



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Second season...

Members make bike plans for winter

As President Drifter Don is fond of saying, "There are two seasons: riding and cleaning." "Cleaning season" is also maintenance and upgrade season for Victory Riders Calgary.

We asked a number of members what they planned to do to their bikes over the non-riding part of the year.

Vice President John B, of course, says he doesn't plan to stop riding, so has nothing specific planned for his two Victories. "Maybe I will powder coat some parts."

Woodie also says he has powder coating in store for his **Cross Country**. Heat shields are the priority as he continues his blackout plan for the bike. It should be stealth as it heads for 200,000 kilometres in 2024.

Lorne S. is going by the book for winter storage. "It's put away. I gave it a good bath, changed the oil, filled it full of gas, dumped in a bunch of fuel stabilizer. Parked it in an unheated garage with cardboard under the tires, connected a battery tender to it. Threw a cover over it, and bid it a tearful farewell."

Ed G. found he needed a new drive belt when we did his end-of-season inspection. He has 86,000 kms on the old belt. His **XCT** is getting new **wheel bearings and seals**, as well as new



brake pads. "No performance upgrades," he says. "They're not needed."

Craig O. (of **Ridin' Alberta** fame) says, "I'd like to add a wind deflector and I need to order a new belt at some point. We'll see if I actually get anything done or not. Might just ride it the way it is again next year."

Is this the end of Two Wheel Sunday?

Two Wheel Sunday is facing a "go - no go" meeting next week.

When the old executive retired in September, two new organizers stepped forward. Since then, **both have begged off**, citing business commitments. That puts the event's future in doubt.

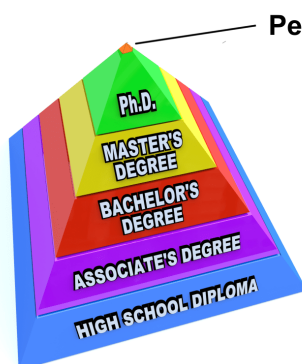
The meeting will be held **December 13 at 6:30pm** in the private meeting room at the **Kilt & Caber** in **McKenzie Towne**.

VRC President Drifter Don, who has been involved in the event in the past, said it would be a shame to see the event end, "But the reality is that a **new executive has to step up** if it is to continue."

An email went out to all organizations involved in 2WS in the past, including VRC, inviting them to the meeting to decide the event's fate.

Two Wheel Sunday has been held on the **first Sunday in June** since 2014.

The Pyramid of Intellect



People who fix their own Victories after watching YouTube videos

Tony S, up in Rocky Mountain House, has been battling an electric bug in his **Vision**.

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Next Meeting

December 17

Noon (new time)

Winkin' Owl Pub

13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,

Social Lunch Meeting

Ride to follow (dreaming!)

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Club's winter bike plans

"(The Vision is) in a heated shop so I am expecting I will get to it when I get wrenching," he says.

Doug and Joan have plans. "Well, the **Cross Country** needs new front tire, horn relocation, stone chips touched up and maybe some ceramic coating,"

Doug says, "**Vision** does require **new stereo** installation and the razor trunk installed. Installing **LED headlights** will need someone with small hands; new bars possibly, and of course more polish. Last, but definitely most important, whatever **Joan** wants, plus ceramic coating for her **Kingpin** as well."

Jamie McG. says, "Nothing planned. How boring am I?" Well, Jamie, if you're good, you're good.

Prez Drifter says, "Just the usual maintenance and bolt tightening; hydraulic brake and clutch fluids. Did the oil before I parked it. What kind of oil are you guys using? I picked up a fin cut rear **brake reservoir** so I might swap that in. Oh, and cleaning. It is cleaning season."

Christopher V's Cross Country is headed for audio upgrades. "Really nothing crazy. I want to upgrade the standard speakers and add **speakers in the lower fairing**. I'll need another amplifier for them." He says he does not plan to do the work himself. "I'll leave



that to the experts."

Randy H. plans, "The usual maintenance." He says his bike is also going to receive new front wheel **bearings**. "I'm going to strip the coating from the triple tree and **polish** it." His Victory is also getting a new **windshield** to replace the one damaged by living in the Arizona heat. "I am also looking for a different exhaust," Randy says.

Tracey plans to comfort **Ruby**, her Cross Country, over the winter. "She's sleeping in the garage. I give her hugs every day and say, 'soon, my precious' so she doesn't get lonely."

A couple of members were coy about what **performance enhancements** they were planning over the winter. We will have to wait until Spring to see what they have done to their rides, if we can catch them.



Looking for a winter vacation?

Remember the early spring tour through Arizona and New Mexico that some of our members took in 2022?

The company that organized that ride is planning another one for April 23 to May 5, 2024.

Bikes will be loaded in two semis and driven to **Dallas, Texas**. The organized ride will travel through **Oklahoma** to several overnights in **Arkansas**, ending up back in Dallas on May 5.

Organizer Jim Kerr said the maximum cost for transporting the bikes to and from Dallas will be \$1,950.

Riders are responsible for their own air fare to Dallas and back, plus **gear, hotels and meals**. The tour has recommended hotels which are available at a discount. Riders are not obligated to follow the **tour route**.

If you are interested or want more **information**, contact Jim at jimkerr@shaw.ca. Spots on the trucks are filling up.

Merry Vicmas! planning starts Dec. 17

At the December Lunch Meeting on December 17, we'll start finalizing plans for our Merry Vicmas! celebration in January.

Traditionally held in January when we get our choice of venues, **Merry Vicmas!** is our Riding Year End/Riding Year Start celebration. We kiss off the old riding year and start a new one.

It includes the vicious, nasty and often-violent **gift exchange/theft**.

Should be bring back the **Ugly Sweater** competition? Other ideas? Bring them to the lunch meeting on December 17 or tell your executive.



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

For the hardy, this **riding season** isn't over, but already people are excited about next year. Event dates are firming up. **Alberta Motorcycle Safety Society** has set **June 22** for its **For The Love of Motorcycles** event in Nisku. **Ride for Dad Calgary** has been set for **June 15**. It's shaping up to be a great riding year. Unfortunately, the **Move The Soul** event has been cancelled.

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2024

Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
28-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Breakfast	Winkin' Owl Pub
January 26-28	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Expo Centre
February	Move The Soul Community Bike Show	Cancelled
February 2-4	Calgary Motorcycle Show	BMO Centre, Calgary
25-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	Winkin' Owl Pub
March 1-3	YEG Motorcycle Show, Edmonton	YEGmotorcycleshow.com
24-Mar	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
24-Apr	VRC Meeting	
April 3-7	Arizona Bike Week	Scottsdale
April 25-28	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
April 25-28	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
04-May	International Female Ride Day	
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
20-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
19-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Winkin' Owl Pub
02-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June	VMC National Rally	TBD
June	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
June	Honour Ride	TBA
15-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
22-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
23-Jun	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
July	Banff Jasper Parkway Overnighter	
July 12-14	Lewistown (MT) Bike Rally	
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 24-28	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
28-Jul	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
July	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
July	Lethbridge Air Show	Lethbridge Airport
Aug 2-11	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
August	Kaslo Kurves	
August	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
August	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
August	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
August	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
25-Aug	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
02-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
September	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
September	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
22-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
27-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Winkin' Owl Pub
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
26-Nov	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
December	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub

Upcoming Rides & Events

December Lunch Meeting – December 17
Winkin' Owl Pub, **noon**
Social meeting, but discussion will include **Merry Vicmas!** and plans for the 2024 riding season.

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 527 members, according to our Facebook site.

Many of the new members appear to be scammers or fake accounts. Who knew Victory riders had that much cleavage?

Facebook won't let us stop them from becoming members, but we can stop them from posting. Don't fall for any fake friend requests.

Welcome to our (possibly real) new members. Hope to see you at our upcoming breakfast and lunch meetings or on the road next riding season.

- Keith Erickson
- Trevor Brown
- Kevin Sevigny
- Micheal Brill
- Jayden Tarnowski

Contribute!

Victory ROADS is your newsletter. Send your story, photos or story ideas to:
VictoryRidersCalgary@gmail.com
How about a photo and write up on your bike?
Got something Victory related for sale? Post it here.



Don't get caught without your VRC Challenge Coin. \$15 (cheaper than buying a round.) Large and small patches also available.