



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
July 30 10:15 am
Winkin' Owl Pub
13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
(Around the corner from Lighthouse)
Breakfast Meeting
Ride to follow,
weather permitting



And it ain't over...
July was a busy one for VRC

By Jumpmaster (Don)
Road Captain

The month of July has been quite busy for the Victory Riders Calgary with five rides scheduled over the month.

We rode Hwy 1A & 40 twice (in different directions to keep things interesting), an overnight via the Icefield Parkway to Hinton, a day ride to the Dickson Dam; and, last but not least, an amazing Radium Loop ride. Believe it or not if you were on all five of these rides (and some of you were) you did about 3,200 kms! If you did just the Icefields and Radium Loop (which some did) you managed to squeeze approximately 2,000 kms!!! (With these distances it's going to make it tough to win the longest distance award at the end of the season.)

One of the findings from last year was that there were not enough rides being scheduled on the weekends. In order to rectify this issue I have purposely scheduled a weekday ride

followed by a weekend ride, and never the same ride twice in a row. It appears that this strategy is working and working well with great numbers attending both rides. We are even attracting members from the northern half of the province! We had one ride



where we had so many riders we had to split into two groups in order to ride the 1A safely! My thanks to John B. for stepping up and helping me out there.

As a Road Captain, I try to make our rides as interesting and varied as possible. I also try to space them out so each ride will be scheduled at least once or twice per season. Some of the more popular rides will see a little more action though (Last Chance, Hwy 40, Hwy 1A, Porcupine Hills, etc.) In addition, we are scheduling overnight rides to add a little variety to our rides.

In closing I want to thank everyone who has participated in our rides this season. Although July is almost done



Doing the USA
Corner to Corner to
Corner to Corner

By Victor Daly

Before COVID hit, I was at the Edmonton Motorcycle Show. At one of the booths someone handed me a brochure about the Southern California Motor Association with information on the Three Flags Run. I joined the SCMA and did two runs with them, Mexico-USA-Canada.

During COVID I didn't do much riding so this year I decided to make that up by doing the Four Corners. Four Corners entails going to Blaine, Washington, the starting point; then San Ysidro, California; Key West, Florida; and Madawaska, Maine. Not necessarily in that order but within 21 days or less.



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Upcoming Rides & Events

June Breakfast Meeting – July 30.
Winkin' Owl Pub, 10:15am
Browning, Montana, Ride – July 31
Kaslo Kurves – August 11-13
Ride to Reynolds – August 12
12 Stop Ride – August 26
Bikes & Bombers – August 26
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 489 members, according to our Facebook site.

Welcome to our new members:

- Brendin Townsend
- Greg J Vince
- John Buryk
- Andrea Tomba
- Zora Hanusek
- Stacy Brown
- Mark Merle
- Rishitha Karra
- Michael Mattice
- Don Ireland



2023 Rides & Events Schedule

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2023

Month	Event	Location
Colour Code: GREEN - VRC Events YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest BLUE - Victory National/Regional		
Jan	Vicmas!	Lighthouse Pub
Jan	VRC Meeting/ Breakfast/Brunch	Lighthouse Pub
Feb 3-5	Move The Soul Community Bike Show	New Horizon Mall
Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	Lighthouse Pub
Mar 11-12	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton
Mar	VRC Meeting	Lighthouse Pub
Apr	VRC Meeting	
Apr 26-29	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
Apr 28-30	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
May	International Female Ride Day	
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
May	Victoria Day Ride.	
May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Lighthouse Pub
Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 8-11	VMC National Rally	Spearfish, South Dakota
June 16-18	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
Jun	Honour Ride	TBA
Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
Jun	VRC Meeting	
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.
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 Kurves	
Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
Aug	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Nanton Bomber Museum
Aug	VRC Meeting	
Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
Sep	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
Sep	Oyster Run	Anacortes, WA
Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	TBD
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
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

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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.

From Page One..

Vic's Four Corners ride around the United States

I headed out May 3 from **Red Deer** and arrived at my starting point of **Blaine** on May 4.

To prove that you went to the check points, you are required to provide a picture of the post office and a gas receipt with the time and date. The first night in the USA, I stayed north of **Portland** and when I headed out it started to rain. As I hit the highway south it dumped down, however determined to make miles I kept going even though I could hardly see the vehicle in front of me. About three hours later I got out of the rain.



When I got to **San Ysidro, California**, I had trouble finding the Post Office, so I got directions at the gas station. Once at the Post Office I got my picture taken along with my gas receipt. I followed my GPS westbound across to Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The temperature went up to 95 F; nice and sunny, so I made sure to apply my sunscreen. As I came to **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**, the sky opened up and dumped down rain. I decided to it was time to find a motel. It was stop and go traffic and on a curve behind a tractor trailer, my foot slipped on the pavement almost dumping my bike. Wouldn't it be fun trying to pick up my Vision in the pouring rain on a slope behind a tractor trailer? "NOT!"

In Florida I stayed in Homestead, north of **Florida Keys**, as the price of motels in the Keys were quite high. I got up early and headed south to Key West. I was surprised the speed limit was 45 mph. I went to the Post Office, had my picture taken and then to

get gas and receipt. As I started to fill my bike, a chicken with her two little chicks wandered by my bike. As I was attempting to grab my phone to take pictures, a woman came out of the convenience store and yelled out that they knew that they weren't allowed at the gas station.

From Florida I headed north toward **Maine** during which I got rained on for half a day. During the rain I missed

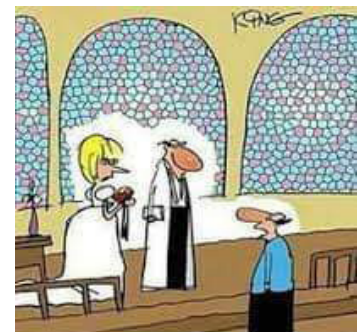
into the USA. In Madawaska I stayed at the **Inn of Acadia** which was a convent (1956-1979) and was then converted to a hotel. It was very nice and had great food.

After my stay in Madawaska, I again crossed the border into **New Brunswick** then into **Quebec**. The temperature was a chilly 1 to 2 degrees C with some blowing snow across the highway. I stopped in Peterborough, Ontario, to visit my 97 year old mother for ten days

For the return trip home, I headed to **Sault St Marie** then into the States making my way to **Havre, Montana**. The next morning, it rained again for about an hour. From Havre, I headed North to Medicine Hat and on into Red Deer. **I did a total of 16,399 Kms** and arrived in Red Deer June 3. Total driving was twenty-one days. **Would I do it again? I am not sure.**



my turn to **Madawaska** and ended up at the USA/CANADA border crossing. There was no place to do a U-turn, so I crossed into Canada then U-turned back



"The groom just called to say he can't marry you today. He totally forgot he had a poker run this weekend."

Over the Logan Pass..

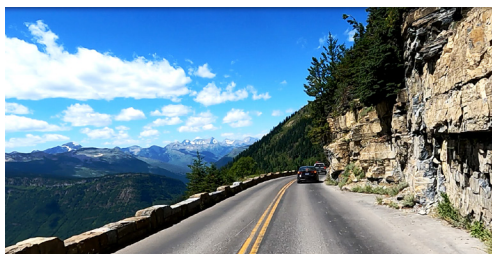
Going to the Sun Road's challenges are worth it

By Drifter Don

I've never understood how **Going To The Sun Road** got its name. The road, splitting **Glacier National Park** in Montana, runs east-west and the sun is generally to the south. Back in the day you could arrive at either the St Mary or the West Glacier entrance gate, pay your ever-increasing park entrance fee and ride the glorious 80 kilometres (50 miles) over the **Continental Divide**.

That changed a couple of years ago when **US Parks** instituted a quota system. That's the first challenge. Now you must apply for park access **THREE MONTHS** in advance (\$2 fee.) Or you can call the morning before in hopes of grabbing one of the few passes they hold back. (A friend tried this, got through at 8:02am and all passes were gone. Or (in baffling National Park logic) you can wait until 3 pm and go in without a pass.

On July 18 I met my friends **Robert and Stacy from Idaho Falls** at St. Mary and gripping our three-month-old park passes, we rolled up to the gate to pay the park entrance fee. Robert handed them his geezer card to prove his longevity and the Ranger said, "They with you?" He said yes and the Ranger waved us all through. The \$35 US stayed in our wallets. No explanation from the Ranger and no complaint from us.



Going To The Sun Road climbs over **Logan Pass**. You first go by **St. Mary Lake**. The lake is beautiful, but the surroundings still show the effect of the 2015 wildfire. So we kept going, climbing the road, headed for the **2,2026-metre (6,646 foot) summit**.

The vista made us pull over at a

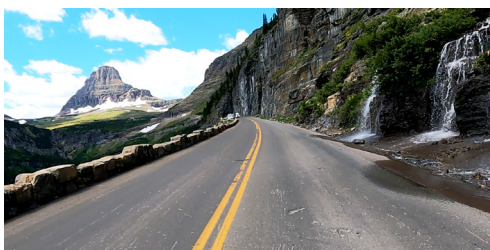


viewpoint just east of a tunnel, about two kms short of the Visitor Centre.

We were treated to a panoramic view from St. Mary Lake to the east to **Clements Mountain** to the west. It looms over the Visitor Centre which was our next stop. The parking lot was jammed, but has dedicated motorcycle-only parking.

In addition to being an information centre (and gift shop,) the visitor centre is the kickoff point for hiking trails in every direction, the most popular being toward Clements Mountain and over to Hidden Lake. (Actual Tourist-Ranger conversation at the viewpoint: **Tourist, squinting at the distance, "I can't see Hidden Lake." Ranger, "No ma'am. It's hidden."**)

It's all downhill on the other side of Logan Pass. The road follows **Logan Creek Canyon** (about 200 metres below) and skirts weeping walls of karst springs and glacier melt waterfalls. The views on the west side



are as spectacular as their east-side counterparts. You meet a number of 1930s open-top, limousine-type buses called **Red Jammers** along the way; must be a pretty scenic way to travel. Navigating a motorcycle on the narrow, twisty road doesn't give you a lot of opportunity for gawking at the scenery.

The road was opened in 1932 and it seems they have been rebuilding it ever since. The up-to-20 metres of winter snow beat it up annually. This time it was the **McDonald Lake** end undergoing redevelopment and we ate dust and gravel for 10 kms before pulling off to admire the spectacular lake views.

Popping out the west end of the road, we bombed it for Packers Roost, one of the world's great dive bars, in Corum, MT, to wash down the dust.





Reppin' Victory bikes at the Western Canada Indian Rally

by Drifter Don

The cool kids call it reppin.' I just call it looking after Victory DNA.

On July 21 to 23, I wandered across the rocks to the fake Bavarian town of **Kimberley B.C.** to attend the Western Canada Indian motorcycle rally. I was there for three reasons: 1.) I, like many of our members, am a member of Calgary's IMRG chapter, a cross-pollination that keeps both clubs vibrant. 2.) Rider friends from Idaho wanted to attend and invited me to meet them in Montana and ride up together. 3.) I wanted to make sure that Indian remembers how much **Victory DNA** went into their Next Gen models like the **Pursuit, Scout and Challenger.**

Apparently I wasn't the only one to feel this way. There were two other Victories at the rally, one from Langley, B.C., and one from Idaho Falls, Idaho. We were able to connect and commiserate.

The rally was held at the posh **Trickle Creek Resort** at the base of the ski hill in Kimberley.

IMRG does its rallies a bit differently. Registration is at the start of the Thursday evening Meet & Greet. That was a bit unfortunate as the 250 or so attendees were lined up all at once to get in. A more leisurely check in through the day would have allowed for a more-welcoming experience. **But everyone does rallies differently.**

The rally featured good day rides including **Libby, Montana**; but they were hampered by smoke from the large wildfire that broke out east of Cranbrook just before the rally. It

smoked out the area for a couple of days.

We opted for a run to **Radium and Panorama** on the Friday, and **Kootenay Lake** on the Saturday when the smoke was blown east.

The Saturday wrap up banquet gave the resort a chance to show off its kitchen. Amazing prime rib; all you could eat and then a little more.

Great to see many Victory Riders Calgary members there like **Ricky, Bobby, Wendy, Lloyd, Marilyn, Chris the Tattoo Guy** and several others.

From Page 1... A very busy July

we still have a couple of months left in the riding season and I will try to keep you busy as much as possible.

There is an interesting ride this Monday (**31 July**) to **Browning MT.** This will be a great ride with wonderful scenery and roads. Also, **Kaslo Kurves** is coming **August 11, 12, and 13** which, whether you have ridden these amazing roads or not, will be a great experience.

Be well.

PS - The photos here are just some of the pictures I managed to take on our adventures. If you have photos from our rides, please share them on the Facebook page!

PS x 2 - Could really use another Road Captain. If you are interested or just want to find out about the role, please seek me out.

VRC experiences Icefields Parkway

The Icefields Parkway connecting Banff and Jasper National Parks was recently named one of the most scenic roads in the world.

Not in Alberta, not in Canada or North America; in **the world.**

The club got a chance to experience this for ourselves on July 8 and 9 when we did an overnighter up this legendary piece of asphalt.

Jumpmaster led the group out Highway 1A, through the Banff Park gates and along the Bow Valley Parkway as a warm-up to the big show.

Lake Louise was the Day 1 lunch and gas stop as no one wanted to be caught short anywhere near Saskatchewan Crossing where gas costs about the same as fine Scotch.



Even the best photographs don't do justice to the colour and majesty of the Parkway. Nonetheless, we tried to capture every aspect of it from the towering cliffs to hanging glaciers to the aquamarine lakes and silt-laden rivers. Bears, elk, deer and mountain sheep added to the vista. Everywhere we stopped, the Victories (and a Honda) attracted attention.

Our home for the night was the Coast Hotel in Hinton with dinner at an upscale Mr. Mike's nearby. The return trip was again the Parkway, north to south this time, but peeling off on Highway 11 to Nordegg and home.

