



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary Newsletter

Next Meeting
July 24
10:15 am

Lighthouse Pub
1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary

More of a social meeting
than a business one. Pos-
sible ride afterward.



Taking the long way 'round worked for Montana trip

As the British philosopher Michael Phillip Jagger said, "You can't always get what you want, but sometimes... you get what you need."

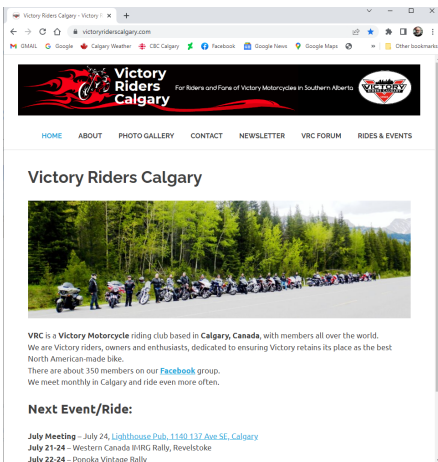
Mother Nature wouldn't let us go over the Going to the Sun Road in Montana's Glacier National Park, so we found a way around and ended up having a great overnighter July 9 and 10.

Unable to cross through the park, the 10 club members – John B., Big Don, Darren Woodrow, Laura, Greg, Sophie, Doug, Bill, Peter and DrifterDon – found a route south out of St. Mary. Highway 49 from Kiowa down to Highway 2. Hi49 was full of twisties and spectacular views of the mountains of southern Glacier Park (for those willing to take their eyes off the road.)

Hi2 scoots around under the park from East Glacier to West Glacier and has its own attractions. Overnight was at the Rocky Mountain HI Campground, 11 kms north of Kalispell. Seven of us shared two adjoining cabins and three camped. The cabins were a bit on the warm side, but otherwise

accommodations were good. The real reward for the trip was dinner at the Nite Owl Back Room, a legendary barbecue joint in Columbia Falls. Seating for 10 was no problem and the portions were massive. We left a Victory Riders Calgary sticker at their front door (at their request.) Back at the cabins, John B, Drifter and Peter made a beer run to the Kalispell Walmart in search of a local magical elixir known as Irish Death. If you can remember drinking it, then you weren't really there. The following morning, we gathered for breakfast at Nickle Charlie's in Kalispell. Again massive portions ensured we would have a nap on the way home. Crossing the border both ways was incident free.

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New website makes debut

At the June meeting, President DrifterDon unveiled our newly revamped Victory Riders Calgary website.

After a year or so of being dormant, www.VictoryRidersCalgary.com has a new look and new features. "When it is fully up, the new site will feature a Members area, Events Calendar, Forum and Photo Gallery," Drifter told the meeting.

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Bikes & Bombers gets a VRC co-pilot

What sounds better than four Merlin engines screaming on a Lancaster bomber? How about 11 Victories (and a Triumph) rolling into Bikes & Bombers in Nanton on July 2.

VRC made an impressive showing at this year's event at the Bomber Command Museum. We arrived as museum volunteers were firing up the giant rotary engine from a Halifax bomber. And when that demonstration was over we were ushered to prime parking locations in the main hangar. A \$10 donation got us a commemorative patch and a ticket for a chance to sit in the co-pilot's seat when they fired up the four-engine monster. When the winning number was drawn, VRC Ride Captain Big Don stepped up to claim his prize.

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)?

This is the place for it.

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"Some of these features are in place now; others are in development." The site also contains a description of the club and a brief history of Victory motorcycles.

Eventually the site will have a secure members log in area, a blog section and will grow as the club's needs grow.

"We have relied on our Facebook site as the main point of contact for our 350 members," Drifter said. "But not everyone is comfortable with that platform, so the website makes the same information available to them."

Let us know what features you would like to see on the website.

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 9-10	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
July 23-24	Springbank Air Show	Springbank Air Port
24-Jul	VRC Meeting	Lighthouse Pub, 10:15 am
23-25 July 20	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
July 30-31	Lethbridge Air Show	Lethbridge Airport
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 25-28	VMC National Rally	Johnson City, Tennessee
27-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
05-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
Sept 11?	CVMG Swap Meet	Millarville
16-Sep	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
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
	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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Upcoming Rides & Events

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.

July 24 - July Meeting

Lighthouse Pub
1140 137 Ave. SE, Calgary
10:15 am
Social Meeting, possible ride to follow.

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.

Road Captain's Report

by Big D

Man, the month of June pretty much sucked for getting out to ride.

I always thought April Showers bring May flowers, but not the case in Southern Alberta.

We did manage to get a few rides in between the rain or sometimes in the rain, but admittedly Alberta really needed this moisture. We did manage to squeeze in four rides over the month of June: Bleriot Ferry, Kananaskis Hwy (Highwood Pass) twice and the Bearberry Saloon

The first ride over the Highwood Pass produced an amazing amount of wildlife from Grizzly bears with cubs to the mountain sheep with wee ones. There was still snow at the top but there was practically no traffic which made the ride excep-



Highway 40 shines for Captain's Ride

Road Captain Big Don chose iconic Highway 40/Highwood Pass for his July 17 Captain's Ride. But this time it was south to north.

Six Victorys (Big Don, Drifter, Jamie Mc, Doug, Joan and Randy) and three Harleys started out from Aldersyde. The route was down Highway 7 to High River, Longview Trail to guess where, then in Highway 541 to Highway 40 and north. By the time we hit the Lost Lemon Mine pulloff, we had lost one of the Harleys due to parts malfunction. The rest of us continued up Highway 40 under beautiful blue skies and puffy clouds. Other than a suicidal chipmunk and a golden eagle, there was a lack of wildlife along Hi40. We did see evidence that many cattle had been on the road. Be careful

tionally nice.

The Bleriot ferry is in full run and the roads are nice and twisty although the east side of the river road is kind of beat up. Surprisingly the Bearberry Saloon was closed so the ride there was great, but we had to find some other place for lunch.

Unfortunately I had to cancel the SK River Crossing due to illness; but we will get there, I promise.

The rest of July is looking much better for weather, so I expect to post a few more rides for everyone.

Watch for our ride/event postings on our FaceBook 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.

where you place your tires.

Because of the high snow pack this year, the mountains were still very green. The clear weather and mid 20s temperature made the ride perfect. We met a lot of bikes along the way who were also taking advantage of the day.

After an anything-but-quick visit to the world's most chaotic gas station at the top of Highway 40, Big Don led into Canmore for lunch at Tavern 1883. Good food. A local meter maid reminded us that we needed to pay for parking and then let us off the hook.

The return trip was via Highway 1A. from Canmore to Cochrane. The group split up at the Highway 22 intersection, going three different directions.

Lemme draw ya a map...

The ups and downs of mapping apps

Google Mapping App

by Big D

This is the second 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 actually use Google Maps for planning my rides. When compared to some mapping apps, Google Maps is actually very simplistic when determining routes.

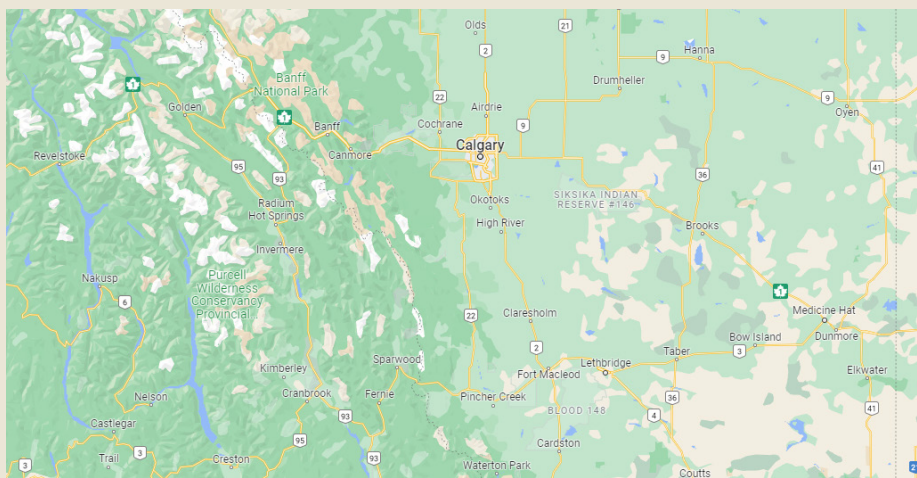
It can show real time road conditions, hotels, fuel, sights and of course restaurants.

Pros of Google Maps

Google maps is quite versatile when it's considered as a motorcycle mapping app. The many benefits it includes are:

- It's free – free is always nice particularly in this day and age when everything costs something.
- It's up to date – this is a great feature of Google as it shows accidents, road closures, road work, etc.
- It is simple to use – plot your route (either by clicking or dragging a reference point) and you're not limited in its use (stops, reference points, etc.).
- You can send it either to share or use later.
- There is no spatial limitations to the mapping – Google covers the world.
- It is searchable – this is a nice feature when looking for a particular point on the map.
- It works well on any system – whether you're using a computer or a cell phone, it quite easy to set up a route.

When planning my routes or trips, I



start with Google to plan the overall route and switch to my navigation app once I have planned my overall trip.

As with all things though, there are some cons when it comes to using Google Maps.

Cons of Google Maps

There are not a lot of cons with Google maps but the ones that exist can be quite frustrating when executing your route.

- For real time data Google must be connected to the network – being connected to the internet is not always cost effective or even feasible in some cases.
- Google is "designed" to offer the most direct route to your destination – as motorcycle riders, we are typically not looking for the most direct route. This is not an insurmountable problem as you can drag your route back forth from road to road; however if you are unfamiliar with the area you can possibly miss out on views, etc.
- Google maps is not an app per se, it's an internet mapping program so it doesn't have many of the whistles and bells true navigation apps have.
- You cannot save multiple maps for use at a later date - there are work arounds on this issue but they are not typically user friendly.

As a Road Captain, I really like using Google maps to plan my trips but when it comes to actually route

navigation I always call up my personal motorcycle navigation app.

In a pinch though, Google will do what it needs you to do – get you to where you want to go.

Ride safe!

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Montana Overnighter

DW and Laura stayed in Kalispell for more camping and Bill and Sophie used the trip as the jumping-off point for their trip to California. Weather was stunning both days and some of us were singing around the edges by the time we got to the Rum Runner in Coleman for lunch. More good-byes there as some headed up Highway 22 to Longview and others planned to go up Highway 2 and home.



Border Crossing - Peter, Doug, Greg and John B. at Roseville, B.C.