



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

The Ecstasy and the Agony of Vicmas!



SCORE!

Vicmas! is an evening of highs and lows, as Woodie and James discovered.



STOLEN!

Victory Riders Calgary ended the old riding year and started the new one on January 12.

Vicmas!, the club's annual year-end event, this year featured something new and a surprise as well as the vicious, nasty, mean exchange and theft of gifts.

In the end, most everyone went home with some pretty great presents that included Arlen Ness autographed t-shirt and hat, Victory LED headlight, leather chaps, jug of Jack Daniels, Progressive shock pump, Victory engraved flask, Victory t-shirts, a shop shirt and a Victory wall clock among many others. **More photos Page 2**

President Drifter Don thanked the club for a good riding year and handed out the High Miler trophies. **Mark A. took the men's side with a verified 24,578 kms. Laura L. took the women's trophy with 2,672 kms.** Magic Miler trophy was won by Vice President John B. Four randomly generated numbers came up in his 15,802 km total.

John B and Mark were among eight club members who recorded more than 10,000 kms last year. To recognize their accomplishment, President DDon introduced the **10K Club** and presented patches to: **Mark A., Lloyd M., Mark M. (absent), John B., Doug I., Ed G and Road Captain Big Don.** And he kept one for himself. All tolled they rolled up more than 140,000 kilometres in 2022.

Mark, Laura take High Miler honours



President Drifter Don presents Mark A. with his trophy for 24,578 kms. Trophies were donated by Member Joan's company A Second Time.



Laura L. took women's High Mil'er with not quite as many kms as Mark.



Vice President John B. won the Magic Miler trophy. His 15,802 kms included the four randomly generated numbers. Big Don photo bombs.



Some members arrived early for the Lighthouse Pub's pasta night.

Next Meeting

January 22

10:15 am

Lighthouse Pub

1140 137 Ave SE, Calgary

Breakfast Meeting

Upcoming Rides & Events

February 3-5 - Move Your Soul
Community Motorcycle Show
New Horizon Mall

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Welcome to our new members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 377 members, according to our Facebook site.

Members who joined recently include:

- Joel Mauricio
- Alex Portocarrero
- Allan Hofer
- Mike Donahue
- Brad Mcdougall
- David Johnson
- Onyliz DeCas
- Ken Ziolkoski
- Fateh Zubair
- BreatheEasy SolutionsInc

Contribute!

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.

Vicmas! was January 12... Everyone won at the annual gift exchange



What you chose initially was rarely what you got to keep, as everyone found out.



Three steals later, it's a keeper. Ed's clock.



Club Treasurer James ponder his choice.



Randy kept the Arlen Ness signed goods.



Big Don scored Playboy. Soon stolen.



Pristine Victory T for Marilyn and Lloyd.



Wes steals Big Don's Playboy brochure.



George's battery tender & phone holder.

Road Captain's View... Reviewing 2022 and looking forward to 2023

by Big D

Well, I have completed my first year as a VRC Road Captain. I believe, overall, everything went pretty well and I'm pretty happy with our accomplishments. I would take some time to summarize our performance over the season as well as learnings and feedback I received from all this travel.

I reviewed the mapping logs of all the rides I was responsible for with VRC (I did not include rides hosted by other RC or groups). I have tabled the stats on my rides to make things a little more presentable.

| ID # | Date | Day | Name | KMS |
|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------|
| VRC-001 | April-07-2022 | Thursday | Drumheller-Loop | 347.84 |
| VRC-002 | April-24-2022 | Sunday | Hwy-1A | 314.85 |
| VRC-003 | May-02-2022 | Monday | 11-Bridges-&Last-Chance | 320.44 |
| VRC-004 | May-5-2022 | Thursday | Ride-to-Twin-Butte | 641.1 |
| VRC-005 | May-14-2022 | Saturday | Bearberry-Saloon | 344.59 |
| VRC-006 | May-16-2022 | Monday | Porcupine-Hills-&Chain-Lakes | 264.9 |
| VRC-007 | May-26-2022 | Thursday | Canmore-via-Hwy-1A | 311.24 |
| VRC-008 | June-3-2022 | Friday | Bleriot-Ferry | 325.13 |
| VRC-009 | June-17-2022 | Friday | Hwy-40 | 403.52 |
| VRC-010 | June-21-2022 | Tuesday | Bearberry-Saloon | 331.89 |
| VRC-011 | June-26-2022 | Sunday | Hwy-40 | 383.64 |
| VRC-012 | July-17-2022 | Sunday | Highwood-Pass-via-Longview | 439.2 |
| VRC-013 | July-28-2022 | Thursday | Lundbreck-Falls | 465.93 |
| VRC-014 | August-1-2022 | Monday | Bleriot-Ferry-Loop → | 336.06 |
| VRC-015 | August-4-2022 | Thursday | Hwy-40 | 372.5 |
| VRC-016 | August-25-2022 | Thursday | 1A-&Bow-Valley-Parkway | 372.5 |
| VRC-017 | September-1-2022 | Thursday | Radium-Loop | 742.6 |
| VRC-018 | October-2-2022 | Friday | Bearberry-Saloon-Run | 644.74 |
| TOTAL-KMS | | | | 7079 |

Some Observations:

- I hosted 18 rides which totaled 7,000 kms for the season.
- Rides were approximately 400 kms in length.
- Hwy 40 (includes 1A) was our most popular ride, followed by the Bearberry Saloon.
- May, June and July were the busiest months with August, September and October seeing a dramatic drop with my rides.

In reviewing the VRC events for August and September, there were a number of rides completed through the club, organized by others. These other events attributed to a drop off my scheduled events.

Two rides were cancelled, one for weather and the other for illness.

The majority of my rides were during the week (14 out of 18.)

RC Learnings & Feedback

- Check to see if anyone in the group has any issues that may require additional stops.
Please let your RC in advance if you have any issue that may require more frequent stops or longer halts.
- Riders failing to keep speed with the group.

Some riders seem to be uncomfortable keeping a tight formation which results in frustration with other riders being stuck behind the slower rider. (Accordioning or caterpillaring)

I will be asking riders to keep tight formations (keep up). Failure to do so may result in offending rider(s) being placed at the rear.

- Passing cars breaking into the group.
This is dangerous practice where sleds will attempt to pass the group and then will cut in when it becomes unsafe to pass. A vehicle in the middle of a group of motorcycles changes the dynamics of our group and can potentially result in serious issues.

I will be asking for this issue to be brought up at one of our monthly meetings to determine what the best approach might be in dealing with this issue.

- Increase the number of weekend rides.

I don't offer many weekend rides as I'm retired and ride mostly during the week. However, going forward, I will make sure there are weekend rides scheduled regularly.



More Variety in Rides.

This is a challenge for any RC, and I will attempt to identify some different routes.

I may look at longer trips (2 days) in order to access some different routes.

If you have any suggestions as to where we might want to go (day trips or otherwise) please let me know.

Speed

For anyone riding with me, I travel the speed posted + 10% depending up on conditions.

For more difficult roads I travel at the speed posted +/- 10%.

For really difficult roads I travel the speed I believe to be the safest for the group.

If a rider is uncomfortable with a speed, please let the RC know.

Riders should always ride to their ability.

Safety Briefings

- Are mandatory for all VRC rides.
- Follow the direction given by the RC.
- Have a question? Please ask.

Move Your Soul motorcycle show

MOVE YOUR SOUL
COMMUNITY MOTORCYCLE SHOW
WE RIDE, WE COMPETE, WE COLLECT, AND WE HELP
FEBRUARY 3RD-5TH
FRI, 2-8PM SAT 11-6PM, SUN 11-4PM
NEW HORIZON MALL- 260300 WRITING CREEK CRES. ROCKY VIEW COUNTY
CONTACT: EARL QUANTZ - EQUANTZ1@GMAIL.COM 403-710-7722

Everyone knows the phrase "Two wheels move the soul." Some Calgary motorcycle enthusiasts are putting that into practice. Move Your Soul is a three-day community motorcycle show planned for New Horizon Mall on February 3 to 5.

Victory Riders Calgary has been invited to put a display into the show at no cost. This opportunity will be on the agenda at the January 22 Breakfast Meeting. Ideally we would have two or three Victories on display as well as members staffing the booth. Some logistics are involved to make that happen; to be discussed at the meeting.



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

VICTORY CROSS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Brand we love
2. Gambler's City
6. Last name in customs
8. Bagger, no fairing
10. Drug Lord
12. Electrifying
13. Courtroom Boss
15. First cruiser (spell it out)
16. Named for the Sarge
18. On the rocks
19. Big in Atlantic City

DOWN

1. Spaceship
3. Stolen by Indian
4. Most popular model
5. One with everything
7. Dirty Harry's choice
9. Fat backside
11. Last name in customs
14. Black everything
17. Big win in 2 Across

Answers below...



President Drifter Don toasted the end of the 2022 riding season and the start of the new one before handing out the High Miller trophies for 2022. 2023 High Miller starts in April.



Customizing idea: Kodlin 2011 Cross Country with custom 26 inch front fender, wheels, fenderbags and stretched and lowered gas tank.



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