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**Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER** 

August 9 with a bonus...

## Meet in the Middle is back on again

It's been a number of years since we've had Meet in the Middle with other Victory riders from around Alberta. It's back for 2025.

For three years pre-Covid, we got together with Victory riders from southern, central and northern Alberta. Each time, we met at a central location and rode together for lunch. It was a great opportunity to meet and hang out with other Victory riders.

President Drifter Don explained, "We talked about reviving **Meet in** the Middle this year, but with the already-packed riding season, it never got organized. When we saw the large number of Victory bikes at Ride to **Reynolds** in August, the idea occurred to us - why not combine the two events?" Now planning is underway for the August 9 dual event.

First step was to bounce the idea off some of the past participants in MITM. With their approval, we approached the Ride To Reynolds organizers to see if this would fit in with their event plans.

RTR's response was quick and



The first Meet In The Middle, in 2020, met up in Red Deer at the Indian dealership. More than 30 bikes rode to Spruce View for lunch at the J-Bar-T.

positive. Reynolds' Head of Visitor **Services, Melissa Daoust, replied that** she thought it is, "...a great idea. I had a quick meeting with a few of my staff and we would like to try this."

RTR is willing to create a Victory-only parking area in the main lot, large

enough to park all Victorys that come to the event. In that area, we would be able to put a pop-up tent, banners and/or displays; what ever we feel is appropriate.

"Once Reynolds gave us its blessing, I contacted some of the more-prominent members of the Victory community in Edmonton, Red Deer, Drumheller and the rural areas," Drifter said. "Their

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## High, Mystery Miler...

### Get those odometer numbers in

The VRC Breakfast Meeting November 24 is the cut off for the membership in the annual 10K+ Club. Note the name change.

The change came about because several club members felt that a patch saying 10K didn't properly recognize that they had racked up, in some cases, double the required 10,000 kilometres.

A new name means a new patch. New members to the club this riding season



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#### **Next Event**

**November Meeting** Winkin' Owl Pub November 24. 10:15 am Ride to follow... (yuk yuk yuk!) 🥳



## **Upcoming Rides & Events**

November Breakfast Meeting Winkin' Owl Pub November 24, 10:15 am Ride to follow... (Kidding!)

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#### **New members**

Victory Riders Calgary now has 632 members (!), according to our Facebook site.

**Scammers** are among us. Don't fall for any **fake friend requests**. See the Scammer article in a recent issue of Victory ROADS on our website. Because of Facebook's screwed-up system, we can't stop them from joining, but we can stop them from posting.

**Welcome** to some of our new members, all of whom appear to be real. Hope to see you on the road with us.

- Peter Fakory
- Chris Matcham
- Manuel Franco
- Nancy Galanis
- Rylan Knox



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#### Ride to Reynolds becomes Meet In The Middle

response, to a person was positive and all agreed to help **spread the word**."

Ride To Reynolds/Meet in the Middle is August 9, 2025.



Meet In The Middle No. 3 saw Victory riders meet in Stettler and ride through the Drumheller valley, then across the 11 Bridges to Wayne, Alberta, and lunch at the Last Chance Saloon. Having MITM at Ride To Reynolds means riders can take advantage of the event's activities like **free admission** to the **Reynolds Alberta Museum**, the **Aviation Display Hangar** and the **Restoration Workshops**.

In addition RTR has bike-oriented displays, vendors, music, beer garden and food.

VRC put together an ad hoc group consisting of Vice Prez John B., Randy H., Darren W., Treasurer James H., Secretary KD, and Stephanie R. to develop the idea and plan the event.

The organizing group will meet in **November 24** after the regular VRC breakfast meeting to start the planning process.



Meet In The Middle No. 2 took us through the city of Red Deer.

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#### High Miler trophies, patches up for grabs

will receive **10K+ Club** patches. Past members of the club will get 10+ Club patches to **replace** their old ones if they choose.

Now, on to this year's competition. Record your **odometer** readings as of **noon on November 24** and submit them to **Drifter Don** along with your odometer readings from the **start** of the season. If the difference totals 10,000 kilometres or more, you will receive your **10K+ Club** patch or year bar at our **Vicmas!** celebration in **January**.

In addition to the patches, there are **trophies** for the female and male riders who racked up the **highest distances** over the riding season.

But, anyone can be a winner. By

submitting your final **kilometrage** (if that's a word), you could win the **Magic Miler Trophy**. It's awarded to the rider whose **total** odometer reading (life of the bike) matches, in any order, the four or five digits produced by our **random number** generator.





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Both John B and Randy H are taking credit for this great photo that will appear in the 2025 Victory Motorcycle Club calendar; John because he took the photo and Randy because he sold John the bike, known as The Mistress.



## **Calgary bike show**

The Calgary Motorcycle and Powersport Show is January 31 to February 2, 2025, at the **BMO Centre** on the Stampede grounds. But tickets are not cheap.

Regular **admission** is \$22, Seniors are \$17 and ages five to 15 are \$8.

Ten percent discount tickets are available from the show's website. Every little bit helps.

In the past, we have gathered for breakfast then and gone to the show. We'll see if there is Club interest in doing that this year.

## But baby, it's cold outside...



#### MOTORCYCLE WIND CHILL CHART (METRIC VERSION)



Riding Speed (kph)	Air Temperatue (°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°

#### **HOW I SPEND MY TIME**











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**VINCE THE SIGN GUY** INVENTOR OF THE WIND CHILL FACTOR DIED RECENTLY HE WAS 64, BUT FELT LIKE HE WAS 82

### Two Wheel Sunday gets back on track

After the organizational cluster that was this year's Two Wheel Sunday, the event is back on track.

The original organizing group is back in charge of the event.

Organizer (and VRC member) Bobby Baum said last year's event created some problems and rifts within the motorcycle community.

"We have been working hard since then to smooth the situation with the land owners and the City of Calgary,' he said. "We've been successful in doing that, so the event will go ahead on June 1, 2025."

Bobby said he would be putting together a meeting to start planning for the June 1 event. VRC will be invited.



**Victory Riders Calgary patches show** up worldwide. Member Dani Graf in Nuremberg, Germany, proudly sports one on his riding jacket.