



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
November 20
10:15 am
Lighthouse Pub
1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary
Breakfast Meeting

Welcome to our new members

Victory Riders Calgary now has **369 members**, according to our **Facebook site**.

Members who joined in the past month include:

- **Massimiliano Greguol**
- **Marc Gagnon**
- **Gary Gallagher**

Calgary motorcycle show cancelled

Although it has been a few years since Victory has a presence at the Calgary Motorcycle Show (2017 to be exact, but we won't open that wound here) we were disappointed to hear the 2023 show has been cancelled.

The industry, as most everyone knows, is still recovering from supply chain disruptions and other complications. The company behind the Calgary show decided to run only the Montreal and Toronto shows, opting for the high population/low travel areas. Anyone have a lead on some cheap Back-East fares?

The focus now turns to Calgary's Two Wheel Sunday on June 4, 2023. VRC plans to have a display there to show just how great Victories are and how strong the support for the brand remains. TTWFO



Let's see your riding season by those High Miler numbers

"It ain't the years, it's the miles."
-Chris LeDoux

Sometime back before the start of this past riding season, someone (our Treasurer James) said it would be fun to run a **'High Miler'** competition.

Yeah, yeah, it should be **'High Kilometre-er'** but that really doesn't roll off the tongue all that well. In the Spring we asked our members to record their start-of-the-year kilometres and at the November 20 meeting, we're asking you to submit your start and end numbers.

Why? Well, to win trophies of course. Member Joan Gottfried's company **A Second Time** (asecondtime.ca) is donating the trophies.

We will be recognizing three winners in the competition - **High Miler (Male), High Miler (Female) and Mystery Miler**. The latter gives every member a chance to win. We will use a random number generator to produce three numbers between 0 and 9. If those three numbers

appear in your ride season total kilometres, you win. In case of a tie, we'll generate additional numbers until the tie is broken. So, even if your rode 001 kms this year, you could win. That's because we all know the quality of the ride is more important than the distance.

Joan's stunning trophies will be on display at the November 20 breakfast meeting when we collect the ride totals. The trophies will be awarded at our **Victmas celebration** in early January. More on that at the November 20 breakfast meeting.

Now, because we are all honourable people and because not everyone remembered to take a photo of their odometers at the beginning of riding season, we will take your word for your riding season totals. So get those numbers in. **If you can't make the meeting, post the numbers on our Facebook site.**



VRC Garage Sale



Our junk could be your treasure

Two funny things happened to bring a major benefit to the Club this autumn. First, Tony and Karen Tomato cleaned out their storage shed of various accumulated Victory parts and accessories. Second, Destination Cycles in Airdrie called. They had a large Rubbermaid full of assorted Victory and generic parts, accessories and take offs.

We organized these gifts into an online garage sale and posted it on our Facebook page under the FILES section.

So far the sale has brought the club close to \$250, moving us closer to our annual goal of not having to charge dues.

Loys of cool stuff still remains unsold including a complete XM Radio system, steel frame bag rails, 40 Amp breakers and a Lloydz air idler.

We are open to any unreasonable offers; all proceeds go to Club coffers.

The tub will be at the November 20 meeting so you can poke through the items.

Contribute!

If you enjoyed Randy's story about his U.S. trip, send your own story, 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)? Post it here.

Randy & Bonnie's 3M Tour...

Moonshine, Mountains and Motorcycles



Wheels Thru Time Museum in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, houses more than 300 rare motorcycles, with related exhibits, photos and memorabilia.

By Randy Hetman

In September Bonnie and I did a "3M Tour" (Moonshine, Mountains & Motorcycles) of eastern Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. Unfortunately, we didn't have my Kingpin to tour with, but a fun trip just the same.

We spent some time in the Gatlinburg area (moonshine part) and then drove through the Smoky Mountains to Maggie Valley, NC.

Of course I spent a day in Dale's Wheels Thru Time where I was in awe at the number of motorcycles Dale had collected in his lifetime – and most of them run. There were no Victories to be found, but maybe someday. I did find some Indians.

I did indeed find some Victories in Maggie Valley though. Some of the area Victory Motorcycle Clubs had a ride-in to Maggie Valley and we joined them for bonfire stories. What a wonderful group of people and we became instant friends. I was even offered a spare bike if I wanted to come and ride next year. Thank you, Sister; that was very generous of you. I shared some Victory Riders Calgary patches and decals so they wouldn't forget us, lol. I also invited them to come ride with us in Canada.

We carried on east along the Appalachian Mountains into Virginia for some more 3M – well, moonshine and mountains anyway. We also crossed the

Blueridge Mountains into the Shenandoah Valley. On the two-week tour, I was amazed at the number of fantastic motorcycle roads in that area. I'm sure it would take five years to ride them all.

If you ever have the opportunity to ride the area, I would highly recommend it. Don't forget to include the Wheels Thru Time Museum.



Roles & Duties... Being a Road Captain - Executing the Ride

by Big D

In my last two articles on being a road captain (RC), I discussed the skills/qualifications and planning that would become necessary for planning and executing road trips.

This article is on executing the ride – which is where everything comes together.

If you have done your planning well, the ride execution will be a snap.

Remember that the longer the ride, the more planning is necessary to assure a smooth ride.

We have now landed on the day of your planned ride, what is next? As an RC, here are some points to consider for ride execution:

1. Weather the Day of

a. Weather is an important factor so make sure you check before you even head out to the meeting point. Riding in the rain or even snow is never fun and as we know, weather in the Calgary area can sometimes be unpredictable.

b. If weather is going to be an issue consider cancelling the ride all together.

2. Make a List

a. Make a list of anything you need to bring, make sure it is packed and ready to go.

b. I usually do this the night before and complete a final check before leaving the house.

c. Make sure your electronics are fully charged or have the ability to charge on the ride.

3. Get there Early

a. I like to get to the meeting up at least 15 minutes before the stated time.

b. This allows me a final check, fluids, gas, coffee, water, bathroom, etc.

4. Chat to Riders

a. As people arrive, ask them about the maximum mileage range. You never want to out distance someone with a smaller tank. Plan gas breaks based on the shortest distance. Explain this to the group during safety briefing.

b. Anyone with medical issues (i.e. needs to break more frequently, medical concerns to be made aware of)

c. Level of riding skills is always good to know.

5. Select someone to bring up the rear

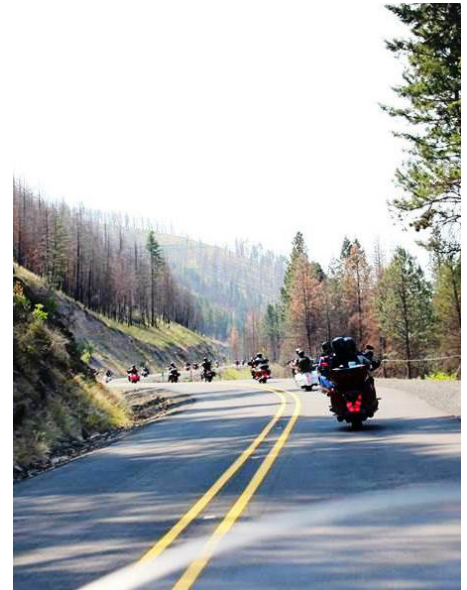
a. This person will be responsible to pull over with any riders who have problems during the ride and to keep riders tight on the ride.

b. Make sure they know how to contact you (cell, text, mic, etc.)

6. Safety Briefing

a. Make sure you give everyone the safety briefing prior to heading out.

b. I will cover the safety briefing in a separate article.



7. Departure

a. Assure everyone is ready to go before you head out.

b. Leave at the given time. There can be exceptions if someone notifies you they are on their way, but otherwise leave at the appointed time.

8. Be prepared.

a. Being a RC is like being a Boy Scout. Be prepared for anything to happen. Road closures, detours, weather changes, equipment failure, restaurant closures, hidden fees, fuel issues, etc.

b. If you are unsure what to do get everyone safe and then chat to the group.

In closing, our rides are meant to be fun. If something doesn't work out the way you planned, it is not the end of the world. Use your mistakes as a way to learn. Run your planned routes on your own, prior to taking a group on them. This will help you to recognize the route and any potential issues along it.

Finally, have fun. It is pretty cool when you are leading a group of riders to a destination and back...

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Upcoming Rides & Events

November 20 - VRC Breakfast Meeting

Lighthouse Pub, breakfast (probably no ride to follow.)
10:15 am

Road Captain's Report

By Big D November 2022

Due to the early onset of winter, there's no Road Captain's Report this month. In the December issue we will be doing a season summary.