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The club is now well into the new riding season with one observed trial already behind us. The Executive and Directors positions were chosen in February and a few special volunteer positions have been filled. **Pete Smither** is staying on for a year as our new website administrator with help from **Peter Grant**. I will continue to be the newsletter editor and provide email communications while **Brent Donaldson** carries on as the new members information officer. **Rachel and Loren Olsen** with daughter **Cecelia** will continue on as the trophy committee. **Ellen Voermans** will also continue as the Membership Chair for the time being.

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I would be remiss if I didn't mention a recap of the important things that took place during 2024. First of all is the fact that seven trials took place, five of which counted for the Club Championship, two for fun—the **Apted** and **Boomer** trials and, most significant, the Canadian National Trial proposed by **Ryon Bell** and organized by a large group of members and non-members with several sponsors on board. One of the best, if not *the* best, Nationals we've hosted.

Who could forget all the improvements we've done at Cycle Park under the watchful eyes of the **Executive** and **Mike Hornick** and his crew. A new pavilion, electrical shed complete with electronic gate, water and power to the end of the parking lot which has a new layer of crushed rock, plus some man made sections that can be used for a myriad of different trials checks.

And then there are the property maintenance crews that have worked to enhance some of the worn out trails, not an easy job when pavers have to be hauled up the mountain to stabilize the land, and we mustn't forget the new Website which has been ongoing for some time—see [pages 2, 3 & 4](#).

The two day Trials des Nations trials school was held in July in support of the Canadian Team's trip to France to compete. Four of our members, **Alicia Lim**, **Melissa Andrist**, **Christy Williams Richards** and **Jenn Dickson**, were on that team.

Sadly we only had one road ride leaving four that weren't run and have also lost the classic enduros, we used to organize, mainly to apathy, and land use issues, which takes a big chunk out of our income.

A **BIG Thanks** and **Koodos** to all the volunteers who organized the events and volunteered for the work parties. That includes the teams who sat at the entry desk and did the score keeping, the BBQ chefs who fed the hungry riders and public, and all others who handled a shovel or grub hoe or picked up the garbage that was left behind. If I've missed anyone, my apologies, but you get the gist of my message.





CLUB NEWZ

A dictionary's definition of the word "Club" is an association of people with common interests! With the start of the new year and the new website launch, new rules were voted on and accepted, and more responsibility has been given to each and every club member.

Last fall, the Executive Committee proposed a tightening of the rules for New Members to complete their first year's 'requirements of admission'. As required by the Bylaws, this amendment was put-up for vote at the January meeting for approval by the membership. This change will allow fast-tracking the revocation of membership if a new member fails to complete their first-year requirements by December 1st. Any new member in this situation will continue to have the opportunity to appeal and request an exception (extension or exemption).

The basis of the new member requirements is to ensure they understand the history of the VMC, member duties and responsibilities and contributions of support to the club as members have for over 100 years.

VMC Cycle Park is **not run as a commercial enterprise**. Our gem requires each members' continued contributions to *maintain, protect and create* improvements, both on the property and within the club's very structure as a **Not-For-Profit** member run group. If this were a commercial off-road riding area the **costs for playing would likely be three, four or more times higher**.

We have seen a few replies that don't seem to accept the principle which says *it is every member's duty to support the VMC*. In the case of new members, what is required is that they pitch in to help maintain, protect and build upon the legacy that has been given to them and all members. If not for the efforts of our predecessors, the jewel we know today as Cycle Park simply would not exist in any form. Cycle Park is truly unique in Canada. Imagine owning a 170+ acres of riding land within 20 - 25 minutes' drive from the city core in Vancouver, Calgary or Toronto!

Recently we heard from a newer member that didn't know or understand the reasoning for closing off a large part of Cycle Park during the extended dry 'fire ban' season. Or why certain areas are ribboned off while prepping for an event? To those, I'd suggest they should think about the 100+ year legacy of the VMC, ask questions and consider what is the meaning of "Club" and what is their responsibility to the club and the general community?

Examples might be: why is the hill-climb course off limits for any daily riding or why are some obscure trails ribboned and closed off? Imagine the logistics of fire suppression, getting water to the top of the Cycle Park to protect our neighbours if a fire was to break out because of use? All because "we" wanted to ride. Consider the sensitive nature of the Hillclimb and what overuse would do to it? What would be lost if general rules and member etiquette guidelines were not in place. Even the original "Hillclimb" was not a place for everyday use.

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

We've also heard that some new admissions found it difficult to attend a 1-hour new member orientation session. Director **Brent Donaldson** hosted seven (7) Sessions in 2024 and is seemingly always willing and available to help orientate a new member. The range of topics covered includes their responsibilities and do's and don'ts. Other new admissions reported that they felt it was a burden to be 'forced' to contribute two work days (12 hours) when joining the club. I'd suggest these are people that simply want to ride off-road and don't understand the actual meaning of **CLUB** membership. **Membership is a privilege not a right!**

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In early 2022 member **Tom Hudock** spearheaded a member survey in an effort to gain a better understanding member's perceptions about the VMC, our 'brand' so to speak. What are the good points, the strengths and what were our weaknesses? One of the recurring comments was the website was old looking and difficult to navigate. There were also a range of negative comments received about the club being old & stodgy, cliquy with some even noting a friction or divide between riders based on different bike types. Others said that they appreciated VMC for its history, Cycle Park for its unique beauty and the opportunity to ride off-road so close to home.

Following a lengthy review of the original survey responses, member **Bobbi Bjornholt** scheduled group Member Forums to explore 'User Wants and Needs' of a new website. From this it became clear of a desire for a modern looking, updated website with enhanced member functionality. One of the most repeated asks was to allow membership renewal on-line and pay annual dues directly using a credit card right on the website.

Another common theme was event pre-entry, entry fees and submit waivers on-line. All of this is in keeping with current practices and wasn't a huge surprise. We also learned more about security risks and urgent steps needed to simply secure ownership of the VMC domain to avoid it being hijacked (which I learned is a real thing). None of the desired improvements and upgrades could be incorporated in our old site, which had been in use for more than 20 years.

We carried on exploring options and costs and eventually agreed on contracting with a Vancouver based website studio to design and build an all-new website. With a well written design brief in-hand, they would create a new site with a host of attributes and new member services. At the same time, we also voiced that we could not lose any of the club's history when migrating to the new site. The further we looked, the more complex the design became.

Priority One (Phase 1) was to offer our member's ability to login to their own account and renew their memberships each year. It was decided that Phase One would be followed by the ability to sign up and pay entry fees online. An annual 'waiver' was to be included when renewing which would be satisfactory for the entire season.

Finally, after months of delays and missteps, it became clear that the design studio we had selected failed to comprehend the VMC's actual needs and it became clear that they had neither the experience or expertise required to build the complex platform we contracted them to do. They were over 6 months late completing Phase1 of the project and it was still incomplete and not fully functioning.

When the site was launched on November 1st there were a number of hiccups straight from the gate, with ongoing bugs and glitches encountered. We were forced to terminate that design & build contract and started dialogue with three other potential new web designers to clean up the bugs and move this forward to a positive end. Fortunately, we were referred to the son of a VMC member, who lived away from BC, someone that works in this world every day. After his in-depth review of our site and drilling into the list of issues we identified we executed a new contract for CTS to repair the issues identified and then move forward to improve the overall user experience when logged in to the website. This effort is currently underway with the first update expected to be launched on or about February 1st.

The VMC's website as it sits today (01/08/2025) is working well for the most part. As of this writing, over 200 members have logged in to their account and updated their personal profile with about 150 successfully paying the annual dues directly on the site. To this end, the previous dues payment options remain available. For those that don't like navigating websites, e-transfer remains the next easiest and safest option.

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

One thing we Peters2 (**Peter Smith & Peter Grant**) have learned is a new website build is never 'done'. There are upgrades continually being released which need to be reviewed and paired with regular maintenance. The world of websites is indeed mired in code words and phrases which are mostly an unknown language for regular mortals.

Editor's Note:- A **BIG** thanks to the two **Peters** and **Rachel Olsen** for the two up to date articles on pages two and three.






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For those that haven't bought the Club's book produced by **Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom, Barb Lohrmann** and **Roger Boothroyd**, *The VMC the First 100 Years*, we still have a few left and there is a probability they won't be reprinted. If you would like one, contact **Gary** (gary.nordstrom@shaw.ca) or **Roger** (vicmotorcycleclub@gmail.com) - \$40 no tax. All monies back to the club.



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 You sit behind your handlebars, while your engine plays it's tune, you ride by soul, more than touch, as if guided by some ancient rune. True bikers don't ride for glory, or for the rewards of men, but for the simple joy of riding. That's not a what, it's a when. Like the tale of man and machine, growing together old, Something not understood, by those not of our fold. Or the joy of building a new ride, that will be for-  this life we chose, there is not a lot of ever ridden, until the end of life or road, for in difference, between the two of those. Reprinted with permission from  the UK newsletter Torque.

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Congratulations are in order for **Christy Williams Richards** who was awarded the CMA Award of Merit - the CMA premier award given in recognition of exceptional effort or achievement on behalf of the CMA. This is a one time award. **Christy Williams Richards** is a four-time Canadian Women's Trials Champion, ten-time American NATC Women's Trials Champion, and has competed at the Trials des Nations for many years. Having officially retired from competition in 2017, **Christy** has continued as a mentor and instructor in Trials, promoting Trials as a sport and a recreational activity. She has taken the lead in promoting Women in Trials, hosting multiple Women's Trials Training sessions, and enabling the CMA to again send a Women's team to the Trial des Nations, where she joined the team as Manager and minder. **Christy** has organized CMA National Trials events, and still represents Canada in many Trials events overseas and at home.



Christy mentoring a young rider at the VMC Cycle Park

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Factory KTM's **Trystan Hart** battled the brutal terrain and managed the GPS marked course to take the win at the King of the Motos Extreme Off-road race at Johnson Canyon, California on January 26th. Riding his KTM, **Hart's** time was 3:17:02, while 2nd place **Will Riordan** on his Sherco was 3:25:00. Riding a Husky, **Ryder Leblond** took 3rd with 3:28:08. Congratulations **Trystan**.



Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that people who have the most, live the longest !!

VINTAGE SPEAKING

A Brief History of the Marque AJW

Built in Exeter by **Arthur John Wheaton** (better known as **Jack Wheaton**) from 1926 to about 1936, when the business was sold.



During the inter-war period they produced some excellent machines in relatively small quantities using engines from MAG, British Anzani, Rudge Python and JAP, and frames from Brough Superior. There was a 1933 model with a Rudge Ulster engine, the Flying Fox, which employed Druid forks and a four-speed gearbox. They also included two Villiers-powered models in the immediate pre-war range which were also sold in the Netherlands under the New Rapid label. Rudge Python models included Flying Fox, Red Fox, Vixen, Vixenette and Flying Vixen.



After WWII, the manufacturer was **J.O. (Jack) BALL** who based the factory in Bournemouth and then Dorset where they built machines such as the 500cc JAP-engined Flying Fox of 1948.

They continued to build the 48cc Fox Cub until 1964, after which rebadged Italian machines of 50cc to 500cc were marketed, including a stunning Minarelli-powered Peripoli moped which they sold as an AJW Greyhound of 1976, and another 50cc machine from Simonini, the off-road Wolfhound. The company ceased trading in 1981.



In Australia, the Commonwealth Distributors were **T.E. Maloney Motors** of Moorabool Street, Geelong.

CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

In February, I sent a nomination form to the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame in Vancouver in the Builder/Coach category, to nominate the Victoria Motorcycle Club for induction into that organization. With it I enclosed a letter outlining the reasons that we should be inducted as well as two pages of sample pictures.

The process for acceptance is similar to the one used by the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, both of which we have been inducted into. Each of these two organizations hold onto the file for five years and if not successful, then reapplication is necessary. We didn't need to reapply.

However, the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame only hold the file for three years. If not successful during that time then the club must **wait for a year before reapplication**. During those three years I'm sure they will ask for more information which I will try to comply. One of those items will most likely be support letters for the application and for this to be successful, the club needs as many members to write or type a letter to the BC Sports Hall of Fame, Gate A - BC Place Stadium, 777 Pacific Blvd South, Vancouver, BC V6B 4Y8 explaining why you support my application. I will be posting a "template support letter" on the website and Facebook page so that members, and non-members, can download, print, fill it out, and send back to me.

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On February 18th, a new executive was voted on and many were accepted by acclamation. They are:- President **Dave Horner**—acclamation (the longest sitting president in our history), Vice-president - **Mark Fisher**—acclamation, Treasurer - **Graham Twigg**, Secretary - **Rachel Olsen**, Directors - **Ben Williams**, **Brent Donaldson**, **Gary Gronow**, **Kevin Ash**, **Mike Hornick**, **Rhys Hathaway**, **Ryon Bell**. Many thanks to all who stood for election and re-election.

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Whiskey Creek, Oregon

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

VIDRA HARE SCRAMBLE SERIES RACES
 April 26/27 - Roost of Honor, Whiskey Creek, Oregon
 May 19/20 - Legend 500s, Cook Creek, Oregon
 May 22/23 - Knockout, Woodlands, Nevada
 October 12/13 - The Wild West, Trinity, Jordan-Pear
 October 26/27 - Mountain Man, Cook Creek, Oregon

VIDRA EVENTS
 March 15/16 - Red's Clinic, Location TBD
 April 13/14 - The Buttefest (with Prologica), VMC, Shewangen, CA
 June 7 - BC Trips Day
 July 4-6 - Multihunter Motofest, Whiskey Creek, Oregon
 October 18 - Multihunter 90's Day Out, Woodlands, Nevada

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REGISTER ONLINE & MORE INFO



BLAST FROM THE PAST:- Cowichan Creek Trial 1981. From the left – former member **Peter Wille**. Riding the section is former member **Ron Wilson** and behind **Wilson** is **Gary Nordstrom**. Standing at the right with the maple leaf helmet is former member **Stu Timbres** (RIP). The event was called the Cowichan Creek Trial but was run in the Widow Creek area, B.C. Forest Products private land.

This popular event, beginning in 1973, ended in 1983, pitted the Victoria and island riders against the mainland gang. Using all natural sections, it was started by **George and Ron Foster** with help from **Dave Titterton** (RIP) and the **Cowichan crew**.

The Valvoline trophy, presented by the Valvoline Oil company in 1947 for competition between Victoria and Vancouver, was awarded to the best team of three at the Cowichan Creek Trials. Vancouver won it seven times (74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83) while Victoria won it in (73, 75, 80 and 81). On a few of these yearly events, there would be well over 50 riders competing.

George did the poster and delivered it to all the shops on the island. With a **\$3.00** entry fee, it covered buying the trophies for the day for Expert, Senior and Novice classes including the Special Section. It was mainly a family and friends event that worked together. Catering was done by **Pat Foster’s Mom & Dad, Iven and Alice Pederson**, helped by **Ron’s** wife **Audrey** and **Swannie Titterton**. **Dave Titterton** did all the paperwork and tallies from the checkers. You might remember **Pat Foster** and her crew catering the Terra Nova meals.

The **Ray and Sylvia** family, **Paul and Ida Weber** family and friends with lots of riders, friends and partners, all pitched in to do the checking. Riders came from all over the island and mainland and thoroughly enjoyed it and the April showers helped the theme.

George worked at the mill for 45 years, arranged it all with a handshake with the mill foreman which is unheard of these days. Environmental reasons ended the event as riding in creeks that feed into Lake Cowichan is now forbidden.

George & Pat Foster and Roger Boothroyd.



Valvoline Trophy



CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED

On February 21st, an email was sent club wide to let members, who were considering riding at Cycle Park on Saturday, February 22nd, to be aware of the Search and Rescue Team (SAR) as they had permission from the executive to conduct a training exercise on the top part of the property between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. They mustered at Moto Trials West and departed from there. Photo from **Dave Fair**.

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An interesting write up was in an 1982 CPTA newsletter written by **Darrel Mawhinney** that I ran across in my memorabilia. **Darrel** writes:- June 6, VMC Event, The Millstream Trial (now the **Lohrmann Trial**) Vancouver Island. The “teacuppers” put on a greasy one up a slippery creek bed. Shades of merry olde England! Took its toll of our riders anyway. No trophies to **Bob** or **Brett Clark**, nor to **Kit Williams**, **Dave Fair**, **Bill de Garis** or **Darren Bradbury**. Thanks for representing us anyway, guys! Upset premier award went to **Ben Hircock** on his vintage “74 Yamaha yellow-tanker who took **Peter Wille** and his magnificent Majesty on cleans. Now what other motorsport offers the chance to win no matter how old and creaky the machine?



Muster station at Dave’s Shop

The longer I live, the more convinced I am that this planet is used by other planets as a lunatic asylum !!

CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



Table 11 attendees - L to R
Bob & Margaret Wormald,
Karin & Roger Boothroyd,
Barb Lohrmann
Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom
Missing from Photo - Dave Horner,
Peter & Terrie Grant

Roger Boothroyd Honoured at Canadian Motorcycle Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony—by Gary & Elizabeth Nordstrom

We've been here before....past Hall of Fame Recognition Ceremonies...Vern Amor, The Shanks Family, even the VMC, but this time it was different. The one who championed these past honourable inductees was now the one being honoured. Our tireless newsletter creator, editor and historic photo archivist, **Roger Boothroyd**, is this year's recipient of the **Bar and Hedy Hodgson Award**. It is given to a person who makes a significant contribution to the preservation of Canadian motorcycling heritage. That certainly describes our **Roger**.

The event took place at the Aria Convention Centre in Surrey. Finding its location, almost under the Pattullo Bridge, was a bit of a challenge, especially in the pouring rain. Thank goodness for GPS. Once inside it was all good, with everyone in best dress, in good spirits with great food and service.

Roger and Karin's dinner table of supporters was full. **Bob and Margaret Wormald, Barb Lohrmann, Peter and Terrie Grant, VMC president Dave Horner and Gary and Elizabeth Nordstrom** watched as **Roger** was interviewed by the moderator and received his medal and jacket. Ten others were inducted which all together made for a full evening. Following the presentations, previously inducted VMC member **Peter Grant** (multiple flat track champion), and others were part of an interesting panel discussion. Inductees **Blackfoot Motorcycle Sales** from Calgary and the **McKenzie Family** from Vancouver provided very professional displays and the Hall Of Fame organization ran a silent auction. We were all proud of **Roger** and are pleased that his extensive hours and effort to record, document and share news of VMC events for the last decades has been recognized at the national level. Congratulations **Roger**.

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An Inter Club Provincial Check Trial Championship? A proposal from Gary Nordstrom

How many times have you heard: "Back. In my day....." ? Well, there is this lovely old silver trophy sitting forlornly on the back shelf of Mark Fisher's garage.

It is the Valvoline Trophy which, for more than 40 years was the focus of a competition between island and mainland trials riders. Once a year riders from Vancouver and from the VMC would meet for a check riding trial. Initially, the trophy was given to the winning club team that consisted of the best 3 riders from either side of the strait. In later years the team was made up of an expert, an intermediate and a novice.



Just for the record, the mainland (New Westminster's Royal City Rockets, then the Westwood Club and finally the current CPTA) versus island's VMC total scores from 1947 to 1991 is 13 to 23 with one American team (Tacoma's Blue Barons) with a single win. In the early days there were timed sections between the observed sections. The winning team from either area was considered the provincial club champion for that year so there was always keen competition.

Can we reactivate this trophy? It doesn't take a lot because it can be part of any one of our regular calendar events. Agreeing on a date with the CPTA and some extra score keeping is all it takes and of course trophies. Women can be part of these teams. In past, clubs have designated A and B Teams just in case there is a problem with one team not being able to finish. Let's give it a serious consideration!

Gary Nordstrom

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CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



Victoria Motorcycle Club

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting - February 18, 2025 at
Barnes Harley-Davidson 2940 Ed Nixon Terrace Langford BC V9B 0B2
prepared by Sec. **Rachel Olsen**

This was the Second Regular Monthly Meeting of 2024

In attendance:- **President Dave Horner** **Vice President Mark Fisher** **A/Treasurer: Brent Donaldson**
Secretary: Rachel Olsen

Directors:- Mike Hornick Ryon Bell Gary Gronow Ben Williams Kevin Ash Rhys Hathaway
Brent Donaldson Newsletter Ed. & Communications Chair- Roger Boothroyd
Membership Chair - Ellen Voermans Trophy Chair - Rachel Olsen

Meeting called to Order By **President Dave Horner** at 20:06 hrs

BUSINESS ARISING/OLD BUSINESS

Enduro X Prologue Vancouver Island Dirt Riders Association

- VIDRA to hold the Suffering Prologue on April 5th approved at last meeting
- Discussion around compensation rate to club
- VIDRA to upgrade and/or maintenance work before and after the event to the Enduro X track at the club at their expense.
- Insurance to club must be received before proceeding
Motion to hold Enduro X Prologue - **Peter Smither**, Seconded **Mike Hornick** - Carried
Sam King Dirt School Update
- Member **Sam King** has agreed to hold a joint Enduro Class with member **Trystan Hart** on April 4th (one day only)
- **Rachel Olsen** has been in contact with **Sam** regarding what this would entail. Sam has offered to do a Trials Class and Junior class also if there is interest. Motion: already approved no motion required

Treasurer's Report Monthly - Brent Donaldson (acting)

- Reviewed income and expense statements. Operating costs for club roughly \$25K for 2025 (insurance and property taxes)
- Cash On Hand on deposit and Cash Flow projections.
- Term deposits.
- Thank you to **Graham Twigg** for stepping up as new Treasurer
- Special Thank you to **Perry Chow** for many years of service to the club as Treasurer
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by **Gary Gronow**, seconded by **Peter Smither**, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website - **Peter Smither**

- First Phase is complete. **Peter Smither** is still working with designer **Dhillon**. Website hours have come in less than originally planned for.
- 2nd phase will have more plugins to Mine data if we feel the need. New website will have eventual capabilities to roll memberships over (ie from youth to Jr to Regular to Senior)
- Member **Meaghan Symes** asked how safe the data is? **Peter** explained the usage of data for events for safety for emergency contacts. People who have access to the data right now are **Peter Grant, Peter Smither and Ellen Voermans**
- Member **Gary Gronow** Are there any yearly fees? **Peter** said yes to fees but unaware of the costs at the moment.

Membership - Ellen Voermans

- Membership renewals have been completed 50 people did not pay and 49 people on the waitlist for 2025.
- Invites will go out for new candidates to attend the March meeting to apply and maybe a second meeting in April to catch stragglers. Only opening new Memberships on these dates. If you do not make it, you will have to wait till next year.
- If anyone was wanting a membership card. **Ellen** has them tonight.

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CLUB NEWZ CONTINUED



Motion: To Cap membership at 493 - Brent Donaldson seconded Mike Hornick- **Carried**
NEW BUSINESS

GasGas rider **Sondre Hyga** would like to hold a course at club property.

• **Rachel Olsen** presented a request from **Sondre Hyga** via **Sam King** to hold a Trials Course at the Property. Will speak with regarding dates. Not to be held on trial weekend.

Approved by club depending on dates

Gate Fobs/Lock - Mike Hornick

• Last day for Fobs assignments will be February 23. The lock will be changed for the old gate. Arrangements with **Mike** will have to be made if you have not got your FOB yet. No data is being tracked from FOBS

Metchosin Search and Rescue- Brent Donaldson

• Metchosin SAR will be using the property for day training on Sunday February 23.

• April 12th from 3pm-8am - neighbouring teams from PEMO may join

• They are unable to use CRD land for this type of training. SAR & PEMO is insured.

Good PR for the club. Entering of **Dave & Susan Fair's** property.

Life Member

• Missed approving **Dave Bissenden** for Life Time Membership

• 2025 will have 8 new life members up for approval

Motion: To approve **Dave Bissenden** for Life Time Membership – **Meaghan Symes** Seconded

Carried

Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Report

• February 15th 2025 **Roger Boothroyd** was inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame for his contributions to the motorcycle community.

BC Sports Hall of Fame

• **Roger** has submitted an application to the BC Sports Hall of Fame for the club. Will be asking club members for letters of support soon.

Purchase of SeaCan

• Discussion whether to purchase new or used Seacan.

• **Rhys Hathaway** to provide costs at next meeting

Motion: To approve purchase of NEW Seacan - **Gary Gronow** seconded **Mike Hornick**— carried

Heat Source for Pavilion

• Members asked about upcoming plans for heat source for new pavilion

• No plans as of yet but it will be looked at upcoming year

Final Costs on Building None yet - coming

Next Executive Meeting: March 13th, 2025

Next Regular Club Meeting: - Tuesday March 18th, 7:30 pm, upstairs at Barnes Harley-Davidson Langford

Motion to adjourn **Mike Hornick** Seconded **Ellen Voermans** Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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[Congratulations](#) to the team of Canadian trials riders that were selected to represent Canada at the 2025 FiM Trials Des Nations scheduled for 20- 21 September, 2025 in Tolmezzo, Italy.



The Les Blow Trial—March 16th - by Roger Boothroyd

Heavy rain on Saturday before the annual Les Blow Trial soaked Cycle Park with persistent showers continuing on the day of the event. All this liquid made for some challenging sections throughout the VMC's property. Twenty-eight riders signed up for the first trial of the 2025 season counting towards the five event club championship. Ten checks were laid out with varying degrees of difficulty for the seven classes of riders. After the riders meeting the riders were on their way to ride three loops. Scores were turned in after each loop and the lowest score was deemed the winner. Junior and Clubman classes could ride two loops or take the best two of three loops. Given the conditions of the loops, there was some close competition in all of the categories.

In the Beginners class there was only one rider but **Axton Hall** on a Vertigo had three successful loops and had 35 points.

Young **John Faa** on a Vertigo lead from the start in the Sportsman class and took first with 44 points. Second place was hard fought but **Jon Rumley** on TRS came out on top with 71 points. Another Vertigo rider, **Jake Eastman** placed third with 72 points while fourth place **John Newberry** on a Montesa had 76 points.

In the Intermediate class, first place went to Gas Gas mounted **Ben Cox** with 65 points. Not far behind Cox was another young rider, **Raine Fletcher** on a TRS. After two loops, **Fletcher** was only two points behind **Cox** but **Fletcher** faulted on the third loop to take second place with 74 points. Third was **Peter Wille** on a Montesa with 88 points.

The largest class of the day was the Senior Intermediate. Vertigo mounted **Stu Eastman** lead from the start and placed first with 29 points. In second place was another Vertigo rider, **Roland Fletcher**, with 60 points. **Ben Williams** on a Vertigo had a bad first loop and couldn't catch **Fletcher** even though he had a one point difference in the second and third loop so ended in third place with 69 points.

Five riders were entered in the Expert class and ex-Canadian Champion **Thomas Corder** was another who lead from the start to take first with 52 points. Another Vertigo rider **Brandon Volk**, selected as a Canadian team member of the Trials Des Nations this year, was second with 64 points. Vertigo riders took all three top spots with **Jeremy McChesney** in third having 73 points.

Originally the Clubman class was meant for older riders on older bikes but it has evolved into the "fun" class. Mark Roler on a TRS was the top podium finisher with 13 points and 15 cleans. Second was Gary Gronow on a Beta with 13 points and 13 cleans. Gas Gas mounted Blake Sharples place third with 26 points.

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