



# Victory ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

## February meeting is our AGM

**Victory Riders Calgary isn't just a causal gathering of Victory riders and worshippers.**

We are actually a registered not-for-profit society under Alberta law and as such are required to keep minutes of our meetings and hold an annual general meeting. That time has come.

The February breakfast meeting at the Lighthouse Pub on February 26 will be our AGM which means election of officers for this year.

Our current slate of officers – President Drifter Don, Vice Prez John B., Treasurer James H. and Secretary KD – have all indicated they are willing to run again in those positions. The meeting will be taking nominations from the floor for any challengers to the positions.

Road Captain is not an elected position, but our Road Captain Big Don has said he is willing to stay on in that position. He is looking for a second Road Captain to share the duties with (and he is willing to train.) Ask him for details.

**Next Meeting  
February 26  
10:15 am  
Lighthouse Pub  
1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary  
Breakfast Meeting/AGM**



Yes, that sign says 15mph curves for the next two miles, such is riding the Black Hills.

## VMC National Rally set for Spearfish

**Although VRC is not a member of the international Victory Motorcycle Club, many of our members are individual members of VMC.**

VMC has chosen Spearfish, South Dakota (close to Sturgis) as the site of its 2023 National Rally. This was a bit of a surprise, both in location and in timing. The rally is set for June 8 to 11, much earlier than usual, but a logical choice considering the locale. The Sturgis Rally is early August every year.

Having the rally in June means that the attendees will have several advantages over visiting the area during the Sturgis Rally. One advantage is that accommodation will be (relatively)

cheaper. It is still a tourist area, but in June there will be ample motel and campground space available. The rally hotel is the Holiday Inn Spearfish and there are other hotels and several campgrounds nearby.

The timing of the rally also means the crush of Sturgis traffic will be avoided. No lineups at gas stations, restaurants, bars and other attractions. Far less traffic on the highways too.

The region is famous for its attractions – Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore, Spearfish Canyon, Deadwood, Boot Hill, the town of Sturgis with its motorcycle museum, Wall Drugs, Dakota Badlands, Sundance and many more.

And getting to them is some of the best motorcycle riding anywhere, particularly the Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, Custer Wildlife Loop and others in the legendary Dakota Black Hills.

Several VRC members have already booked the rally. If you are interested, even if you are not a VMC member, talk to Drifter Don or Big Don.



## Upcoming Rides & Events

**Garage Sale** – Victory parts/ accessories for sale; go to FILES tab on our FaceBook site for details.

**Two Wheel Sunday** –

June 4, 2023 Calgary

**February Meeting** – AGM.

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**VMC National Meet** – June 8–11 –

Spearfish, South Dakota

**IMRG Western Meetup** –

July 20–22 – Kimberley, B.C.

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## New members

**Victory Riders Calgary now has 384 members, according to our Facebook site.**

Members who joined recently include:

- Jay de Heer
- Daniel Chauman
- Sikh MC Southern Alberta
- Akozi Jonathan
- Helen Polack-Yip
- Barry A Bean
- Bobby Sodhi
- Chris Perry
- Joe Anderson
- Modumita Eti

## Contribute!

Send your own story, photos or story ideas to:

**VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com**

How about a photo and write up on your bike?

Something for sale (Victory-related)? Post it here.

# 2023 Ride & Event Schedule filling up

**While riding season may still be a ways off for most of us (except Vice Prez John B who apparently has snow tires on his bikes), the 2023 ride schedule is already filling out.**

Most of the already-scheduled

events are repeats of 2022 events, but some like the Move Your Soul and Edmonton community motorcycle shows are new. Expect more events to be added and dates confirmed as the riding season inches closer.

### Victory Riders Calgary Ride Schedule 2023

Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
12-Jan	Vicmas!	Lighthouse Pub
22-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Breakfast/Brunch	Lighthouse Pub
Feb 3-5	Move The Soul Community Bike Show	New Horizon Mall
26-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	Lighthouse Pub
Mar 11-12	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton
26-Mar	VRC Meeting	Lighthouse Pub
23-Apr	VRC Meeting	
Apr 26-29	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
Apr 28-30	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
06-May	International Female Ride Day	
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
04-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June	U.S. MITM	Klamath Falls, Oregon
June	Honour Ride	TBA
June	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June 8-11	VMC National Rally	Spearfish, South Dakota
18-Jun	VRC Meeting	
24-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July	Bikes & Bombers	Nanton
July 20-22	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
24-Jul	VRC Meeting	Lighthouse Pub, 10:15 am
July	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
July 29-30	Lethbridge Air Show	Lethbridge Airport
Aug 4-13	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
12-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
Aug	IFK Kickstart Custom Show	Calgary
Aug	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
August	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
27-Aug	VRC Meeting	
04-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
Sept	CVMG Swap Meet	Millarville
Sept	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
17-Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
24-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
24-Sep	Oyster Run	Anacortes, WA
22-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	TBD
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
26-Nov	VRC Meeting	TBD
December	VRC Meeting	TBD
<b>Weekly</b>		
	Captain's Ride	Ride Captains' Call on time, place and destination
	Tuesday Bike Night	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Sky BBQ, Okotoks
	Wild Wednesdays	Car & bike show, New Horizon Mall, 5pm-8pm every Wed
	Motorbikus Mechanicus, Reynolds Museum	Wetaskiwin, until October 11, 2022
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th St. NW



## Want to channel your inner Tyler O'Hara?

By Big Don  
Want to be King of the Baggers? Or at least pretend to be, for a day?

If you missed the 'Move Your Soul' event at the New Horizon Mall earlier this month, the guys from HardNoX racetrack (<https://www.hardnoxtrackdayz.com/>) were in attendance. I ended up having a great chat about their track and different activities available.

HN are found west of the Edmonton International airport so only a few hours from us. Long story short, they will host group and club events, which I think would be a great VRC event.

I will follow up with more details in the future episodes of our newsletter so please stay tuned.



Don't get caught without your VRC Challenge Coin. \$15 (cheaper than buying a round.) Large and small patches also available.



## Road Captain's View... Plans for 2023 riding season

By Big Don, Road Captain

Well, after a full season as an RC under my belt with VRC I have a better idea of how we roll (pun intended).

For our 2023 season I have a few ideas that I am putting forward to the group. I would appreciate any feedback or comments on this or any suggestions you may have.

### Weekly Rides:

As I did last season I will be offering weekly rides to our membership throughout southern and central Alberta. What I will be doing differently however is setting up rides for the weekend as well as the weekdays.

I received feedback asking to schedule rides on the weekend when most folks are off from work and have availability to attend rides. It shall be so.

### Evening Rides:

I have done these with previous groups and thought I might try a couple of these over the riding season. These rides would be scheduled for a 1600 hrs. meetup and then an evening ride, stop for supper and head home.

These rides will be scheduled further into the summer (longer days) and likely on a Tuesday or Thursday timeline. More to follow...

### Overnight / Weekend Rides:

I have two overnight/weekend rides planned (dates pending). The first will be what I call the Icefields Loop and the second will be the Kaslo Twisties. More details will be posted in the near future, however the Icefields will be a Saturday, Sunday ride while the Kaslo Twisties will be a Friday, Saturday, Sunday event.

Stay tuned!

