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Victory Riders Calgary Newsletter

Next Meeting

June 18

10:15 am

Lighthouse Pub

1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary

Ride to follow

Agenda Items

- Newsletter Naming
- Montana Trip
- Ride & Event Schedule
- Online Auction

What happened at Two Wheel Sunday?

For the first time in its history, Two Wheel Sunday had a rain out. What happened to the 'rain or shine' event? Drifter Don, who was part of the 2WS organizing committee, has some comments on Page 2



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July 9 & 10 set for Montana Overnighter camping trip

With the U.S. border open, it's time we invaded.

July 9 and 10 are the dates for VRC's first overnight trip to Montana since the pandemic struck, maybe ever. Don't let the word 'camping' scare you off. We have also reserved two cabins at the Rocky Mountain HI Campground north of Kalispell. Each has a double bed and bunk beds. Additionally there is lots of actual camping there.

If you are interested, text, email or tell Big Don or Drifter Don before June 25. You will receive an information package on the trip, costs, route and timing. The route planned will take us from the meeting place at Aldersyde down to the U.S. border at Carway, south of Cardston. From there is a short hop to St. Mary, Montana, eastern gateway to Glacier National Park and the Going to the Sun Road



that will take us over the 6,650-foot Logan Pass.

There are caveats, of course. You have to be vaccinated to get across the border and you have to make a reservation to get into the Park on July 9. Riders who can't get a reservation will take the southern route through the Rockies to get to the campground. Return is via Roosville Border Crossing and the Crowsnest Pass.

Contact us for complete details.



Steve was one of several VRC members who showed up to volunteer at 2WS.

Two Wheel Sunday quickly became Too Wet Sunday

- Drifter Don

So what the hell happened? VRC has been involved with Two Wheel Sunday since the beginning and we had a great plan to showcase Victorys at this year's event.

When I and numerous volunteers (Thank you James, Steve, Wes, Ed, and many others) got there Sunday morning about 7:30, the organizing committee, in which I play a small role, were hotly debating cancelled in the "rain or shine" event. Truth is, in the previous six years plus two plague years, it had never rained on 2WS. There were a lot of factors played into the decision - the rain, wet conditions, dismal forecasts; but probably the deciding factor was vendors arriving on site, looking around and saying, "nope." Some were willing, but in the end, the committee decided to call it a day. What next? Don't know. One later in the year? Next year? It's complicated, but I know this. Victory Riders Calgary will be a part of it. We belong there.

How do you like us so far?

It doesn't have a name yet (like most newborns), but this is our newsletter. There's a strong emphasis on the word 'our'. It will be emailed out to members who request it. We have some who prefer not to engage in Facebook; others like their reading material printed out. Whatever their reasons, here's the answer. We hope to get each issue out the week before the monthly meeting and when riding supersedes having a meeting, it will serve to keep people informed and up to date on Club activities. But back to the 'our' part. For a newsletter to be successful, it has to have interesting, relevant content. Or at least be funny. Each of us can contribute to making this newsletter interesting. We can

contribute articles, ideas for articles, photographs, your bike story, new or favourite gear, ideas for rides and events (either interesting, attended or avoided. Ask Ed about Pendleton - patooie!) Notes are quite acceptable. We'll make them into sentences. And if you find something online that's interesting and Victory-related, pass it on. If you found it interesting, others will too. Send it to: VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com and you may see it here next time. And we need a name! See Page 4.



Victory Riders Calgary Ride Schedule 2022

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Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
23-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Breakfast/Brunch	Lighthouse Pub
Feb 4-6	World of Wheels	Postponed to 2023
February	Calgary Motorcycle Swap Meet	Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Centre
20-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting	Lighthouse Pub
20-Mar	VRC Breakfast Meeting	Lighthouse Pub
24-Apr	VRC Meeting Postponed - Captain's Ride to Canmore	
Apr 27-30	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
Apr27 - May 1	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
30-Apr	Lethbridge Bike Swap Meet	Exhibition Park, Lethbridge
07-May	International Female Ride Day	
15-May	212 Custom Cycle Swap Meet/ Show N Shine	Airdrie
14-15 May 2022	Spring Tune Up Training Session	Site TBD
29-May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
29-May	Props & Pistons	Red Deer International Airport
05-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 9-12	MITM	Klamath Falls, Oregon
18-Jun	Honour Ride	TBA
18-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
18-Jun	VRC Meeting/Ride	Highway 40
25-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
25-Jun	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
02-Jul	Bikes & Bombers	Nanton
July 8-11	Road to the Sun Ride/Campout	Overnight in Montana
July 21-24	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Revelstoke, B.C.
July 22-24	Ponoka Vintage Rally	Ponoka, AB
24-Jul	VRC Meeting	Meeting/Ride
23-25 July 20	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
Aug 5-14	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
13-Aug	Bury The Hatchet	Highway 40 Ride, Longview Axe Throwing
16-Aug	The Rolling Barrage	Okotoks
20-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
Aug 19-21	IFK Kickstart Custom Show	Calgary
21-Aug	Meet In The Middle	Red Deer to Drumheller (to be confirmed)
August ?	VMC National Rally	TBD
27-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
05-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
Sept 11?	CVMG Swap Meet	Millarville
18-Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
25-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
25-Sep	Oyster Run	Anacortes, WA
23-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	TBD
October ?	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
20-Nov	VRC Meeting	TBD
December	Vicmas!	TBD
Weekly		
	Captain's Ride	Ride Captains' Call on time, place and destination
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Sky BBQ, Okotoks

Upcoming Rides & Events

July 2 - Bikes & Bombers

Ride in and hang around at the Bomber Command Museum in Nanton while they fire up the four-engined Lancaster bomber, one of only two in Canada.

July 9-10 - Montana Overnighter

See Page 1 for details.

July 21- 24 - IMRG Western Canada Rally

We have a standing invitation to join Indian Riders from Alberta and B.C. in Revelstoke at their annual rally. We could turn this into a Kootenay/ Dreamcycle Museum run.

August 13 - Bury the Hatchet

Our annual drubbing of the Indian Riders in an friendly axe-throwing competition. Highway 40 ride, late lunch and weapons at Longview Saloon.

August 20 - Ride To Reynolds

Annual ride to Wetaskiwin's Reynolds Museum for its celebration of motorcycles.

August 21 - Meet in the Middle

Victorys from Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and the rural areas will meet in Stettler and ride together to Drumheller and environs. Third Annual.

Check the Rides & Events

Calendar on Page 2 for other reasons to spend more than \$2 a litre on gasoline.



The story of a Road Captain...



Road Captain's Report

by Big D

So far so good...

VRC has had pretty good start of the year considering some of the challenges with the weather. We have managed seven rides with only one cancellation (weather) working out to be about one ride per week since March 2022.

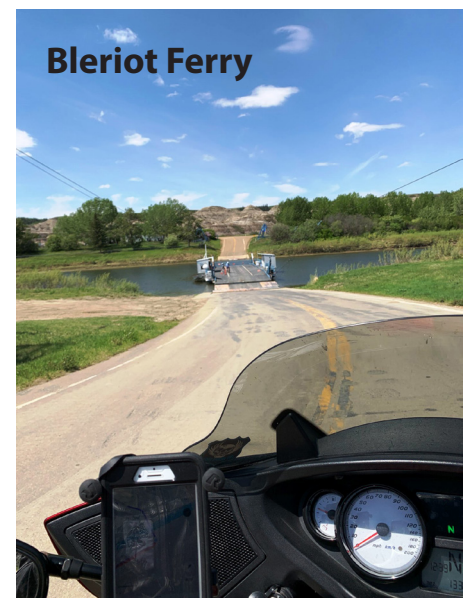
We have managed to complete check rides on the most popular places – Last Chance Saloon, Hwy 1A, Bearberry Saloon, Officer's Quarters, Porcupine Hills, Twin Cities Saloon (I'm starting to see a theme here...).

We have many additional road trips planned for this summer but need to get a wee bit warmer in the morning as some of these rides need a full day to complete (I'm talking about Saskatchewan River Crossing, Radium Loop, Waterton Park, etc.) With Hwy 40 opening in a few weeks that will add another

great riding route to our inventory.

Watch for our ride event postings on our FB page and if you have any requests please feel free to reach out to me at jumpmaster@shaw.ca.

Keep your head on a swivel and ride safe...



Bleriot Ferry

Lemme draw ya a map...

The ups and downs of mapping apps

REVER Mapping Program

by Big D

I thought I might do a series of articles on some of the more popular mapping apps that can be used on your phone. I know from personal experience that having live mapping while on a ride is such a benefit, particularly if you're riding in unknown territory.

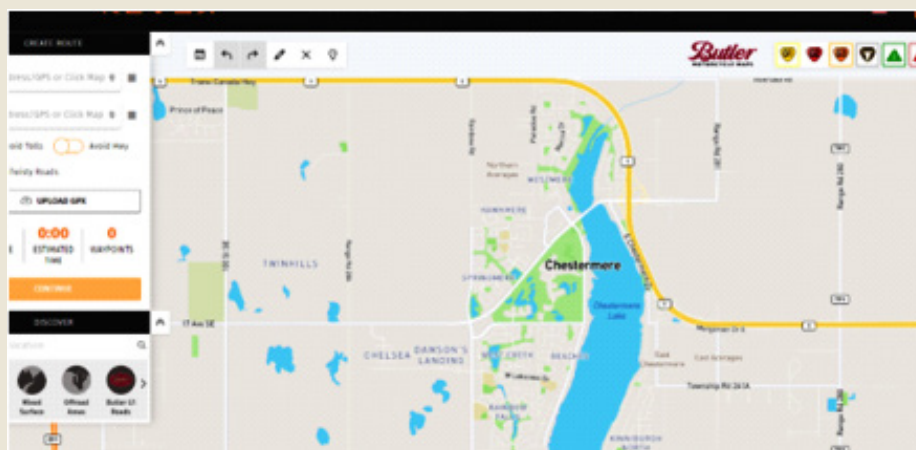
I'm going to start with REVER, only because it is the mapping app that I use and the one I'm most familiar with. I've been using REVER for about three years now and find it to be a good solution to live mapping requirements.

When you open the app on your computer through your login, your home page will look like the illustration (except you set it up for your location.) The app is pretty easy to use when setting up your routes and you can use way points to build your route. If you are using the free edition of REVER, you are limited to a certain number of way points, so you have to be frugal if you're planning a long ride.

POI (points of interest) include fuel, food, lodging, camping; while map styles can be satellite, outdoors, 3D, terrain and tilt. From the home page, you can also select your activities (tracked, planned, maps of rides, etc.) There are communities you can join or even create your own and invite friends. REVER offers a number of challenges hosted through their website for events around the world.

When you add friends, you can share rides between each other or even follow along in real time if one of you is out on a ride (big brother is watching....) You can read other rider's stories or even add your own if so inclined.

In its simplest form, you can use it to



track a ride and then save it on your phone as well as the REVER website. REVER uses Butler maps for identifying road types (mostly U.S. but they are expanding into Canada and Europe as well). Once your rides are saved you can add photos. It logs time (ride, as well as stopped), dis-

tance, elevation, temperature and a few other data points you may be interested in.

You can download REVER from the Appstore and, as previously mentioned, you can use it for free or should you wish, pay an annual fee for complete access.

Name the baby, win a great prize

Our new Victory Riders Calgary newsletter needs a name.

When we announced the newsletter on our Facebook site, we opened a contest asking members to suggest a name.

The post brought a flurry of suggestions. So far we have:

- Victory News
- The Oil Thread
- The vic scoop
- Cowtown Victory Chronicles
- Victory Times
- The Victorium
- Long Riders
- Vic Nation
- Eternal Vic's
- VictorYYC
- Victory's Sojourns
- Victory Voice.

Can you do better? Email your suggestions to VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com or send it to Drifter Don via Facebook Messenger. We'll vote on the name at the June 18 meeting.

And the prize? We'll think of something; and it will be great. Bragging rights are a bonus.



Hand-painted sugar mask XC by Soul On Iron.

Contribute!

Send your stories, photos or story ideas to:

VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com

How about a photo and write up on your bike? Why and how did you pick that one? What modifications have you done? Got something for sale (Victory-related)?