



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting

May 28 10:15 am

New Venue!!!!

Winkin' Owl Pub

13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
(Around the corner from Lighthouse)

Breakfast Meeting

Ride to follow,

Who is in for the Spearfish Rally?

The Victory Motorcycle Club's National Rally in Spearfish, South Dakota, is just weeks away.

While we are not a VMC-member club, many of our members belong to the international VMC and have attended its rallies in the past. We are fortunate to have the 2023 National Rally in our backyard. Okay, it's a big backyard.

Spearfish is 20 minutes west of Sturgis which some of you may have heard of. Rallying there means we have all the enjoyment and attractions of Sturgis without the annoying stuff.

Plus the Black Hills and Badlands offer some of the most amazing riding anywhere. Area attractions include Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Sturgis of course, the Wildlife Loop, Wall Drug, Crazy Horse Memorial, Wind Cave, Mammoth Dig, Deadwood, the Motorcycle Museum and many others.

We plan a two-day ride down and two or three-day ride back, depending on the route you choose.

The Club will be creating a Facebook event for the ride down. Be sure to click GOING, so we know numbers.

If you're not riding with us, let us know if you will be at the rally. We might plan some 'Canadians Only' events.



Two Wheel Sunday '23 will be a Victory show

Every year that Victory Riders Calgary hosted the Two Wheel Sunday Show & Shine, we got the same question, "Where's the Victory display?"

Two Wheel Sunday '23 will answer that question. The Club has secured enough display space to make a splash at the June 4 event. The plan, according to the Club's organizing group, is to put as many Victory models on display as we can. They will be backed up by Club and Victory regalia including posters, banners, gear, brochures and publications.

Two Wheel Sunday organizers have given (yes, given; no charge) three display spots. That should give us enough room to display about nine Victory models. Naturally, we want to show the best, most interesting ones available. We already have James H's Victory Vision, Vic Winder's Cross Country Tour, Big Don's Vegas, Cody P's Highball, Brian's custom Hammer, Doug's custom XC and Randy H's Kingpin. We are

working on a couple more. If you think your bike belongs in the line up, contact Vice Pres John B, Randy H or DrifterDon. They are looking for the exceptional, remarkable, interesting, rare, high mileage or striking example of each Victory model. No, not the Challenger or Pursuit. Cut that out.

If you have any Victory gear, memorabilia or other items you would like to see displayed, let us know.

In addition to the display bikes, we are trying to get the parking area in front of the display designated Victory Only parking.



Upcoming Rides & Events

May Breakfast Meeting – May 28.
Winkin' Owl Pub, 10:15am
Last Chance Saloon Ride - May 25
Bearberry Saloon Ride - May 27
Saskatchewan River Crossing Ride - June 1
Two Wheel Sunday – June 4, 2023 Calgary
VMC National Meet – June 8–11 – Spearfish, South Dakota
IMRG Western Meetup – July 20–22 – Kimberley, B.C.
Garage Sale – Victory parts/accessories for sale; go to FILES tab on our FaceBook site for details.

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 414 members, according to our Facebook site.

Welcome to our new members:

- Trendy Wood Singh
- Shalim Dost
- Cecil Chauncy
- James Bryant
- BriChon BriChon
- Colin Wright
- Chantel Ricketts
- R Sam Frankow
- Rolando Coria
- Leland Neuman

2023 Rides & Events

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event 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
22-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
28-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Lighthouse Pub
04-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 8-11	VMC National Rally	Spearfish, South Dakota
June 16-18	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
17-Jun	Honour Ride	TBA
17-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
25-Jun	VRC Meeting	
24-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
July 8-9	Banff Jasper Parkway	
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 20-22	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
23-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
Aug 11 -13	Kaslo Curves	
12-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
Aug	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
August	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
26-Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Nanton Bomber Museum
27-Aug	VRC Meeting	
04-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
15-Sep	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
Weekly		
	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

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.



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

You can see yesterday..

Fascinating flatland ride leads to ghost town

By John B.

The reality of living where I do is that curves are far and few between; but that doesn't mean it's not worth the trip. I ride to see the sights and beauty that can be found everywhere here in our Alberta.

There is something that fascinates me about being able to see so far across the prairies you can see yesterday, so that is where I'm headed on this trip.

My loop starts south of **Strathmore**, heading south on Highway 817 to Highway 901. Heading east takes me through **Siksika Nation**. There are historical sites spread across the nation, but my only stop today is the Petro-Canada station just before TransCanada Highway.

With the Mistress' tank full, I continue east on Hwy 1 to Hwy 56. South of there is **Crowfoot**, a CP Rail siding on the edge of Siksika and if you continue south (all gravel) **Crowfoot Ferry** is there to assist you across the Bow River. Continuing north on Hwy 56, the vast openness of the prairies gently turns into the rolling **Wintering Hills** offering up more curves and hills for the ride.

Along the route, **Dead Horse Lake** near **Hussar**, is quickly drying up. Abandoned homesteads and equipment provide interesting views and photo opportunities. Lone derelict windmills of the past give way to shiny new windmills near **Dalum**.

The road dives down into the **Red**



Deer River valley to intersect with Hwy 10 between **Cambria** and **Rosedale**. Heading west on Hwy 10 takes you through Rosedale, the start of the **11 Bridges** road (Hwy 10X) to **Wayne**, Alberta. That's an extremely popular ride, but not on my plan today. The



entire Drumheller Valley offers so many stops you could spend days exploring.

From **Drumheller**, I continue north on Hwy 56, rising out of the valley and into the open prairie where there is no shelter from the moderate wind. At the four-way stop at Hwy 27, I turn west towards **Morrin**. Just before the river valley is the turn onto Hwy 839 where I head north. About half way to Hwy 585 is the turn to Rowley. It's a short four-km-but-seems-longer stretch of gravel road into town, fortunately well groomed.

Rowley, population eight as of 2017, is a ghost town; but the few residents are restoring the buildings. The hamlet has grain elevators, funeral home, one-room school house, gas station, saloon, bank, livery barn and train station, along with many other building. I appear to be alone for most of my walk around the town site, but eventually another vehicle arrives.

Some of the properties are occupied, so please use some respect if you visit. Camping is available by donation and it appears there are many functions held at the community hall, but not the day I was there. Rowley

would be a great spot for a picnic.

Returning to Hwy 839, I head north to Hwy 585 and west towards Hwy 21, stopping along the way for a few pictures of the river valley at **Tolman Bridge** and in **Trochu** of the historic downtown. Hwy 21 takes me back south to the TransCanada Highway. With a fuel stop in **Three Hills**, I return to the Strathmore area.

There is no better way to spend an afternoon, in my opinion. I love riding in the mountains with the curves and views; but if that is all we seek we miss out on so much more this province has to offer. There are so many great places in Alberta and I hope to someday see them all.



More good stuff pops up at the Club's Garage Sale

Amazing stuff just keep popping up in our Garage Sale collection. It's all for sale, best offer on most of it.

This month the additions come courtesy of a couple of past executive members. Past President Ronny dug into his closet and came up with several pieces of Victory motorcycle history - gear from the original Victory Riders Association.

Way back, Victory was new on the motorcycle scene and to promote it, Polaris formed dealer-supported Victory clubs under the banner of the VRA. Cleaning out a closet, Ronny found several VRA hoodies, t-shirts and

baseball caps. In addition to having historic value, these items feature some kick-ass airbrush artwork on the back and arms.

The other Garage Sale addition is courtesy of former Road Captain Woodie who donated a spectacular red and black custom Victory hoodie, size small. See the photo captions of all the items for details and sizes.

The Club is offering them to members at discounted prices before they are offered to the general Victory community. Prices listed are Club Member prices. Message DrifterDon or Treasurer James with offers. All proceeds support Club activities.



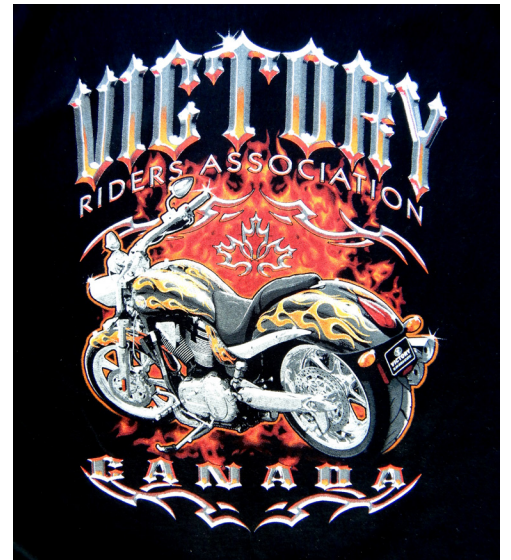
Two heavy, full zip, black Victory Riders Association vintage hoodies. One Size 2XL and one Size 3XL. Plain front. VRA Canada artwork on back and sleeves. \$30



Colourful (to say the least) Victory full zip hoodie. Tagged size Small, but closer to Medium. \$50 OBO



Three size Small black Victory Riders Association vintage long-sleevers. VRA oval logo on front. VRA Canada artwork on back and sleeves. \$10



Cool VRA Canada artwork on backs of the hoodies and T-shirts.



Four vintage, Velcro-adjustable VRA mesh-side baseball caps . Black with grey brim trim. Apparently liberated from the Penticton Chapter. \$10



Is there anyone who doesn't know who this unique Cross Country belongs to? Who has visited him in Dallas?



Blues great Ana Popovic knows our pain. Her new album Power features the song Ride with the line, 'Til the wheels fall off.