



Victory

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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

End and start...

Merry Vicmas! arrives on January 25



High Miler and Magic Miler Trophies are ready for presenting on January 25 at Merry Vicmas!

Lunch Meeting set for Jan. 28

Because it is unlikely that anyone will remember anything from *Merry Vicmas!*, we will have a regular Monthly Meeting on January 28 (which should, technically, be a national holiday).

It will be a **Lunch Meeting**, noon at the **Winkin' Owl Pub, 13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE, Calgary.**

Lunch Meetings have been very popular and at the December

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Ever since our ancestors were living in caves, we have celebrated the end of one year and the start of another.

That's what *Merry Vicmas!* is to **Victory Riders Calgary**. It's an opportunity to celebrate the past riding season and toast the start of a new one.

This year, *Merry Vicmas!* will be on **January 25**. It would have been earlier, but half the club decided to run off to **Mexico, Puerto Rico, Poland, Alaska** and beyond. Everyone, mostly, is back now so the date has been set.

Location is the **Horton Road Legion, 9202 Horton Rd SW, Calgary**. For those directionally challenged, that is the road to the east of the **Heritage LRT station**. East is where the sun comes up. The Legion has promised us a **private area**. If you know the Legion, you know the **food is decent** and the **drinks are cheap**.

Festivities get underway at **7 pm**, but if you want to have dinner first, arrive earlier. **The room will be available from 6 pm on.**

So what's happening? Well, glad you asked.

To honour the **2023 Riding Season**, we will be presenting the **High Miler** and **Magic Miler trophies**. High Miler goes to the male and female riders who racked up the most kilometres on their bikes from April to November last year. The winners have been chosen and trophies are ready to be presented.



Magic Miler Trophy is open to every member of the club. The winner was chosen at random from those who entered their odometer readings at the end of November.

A random number generator was used to deliver five numbers. The rider whose odometer reading included all or most of those five numbers wins the trophy.

Then there's the **10K Club**. Each rider who rode more than 10,000 kilometres in 2023 will receive either a **10K Club patch** or a **2023 rocker** for last year's patch. 10k was chosen because it's a nice round number and because it's twice what an accomplished Harley rider does in a year. Last year two riders actually went over the 20,000 kms mark. Oddly, they were both named Mark – **Mark Anderson and Lloyd Mark.**

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In addition, there will be an ignominious honour for the person who racked up the **lowest number** of kilometres for the year (and had the courage to report it.) **Victory Vision Victor** will be very happy to pass along that **stuffed skunk**. This year's winner? You'll be surprised.

But wait, there's more...

Merry Vicmas! is also the annual **Vicmas! Gift Exchange Battle**. Combatants will bring a wrapped gift, **Victory or motorcycle related**; and will be given a number. When your number is called, you can either open a gift, or steal an already-opened gift.

Once a gift is stolen for the third time, it becomes the property of the stealer and is off the table. The game

continues until all gifts are opened and none of the participants are speaking to each other any more. **Wine and whiskey** are considered motorcycle-related. So is **John B's home-made jam**.

See you at **Merry Vicmas! January 25**.



Former 2WS executive Bobby Baum, right, hands over the books to the new executive. From left, Chris Moniz (Webmaster), Blair Handy (Site Coordinator), Becki Brouwer (Secretary) and Charli Handy (Chair).

Two Wheel Sunday goes ahead June 2 with new executive

Two Wheel Sunday, had a go-no go meeting in December and **it will go on**.

A new executive stepped forward, led by Charli Baily (Chuckles Charles on Facebook), and organizational meetings have already started.

Returning to the 2WS executive is VRC member and tattoo artists extraordinaire **Chris Moniz** who will continue as webmaster for the event.

VRC members **Bobby Baum** and **Drifter Don**, who retired from the 2WS executive last year, agreed to stay on as advisors to the new executive until it gets up to speed.

Two Wheel Sunday will be **June 2** this year at the same location. **VRC's participation** will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

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Lunch Meeting set for January 28

social lunch, it was suggested that the non-riding-season meetings be **lunch meetings**. The riding-season meetings would remain **breakfast meetings**, to allow for a ride afterward. This made sense to the members present, so it will be brought to a business meeting for ratification.

In addition, the January meeting is an opportunity to bring resolutions forward for the **Annual General Meeting** in **February**. The AGM will also be the **annual election of officers**. The current executive will be soul searching to see if they want to take abuse from the members for another year. Bribery is also an option.

President Drifter Don, who has already said he is willing to be abused for another year, plans to bring forward a motion to expand

the **Executive**. He would like to see three **Director** positions added to the Executive to help with club direction, planning and activities.

Next Event **Merry Vicmas!**

January 25
7 pm (earlier if eating)
Horton Road Legion
9202 Horton Rd SW, Calgary
Awards and Gift Battle
Ride to follow (dreaming!)

January Meeting
January 28, Noon
Winkin' Owl Pub
13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
Calgary



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

Can you believe it is 2024 already? Seems like only last month it was last year. Dates continue to be firmed up for 2024 events. If you are hardy enough, Victory Gathering 6.0 has been added in late September in Harrison, Arkansas (not far from Branson, MS). Getting there is doable; getting back may be a challenge.

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/ Lunch	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 Lunch 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
Sept 26 - 29	Victory Gathering 6.0	Harrison, Arkansas, USA
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
Weekly		
	Captain's Ride	Road Captains' Call on time, place and destination
	Tuesday Bike Night	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Sky BBQ, Okotoks
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th St. NW

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Upcoming Rides & Events

Merry Vicmas!

January 25

7 pm (earlier if eating)

Horton Road Legion

9202 Horton Rd SW, Calgary

Awards and Gift Battle

January Lunch Meeting

January 28

Winkin' Owl Pub, noon

Regular meeting,

Agenda includes **February AGM, executive positions** and Two Wheel Sunday plans.

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- Road Captain positions open

New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 519 members, according to our Facebook site.

Scammers are among us. We can stop them from posting, but don't fall for any **fake friend requests**. Most of the recent "Friend Requests" are bitcoin scammers. They build friendships, even romances, and then hit you for bitcoin investments, Bye bye money.

Welcome to our (possibly real) new members:

- Johnny Apricot
- Ian Perks
- Frank Laf N Ear
- Madeline Woods
- Frank Maddog
- Jolie Leng

Club Patches

it's time to get your 2024 riding gear looking good. Large patches are \$30, small ones are \$10 or you can get both for \$35.



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 bike 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.