the famous Brooklands Race track in England. **Reg's** father, **Richard**, affectionately known as "**Pop**" **Shanks** had established a very successful machine shop. The business began selling bicycles and cars as they were in increasing demand and offered a repair service which included the racing cars from Brooklands Track. By 1912, **Pop's** declining health generated a decision to immigrate with his family to Victoria, Canada.

The Victoria Motorcycle Club was now independent of the automobile club and "**Pop**" became active in the motorcycle community. He began at Plimleys as foreman of motorcycle repairs. A year later, he opened his own motorcycle shop named, not surprisingly, Brooklands, located at Johnson and Quadra Streets.

During high school and college days, **Reg** rode his first motorcycles: a 1913 Douglas two speed and a 1000 cc Indian racer. The first motorcycle he owned was a 1913 Indian 61 which impressed him so much that he could recall its every detail, even the serial number.

In 1921 Brooklands became a franchised Harley Davidson dealer. "**Pop**" established **Reg's** older brother **Bob** in his own business in 1925, selling Indian motorcycles. Later he sold Velocette, A.J.S. and Panther motorcycles as well. In 1955, just after Indian stopped manufacturing, he went into the saddlery business, retiring in 1975.

For several decades Bob had also been active in Victoria Motorcycle Club activities. It was obvious that "**Pops**" love for the sport was shared by his two boys.



**Reg** graduated from Victoria High School in 1924 and then entered Victoria College at Craigdarroch Castle. He was the first Economic Major to graduate two years later. Brooklands moved to the 800 block Fort Street that year and **Reg** began working full time in the shop. Motorcycles became his business and his pleasure.

During one of **Reg's** "up island" motorcycle rides during the 20's, he crashed heavily because of a sudden flat on the front tire at 50 to 60 mph. Tumbling and sliding down the flint covered road, he received such a severe scrape through his Bedford cord breaches, the scar was still visible for years. Upon checking the tube, which had come off the rim with the tire, he found no reason for a flat. Later he learned that the Schrader valve had the tendency to collapse at those "speeds" when no valve cap was fitted.

During the thirties, **Reg** was very much involved in competition. He won his expert status in Reliability Trials (1933) and in Observed Trials (1937). In 1948, he won expert status in the hillclimb on a 1942 Army Harley 45. Brooklands moved to the 900 block of Fort Street and in 1946 Brooklands received an award from Harley Davidson for 25 years of service.

During the fifties, **Reg** was still very much present in the competitions put on by the Victoria Motorcycle Club. He used "light" weight motorcycles such as a Francis Barnett in Observed Trials and an Ariel 500 HS in scrambles. His first motorcycle love, Harley



"Pop" Shanks planting flowers around the pole in front of Brooklands Motorcycle Sales.



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## THE SHANKS FAMILY CONTINUED.

Davidson, was still being used in sidecar scrambles, trials and cross country events. **Reg** recalls while competing in a sidecar cross country trial in the late 1950's, the frame of his 1300 cc Harley Stroker broke forcing him and passenger **Tom Richardson** to return to Victoria. As they motored down the highway, an explosion brought them to an immediate halt. Upon inspecting the engine, they found the rear cylinder completely missing! The head was still suspended from a frame strut. So forceful was the explosion that it destroyed the windshield of a car going in the opposite direction yet inflicting no injury at all to the two in the Harley or the passengers in the car.

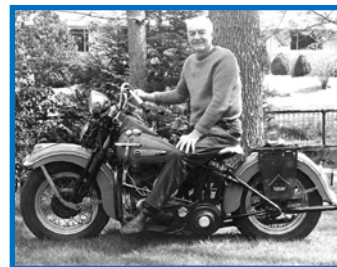
In the sixties, **Reg** could be found racing his 250 Greeves Challenger out on the Metchosin track at the age of 59! The last event he won was the 1965 All Day Enduro riding a Harley Davidson Sportster.

In 1971, Brooklands received an award for 50 years of service as a Harley Davidson dealer. This makes the shop second only to **Dealey**, Vancouver, in years under the same management in Canada selling Harley Davidson. **Reg** also sold Honda, Ossa and Bultaco out of his shop which reminds one of a "bit of olde England."

**Reg** retired his V.M.C. competition number 9 in 1971 but continued as an active member on the executive and on event committees. **Reg** was the last charter member of the Victoria Motorcycle Club until his death in 1999. at the age of 93.

**BOB SHANKS (RIP)**

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Reg. on his beloved "Blue Boy in front of his house on Maplewood.



A Youtube video of **Sammy Miller** showing many of the bikes he has collected and restored. Enjoy! If it doesn't open try copying and pasting the link in your browser.

<https://www.facebook.com/SammyMillerMuseum/videos/609740377917047/>



On January 3rd, Chek TV had short video on the News called Rewind. It was about the motorcycle show at the BC Museum in November 1993. Have a look at:- <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox?projector=1> If it doesn't open try copying and pasting the link in your browser.

Interested in motorcycles de electric ?? Check this link— 3—4 minutes

[https://youtu.be/oMV\\_bySKbRQ?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/oMV_bySKbRQ?feature=shared)

For further historical interest, take a look at the Canadian Hall of Fame inductees for 2010  
[Victoria Motorcycle Club - Class of 2010](#) | [Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame](#) | [Temple de la Renommée de la Moto du Canada](#)

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**A** BIG thanks to all those members who renewed their membership prior to the January 31st deadline. It certainly made it easier for the membership committee chair and executive in that they didn't have to divide up lists of unpaid members to phone each one to remind them to pay. Unfortunately we lost 42 members, for whatever reason, but that in turn allows the riders, who were put on a waiting list, the chance of joining. Membership is still capped at 475 subject to review by the executive.

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Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting - held on December 16, 2024 at Barnes Harley-Davidson  
prepared by Sec. Peter Grant

This was the first Regular Monthly Meeting of 2024.

In Attendance:- Vice President: Mark Fisher Secretary: Peter Grant Directors: Brent Donaldson  
Gary Gronow, Jordan McFarlane, Nick Newton

Committee Chairs present included: Roger Boothroyd- Newsletter Ed. & Communications,  
Ellen Voermans-Membership Chair, Peter Smither-new Website, Sam Bradshaw-Volunteer

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Coordinator and **Eric Pagel** (2024 Secretary in Waiting, tbd)

Absent were officers **Dave Horner** and **Perry Chow** and directors **Dave Fair**, **Justin Roach** and **Mike Hornick** and (new/old) Past President **Ben Hircok** (as **Dan McLaren** passed away 01/29/2023).

**WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order by the Vice President **Mark Fisher** at 7:32 PM with 15 voting members and 1 Honorary Member signed in. **Mark** voiced his thanks to all members that volunteered throughout 2023.

- 1) Sec. **Grant** read the minutes of the previous Regular Monthly Meeting of 12/17/23. Move to accept by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded **Peter Smither**, carried.
- 2) Sec. **Grant** spoke his short farewell as it is his final monthly meeting as the sitting Secretary. Related about the values of being engaged in club activities and helping to build a stronger and even better club. Spoke on the necessity of current members taking on a stronger mentoring role when sponsoring new members into the club.

### **BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS:**

- 3) In place of the absent Tres. **Perry Chow**, Sec. **Grant** provided two Treasurer's Reports:
  - I) Reviewed the 2023 full year financial statement. Income and expense statement vs budget Cash On Hand- bank accounts and Term deposits.  
Gate Key deposits received. Examined income from Dues - 2023 and for 2024 in 4th quarter.
  - Overall, our cash position remains strong - as holdings are in a similar position to close of 2022 even with the extraordinary capital costs incurred in the past year for Cycle Park improvements: i.e.: Memorial Pavilion, BC Hydro installation and Power Shed, new Powered Secure gate, all which are nearing completion.
  - Dir. **Gary Gronow** spoke, on the need for improved clarity on monthly and annual statements. -- What is our typical recurring month-to-month operating expenses?
  - **Peter Smither** spoke, that monthly statements were only 'a snapshot in time' and would be more relatable if they covered a standard period, i.e.: for the full month that proceeds each meeting.
  - Moved to accept by **Roger Boothroyd**, second by **Gary Gronow**, carried.
  - II) Reviewed the Monthly financial statement thru Jan. 16th.
  - Income and Expenses only, nothing more to detail.
  - Noted there are new invoices for current construction projects and improvements to come in Q1 (maybe into Q2), 2024.

Moved to accept by **Peter Smither**, second by **Jordan McFarlane**, carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Past Events:**

- 4) Boxing Day Sidecar Trial, by **Bruce Taylor**:
  - The event was held as usual with no fanfare or advertisement of location.
  - 3 sidecar rigs started, no snow on slopes allowed all entrants to complete the run.
  - Escorted by 4 solos riders.
  - **Kevin Marshall** and **Bruce Taylor** were declared winners.
- 5) Director **Brent Donaldson** provided report on :
  - Boxing Day Vintage Trial and Family Day was well attended with many members participating who don't typically compete in modern Trials events. Many family members joined in and enjoyed BBQ, light refreshments and snacks. Supplies were purchased using profits generated at prior event concessions.
  - Planning for 3 or 4 similar events in 2024

### **BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS, cont.:**

- 6) Vice Pres. **Mark Fisher** called on **Ellen Voermans** for a Membership Report:
  - Thru today, of 475 total members there are 125 members that have not paid their 2024 dues yet.  
It is expected that we will receive a significant number renew in the final two weeks as has been experienced in prior year.
  - Has received notes from only a handful of members informing they will not be renewing for 2024.
  - Any **key-holding** 'lost member' that does not plan to renew for 2024 will have 30 days from

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Feb. 1st to return their key and request a return of their key deposit money or deposit is forfeited.

Contact Membership Chair **Ellen Voermans** or Treasurer **Perry Chow**.

-Current Wait List for new admissions sits at 52 potential new members.

7) Sec. **Grant** provided a Membership update on the 46 new members admitted in May 2023 on fulfilling their new member requirements:

-Of 41 Active Members, the vast majority have completed all requirements. As of this day there were 18 new members where all requirements had not been completed; (attend a Monthly Meeting to stand for Introduction, attend an Orientation session and complete two days (6 hours/day) work-duty in the first season).

- 4 members have not replied to the previous 2 email messages sent in this matter and have not paid dues.

- 2 have indicated they are withdrawing from membership, 1 is still considering.

- 2 have indicated they plan to complete their Work-Duty on Jan. 20th.

- 2 have indicated they wish to carry work-duty forward into 2024.

8) Director **Brent Donaldson** provided an update on "ISTC Trail Access.

- Meeting planned with retired Forestry Official, VIDRA and VMC members in attendance. All working together to gain improved and unrestricted access to this property.

### Upcoming Events:

9) **Roger Boothroyd** reported the tentative 2024 schedule is posted on website with all traditional events on their typical dates.

- Les Blow Trail is our first competition, Feb. 25th

### MORE BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS, cont.:

10) Sec. **Grant** provided an update on BC Hydro installation:

- as informed by Pres. **Horner**, the required documents have been signed by both parties and filed with the Land Registry office. The old non-valid mortgage from 1968 should be removed from title within about 2 (+/-) weeks.

11) **Peter Smither** provided an update on New Website construction:

- In brief the build is proceeding on course.

-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.

- Principle work is being completed on Member Portal, Payment Portal, Events registration and Results, on-line Waiver portal and much more.

-Adding an optional list for Members that wish to offer their professional or business services to other members.

- We hope to have a sneak-peak and demo before the end of January.

12) **Sam Bradshaw** gave an update on his work in the new position of *Volunteer Coordinator*:

- 5 members have signed up for the Jan. 20th work-party. Will be split into two more groups to work on site cleanup around the property.

- Open to suggestions of items and areas needing attention.

- **Sam** is working with support from **Peter Smither** & Executive members to perfect this process.

*Sec. Grant reminded:* Committee Chairs needed to help organize events:- Dual-Sport, Road-Ride, Field Meet and a Trials Rep to CMA/National.

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, and many more activities. Interested members should contact any Sam or Executive member for direction and receive organizing tips and guidance.

Volunteers still needed for a few key positions: Activities Awards Tracking Coordinator, Trophy Committee Chair (to work with **Melissa Andrist**), Referee, other?

### NEW BUSINESS:

13) Dir. **Brent Donaldson** on the suggestion to have regularly scheduled Work-Partys on the same day of each month around the calendar:

- Suggested we schedule a Trail Maintenance Work-Party every 3rd Saturday each month.



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- 14) Membership Chair **Ellen Voermans** related the first draft of the proposed Family Membership category:
  - Creation of a new membership category suitable for families with one or more child under the age of 13. Dues would be reduced from Junior. Will not count towards Life membership status.
  - Alter Bylaws to make it mandatory for Juniors to contribute One Day Work-Duty each season, same as Active members.
  - Will be taken to Executive for further consideration.
  - To be implemented for start of the 2025 season if approved by Special Resolution.
  - If adopted in some form will require a Bylaw amendment(s) and filing.

**MORE NEW BUSINESS:**

- 15) **Roger Boothroyd**-Newsletter Editor & Communication Director:
  - Re-stated - dues 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 is removed from the membership roster.
  - Related about some ‘hiccups’, members should read the reminder email(s) and check on our website for the instructions about how to pay your annual membership dues.
  - Members are again reminded to notify the club of changes of address, phone, or email info throughout the year. 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)
- 16) **Ellen Voermans**-Membership Chair; Dues may be paid here tonight if not already paid.
- 17) - Sec. **Grant** reviewed recent correspondence:
  - from Roger - on the passing of Life Member **Chuck South’s** wife **Sheila South**. **Sheila** was a mainstay back in the day of the club’s Women’s Auxiliary and a big part in running the annual two-day Terra Nova Enduro’s Thanksgiving Day feast.
  - **Gary Gronow** and **Ellen Voermans** to prepare a card of condolences and will deliver along with flowers from the VMC.
  - Email received from **Sam King** - to initiate approval to run **Sam’s Ride The Vibe** Trials and Enduro Schools at Cycle Park again this spring. Sec. **Grant** to reply to **Sam**, proposed date(s), and table at to next Executive meeting.
- 18) Dir. **Donaldson** rose to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of our timeless Newsletter Editor **Roger Boothroyd**.
- 19) Next Executive Meeting: - Not scheduled.

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**Minutes of the VMC Executive Meeting**  
**held on February 13, 2024, at Perry Chow’s residence common room**  
*Condensed For Publication*

This was the first VMC Executive meeting of 2024.

**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,**  
 Also present were members; **Peter Smither** new Website committee, **Ellen Voermans**-Membership Chair.  
 Absent were Directors **Justin Roach, Nick Newton** and (new/old) Past President **Ben Hircock** and **Eric Pagel**  
 (incoming Secretary-work conflict).

The meeting was called to order by President **Dave Horner** at 7:10 PM.

**Topics discussed:**

- 1) Secretary **Grant**; did not read the December executive meeting minutes as an extensive meeting agenda had been prepared and circulated in advance.
- 2) Sec. **Grant**; raised the question of fixed dates for future Executive meetings:
  - Confirmed that there will be a regularly Executive Meeting scheduled held each month,

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on the Thursday evening proceeding each Regular Monthly Meeting. Unless communicated otherwise, will be at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor common room of Perry Chow's residence, 208-4383 West Saanich Rd, Victoria.

- If an Executive Meeting is not required in any given month, it may be cancelled.

3) Pres. **Horner**; on the subject of BC Hydro and removal of old mortgage from title:

- Correct signed forms and two affidavits have been filed at Land Titles office.

- Waiting on the Lands Superintendent to approve the removal of charge.

4) **Mike Hornick**; on 2024 Capital Improvements Budget vs unused budget amounts carried forward from 2023:

- Approx. \$75k was spent vs \$130K budgeted in 2023.

- Overall, all construction project(s) came in well under budget. Memorial Pavilion, Hydro Shed, Powered Gate, BC Hydro installation - costs for all have been principally paid for.

- Amounts to pay in 2024 include remaining changes for new Gate, Electrical room, trenching/grading and more.

- The estimated amounts are not entirely clear but should come in well under \$25K.

- Listed the materials that **Peter Smither** was able to provide n/c.

- Noted that many members have contributed many hours helping on these projects.

5) **Jordan McFarlane**; on the subject of new gate, Access Fob vs Swipe Card:

- Decision confirmed that **Jordan** should proceed to purchase up to 275 new electronic access FOBS for the lowest possible price he can negotiate.

- Alternate emergency and service access will be available through old gate with traditional padlock.

6) **Jordan McFarlane**; has accepted the role of Gate Key/Fob distribution manager:

- Any key/fob returns go to **Jordan**. He will communicate with Perry for deposit refund.

- **Jordan** will manage exchange to electronic Fob process and individual coding.

7) **Brent Donaldson**; on committee activities to secure improved access to ISTC lands:

- Meeting held with 8 people present (VMC, VIDRA and others) to sketch out the best steps to approach Government and Mosaic.

- Looking to secure unrestricted but not exclusive access to ISTC specific property.

- ISTC Executive is comprised of: President-**Mark Fisher**, VP-**Gary Gronow**, Treasurer-**Perry Chow**, Secretary-**Meaghan Symes**, and Directors-**Brent Donaldson**, **Jordan McFarlane** and **Mike Hornick**.

8) **Peter Smither**; on progress of new website:

- Reviewed the page mock-ups and modules that had been completed.

- work is required to review, clarify and update the VMC's Competition Rules. Places holders will be provided and populated when Rules review is completed.

9) **Jordan McFarlane**; for **Sam Bradshaw**-Volunteer Coordinator:

- **Sam** was unable to attend due to work conflict.

- Approved to proceed and schedule VMC Work Parties for the 3rd Saturday of every month, weather permitting.

- Soliciting input from Members on what trails and other areas require work or attention.

10) **Peter Grant**; on the list of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs:

- Will circulate this list to all on Exec and others for review and comment.

- **Eric Pagel** can update following Annual Meeting and Election of new Executive members.

11) **Brent Donaldson**; on upcoming Annual Meeting and Elections:

- President **Horner** has a presentation for membership, status of club, future vision and new projects.

12) **Gary Gronow**; on holding a Summer Social and Member Recognition gathering:

- to help develop improved community among the many newer members:

- to introduce and thank the many members who have given back to the club in various activities over the previous few years.

- Tres. **Chow** suggested we could also have a Movie Night held in conjunction with many of the old event videos in existence, see **Rachel Olsen**.



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13) Pres. **Horner**; on nominating recipients for - Club Champion (Trials Series), Matson Award, Hard Luck Award, Activity Award:

- Club Activity, awarded to the member who accumulates the most points by participating in club activities to: \_\_\_\_\_

- Hard Luck to: \_\_\_\_\_

- Matson Award, to the person(s) contributing the most to Motorcycling to: \_\_\_\_\_

- Champion's Trophy; this trophy is awarded to the most promising trials rider to; \_\_\_\_\_

14) Tres **Chow**; presented his monthly Treasurer's Report:

- Limited numbers available as he and **Pete Smither** were still working to complete the proposed annual budget.

- Capital expense and improvements budget figures have been provided by **Mike Hornick**.

15) Tres. **Chow** and **Peter Smither**; review the new Financial Report template that **Pete** is producing, to be used once the new website has been launched.

- Will be based on prior year's actuals, projected current year budget, and monthly actuals and so on.

16) **Ellen Voermans** - Membership Report; reviewed list of Lapsed, Current and Wait Listed members:

- 42 members allowed their membership to lapse, did not return from 2023. This is lower than the average typical loss and lower than anticipated given the dues increase.

- We currently have 435 on the 2024 membership roster.

- Potentially, there are 67 individual names on Wait List. Many are family groups or family of existing members.

It has not been determined whether all still wish to join so 67 could become less.

- Peter informed that only three Lapsed Members were in possession of a gate key. All have been contacted, all had said they were returning their key to Jordan. A deposit refund will be issued.

17) **Ellen Voermans**; on proposed changes to membership for 2025 to add a Family category:

- **Family Membership** category which could split Juniors into two sub-groups (referred to as Junior and Youth; Youth 0-12 yrs., Junior 13-18 yrs.

- Youth members piggyback on Family Membership with no dues payable. When they turn 13 Jr. dues become payable.

- Clock starts running on earning Life Member Status (following completion of 35 consecutive years) when they graduate to Active category.

- Junior members transition to Active at 19 yrs.,

- Juniors will be required to provide same Work Duty as Active Members.

- First year dues are full rate regardless of the month when admitted.

- All requirements of admission are to be completed in first 'season' of membership unless an extension/ exception is formally requested and approved by Membership Chair.

- Ellen will continue to review, draft bylaw suggested amendments and report back with her formal recommendations.

- If approved, to be implemented for the 2025 season, requires a Bylaw amendment.

18) **Peter Grant** on new 2023 Admission Members; and those that did not completely fulfill the requirements of New Members. That being - Stand for Introduction, attend Orientation and Work-Duty.

- Tracking sheet shows that nine new members did not fully complete their first-year requirements.

- Membership Committee will prepare letters to be sent to those that did not properly complete their first-year requirements; list deadlines for completion and penalties for further non-compliance.

19) **Peter Grant** on **Sam King's** request to hold Trials and Enduro schools at Cycle Park this April:

- Agreed that **Peter** should speak with **Sam** and express the strong concerns voiced about excessive wear and tear on the property when riders do repeated exercises over and over on the same piece of turf.

20) Tres. **Chow** raised the topic to increase the Membership Initiation Fee commencing in 2025:

- No new fee was determined, further discussion needed.

- Recommended that the fee be increased to help offset growing costs and administrative work.

- He noted that new members receive the fruits of all the prior year members' efforts for almost zero cost or input by them.

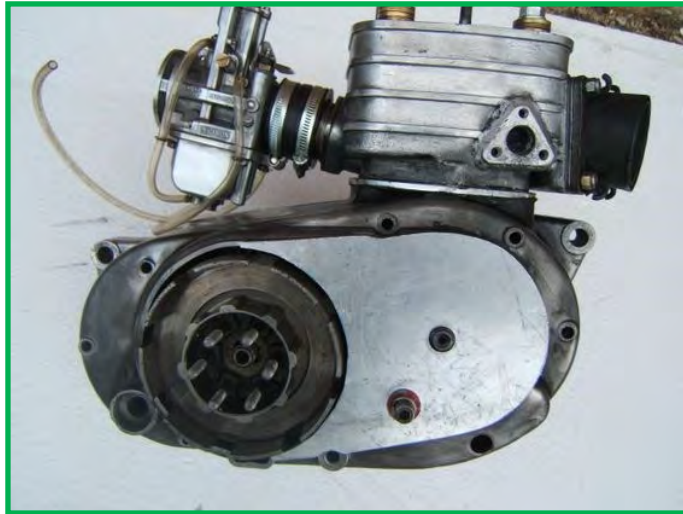
21) Next Regular Club Meeting: - Tuesday Feb. 20th, 7:30 at Barnes Harley-Davidson

22) Next Executive Meeting: - Thursday March 14th, 7:00 pm.



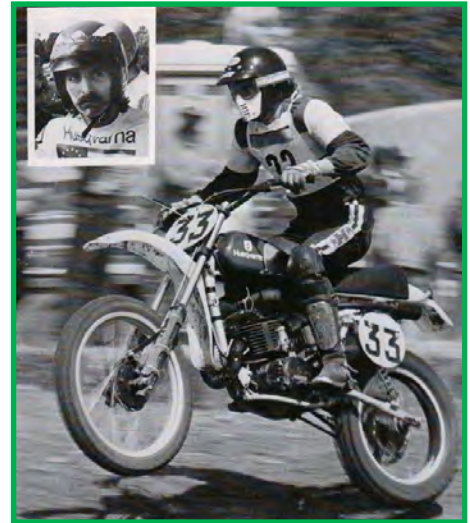


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## IN MEMORIAM



It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of long time Women's Auxiliary member Sheila South, wife of Life member Charlie (Chuck) South after a lengthy illness. Sheila was well known for her volunteering at VMC events, particularly at the Terra Nova Enduro where she was one of the team preparing meals for all the entrants and committee members. Sheila peacefully passed away on January 14th with Chuck and her daughter Sheryl by her side. Our sincere condolences to the family.



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## BUDVAR CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE

Czech brewery Budweiser Budvar is teaming up with east London custom bike workshop Bolt motorcycles to create a bespoke Budvar bike for a 1,000 mile European road trip. ...

The new project, called 'True Bohemians' sees the iconic Czech brewery team up with **Andrew Almond**, founder of Bolt motorcycles - East London's custom bike workshop, apparel and art store - to create a bespoke Budvar motorbike for an epic 1000-mile road trip.

We were commissioned by Czech brewer Budweiser Budvar to design and build a custom motorcycle which reflected the craft and tradition of the brewery. We were also tasked with building the bike using a Czech made motorcycle.

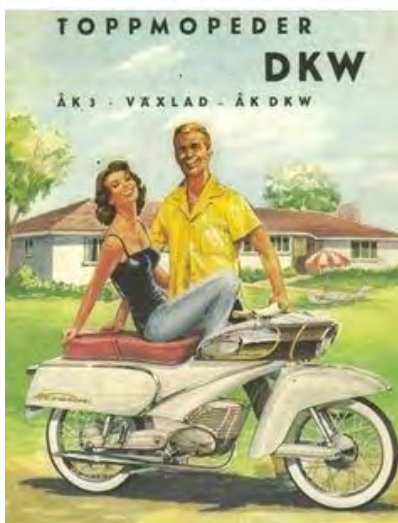
We wanted to reference the style of the early Jawa models from the 1930's to 60's whilst creating something modern and unique. We found a rare export model which used the original beautifully sculptured engine from the 50's within a much more modern and utilitarian built bike. We also had to ride the bike 1000 miles to the Brewery in South Bohemian as a test run so the engine had to perform.

We started by fabricating a new hard tail frame following the form of a 1950's Triumph with the work being undertaken by **Jake Robbins** vintage engineering. We re-conditioned the engine and built a new loom and electrical system using uprated parts. We added minimal controls and a Bates style light. Custom brackets were made to keep the clean lines of the bike and emphasis the custom parts. These included a hand made seat which was matched with a hand tooled leather tank strap. We work with a leather worker who carved and painted a Hop motif along the tank strap. The frame and parts were powder coated before going to London Scooter bodyshop who sprayed a two tone cream over the red base. Finally we invited Coop of Dapper Signs to hand paint the lettering and add the gold pin stripping. Check out this Youtube video:- If it doesn't open try copying and pasting the link.

[TRUE BOHEMIANS || BUDWEIS OR BUST: an epic 1000-mile road trip through Europe on the Budvar Bike \(youtube.com\)](#)



## VINTAGE ADS OF OLD



## MYSTERY MOTOR AND NAME THE RIDER ANSWERS

This is the story about Bultaco's Streaker, a model that hit the showroom floor in 1977, and the only bike from that Spanish brand to sport cast aluminum wheels.

Bultaco offered the Streaker with two engine options – the 119cc (125) model primarily for the U.S. and export markets, and a smaller 74cc (75) model intended as a beginner road bike for the domestic market. Both models shared the same chassis, but the 74cc variant was also legal for the Spanish road racing class. The payback to Spanish culture and road racing history proved strong: Alfonso "Sito" Pons, later to become two-time 250cc world champion, got his start in the Streaker-based class. So did a handful of other notable Spanish riders in coming years.

It's one of about 750 examples that Bultaco built from 1977 to 1979, before the factory experienced a full shutdown of operations. That crisis lasted through the following year when the factory doors in Barcelona, Spain, reopened for another three-year run before the government put the company on life support again, where it lingered a few more painful years before mercifully shutting down for good in early 1987. Recently, the iconic Bultaco name was resurrected and it's now found on, of all things, electric-powered bicycles – a far cry from the magical motorcycles, all powered by blue-smoking 2-stroke single-cylinder engines of varying displacements that commanded a worldwide presence from the Iberian Peninsula starting in 1959.

*From the magazine Motorcycle Classics*



Brad Lackey was one of America's pioneering motocross racers of the 1970s and '80s. In 1972, Lackey won the AMA 500cc National Motocross championship. In 1982, after a decade of trying, he became the first American to win the 500cc World Motocross Championship. During his career, Lackey rode for CZ, Suzuki and Honda, but in the United States he is most closely associated with Kawasaki, the team with which he won his AMA title. To see a full report try this link. <http://www.bradlackey.com/about-brad.html>

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In 1985, the VMC hosted a National Trial at Cycle Park. The following is from the 1985 minutes.

All sections are ribboned off and ready. **Stu Timbres** and **Jim McLeod** will look after the gate while **Jim Fracy**, **Wally Sabins** and **Harry Bell** will handle the parking. **Mike Guns** and **George Doucette** agreed to look after scorekeeping. **Steve Fracy** read out the draw and explained how it was carried out. Motion:- by **Bob Gillies** and seconded by **Kevin Simpson** to purchase one large keg of beer with a spigot for after the event. Cost:- approximately \$84.00. Motion carried. **Jim Fracy** will look after the beer.

All checkers and helpers should be at the property by 9:00 am. There will be a reception at the Ingraham Rodeway Inn—Salon "B" Friday the 21st from 7 - 9 pm.

**Roger Boothroyd** also pointed out that all the trophies for the Nationals were donated by **Peter Wille**.

**Steve Fracy** reported that our event was much better organized than the events in Vancouver and Calgary. All riders appeared very pleased with the way it was run. **Stu Timbres** reported that approximately 700 people including members attended. He said that the Club should be very proud as it was one of the best events we have put on. **George Lohrmann** thanked all those who helped out. It appears that approximately \$1000.00 was raised for the Club. There will be a full report at the next meeting.

Note:- Unfortunately I cannot find a copy of that full report. The August 1985 minutes are missing. **Steve Fracy** was the National Champion in 1985. The picture on page 5 is a young **Ryon Bell**, our new Director.

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Be careful what you hear from somebody, you might be hearing it from the problem!

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Held on February 20, 2024, At Barnes Harley Davidson**  
**With 47 Members in Attendance (45 eligible to vote)**



**In Attendance**

President: **Dave Horner**                                 Directors: **Mike Hornick, Jordan McFarlane**  
Vice President: **Mark Fisher**                                 **Gary Gronow, Brent Donaldson, Dave Fair,**  
Treasurer: **Perry Chow**  
Secretary: **(Meaghan Symes for Peter Grant)**  
Regrets: **Peter Grant, Justin Roach, Nick Newton, and Past President Ben Hircock**

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by the President, **Dave Horner**, at 7:30 PM, who then proceeded to congratulate the Club for having a great year last year. So much was accomplished, and so many members worked hard towards our objectives.

The **minutes of the previous meeting** held January 16<sup>th</sup> were not available to be read for adoption. Deferred to the March general meeting.

**Business arising from the minutes**

**Peter Smither** - the new website is coming along very nicely, and will be in final testing mode soon. It will automate many of the VMC's processes (payments, waivers, signup, calendars, etc). Please be patient. Once it is fully functional, it shall be released, hopefully within another month or so.

**Mike Hornick** - Pavilion is on budget as per the expanded scope of work for wiring and power. Waiting on the water table to fall before underground infrastructure can proceed. **Perry** added that the budget for this building included the expanded scope for the gate, power - originally budgeted \$130,000, last year we spent \$75,500. Another \$58,000 to completion. Costs overall for this expanded scope are \$135,500, with wiggle-room on some line items. This is pretty good considering the time involved for this project, and the scope has been expanded.

**The electrical/hydro** issue is still a problem, with the 1966 mortgage on title to Brookland Motorcycle Sales. **Dave Horner** has complied with the request for affidavits from both himself and **Murray Anderson** (director of this long-defunct company), stating that to the best of their knowledge there is no money owing to Brookland Motorcycle Sales and awaits the discharge of the lien. **Dave** is following up once a week with Land Registries, but as yet no word.

**Property Maintenance** - **Brent Donaldson** - there have been a few work parties which have concentrated on maintenance, and all is looking good. **Tony Wilson** - would like more members to run work-parties. **Gary Gronow** advises that work-parties will be on the calendar for specific dates each month.

**Membership** - **Ellen Voermans**- 435 members renewed for 2024. 47 elected not to renew. There were some glitches with the current payment system, but **Ellen** believes she ironed these out. It is expected that the payment system incorporated in the new website will eradicate these issues. Currently 67 on the waitlist to join, some of them almost a year. Do we want to let all the waitlist join (for a total of 502, which includes kids under 13), or maintain or current cap of 475? (Executive is working on a family membership to be finalized for the 2025 term). **Ellen** is in communication with the handful of new members who for one reason or another have not yet completed their volunteer requirements.

**Brent Donaldson** made a Motion that the new members who have not yet to date fulfilled their volunteer requirement be given notice to complete this within 60 days or they are suspended from the Club. Seconded by **Gary Gronow**. Carried.

**Discussion on admitting the wait-listed prospects.**

**Perry Chow** made a Motion that the wait-listed prospects be admitted for the voting process. Seconded by **Bruce Taylor**. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Upcoming Events**

**Dave Fair** - Les Blow Trial is all set to run this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for one more volunteer at sign-up. (that volunteer position filled two days after the meeting).

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Rick Wells Trial

Equalizer Enduro (April 21st), as well as the Joe Brown Trial (April 28th), just need committees.

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## February Monthly Meeting Minutes Continued.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Perry Chow** presented his monthly treasurers report and said that, given all the expenses we had for this year with the building of the pavilion and the shed for the electrics, the club is in good shape. We were under budget for both projects but will have more expenses this year with other projects. The annual expenses such as insurance, property maintenance etc. are ongoing as will be the new website under construction.



On a motion from **Peter Smither**, seconded by **Roger Boothroyd**, the Treasurer's Report was adopted as read.

### \*\*\* 2024 VMC Election of Officers \*\*\*

**Roger Boothroyd**, after a round of applause for the prior Executive and the volunteers who stepped up in all capacities, ran this year's election in his usual efficient manner:

President: **Dave Horner** (Acclamation) Vice President: **Mark Fisher** (Acc) Treasurer: **Perry Chow** (Acc)

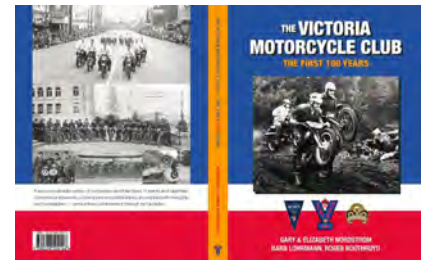
Secretary: **Eric Pagel**

Directors: **Kevin Ash, Ryon Bell, Brent Donaldson, Gary Gronow, Rhys Hathaway, Mike Hornick, Jordan McFarlane**

On a motion from **Gary Gronow**, seconded by **Mike Hornick**, the ballots were destroyed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Roger Boothroyd** - "100 Years of the VMC" (book created by **Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom, Barb Lohrmann, and Roger**, which sold out of both soft and hardcover). Another run of 75 has been authorized by the Executive, and will be ordered soon - softcover only. 15 have already been pre-sold, so 60 will be available for purchase. An email will go out to the membership once they are available. Due to changes at the printer, the cost will be increased over last run. Please email **Roger** if you would like one set aside.



Membership committee confirms that any keys which were held by members who did not renew this year have been or are in the process of being returned. **Ellen** also noted that going forward, capacity for new members will be calculated in February and new members will be admitted at one go, rather than continuous intake.

**Perry** - VMC stickers and jacket crests are available for purchase from the Membership Committee.

**Peter Smither** - *please send any of your favourite newer VMC photos to be posted on the new website to:-* ([psmith@gmail.com](mailto:psmith@gmail.com))

**Outhouses** - deferred to next executive meeting.

Adjourn

On a motion by **Roger Boothroyd**, seconded by **Gary Gronow**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

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## The Les Blow Trial—February 25th - by Roger Boothroyd

It was typical February weather - wet, cold and windy - that was in store for the 37 entrants to the first trial of the 2024 season, the Les Blow Trial, at the club's property on Happy Valley Road. The event was named after former member **Les Blow (RIP)**, who was the owner of Les Blow's Motorcycle Sales for many years. Coincidentally, it was sunny the next morning !!

Ten sections had been laid out with varying degrees of difficulty throughout Cycle Park by the organizing committee for the seven classes of riders. Sign up started at 9:00 am and by 10 am, member **Dave Fair** was proceeding with the rider's meeting. Riders were told to follow the arrows on the trails and determine which way they were to ride in the sections according to their class. They were also reminded to turn in their score cards after each of three loops. By this time, all looked very wet but looking forward to the competition.



Sign-up Table

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## Les Blow Trial Continued.

The five entrants in the Junior class had the advantage of totaling the best two of three loops. In first place was **Raquel Cottier** on a Vertigo with 11 points. Not far behind was her brother **Quinn**, also on a Vertigo with 18 points. Third place went to **Matthew Duggan** on a Gas Gas with 87 points. There were two DNF's probably due to the inclement weather.

There were three riders in the Intermediate class and **Jake Eastman** took first on his Scorpa with 44 points. **Dave Carlson** was nipping at **Eastman's** boots as he placed second riding a Montesa with 50 points. Also on a Montesa was third place **Colin Stares** with 80 points.

The Senior Intermediate class had the honour of being the largest class of the day. **Matt Loken** on a Vertigo ran away with first place with 28 points. Another Vertigo rider, **Dave Fair**, placed second with over twice as many points at **Loken**, with 62 points. Hard on the heels of **Fair** was another Vertigo rider, **Ben Williams** who placed third with 63 points. There were two riders who DNF'd in this class.

It was a battle for top spot in the Sportsman class but **Quinn McCullough** on a Gas Gas squeaked into first place with 84 points. **Dave Nunn** on a Vertigo took the first loop but faltered on the next two to take second with 86 points. Third place went to Bata mounted **Ian Carlson** who tied with **John Faa** on a Vertigo with 99 points. **Carlson** had two cleans while **Faa** had one. There were four DNF's in this class.

The Expert class had five riders and Canadian and Club champion **Thomas Cordner** on a Vertigo was first with thirty-eight points. Another Vertigo rider, **Jeremy McChesney** was second with fifty-one points. Third place went to **Brandon Petrie** on a Sherco with 78 points.

The "Fun Clubman" class also had five riders but two were DNF. Riders were allowed to take their best two of three loops for their final score. **Mark Roler** on a TRS showed how it was done by taking first place with eight points. Mark chose the last two loops. In second place was **Donald Cairns** on a Gas Gas with 30 points. **Cairns** chose the first and last loops for his final score. Not far behind **Cairns** was **Blake Sharples** on his Gas Gas with 33 points. **Sharples** rode two loops and counted them for his final score.

Many thanks to the committee that worked hard to put on challenging sections with short notice. They were:- **Kevin Ash, Hugh Williams, Steve Mawer, Jake Eastman, Chris and John Faa, Connor Lund, Rhys Hathaway, Matt Fracy, Nik Ferguson, Jordan McFarlane, Brandon Volk and Ryan Smith.** Sign up and score keeping was handled by **Susan Fair, Shannon Eastman and Alan Doucet.** Concession was looked after by: **Meaghan Symes, Adrienne Roler, Kelly Hitchens and Emily Homuth.** All worked like CHAMPS in the absolutely foul hurricane-like weather we had this past Sunday under a shelter which had no walls and was leaking wind-driven rain. And **Adrienne (and Mark Roler)** supplied a huge batch of delicious cookies.

Full results on our website as:- [www.vmc.bc.ca](http://www.vmc.bc.ca)



Riders waiting for the riders meeting