



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
Sept 24 10:15 am
Winkin' Owl Pub
13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
Breakfast Meeting
Ride to follow,
weather permitting



Victory Riders Calgary's 2023 riding season is not about to bomb out just yet.

Season winds down...
Members hit year-end events



Two Wheel Sunday's retiring executive included, from right, Treasurer Gail Lane, Founder Bobby Baum (VRC member), and Communications Lead Drifter Don.

Major changes at Two Wheel Sunday

Two Wheel Sunday saw some major personnel changes at its September meeting, but it shouldn't affect Victory Riders' participation.

Founder and chief ramrod Bobby Baum announced earlier this year that he was stepping away from the event. Treasurer Gail Lane and Communications Lead Drifter Don did as well.

That left a large leadership gap at the head of the organization and two well known motorcycle community people stepped up to fill it.

Ashlee Taylor from One Broken Biker and Robby Sidhu from Fresh

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Mother Nature is about to stick a fork in the 2023 riding season, but we're not done yet.

The Farmer's Almanac is predicting an early, long, cold winter. Victory Riders Calgary members, though, are wringing the last rides out of the year.

While numbers of participants were down, Victory Riders put in an appearance at a number of recent events including two visits to the Nanton Bomber Museum.

The first was August 26 for the Annual Bikes & Bombers event. The Museum's World War II Lancaster bomber was rolled out of the hangar and all four engines fired up. There were tours of the bomber before and after the fire up. Many of us learned the hard way just how small you had to be to pilot a Lancaster comfortably.

Members of IMRG 1908 (Indian Riders) joined us for the ride down.

On September 15, a small number of us were back at the Bomber Museum, but this time for a special event. Part of

it was a book launch. Calgary historian Roddy MacKenzie introduced his book Bomber Command, which he said tells the story of how the Commonwealth bombers turned the tide of the war.

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Determined not to win the 'Low Miler' Skunk this year, Club member Victor Daly and his Victory Vision have just completed the Three Flags Classic. Story on Page 4.



# Upcoming Rides & Events

**September Breakfast Meeting** – September 24.  
 Winkin' Owl Pub, 10:15am  
**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 509 members, according to our Facebook site.

Welcome to our new members:

- Jose Fortes
- Sukh Uppal
- Anne Mundt
- Ali Chehade
- GregCarol Lewis
- Mario Hellebrand
- T.a. Sayler
- Martin Conaway
- Darryl Wild
- Bonez NATI
- Rodney McNairn
- Damian Jennings
- Adam Ritchey
- Blaine Oleksiw



# 2023 Rides & Events Schedule

It's getting to be that time of year. The Rides & Events Calendar is getting pretty sparse. Soon it will be cleaning and upgrading season. But not yet....

## Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2023

Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
12-Jan	Vicmas!	Lighthouse Pub
22-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Breakfast/Brunch	Lighthouse Pub
Feb 3-5	Move The Soul Community Bike Show	New Horizon Mall
26-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	Lighthouse Pub
Mar 11-12	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton
26-Mar	VRC Meeting	Lighthouse Pub
23-Apr	VRC Meeting	
Apr 26-29	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
Apr 28-30	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
06-May	International Female Ride Day	
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
22-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
28-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Lighthouse Pub
04-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 8-11	VMC National Rally	Spearfish, South Dakota
June 16-18	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
17-Jun	Honour Ride	TBA
17-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
25-Jun	VRC Meeting	
24-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.
23-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 Curves	
12-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
Aug	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
26-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
26-Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Nanton Bomber Museum
27-Aug	VRC Meeting	
04-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
15-Sep	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
17-Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
24-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
24-Sep	Oyster Run	Anacortes, WA
22-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	TBD
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
26-Nov	VRC Meeting	TBD
December	VRC Meeting	TBD
<b>Weekly</b>		
	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

## 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 1.. Club members reppin' at events



Mark Anderson's blistering white XC was near the front of in the annual Motorcycle Toy Run on September 17.

When night fell, the museum crew fired up the Lancaster's engines.

The four 1,500 horsepower engines roared to life in the darkness and when all four were at full roar the floodlights came on. The black bomber with its glowing propeller tips and blue flames spitting out the manifolds was a breath-taking sight and sound.

Two days later, some VRC members took part in the **Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run**.

The annual event collects toys to be distributed at Christmas to needy families. It's a popular event which includes a community breakfast, ride and then lunch and entertainment at a venue in Cremona.

Despite the good intentions of the organizers, the event came in for criticism this year for its lack of organization and lack of volunteers to direct and organize traffic. About 300 riders took part in the ride.

Sadly, unconfirmed reports came in that a vehicle struck one of the ride bikes, killing the passenger and critically injuring the rider. Other incidents were reported during the ride. Fortunately none resulted in injuries.

**Be cautious** in group rides, particularly those that have riders of varying levels of ability and experience.

The annual **Millarville Swap Meet** took place the same day. Some VRC members chose to attend that. Having it the same day as the Toy Run seemed to hurt attendance at both events. Neither event had the numbers it had in the past.



Members Marilyn and Lloyd check out the Toy Run t-shirts at the merch table.



Christopher's factory custom Cross Country was easy to pick out among the Toy Run bikes.



Remember this Octane and Cross Country from Two Wheel Sunday?



Stunning stealth Cross Roads.

## From Page 1.. Two Wheel Sunday

**Start Recovery Centre** came forward, offering to put together a new leadership team for the event.

**Two Wheel Sunday**, Western Canada's largest one-day outdoor motorcycle event, is held the first Sunday of June in Calgary. 2024 is the **10th Anniversary** of the street fair which attracts 8,000 to 10,000 bikes annually.

**Victory Riders** had a very successful showing at last year's event. Club President Drifter Don said, "It will be nice to wear only one hat at next year's event."

He expressed confidence in the new management team.

"I have known Ashlee and Robby for a long time. They assured us that Two Wheel Sunday would not become an OBB event or a Fresh Start event. It will continue to be a motorcycle-community-wide event; inclusive of everyone in the bike world," he said.

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# The 'Three Flags' are Mexico, U.S. & Canada

By Victor Daly

After circling the United States in May and a trip to Creston B.C. with VRC in early August, I decided to do the Three Flags Run with Southern California Motorcycle Association.



This year it started in **Puerto Penasco, Mexico**, and ended in **Calgary, Alberta**. I got my 2008 **Victory Vision** ready with a new front tire, brakes, oil change and filter, and sparkplugs. I loaded up my gear and headed out August 22.

Festivities did not start until August 30 so this gave me a week to travel south with an extra two days if I had any bike troubles. Leaving **Red Deer**, my first stop was **Great Falls, Montana**, where I stayed at **O'Haire Inn** to have a couple of beers with the Mermaid in the swimming pool from the bar.

Early the next morning I headed down to **Salt Lake City** then to **Kanab, Utah**, then **Phoenix, Arizona**, and Puerto Penasco, Mexico. When I got to Phoenix the temperature went up to **117 degrees F**.

At Puerto Penasco, I stayed at **Playa Bonita Resort** which had a special rate for the SC-MA riders. On August

3, there was a banquet for the bikers, approximately 200.

The next day was a rest day where there was a choice of a bike wash or fishing. I chose the bike wash and headed to the pool where I did get a **sunburn**.

**September 1** everyone headed out for the first leg of the run to **Kanab, Utah**. I left at 04:30 am with my bike covered with sand dust as it was very windy. I got to **Mex/US border** at 05:45 but the border was very quick and easy. From there I circled Phoenix and headed north to Kanab where I stayed overnight.



I woke up at my usual 05:00 am to pouring rain so I took my time getting ready. It stopped raining at 06:00, so I loaded up my bike and headed out. A few miles down the road it poured **rain again**. In the dark with rain for an hour or more was not fun. The rest of the day was good.

Our next check in was in **Idaho Falls, Idaho**. I arrived around 3 pm, had a nice steak dinner in the Motel Restaurant and hit the sack early.

The next check in was **Ponderay, Idaho**, 800 kms away. The ride had some nice scenery along a river



and a little rain from a small storm. From Ponderay the last stop was the **Deerfoot Casino** in Calgary. Crossing the Canadian border was a breeze and I checked in at 2 pm. I stayed over for two nights as the **finish banquet** was the next day on **September 5** evening.

It was an enjoyable trip overall, a little too hot in southern Arizona and Mexico, however, I would do it again. It was good meeting other bikers with all sorts of bikes.

**My total km was 6,300** and my **2008 Vision** didn't miss a beat.

