



# Victory ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary Newsletter



**Next Meeting**  
**September 25**  
**10:15 am**

**Lighthouse Pub**  
**1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary**

**Breakfast Meeting to be**  
**followed by the Autumn**  
**Colours Run.**

## Welcome to our new members

**Victory Riders Calgary now has 361 members, according to our Facebook site.**

Welcome to our newest members:

- Terrance Hammerschmidt,
- Jim Fraser,
- Freewheelin' Motorcycle Camping,
- Herb Gammond,
- J-F Deziel and
- Josh Rattray.

## Victorys from around Alberta gather for Meet in the Middle

**"This is the most Victorys I have ever seen in one place."**

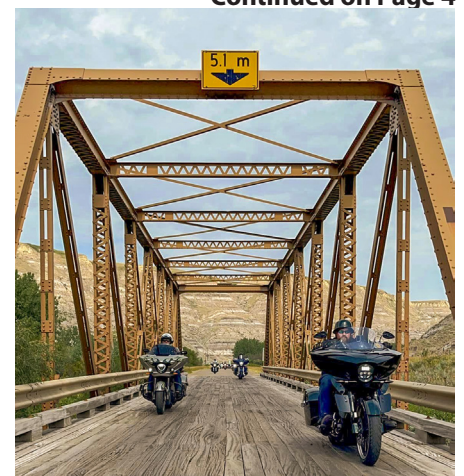
That comment was heard not once, not twice, but three times during August 21's Meet in the Middle. This year's event proved to be more of a ride challenge. In the past two events, riders from all over the province met in Red Deer for a short ride to a local watering hole for lunch. Several participants asked for a longer ride this year and several Edmonton area riders asked for Drumheller to be the destination. The MITM organizing committee (Jamie Wiltzen, Charles Lott, Dean Simpson, Big Don, DrifterDon and Darren W.) obliged by putting together a meet up in Stettler and a 130 km ride to Drumheller which took in a side trip on the Bleriot Ferry.

Meeting in Stettler meant being on the road very early for the Calgary and Edmonton riders (200 and 180 kms respectively, just to the start of the ride.)

From Stettler the riders dropped straight down Highway 56 and then detoured on Highway 27 to find the secondary road to the Bleriot Ferry.

Bleriot is a cable ferry across the Red Deer River. The routes down to the ferry and up out of the river valley are spectacular examples of Drumheller's legendary badlands. Also legendary is Drumheller's heat. The temperature began to climb as the group passed the Royal Tyrell Dinosaur Museum and the other visitor attractions in Drum. Despite DrifterDon leading the parade of more than 25 motorcycles, the group managed to get to their destination - Hoodoo Voodoo Cycle & Motorsports, run by well-known Victory mechanic Jeremy MacKenzie.

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## XCT For Sale...



## Karen Tomato is downsizing

Club member Karen Tomato is selling her Cross Country Tour and would like to put the word out to club members before she pursues other sales options. Here's some details:

### 2013 Victory Cross Country Tour

Lots of add ons including cams, air intake, timing wheel and 1/4 turn throttle. Power that is guaranteed to put a smile on your face, says Karen. Upgraded Rockford Fosgate stereo system - she likes it loud!

This bike is set up beautifully (trunk included) and is a dream to ride.

Bike has 47,673 kms on it and she is looking for \$16,000 obo.

Contact Karen at 403-652-6054.

## Contribute!

Send your stories, photos or story ideas to:

[VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Vics show up for Reynolds



**The annual Ride to Reynolds is a popular one, not just for our club, but for many Victory riders.**

More than a dozen VRC members rolled out of Calgary for the ride to Wetaskiwin on August 20.

When they arrived, they found numerous other Victorys from the Edmonton area. One count had almost 30 Vics at the event among the 600 or so bikes that attended. The event seemed less well attended this year which organizers said was the result of the heat and other events going

on in the biking community. The grounds were re-organized this year, putting the band and the food service and beer garden over with the vendors. Inside was an extensive display of rare and interesting motorcycles

The museum was founded by a Wetaskiwin car dealer who said he would take anything in trade except wives and kids. What he took in trade became the basis for the farm machinery-car-truck-motorcycle-aircraft museum. It is also home to the Canada Aviation Hall of Fame.

### Victory Riders Calgary Ride Schedule 2022

Colour Code: GREEN - VRC Events

YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest

BLUE - Victory National/Regional

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
<b>Weekly</b>		
	Captain's Ride	Ride Captains' Call on time, place and destination
	Tuesday Bike Night	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	OBV 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

Riding season is getting shorter and so is our list of Rides & Events. The Millarville Swap Meet is now confirmed for September 18, same day as the Toy Run. There just are not enough week-ends in the riding season.



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## Upcoming Rides & Events

**August 25-28 - Victory Motorcycle Club National Rally**  
Johnson City, Tennessee, USA.

**August 27 - 12 Stop Ride for Recovery**

One of the premiere charity rides of the year. Put on by Fresh Start Recovery Centre.  
12stoprideforrecovery.ca.

**September 3 - Labour Day Ride**  
Details to be announced; anything but labourious.

**September 16 - Lancaster Bomber Night Start-up**  
Bomber Command Museum, Nanton.

**September 18 - CVMG Millarville Swap Meet**  
Vintage motorcycle parts and accessories.

**September 18 - Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run.**  
calgarytoyrun.ca

**September 25 - VRC September Breakfast Meeting**  
Lighthouse Pub, breakfast and Autumn Colours Ride to follow.

**Check the Rides & Events Calendar on Page 2 for other options as the riding season winds down and the cleaning, upgrading and accessorizing season starts.**



## Bury the Hatchet went hatchetless

**A dispute between the town of Longview and the Twin Cities Saloon meant part of Bury the Hatchet got buried.**

The annual ride and axe-throwing competition between us and IMRG 1908 (Indian Riders) became just a ride as a result of the dispute. Rather than cancel the entire event, the two club executives decided to carry on the ride part and postpone the axe throwing.

The ride went ahead August 13. Riders from the two clubs gathered at CycleWorks Calgary and rode in separate groups out Crowchild Trail to Highway 1A, past Cochrane and Morley. They then hooked back at Bow Valley Provincial Park onto Highway 1 and down Highway 40 into Kananaskis Country. The groups came together at a gas/rest/photo-op stop at Fortress Junction.

From there they left as one group and crossed over the Highwood Pass, then out Highway 541 to

Longview where Twin Cities owner Chris greeted the groups and settled them in for lunch.

The competition part of Bury the Hatchet is still to be decided. It may be at Longview if the situation is resolved, or it may take another form in Calgary. Meanwhile the trophy stays with Victory Riders Calgary.



**Don't get caught without your VRC Challenge Coin. \$15 (cheaper than buying a round.)**

## Roles & Duties...

# Being a Road Captain - Skills

by Big D

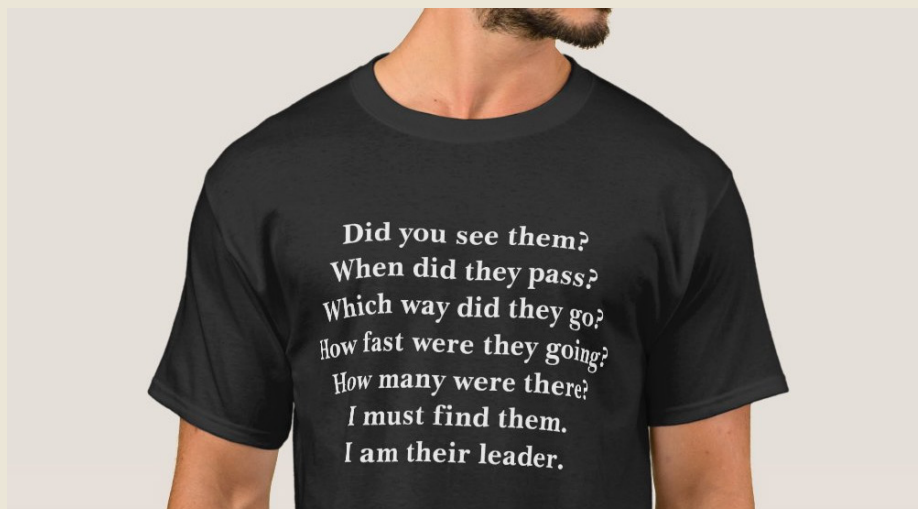
As with any riding club, Road Captains are always in short-age. We thought that by explaining the Road Captain role and duties might take a somewhat mysterious role within the club, and explain it in a way to allow for others to consider taking up such a role. As we all know, clubs can never have enough Road Captains. The plan is to have a series of articles to help explain the Road Captain role.

Road Captains (RC) are typically the quintessential individual when planning and executing road trips, whether they be day trips or lengthier multi-day rides. So what are some of those inspiring skills sets an RC must have?

1. Riding Skills – that's right, you must have motorcycle riding experience (kinda like those rides where you must be THIS TALL to get on the ride). How much experience is always up for discussion (like what is the best oil to use) but a number of years with exposure or experience in riding different settings (terrain, weather, conditions, groups) is mandatory. If I was pressured to pick a number five years comes to mind however it usually dependent on experience.

2. Leadership Skills – if you are going to be an RC you need leadership skills in order to not drive yourself insane. There is no room for a "Charlie Brown" personality (flopping back and forth on a decision) in this role. An RC is ultimately responsible for those riders on their ride, and they must be able to make quick and decisive decisions. Its not that RCs can't take advice or consider options, but they are accountable to make the/that decision.

3. Communications Skills – for the RC, it's all about communications



when executing road trips. If an RC cannot clearly communicate expectations, commands, directions, etc. you will be setting yourself up for failure. Communication skills can be learned but it takes time – if you cannot talk yourself out of trouble you'll be in trouble (this coming from the guy who set the record for most jails visited during a United Nations tour).

As you can see, even before being considered for a Road Captain role, there are certain skills an individual must have to assist in the success as an RC. If you have the above skills sets, you're well on your way.

**Next article –  
Road Captain Qualifications**

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# Meet in the Middle

Hoodoo's sales coordinator Chase greeted the riders and gave them a tour of the shop and the current projects in the works. Chase then led the group (swelled by several riders who joined us at Hoodoo) across the 11 Bridges to the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne, adding another 15 kilometres to the ride. Owner Paula at Last Chance was ready for us with a parking area set aside in the campground

and a private dining area on the deck. There she personally looked after our orders and doled out food, drink and abuse with equal enthusiasm. Several riders got new nicknames, courtesy of her. Ideas were tossed around for next year's event.

The riders found their own routes back home. For Calgary riders, the day totalled more than 500 kms.

