



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
October 22, 10:15 am
Winkin' Owl Pub
13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
Social Breakfast Meeting
Ride to follow,
weather permitting

Taking advantage...
Was Last Chance our last chance?



Jumpmaster,
thank you
for your service

As a veteran, Jumpmaster is used to people thanking him for his service. Victory Riders Calgary is now thanking him for a different service.

Jumpmaster (Don Lemna) is stepping back from his position at Road Captain with VRC.

In his two years as Road Captain, Jumpmaster had a huge impact on the Club. He planned and led rides meticulously and with military precision. If he said kickstands up at a certain time, anyone arriving five minutes late was left wondering where everyone went. He brought innovation to the club, instituting overnights and Captain's Rides, often during the week. This newsletter was his idea.

President Drifter Don said, "The time and energy he put into the RC position can't be calculated. The Club, and I personally, are grateful for his hard work and contribution while in the position."



Nine Club members on eight bikes made a late-season run to the Drumheller Valley with lunch at the fabled Last Chance Saloon on October 15.

Was the Last Chance saloon our last chance at a Club ride this season?

Nine Club members were asking that question October 15 when they headed for the fabled saloon in Wayne, Alberta, 14 kilometres south of Drumheller.

The weather gusser predicted that there would be bright sun and 20C temperatures in Drumheller by mid-afternoon. That was small comfort to those who braved 7C to meet up at CrossIron Mills for an 11 am departure.

Led by Drifter Don, the entourage included John B, Ed, Randy, Lloyd, Doug and Joan.

The temperature rocketed up to

11C when we hit the road, but highway wind chill soon sent it back to low single digits. (See chart, Page 4.)



We rode east from CrossIron and then north on Highway 9, continuing up past Beiseker and the sleepy hamlet

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Last chance at the Last Chance

of **Acme**. From there it was east to the first ride target - the **Bleriot** (rhymes with cheerio) ferry. The cable ferry links two sections of the North Dinosaur Trail (**Highway 838**) across the Red Deer River, north of Drumheller. It was either built by or originally operated by (maybe both, reports differ) Andre Bleriot in 1913. Four years earlier,



Bleriot Ferry on the Red Deer River.

Bleriot's more-famous brother Louis was the first to fly an aircraft across the English Channel.

Just south of the ferry crossing, we pulled into the Horsethief Canyon



John B checks out the panoramic view at Horsethief Canyon.

viewpoint and our numbers grew by one bike and two people. **Crystal and Trevor** from Leduc rolled in to join us.

The nine of us then headed south through the town of Drumheller and down **Highway 10** to Rosedale. Highway 10X is known as the **Eleven Bridges**. Technically you only cross 10 on the way into the ghost town of Wayne; the 11th is farther up the road past Wayne.

At **Wayne**, we were just parking when we ran into Club member Chase who had already put his Victory up for the winter. His 700 horsepower



Randy snaps a photo of Horseshoe Canyon on Highway 9 west of Drum.

muscle car made an almost adequate substitute.

We ate outside in 20C and brilliant sunshine. The saloon has undergone a transition with the new owner; Improvements all around

The saloon and the attached hotel are remnants of the hard-living coal mining days of the region, starting around 1913. The bullet holes in the wall are real.

From Wayne, it was back across the one-lane bridges and up to Drum for a fuel top up. Next stop was **Horseshoe Canyon**, on Highway 9 west of Drum. More developed than its equivalent across the river, Horseshoe has wooden walkways and constructed viewpoints along with the interpretive signs.

Back on Highway 9, we headed for the arts community of **Rosebud**. **Highway 840** then led us south to Highway 1. Heading back to **Calgary**, we started to lose people as they peeled off for home.



Club member Randy Hetman, right, was recently honoured by Motorcycle Ride For Dad for being one of the top three fundraisers for the charity in Calgary. David Saxby of Ride For Dad presented Randy with a plaque for his fine work for the charity. Ride For Dad raises money for prostate cancer research and awareness of the disease. One in six males will get prostate cancer in his lifetime. If you are male and over 45 years old, get checked.



Lunch at the Last Chance Saloon, patio version. From left, John B, Ed, Lloyd, Trevor, Crystal, Randy, Joan, Doug and Drifter Don. Seven Victories and a Vicdian.

Superbikes coming to Edmonton



Photo: Rob O'Brien / CSBK

By Drifter Don

Alberta hasn't heard the scream of superbikes since 2015. That was the last year the Bridgestone Canadian Superbike National Championship (CSBK) included the province in its circuit. That will change in 2024.

Castrol Raceway in Nisku (adjacent to the Edmonton International Airport, so technically Edmonton) will host CSBK races on **June 21 - 23, 2024**.

Why am I telling you this? When we are planning our 2024 ride calendar, this

event gives us a chance to see some top notch motorcycle road racing and also do an overnight run.

The Club could make the run to Nisku, take in a day of racing, spend the evening in the genteel, warming confines of the nearby **Blackjack's Roadhouse** and wend our way home the following day.

Hardcore race fans could stay for all three days of racing. There may not be any Victories on the track, but we can make sure we fly the flag in the stands.



Asking a married friend if he's coming out for the ride?



Wind chill in metric

Here's a motorcycle wind chill chart for the rest of us.

Most motorcycle wind chill charts available online are in miles per hour and degrees Fahrenheit. You could freeze doing the calculations. Here's one, courtesy of the folks at **CycleFish.com** which speaks our language.

As members **Lloyd and Marilyn** discovered on the Highwood Pass this week, 90 kilometres an hour at 4 degrees Celsius calculates to a full eight degrees cooler: -4C.

We may have some riding days left this Autumn. **Choose your rides and your gear wisely.**



MOTORCYCLE WIND CHILL CHART (METRIC VERSION)



Riding Speed (kph)	Air Temperature (°C)									
	-10°	-7°	-4°	0°	2°	4°	7°	10°	13°	16°
40	-21°	-17°	-13°	-7°	-5°	-2°	2°	6°	10°	14°
50	-22°	-18°	-14°	-8°	-5°	-3°	1°	6°	10°	14°
60	-23°	-18°	-14°	-9°	-6°	-3°	1°	5°	9°	13°
70	-23°	-19°	-15°	-9°	-6°	-4°	1°	5°	9°	13°
80	-24°	-20°	-15°	-10°	-7°	-4°	0°	4°	9°	13°
90	-25°	-20°	-16°	-10°	-7°	-4°	0°	4°	8°	13°
100	-25°	-21°	-16°	-11°	-8°	-5°	0°	4°	8°	13°
110	-26°	-21°	-17°	-11°	-8°	-5°	-1°	4°	8°	12°
120	-26°	-22°	-17°	-11°	-8°	-5°	-1°	3°	8°	12°
130	-26°	-22°	-18°	-12°	-9°	-6°	-1°	3°	8°	12°