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Certainly not a motorcycle in the picture above, but, who knows, maybe one of those workers rode a bike ! Although the Kirk Coal Co. went out of business many years ago, (who uses coal anymore?), the company was supportive of the VMC, as were many businesses, by donating a large silver trophy for the Kirk Reliability Trial beginning in 1930. This was an event that was highly competitive combining riding skill, time and observed check riding. Sadly the demise of the event started around the 1980's when the riding checks were eliminated due to the enduro riders complaining that they were disadvantaged in riding checks. Then there was the problem of getting a committee to organize it. In 1984 it didn't run for three years and subsequently two years after that. In the later years it was combined a few times with a hard enduro run by the Vancouver Island Dirt Riders Association. It never did recover to be a yearly reliability trial. Over the years, the style of bikes improved and most trials riders only save their bike for riding observed trials. They don't want to ride cross country and most trials bikes don't have odometers. Also, no one wants to organize it, or ride to time and ride observed sections, only go fast. This outcome has been the same for all our reliability trials. Riding cross country was absolutely the best of times !! Other companies that donated trophies are:-Brock Whitney Jewellers—Novice Trial Trophy, Valvoline Oil Comp.—Valvoline Trial, Wellburn Market—Wellburn Reliability Trial, Brentwood Reliability Trial—Brentwood Hotel, Goldstream Pub—Novice MiniScot, King John Inn—Nuts in May Road Ride, FW Francis—VI Hillclimb Championship, Municipality of Saanich—Saanich Motocross (trophy missing), C.C. Wakefield & Company (Castrol)—Scrambles Championship.

For those of us that rode the VMC's reliability trials, it was a good way to make memories, whether they're good or bad. Mind games with the other riders, checking your watch and odometer, zeroing a check point, cleaning an observed section, it was repeatedly, "the best of times."

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CLUB NEWZ

The regular monthly meeting for August was cancelled due to the lack of items to discuss. The next regularly monthly meeting was on September 17th. See minutes P.14

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Spark arrestors are not mandatory (at this time) to ride at Cycle Park but given the dry conditions it might be advisable to install one. They may be available from Dave at Moto Trials West, Kenco or through **Dave Rhodes** at Outlaw Trialsport.



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It's been a long, dry summer but the campfire ban has finally been removed. As of Wednesday, August 28th, Cycle Park was open fully for riding. During that dry time, riders were only allowed to ride below the enduro course. Thanks to all for respecting that rule.

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KTM Owner Moves Production to China Pierer Mobility Group is cutting costs. After acquiring the original Austrian **KTM** brand, the Pierer Mobility Group has grown to be the No. 1 European powered two-wheel manufacturer with 190,293 bikes sold in the first half of 2023, with a sales volume increase of 16.5 percent over the same period of 2022. Pierer Mobility Group is determined to further increment its position and its sales volume for 2024, and consequently the top management decided to sell the R Raymon and **Felt** bicycle makes, while promoting the **Husqvarna** and **GasGas e-bicycle** production.

Read all about it at:- <https://www.cycleworld.com/motorcycle-news/ktm-owner-moves-production-to-china/>

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A tremendous amount of work at Cycle Park has taken place over the last couple of years with some of it taking place on the September 7th and 8th weekend. Led by member **Mike Hornick**, both members and non-members, trenched in the electrical cable, communications conduit, and water lines from the power shed and existing wash station to the shipping container and pavilion. The new power gate is also installed (although not yet wired and commissioned). Using his own equipment, the club only pays for the fuel, and we cannot thank **Mike** enough for all his and his crews efforts.

The list of volunteers is long but specifically in the last month or so here it is:-

Precast Concrete and Delivery - People and Companies that Donated to Make this Happen

Brandon Volk (Volk Transport) gravel truck and trailer,

Tom Hutchinson (True Line Contracting) gravel truck and trailer,

Rhys Hathaway (Cutter Industries) crane truck,

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

John Newberry ([Langley Precast](#)) Secured the precast donation
Ryon Bell

Pavilion Finishing Tony Legg, Steve Mawer, Chris Faa, John Faa, Kevin Ash, Mike Hornick, Braeden Grealy, Chris Hall, Eric Neilson, Dylan Ponzi.

Site Servicing Paul Cooper (Global Pro Systems) Machinery delivery, Mike Hornick (True Line Contracting) Machinery, John Rumley (True Line Contracting) Machine operator, Mark LeFebvre (Nichol Electric) Electrical,



Sean Duhamel, Steve Mawer, Chris Faa, Kevin Ash, John Rumley, Braeden Grealy, Melissa Andrist, Peter Smither, Brandon Horner, Dylan Ponzi, Sean Duhamel, Mark Fisher, Stew Eastman, Scott Edwards.

For those members, old or new, who off loaded their bikes while work was going on, with no acknowledgement of the work, perhaps consider if you can help or, at least, a “great job guys, I’ll try and help next time !! “



New Wash Station

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New Electronic Gate (not activated yet)

TROPHY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION—SEPT 29, 2024



Life member **Barb Lohrmann** and her partner **Dan McLaren (RIP)** were “keepers of the results and trophies” for many years. After **Dan’s** passing, **Barb** carried on with the trophies while mentoring a future “keeper” at the same time as moving up island. Thankfully, at a general meeting, members **Rachel and Loren Olson**, as well as their daughter **Cecelia**, stepped up to “fill the void,” and the following is their work.

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Victoria Motorcycle Club
84th, 85th and 86th Awards Presentation Sunday, September 29, 2024
Awards Event and Social to celebrate the Pavilion

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VMC Cycle Park, 4192 Happy Valley Rd.

Events, Series and Awards include:
 Trials Events & Series for 2022, 2023
 Hillclimb for 2022, 2023
 Road Rides for 2021, 2022, 2023

Start time 1300hrs **Rachel Olsen — Master of Ceremonies**

Welcome

Introduction of Outgoing / Incoming Executive

President's Remarks **Dave Horner**

	<u>Incoming 2024</u>	<u>Outgoing 2023</u>	<u>2022—2020</u>
President	Dave Horner	Dave Horner	Dave Horner
Vice President	Mark Fisher	Mark Fisher	Mark Fisher
Secretary	Eric Pagel	Peter Grant	Peter Grant
Treasurer	Perry Chow	Perry Chow	Perry Chow
Past President	Dan McLaren Ben Hircock	Dan McLaren (RIP 2023) Ben Hircock	

Directors	<u>Incoming 2024</u>	<u>Outgoing 2023</u>	<u>2022—2020</u>
	Kevin Ash	Brent Donaldson	Brent Donaldson
	Ryon Bell	Dave Fair	Dave Fair
	Brent Donaldson	Gary Gronow	Jim Hannah (RIP 2021)
	Gary Gronow	Mike Hornick	Andy James
	Rhys Hathaway	Jordan McFarlane	Dave McCullough
	Mike Hornick	Nick Newton	Nick Newton
	Jordan McFarlane	Tony Wilson	

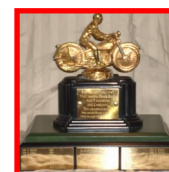
ORDER OF PRESENTATION:-

- GROUP 1 Trials Events
- GROUP 2 Trials Series
- GROUP 3 Hillclimb
- GROUP 4 VIDRA Events
- GROUP 5 Road Rides
- GROUP 6 Road Riding Series and the Boxing Day Side Car Trial
- GROUP 7 Long Term Membership Awards for 2021, 2022, 2023
- GROUP 8 Special Awards – 2021, 2022, 2023

TRIALS EVENTS

** plaques were give out at each event

Les Blow Trial – perpetual trophy 2015 – the Frank Baylis “keeper” originally won in a scramble or an enduro between 1937 and 1947.



Expert 2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Andrew Watson

Expert 2023

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Ryon Bell

Reg Shanks Trial – perpetual trophy 2010 – the Brentwood Miniature (a.k.a. “keeper”) won by **Bob Shanks in 1931**



Expert 2022

1. Jeremy McChesney
2. Sean Bird
3. Thomas Cordner

Expert 2023

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Andrew Watson

Rick Wells Trial – The Rick Wells Memorial Trophy, donated by the Wells Family in 1970.

Expert 2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Ryon Bell
3. Jeremy McChesney

Expert 2023

1. Jeremy McChesney
2. Ryon Bell
3. Andrew Watson



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Awards & Trophies Continued.

Joe Brown / Major Trial – The Joe Brown Memorial Trophy (2000)

Expert 2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Brandon Volk
3. Jeremy McChesney

Expert 2023

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Andrew Watson.



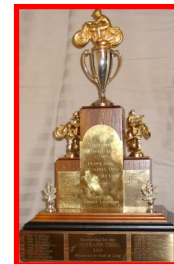
Lohrmann Trial – The Victoria Day Scramble Trophy – donated by George Lohrmann in 1960 - Reactivated in 1986 as the Consistency Enduro – Reactivated in 2010 for the Lohrmann Trial

Expert 2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Jacek Jablonski (non-member)

Expert 2023

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Jeremy McChesney
3. Brad Fisher



TRIAL SERIES

Beginner Trials Series – trophy donated by Stu Timbres 1984

2022 - Class not run.

2023 - 1. Tie: Benson Duggan and Matthew Duggan 2. Dylan Duggan.

Junior Trials Series – The Brock Whitney Novice Scramble Trophy (1940) – used for the Novice Trial from 1953 to 1977 -- reactivated in 1978 for the JR Trials Series

2022 - No clear winner

2023 1. Cecilia Olsen 2. Raine Fletcher (non-member) 3. Alicia Lim

Senior Intermediate Trials Series - Over 35 – No perpetual Trophy

1. Peter Falk 2. Dave Fair 3. Tim Jenneson (non-member)

2023

1. Dave Fair 2. Wes Evernden 3. Dan Hilton

Senior Sportsman Trials Series – Trophy donated by the Bissenden Family (2004)

2022

1. Mike Graham 2. Ernie Ferguson 3. tie: Sol Hutson & Dave Nunn

2023

1. Mike Graham 2. Dave Nunn 3. Simon Kitchen

Intermediate Trials Series (formerly Senior) – Trophy donated by Roger Boothroyd, Gary Nordstrom & Martin Spriggs (1978)

2022

1. Jamie Frater 2. Ben Williams 3. Jenn Dickson

2023

1. Jake Eastman 2. Colin Stares 3. Tie: Ryan Bachinski/ Ryan Clark/ Cole Latiff/ Cam Woodsend

Clubman Trials Series New Class in 2022 – no perpetual

2022

1. Dan Hilton 2. Wes Evernden 3. Rick Whiting

2023

1. Graham Twigg 2. Rick Whiting 3. Colin Newberry

Sportsman Trials Series (Formerly Expert “B”) Trophy donated by Steve and Dave Fracy (1995)

2022

1. Blake Fontaine 2. Aaron Fisher (non-member) 3. Tie:- Nik Ferguson/ Riley Ferguson/ Connor Lund

2023

1. Blake Fontaine 2. John Faa 3. Connor Lund

Expert Trials Series The Doug Whittier Scramble Trophy (1937) reactivated as a Trials trophy in 1978

2022

1. Thomas Cordner 2. Jeremy McChesney 3. Andrew Watson

2023

1. Jeremy McChesney 2. Thomas Cordner 3. Andrew Watson



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Awards & Trophies Continued.

HILLCLIMB

Paul Girardau – VMC Championship – this trophy was donated by the VMC in 1929 in memory of Paul Girardau

2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Quinn McCullough
3. Paul Lideris

2023

1. Quinn McCullough
2. Thomas Cordner
3. Dave McCullough

F W Francis – Vancouver Island Championship -- this event is open to the top ½ fastest riders in the Qualifier

2022

1. Thomas Cordner
2. Quinn McCullough
3. Kurt Allan

2023

1. Quinn McCullough
2. Thomas Cordner
3. Dave McCullough

Big Wheels Kids -- MC-AMA Novice Trophy 1935 – awarded to the top Junior rider

2022

1. Jayden Roach
2. Tyler Belanger
3. Jayden Barry

2023

1. Kaylie Livingstone

Small Wheels Kids (no Perpetual Trophy)

2022

1. Kaylie Livingstone
2. Ivan Ritchie
3. Cecilia Olsen

2023

1. Cecilia Olsen
2. Ivan Ritchie

MC-AMA 74 cu in Novice Trophy 1936 – since 1966 it has been used for the 350 cc & under Open Event

2022

1. Quinn McCullough
 2. Thomas Cordner
 3. Kurt Allen
- For 2022 the 0-450 Event**
plates were given out at this event.

2023

1. Quinn McCullough
 2. Jon Rumley
 3. Todd Wilson
- For 2023 the 0-300 cc Event**
plates were given out at the event

2022 **300-450 cc (no Perpetual Trophy)** **For 2022 run as 451 to 700 cc**

1. Kurt Allan
 2. Quinn McCullough
 3. Thomas Cordner
- plates were given out at this event.

2023

1. Quinn McCullough
 2. Thomas Cordner
 3. Keelan Portier
- plates were given out at the event

451-700 cc (no Perpetual Trophy)

2022

see above

2023

1. Quinn McCullough
 2. Dave McCullough
 3. Trevor Metters
- plates were given out at the event.

2022 **701-open (no Perpetual Trophy)**

1. Thomas Cordner
 2. Quinn McCullough
 3. Kurt Allan
- plates were given out at the event.



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2023

1. Quinn McCullough
2. Thomas Cordner plates were given out at the event.
3. Rob Schoemeyer

2022 X-Climb 0-450 cc (no perpetual trophy)

1. Thomas Cordner 2023 not run
2. Quinn McCullough
3. Jayden Roach

Log X (no perpetual trophy)

2023

2022

1. Quinn McCullough
1. Quinn McCullough
2. Keelan Portier
3. Jesse Scott

VIDRA Events

A Decent Enduro X – 2022 -no perpetual trophy

Trials Class

1. Jesse Scott
2. Graham Turner
3. Tom Hutchinson

Women's Class

1. Lindsay Oien
2. Jennelle Ward
3. Ashley Goodwin

B Class

1. Jeff Goodwin
2. Tony Wilson
3. Leon Tulevski

A Class

1. Quinn McCullough
2. Bradyn Libbus
3. Braydon Taylor

Shootout Champ

1. Graham Turner

The Grind – 2022 – A VIDRA event run in collaboration with VMC at Cycle Park

No perpetual trophy

Masters Class

1. Stephen Osborne
2. Michael Elsser
3. John Stephenson

Expert Class

1. Matt Tripp
2. Marshall Nagy

For full results please see website for VIDRA <https://vancouverdirtriders.com/hare-scramble-series/>

ROAD RIDES

Century Run Road Ride – Trophy donated by J.Akins, R.Akins, B.Waller & D.White in 1947

2021

1. Bruce Taylor
2. Allan Holmes (RIP)
3. Russ Blow

2023

1. Russ Blow
2. Kelly Nordstrom & Sandra Thompson
3. Kirk Hesketh (non-member)

Paper Chase Road Ride – Trophy donated by Les Blow in 1948

2021

1. Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom
2. Rob Beecroft
3. Kendra Beecroft

2022

1. Phil Turner (non member)
2. Rob Beecroft
3. Graham Turner

Nuts-In-May Road Ride – Trophy donated by the King John Inn (1975)

2021

1. Russ Blow
2. Mike Iverson
3. Rick Kool

2022 (... in July)

1. Russ Blow
2. Mike Iverson
3. Phil Turner (non-member)

2023

1. Erick Holmes
2. Mark & Judy Walpot (non-member)
3. Roger Boothroyd.

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ROAD RIDES SERIES & BOXING DAY SIDECAR TRIAL

Road Riding Championship Series – The “Pop Shanks” Novice Scramble trophy (1958) Reactivated for the Road Riding Championship Series in 1982

2021

1. Russ Blow
2. Gary Nordstrom
3. Bruce Taylor

2022

No clear winner

2023

1. Doug Cross
2. Tie: Russ Blow and Erick Holmes

The Boxing Day Sidecar Trial (1991)

Hack Master Award – Trophy by Bruce Taylor 1991

2022

1. Bill and Darren Smith

2023

1. Bill Smith & Matt McTaggart



MEMBERSHIP AWARDS Consecutive

10 Year Consecutive

- (2011—2021) Chris Britney, Ben Cox, Nik Ferguson Riley Ferguson, Blake McFarlane, Jake McFarlane, Jordan McFarlane, Todd Polinsky, Brent Sterzenbach, Brandon Volk
- (2012—2022) Brad Adams, Chris Beauchemin, Jeff Clarkson, Matt deTurberville, Steve Fracy, Paul Lederis, Dan Malone, Quinn McCullough, Nick Newton
- (2013—2023) Joel Gordon, Stewart Gordon, Andrew Little, Jeremy McChesney, Ken Rant

20 Year Consecutive

- (2001—2021) Paul Cooper, Mike Cubbon, Paul Cubbon, George Eade, Steve Hills
- (2002—2022) Darryld Biffert, Ian Burton, Mike Charchuk, Dave English, Brandon Hills, Mike Hutchinson Donna Erskine, Brad Johnson, Dale Risvold, Don Venn
- (2003—2023) Ian Banfield, Ben Hircock Jr, Dave Jensen, Dean Parry

30 Year Consecutive

- (1991—2021) Dave Brown, Ron Smart, Rob Wormald
- (1992—2022) Steven Braun
- (1992—2023) Tim Cordner, Andrew Watson

40 Year Consecutive

- (1983—2023) Jim Justice

50 Year Consecutive

- (1971—2021) Russ Blow, Pat Smith
- (1973—2023) Steve Drane

60 Year Consecutive

- (1961—2021) Roger Boothroyd, John Gronow (RIP)
- (1962—2022) Martin Spriggs
- (1963—2023) Gord Blow

70 Year Consecutive

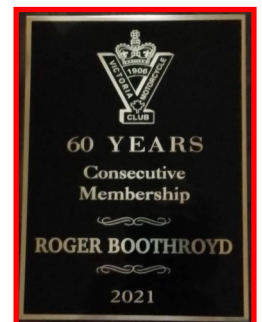
- (1951—2021) Wes Morhart (RIP)
- (1953—2023) Ernie Hills

Cumulative

- 10 Year Cumulative (2020) Charlie Parker
- 20 Year Cumulative (2021) Charlie Parker
- 30 Year Cumulative (2021) Mark Clement, Ian Cottier
- 40 Year Cumulative (2021) Rob Beecroft, Ben Hircock, Dan Matychuk
- (2022) Alf Braun

New Life Members

- (2021) Cam Anderson, Dave Fracy (2022) Monty Belson, Graham Turner



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SPECIAL AWARDS

Club Activity Award (1941) – Awarded to the member who accumulates the most points by participating in club activities.

2021 Dave Fair

2022 Dave Fair

2023 Dave Fair



Hard Luck Award (1966) – donated by Victoria Plating

2021 No winner

2022 No Winner

2023 No Winner

The Matson Award (1964) – awarded to the person contributing the most to Motorcycling

2021 Roger Boothroyd

2022 Roger Boothroyd

2023 Mike Hornick and the Pavilion Committee

The Champion Trophy – Initiated by former Canadian Trials Champions Steve Fracy and Mark Cahill in 1991. This trophy is awarded to the most promising trials rider.

2021 not presented

2022 not presented

2023 not presented



The President's Shield -- Donated by Jack Bell (2009)

2021 Dave Horner

2022 Dave Horner

2023 Dave Horner

Editor's Note:- This event had been posted on our Facebook Page and Website in plenty of time for members to see it. I had also mentioned it in my club wide VMC Info emails several times. The club had spent a fair amount of money in engraving trophies and making plaques and the **Olsen** family had spent a lot of time taking and picking them up from the Trophy Shop and delivering them to Cycle Park for display and distribution. A lot of time was also spent researching and organizing the above list of recipients - we thank them for all that they do. It was **disappointing**, to say the least, to see that so few members (approx. 20) were present to accept their trophy or award, even though there was cake and goodies! If you see your name in the list on the last six pages and have not received your award, then you'll have to contact the Trophy Committee (**Olsens**) to **make arrangements to pick it up**. Cycle Park is not just a place to ride - **Support your club !!**

(All photos above taken by **Blake Sharples, Rachel and Loren Olsen and Roger Boothroyd.**)

CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Since the mid 60's, Cycle Park has been used for many activities. Club activities include observed trials, short cross country events, field meets, hillclimbs, enduro X, and the start and finish for road rides. A short time after the lower portion was purchased, a flat track was built but never used for that purpose. It is now the parking lot with remnants of the track still visible. Other types of events that have used the property, with permission, are:- celebration of life, fire and rescue training, a wedding, trials and enduro schools with private trainers and the Trials des Nations committee.

Loren Olsen sent a picture of some of the top riders in North America (and the world) at the top of the club property in October. They were out filming for a Youtube channel called "Hard Enduro Burros". He thought it was amazing to see so much worldclass talent showcasing our club.

Left to Right:- **Branden Petrie - Gas Gas,** **Trystan Hart - KTM,**
Spencer Wilton - Stark, **James Flynn - Beta**

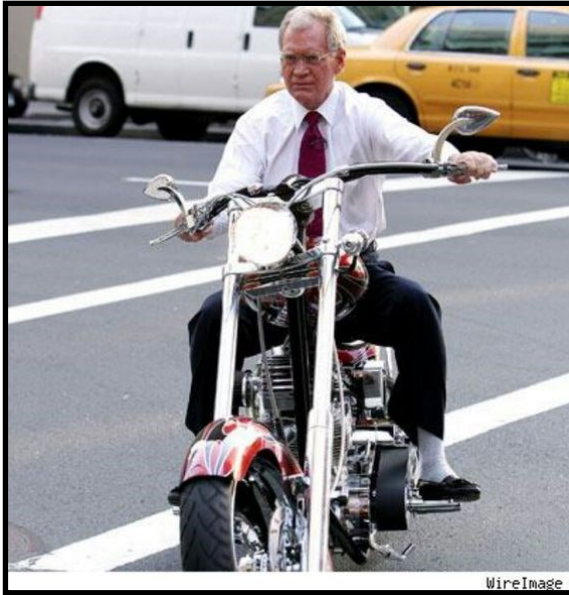
The link is here:- <https://youtube.com/@hardenduroburros>



Tact is the ability to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that they look forward to the trip !!

Winston Churchill

NAME THE RIDER



MYSTERY MOTOR



Answers

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CENTURY RUN ROAD RIDE - BY MONTE BELSON

Thank you to new member **Jimmy Lau** and his assistant **Wesley** for a memorable sunny Sunday ride which strung together three major local sports riding roads in the Victoria area without the grind of local streets. The ride started in Langford at the Serious Coffee outlet, continuing through Metchosin and East Sooke, returning via Bear Mountain, Highlands and ending at the Mosi Bakery on Sparton Road.

We are looking forward to **Jim's** next effort (perhaps a Mt. Baker Road Ride ?)

Some of us remember Mt. Baker weekends with fondness Doug Cross dancing at the Soap Lake Bar - WOW! Three **Blows'** on the ride through the Okanagan, the youngest in a sidecar. (Was that **Russ** ?) **Les Blow** (VMC Icon) aced several checks on a 400 mile ride with two border crossings and average speed checks in Kilometres and Miles per Hour. **Les** won that one as well.

Many more stories of riding with **Les** could be told. Results of the event are as follows:-

- 1/ **Suzanne Iverson** Kawasaki Versys 300X 2.5 points
- 2/ **Mike Iverson** Aprilia Tuareg 660 2.2 points
- 3/ **Russ Blow** BMW 1100S 1.8 points. Full results on our website at www.vmc.ca



1st & 2nd place
Suzanne & Mike Iverson



Century Run Trophy 1947



Russ Blow
3rd place



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- In 1991 a reunion was held at a former Ramada Inn near the Mayfair Shopping Centre in Victoria. I could identify some of those in the picture but not the ones marked with a ? Back Row Left to Right - **Bill Smith**, ? ? **Jim Ord**, **Kieth Dinsdale**, **Wes Morhart**, **Joe Brown**, **Jim Fracy**, ? **Jack Batey**, ? **Don Richardson**, **Ernie Hills**, **Murray Christian** behind **Ernie**. Front Row Left to Right - **Ron Tomlinson**, **Brian Orr**, in front of **Brian** ? ? ? **Tom Richardson** (blue shirt), behind **Tom—Charlie Arnold**, ?

If anyone knows any of the ? Please let me know. Eight of those pictured above are no longer with us but I don't know about the ?? unnamed.

VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque Imperia

Manufactured in Germany 1924-1935

Franz Becker's Imperia factory at Cologne, Kölner Motorrad und Maschinenbau (K.M.B.), initially built 247cc and 347cc ohv Blackburne-engine machines and also versions with the 490cc single-cylinder ohv JAP, but most had Swiss MAG power units of 346cc, 496cc, 596cc, 746cc and 996cc. With the exception of the smallest, all were ioe or ohv V-twins.



Becker became insolvent in 1926 and the brothers Felix and Rolf Schrödter purchased Imperia and moved the factory to Bad Godesberg.



At this point they added Lastendreiräder (cargo tricycles) to the range, but only a small number were produced between 1927 and 1929. Early in the 1930s famed Dutch designer Arthur F. Dom joined the firm, and during this period models with MAG 497cc IOE, 678cc V-twin ohv JAP and Sturmey-Archer 346cc engines were developed, but mainly 248cc, 348cc and 498cc four-valve Rudge-built Python proprietary ohv four-valve singles. The Imperia Python machines were widely used in competition. 1933 saw the introduction of Villiers-engine models of 150 & 200cc.

That same year, import of foreign engines into Germany became increasingly difficult due to high taxes imposed by the Nazi government, and Dom, being a foreign national, left. Locally sourced Bark two- and four-stroke engines were employed in several models, and Rolf Schrödter designed a range of new and very unconventional two-strokes. The first was a 348cc double-piston single with the pistons running in opposite directions and a single sparkplug in the centre, based on a Junkers patent. There were really two crankshafts, one on each side of the cylinder. They were connected by a chain and on top was a supercharger. This air-cooled engine was developing well in 1935 when an international ban on alcohol fuels in racing took force, and major cooling problems were encountered when running benzine fuel. Imperia again ran into financial difficulties, due in the main to the production of too many unconventional designs. These included a 498cc horizontally-opposed two-stroke twin with Trilok gearbox and shaft drive, and the company was also building 746cc sports and racing cars. As a result, production was halted towards the end of 1935.

Imperia Schwenker Sidecar 1935

Heinz Koster was an engineer for the Imperia Motor Cycle and Side-car works in Koln who, in 1935, patented the Schwenker design for leaning sidecars

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NAME THE RIDER:- Most of you probably recognize the rider pictured. I can't say much for his riding gear !! **David Michael Letterman** (born April 12, 1947) is an American television host, comedian, writer and producer. He hosted late-night television talk shows for 33 years, beginning with the February 1, 1982, debut of Late Night with David Letterman on NBC and ending with the May 20, 2015, broadcast of Late Show with David Letterman on CBS.

MYSTERY MOTOR:- Manufactured Italy 1897 to 1967 A pioneer of motorcycling, Edoardo Bianchi's firm began in Milano and built motorcycles from 1897 to 1967. His first motorized bicycle appeared in 1897, and an automobile in 1900. More info at [Bianchi Motorcycles \(cybermotorcycle.com\)](http://Bianchi Motorcycles (cybermotorcycle.com))

Learn from yesterday, live for today, keep your hand on your wallet
And don't worry about tomorrow.
Bob Hope

2024 ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOGIRO - BY GARY NORDSTROM

Once again, in early September, **Martin Spriggs, Ron Foster** and I set off for a bit of an adventure in Nakusp. Just getting there is fun. From Vernon, head east over the Monashee Mountains with curves made for motorcycles. Then cross the Arrow Lakes on the Needles cable ferry and go north to the town of Nakusp, a beautiful hidden gem well north of Nelson.

Day 1 of this Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group sanctioned event is a 300 km tour through Slocan to Nelson for lunch, returning via Ainsworth Hot Springs, Kaslo and then another great crooked road to New Denver and finally back to Nakusp. This loop is no mean feat for bikes that are built before 1970 and have displacements of 250 cc's or less. Including outriders, approximately 50 riders hailing from Calgary to Victoria rode in 30 degree weather.



L to R
Ron Foster, Gary Nordstrom, Martin Spriggs

Troubles, - we had a few. **Martin's** normally reliable 1937 BSA lost spark near Nelson and ended up in a chase truck for the rest of the day. **Ron's** Aermacchi quit 10 kms from the end. **Ron** grabbed onto the back box on my Yamaha DT1 and we wobbled our way to Nakusp at 60 kph! A police car passed us and either didn't notice, or didn't care! That evening these two very competent mechanics poured over their problems and were ready for day 2.

Trouble visited my 56 year old bike while gassing up the next morning. After paying at the till, I turned to find my DT1 lying on the pavement, side stand snapped off, handlebars and mirror askew and gas leaking out. Repairs were needed before the day's high speed challenge began.

Day 2 is when the real fun begins. Everyone gets a sighting run up the paved 10 km road to Nakusp Hot Springs to become familiar with the bumps and curves. The road is closed to traffic for 20 minutes at a time to allow for 5 or 6 riders to race against time in two categories: fastest time or most consistent time over 2 or more runs. Italian bikes predominate in the speed class with British, Japanese and European bikes mixed in. Riders are sent off at 10 second intervals to limit passing, but passing does occur if the starter guesses incorrectly about who will be fastest in the group. Eighteen riders participated in this timed event.

In the first heat I started off strong but soon the Yam wouldn't take full throttle, then half, then a walking pace, and then a DNF. Meanwhile, **Martin** and **Ron** put in good runs. Turned out that my fuel filter was plugging up so it was an easy fix. With a new filter I was able to set some great intervals.

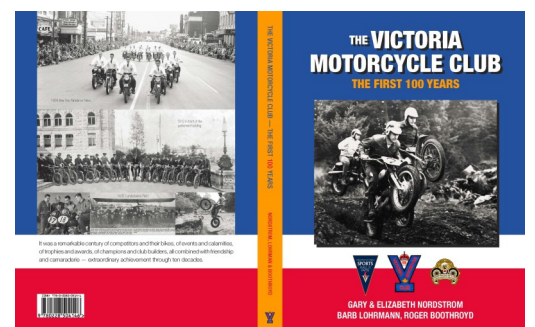
Ex VMC member **Swiss Neiderberger** flew up the course on his Motobi 250. Fellow Victorian **Richard Levert** set the fastest time at 6min 1sec on his race spec Honda Hawk. **Ron** and **Martin** both beat their times from previous years. **Martin** again won best bike and this year, the hard luck award for his day 1 troubles. I won the most consistent time trophy for the second year in a row. (One second slower on the second lap). Not a bad haul for the Island boys!

Gary Nordstrom

For any new members, or non-members, unaware the history of the Victoria Motorcycle Club dates back to 1906. In 1912 the motorcyclists split from that group and became known as the club we are today.

A book was produced a few years ago that details the history in chronological order with over 200 pictures.

The book can be purchased from the Club for \$40 (no tax), shipping extra, and all monies goes back to the club. Contact this writer at rkboots965@gmail.com if you would like one.



APTED TRIAL—SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Advertised as a fun, vintage trial in memory of former member **George Apted**, it turned into a fun ride for a few riders. There was no entry fee, no sign up and no scoring. Modern bikes were invited also as well as the junior class. There were a few of the “key” vintage bike riders that didn’t show up, so those that were there made the best of it. Only three vintage bikes made an appearance... (Perhaps the other ones would not start?)



Dale Coull with his Yamaha TY

Stu Eastman, (Yam) **Mark Roler** (Honda) and **Dave Fair** (Hodaka) finished in that order... **Mark and Tom Fisher**, **Mark Lefabre** and team **Fletcher**, **Raine** and **Roland**, also had fun riding the 10 sections.

Thanks to **Dave Fair**, **Dave Malone** and **Brandon Volk** for designing and laying out ten “easy” sections in close proximity of the parking lot. Thank you also to **Meaghan Symes**, **Alan Doucet** and **Tom Booth** for running the BBQ at the event.

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Keeping the old bikes going can take time.

Mark Roler with his Honda

CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

Under sunny skies and a warm fall day, the VMC played host, October 6th, to their annual Hillclimb at Cycle Park. Thanks goes to the over twenty volunteers who help make the event a success. Congratulations to Trevor Franklin who was the 50/50 ticket winner, prize was \$155.00 with the other half going to the Metchosin Fire Fighters Society. Metchosin scouts provide the concession again this year and sold out of their delicious bbq hot dogs. 27 riders came from up island as well as the lower mainland. The results are:-

CLASS	NAME & TIME		
SMALL WHEEL:-	1/ Raine Fletcher 9.78	2/ Ivan Ritchie 10.99	
BIG WHEEL:-	1/ Cecelia Olsen 10.65		
0 - 300 cc	1/ Aaron Grand 6.49	2/ Jon Rumley 6.51	3/ Simon Ritchie 6.96
301 - 450 cc	1/ Quinn McCullough 5.56	2/ Thomas Cordner 5.87	3/ Rowan Sales 6.59
451 - 700 cc	1/ Quinn McCullough 5.1	2/ David McCullough 6.36	3/ Colin McMillan 7.18
701 - Open	1/ Thomas Cordner 4.87	2/ Quinn McCullough 5.2	3/ Rob Schoemeyer 5.2
Paul Girardau (Club Championship)	1/ Thomas Cordner 5.09	2/ Quinn McCullough 5.12	3/ Jon Rumley 6.53
F.W. Francis (Island Championship)	1/ Quinn McCullough 5.18	2/ Thomas Cordner 5.2	3/ David McCullough 6.6
X Climb	1/ Quinn McCullough 5.56	2/ Thomas Cordner 5.87	3/ Simon Ritchie 6.96

A video was made by a rider of his attempt at the hill. Check it out at:-

[VMC Hillclimb Competition 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMC_Hillclimb_Comp2024)



Aaron Grand Photo by **Dale Coull**



Simon Ritchie Photo by **Blake Sharples**

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In Attendance President: **Dave Horner** Vice President: **Mark Fisher** Treasurer: **Perry Chow** absent
Secretary: **Peter Grant** acting for **Eric Pagel** Regrets: Sect. **Eric Pagel** (ill), Past President **Ben Hircock**.
Directors: **Brent Donaldson, Gary Gronow, Mike Hornick, Rhys Hathaway, Ryon Bell, Dir Jordan McFarlane**
(work), **Kevin Mitchell** and Committee Chairs present: **Ellen Voermans**-Membership; **Peter Smither**-New
Website; **Rachel Olsen**-Trophies & Awards; **Klaus Kreye**-BC Hydro installation; **Dave Fair**-Trials Events

Welcome

#1 The meeting was called to order by the President, **Dave Horner**, at 7:30 PM. 1) The minutes of the previous meeting held July 16th were read aloud by acting Sec. **Grant**. An error was noted to Item 14) which needs correction: “**Ellen Voermans** (not **Peter Smither**) agreed to temporarily take on the duty of Events Calendar Coordinator feeding information to Website Admin, as well as Gate Key/Fob Distribution Oversight working with **Rhys Hathaway** and **Mike Hornick**.” Motion to accept with amendments by **Ryon Bell**, Second by **Mike Hornick**, Carried.

Business arising from the minutes/Old Business

- 2) Pres **Horner** that the Fire Ban on riding at Cycle Park above the Enduro Cross track was lifted August 28th when seasonal rains came early.
- 3) **Mike Hornick** provided an update on Memorial Pavilion construction and final details.
- 4) **Peter Smither** provided another update on new website design and build. Displayed some of the pages on TV. Close to being ready for launch. Having some frustration with Aila Studios for lack of timely response. We still owe Aila Studios for the 2nd half invoice payment which has not been tendered yet. - One section not yet ready for publishing is assorted Rules of Competition. All competition disciplines (Trials, Enduros, Road Ride, Etc., except Hill Climb) are in need of thorough review and updating by knowledgeable members for posting on new website.
- 5) Pres. **Horner** asked **Brent Donaldson** for his update on the meeting at District of Metchosin Council last Wednesday. Dave and **Brent** both made presentations to council on behalf of the club. Our annual application for Permissive Tax Exemption. This received 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and will go back to council for 4th and Final reading next month.
- 6) **Rachel Olsen**-Trophy and Awards Chair provided an update on the upcoming Awards event, scheduled for Cycle Park on Sunday September 29th . - Awards presentation for 2021, 2022 & 2023. - There will be cake, snacks and refreshments served. - Almost all our perpetual trophies are ready for the awards presentation except 13 which were collected this evening.
- 7) Pres. **Horner**; on a request received from member **Trystan Hart** to allow a small crew to create riding technique instructional videos for his You Tube channel using the turf at Cycle Park. -concerns voiced that this could interfere with the sections being laid out now for the CMA National Trial in early November. - Pres. **Horner** will call **Trystan** and ask him to delay until after the National Trial.
- 8) **Dave Fair** introduced project by new member **Michael Ziegler** how plans on hosting a paid entry Film Night to show his production of riding in India. - The VMC is asked to sanction this night as a Fund Raiser for Team Canada Trials de Nation. - This evening could also include other old VMC films that night, tbc. - Date: Nov. 27th, Location: TBA. • Motion to approve as an official sanctioned VMC event. Moved by **Bruce Taylor**, Seconded **Peter Smither**. Carried
- 9) **Ellen Voermans** presented her Membership Report. - VMC membership is 497 (+/-) including all categories. - 6 new applicants on Wait List. - New Family Membership category is TBC, requires further deliberation to determine the details. Requires a change to Bylaws, to be approved requires and Special Resolution, publication and vote. This process cannot be completed in time for the next round of membership renewals. - New website can accept this if and when adopted. - No New Members present tonight for introduction. Membership role is closed until 2025 season opens.

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10) Pres. **Horner** on proposal to increase annual dues for Active members by \$15. - General discussion ensued. It was decided to table proposal for further discussion and review next summer.



11) Pres. **Horner** on the invoice received for new gate Fobs. - While the gate is installed it is not yet active. The gate company is swamped with work and needs to defer completion for a little while longer. - Pres. **Horner** will instruct the Treasurer to pay the invoice for Fobs only. We have paid a deposit on the new gate , balance payable following completion.

12) Pres. **Horner**, Treasurers Report. As **Perry** was not present acting Secretary **Peter Grant** to read Treasurers report aloud. - In short, the club's income and expenses are tracking at or near budget and our finances continue to be solid. - Events organized are running ahead of 2023. - Balances on deposit accounts and investments are all secure. Move to adopt Treasurers Report by **Jimmy Lau**, second by **Pete Smither**. **Carried.**

13) Pres. **Horner** announced that a new position was being created, to support Treasurer **Perry Chow** as we transition to new website. - Call made for a member to step forward as Assistant Treasurer. - To work under the guidance of **Perry Chow** with the goal to assume more responsibilities over time, as **Perry** designates. - Any members with a background in finance, accounting or small business are encouraged to contact **Perry** to assume this important role.

14) COMMITTEE REPORTS and Past and Upcoming Event and New Business:

PAST EVENTS: - **Jimmy Lau** reported on the Century Run Road Ride he organized ran on August 25th. - 8 riders entered. Member **Monty Belson** was to provide results for posting on website.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- George Apted Memorial Trial on September 22nd
- Trophy and Awards Presentation at Cycle Park on September 29th
- - Annual Hill Climb on October 6th - New Member Orientation Day by **Brent Donaldson** on October 19th, 9:00 AM.
- - CMA National Trial on November 9 th and 10th
- - Reg Shanks Trial moved from October to a date in November TBC
- - George Lohrmann Trial to be moved from November to a date in December TBC.

NEW BUSINESS:

15) **Ellen Voermans**; reported on Volunteers > Jobs > Members: - Members looking for volunteer jobs to fill should contact **Ellen** at vmcmembership@vmc.bc.ca - Committees looking for volunteers should inform **Ellen** of their requirements.

16) Pres. **Horner** read aloud a letter forwarded from **Rick Kool**, received from Westcoast Ride To Live charity ride to support Prostate Cancer. - Thank you to VMC for our \$500 donation.

17) **Peter Smither** read aloud a letter from **Roger Boothroyd** - from **Paul Germain**-Chairman of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame. <https://canadianmotorcyclehalloffame.ca/> The CMHofF is soliciting for donations to support the Hall of Fame, of which the VMC is a member along with the Shanks Family, member **Peter Grant** and past member **Vern Amor**. • Motion by **Peter Smither** to provide a \$500 donation to the CMHofF was seconded by **Peter Grant**. Carried. - Note to Treasurer **Chow** > This donation should be completed by eTransfer. o Send email note and an eTransfer to CMHofF Treasurer **Todd Copan** at copan@telus.net . o Members wishing more detail or to contribute personally may also contact **Peter Grant** and are directed to see Page 3 in our August newsletter for details. <https://www.vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/vmc%20newsletter%202024-7%20%281%29.pdf>

18) New Business raised by member **Harold 'Turk' Perepalkin** on the value both given and received by VMC Life Members. - **Turk** suggested we send an occasional survey to our Life Members asking them questions such as:-

- o Do you still ride and if so what type of riding?
- o What do you get from the VMC?
- o Are you still involved in VMC affairs?
- o Do you want to get more involved and in what areas?
- o How can you contribute and what changes might you suggest?

