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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Year end, year start...

High Miler trophies highlight Vicmas!



Highest of the High Milers for 2023 was Lloyd who racked up an astounding 30,099 kilometres (plus more before and after the official time period,) He received a special patch for his accomplishment.

February meeting will be our AGM

Yes, it's that time of year again.

VRC's Annual General meeting will be a **Lunch Meeting**, noon at the **Winkin' Owl Pub, 13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE, Calgary**, on **February 25**.

On the agenda will be the **Election of Officers** for 2024 riding season and some **Special Resolutions**.

All **current Executive** members have said they are willing to stand again. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

Victory Riders Calgary's 10K Club hit some highlights at Merry Vicmas!

The 'club within a club' welcomed some new members, honoured some returning ones and handed out the trophies to three members with outstanding performances. Four if you count **The Skunk**.

Taking home the **Women's High Miler** trophy this year was **Joan** who racked up 12,817 kilometres on her Jackpot. Joan becomes the **first female member** of the 10K Club and should serve as an inspiration to our other women members.

The **Men's High Miler** trophy went to **Lloyd** for an **astounding 30,099 kilometres** on his VicIndian.

In addition to the trophy, Lloyd was presented with a **special patch** to commemorate that remarkable achievement. He says he plans to better it next riding season.

The luckiest rider was **Lorne**. The 99,560 total kilometres he had on his Vision's odometer at the end of the riding season was enough to win him the **Magic Miler trophy**. All club members who submit their final total (not seasonal) odometer readings have a chance to win this trophy if their readings match three or four numbers generated at random.

At the other end of the scale; lowest total... **The Skunk** went to **Laura** (last year's Women's High Miler.) For her honesty, she also was awarded a gas card.



Winning the Women's High Miler came as no surprise to Joan. Her company A Second Time, donated the trophies, so she had to engrave her own name on it.



Laura is now the proud possessor of this lovely skunk for being the most honest rider in 2023. President Drifter Don presented the award.

Spiced Victory Rum?...

Polite mayhem marks Vicmas! gift exchange

The spirit of giving was overrun by the spirit of taking at this year's Merry Vicmas! celebrations.

The annual gift "exchange" highlighted the January 25 event.

Club members scrapped over a remarkably **fine selection** of motorcycle-related items. It appears many of the gift givers blew well past the suggested \$25 limit.

Up for grabs were a set of **motorcycle glow lights**, artwork from Cathy, two sets of **tire pressure monitors**, a bottle of motorcycle-related **spiced rum**, four litres of "**Victory**" Rotella oil, two goodie bags of various **Victory** branded items, a rare Victory **Vision long sleever**, a saddlebag shelf, and several sets of **motorcycle gloves**, ranging from leather gauntlets to armoured racing gloves.

The tire pressure monitors, the artwork and the spiced rum seemed to be the **most desirable** and contentious items, changing hands several times during the course of the battle.



Whether they were celebrating their wins or licking their wounds, VRC members had a good time at the annual Merry Vicmas! gift exchange on January 25.



Erwin came all the way from Edmonton just to have Wes steal his spiced rum.



Joan stole Cathy's handcrafted artwork from George, but was kind enough to leave him the box.



Cathy scored a studded leather tool pouch in the Vicmas! gift exchange.



George didn't go home empty handed - racing gloves and a Victory coin.



Not sold in stores....



Next Event
AGM Lunch Meeting
February 25
Noon
 Winkin' Owl Pub
 13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE,
 Calgary

Return of the Calgary MC Show

By John B, Vice President

2024 has brought the return of The Calgary Motorcycle & Powersport Show after a long four-year wait. I, for one, wasn't about to miss the show and made it a family affair.

I didn't know what to expect. Curious, I spent a lot (some would say too much) of my time on **Facebook**. I read quite a few reviews from the **Edmonton show** to gauge what my expectations should be. Well, that was no help. The reviews spanned both ends of the good/bad scale. Many of the negative comments to the Edmonton show revolved around the value you get for the cost. For me in Calgary, it was **\$93** just to get in the door and parking, usually I park near the grounds and walk which would have saved \$18. (I can be that cheap.)

I chose to attend on **Saturday** which from what I hear was the busiest day. The show consisted of **about 110 exhibitors** and we spent maybe three hours cruising the aisles, viewing their offerings, window shopping and chatting. To be fair there wasn't anything specific I was after from the show, and for me there was nothing that stood out above the rest.

I always enjoy looking at all the **vintage bikes** and wishing I still had some of them from my youth.

I had a nice chat with the folks at the **Two Wheel Sunday** booth (one of my favorite events). I was surprised to learn **Kane's Motorcycle Shop** was moving out of Inglewood. I'm sure my family never gets tired of hearing me saying **"I built that"** when passing a building; and Kane's is one of those places. I had a small part in installing the structural steel and a larger part in fabricating and installing the curved feature stair in the showroom.



There was one Victory in the show. Someone got a deal on this XC at the 212 Custom Cycle booth.

One **custom Harley** caught my eye at **CHD Customs**, mostly because it looked like a Victory **Cross Country**. Actually, it's the best-looking H-D I've ever seen.

My son said the mini donuts were hot and someone may have mentioned that maybe the **hot dogs** should be avoided. Not sure why?

My opinion of the show is that it was **"OK"** and, hopefully, just the beginning of a building stage from the four-year hiatus.



A very Cross Country-looking Harley-Davidson custom was on display at the CHD Custom booth.



Victor receives his much-deserved 10K Club patch. His riding total for 2023 was 25,640 kilometres more than the previous year.

From Page 1... High Miler winners

New **10K Club patches** went to **George N.** (11,369), **Joan, Greg** (16,953) and **Victor**, 2022's Skunk winner who made sure he didn't repeat that by hitting an amazing **26,040 kilometres** in 2023.

Returning 10K Club members got a **'2023' rocker** for their patch. They are **Lloyd, Randy** (10,071), **Doug** (18,022), **John B** (19,442) and **Drifter Don** (15,692.)

In-house **game winners** were **Doug and Wes** who, while they may have cheated off each other's papers, won pairs of **tickets** to the **Calgary Motorcycle Show**. The game was matching 12 photographs of Club rides or events with the month they occurred. Doug and Wes got **100 per cent**.



Vice President John B collects his 2023 High Miler rocker.

Calgary MC show - '75% happy'

by Drifter Don

A national distributor of motorcycle parts summed it up best, "I am 75 percent glad this is happening; 25 percent wishing it was better."

After a long layoff, the **Calgary Motorcycle Show** was back February 2-4. With a **new management** company in charge; some things changed and some were the same.

I hit the show twice; first on Friday with my **grandson Carson** and then on Sunday to volunteer at the **Two Wheel Sunday** booth. Both trips gave me the chance to speak with show goers and assess their assessment of the show.

Most were happy to have the motorcycle show back. The big miss was the **lack of national/international brands**. There was no Indian representation at the show at all. **Honda** and **Harley-Davidson's** displays seemed to be gleaned from regional dealers. No **Ducati**,



Club members George N., Don S. Vic W., some random guy, and future member Carson check out the MotoGuzzis at the Calgary Bike Show.

no **Suzuki**. **Yamaha** and **GasGas** (who?) were limited to their training schools. There was no **stunt show** either.

I was impressed with the number of Adventure bike **touring companies** represented there. Less impressed with the non-motorcycle-related booths like energy companies. It was good to see our favourite **charities and clubs** there.

But, like most, I went to see the people. **Old friends** and new; the ones you only see at motorcycle shows. That alone was worth the \$15.



Vice Prez John B sets a high bar for winter riding

VRC Vice Prez John B surprised more than a few people when he arrived at the January 28 Lunch Meeting astride his Victory Cross Country.

The feat was all the more amazing when you consider he has to ride in all the way from south Strathmore (and back.)

But John B has a secret. He didn't just go darkside on his XC's rear boot, he went snow tire.

What's next? Studs? Chains?



Carson, 6, has now ridden more distance in 2024 than his Grandpa.

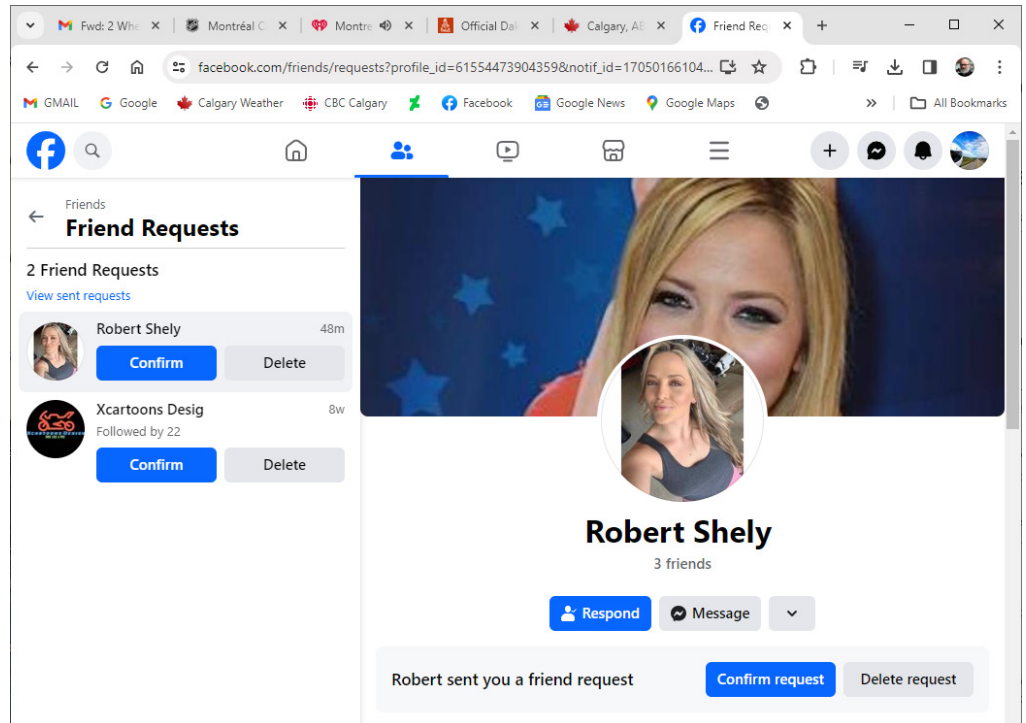
Facebook is a paradise for scammers

By Drifter Don

If you've ever watched a **spy movie**, you know what a **honey trap** is. A beautiful exotic foreign woman (usually) approaches man (usually) in a bar (usually) and he's never seen again. He's tortured for what he knows and then dumped in a river. Well, another type of honey trap is rampant currently – it's in **Facebook's Friends list**.

About twice a day I get Facebook Friend requests. Attractive looking people (not just exotic female spies) want me to Friend them. You likely get these too. **Some are sophisticated, most are laughable.** Names like a bad novel, implausible birth places or locations, three or four friends in the world, nothing in common with you (not even a hint of a motorcycle connection) and some even do stupid things like "Alexandra Jane has changed his profile picture."

They are **scammers**. If you Friend them, that's **phase one**. They have access to your Friends (and relatives) list and then **Phase Two** starts; the honey trap. They strike up an online relationship, friendship, even romance. Remember, that exotic blonde with cleavage or that movie-star-looks or dude with



the six pack is actually a **weasel at a keyboard** in Pakistan, the Philippines, Nigeria or, apparently, **Alberta**. As the relationship develops, sooner or later, they will have a **sure-thing crypto currency** investment for you. (Or some variation that requires you to give them your banking information.) Kiss your money good bye.

Ha! you say. No one is going to fall for that. You might not; but your parents might, your lonely aunt, your widowed cousin, or that get-rich-quick relative. RCMP report this kind of fraud topped **half a billion dollars** last year in Canada; and they say that was just **five to 10 per cent** of the total fraud. Many victims are too embarrassed to say anything.

Don't take my word for it. The **Alberta Securities Commission** calls it, "affinity fraud" or "friend fraud."

The story is here: <https://shorturl.at/aimsu>

One **Edmonton** doctor lost \$350,000 investing through people she met in her church group.

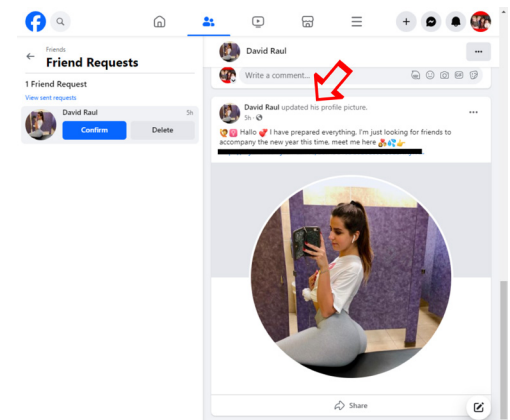
A **High River** senior lost \$200,000 in a grandparent scam.

An Alberta woman took out a loan of \$10,000 to help her fake **online boyfriend** fight an imaginary impaired driving charge.

An Edmonton man **defrauded five women** of more than \$170,000 in romance scams.

We will try to keep these to a minimum on the **Victory Riders** website and Facebook site. But be careful out there.

There's more info from the **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre** at <https://www.facebook.com/canantifraud> which, ironically, is on **Facebook**.



Notifications

All Unread

New See all

- NHL Heavy Hitters invited you to follow a page. You recently liked their post. 40 minutes ago
- John Marcus sent you a friend request. 11 hours ago
- Sophia sent you a friend request. 7 hours ago

Upcoming Rides & Events

February Lunch Meeting
February 25
 Winkin' Owl Pub, noon
Annual General Meeting,
Election of Officers
Special Resolutions

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 540 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**. See Scammer article on Page 5.

Welcome to our (possibly real) new members. Hope to see you on the road with us.

- Eileen Drouin
- Francis Wight
- Ben Alektron
- Ben VanPanhuis
- Gerald Sullivan
- Ian Finch-Field
- Bill Thomas
- David Anis



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

Thanks to booths at the Calgary Motorcycle Show, we were able to confirm the dates for a couple more events on our calendar including Ill-Fated Kustom's Kick Start Show and the Blue Knights' Honour Ride.

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 14-16	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
08-Jun	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 12-14	Bonedigger Bike Bash	Drumheller
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 18 - 28	Two Hills Bike Week	Two Hills, Alberta
July 24-28	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B. C.
26-Jul	CVMG Ponoka Rally	Ponoka, AB
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	
10-Aug	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
Sept 5 - 8	Victory Motorcycle Club National Rally	Hot Springs, Arkansas
September	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
15-Sep	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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Lorne scores Magic Miler Trophy

The **Magic Miler Trophy** is open to any Club members who submits his or her total odometer kilometres at the end of the annual **High Miler** competition in November. You don't have to enter the High Miler to win.

If a series of random numbers are found in your odometer reading, **you win**. This year, Lorne took home the trophy.



Lorne won the Magic Miler Trophy, presented by President Drifter Don at Merry Vicmas!