



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

New ride for Joan...

Vic's Victory Vision will stay within the Club

By Drifter Don

It started off as a simple question from Vic's wife Nellie: "What do you think Vic's bike is worth?"

I had a rough idea of what it would be **worth** and told her, but added that the best way to get an accurate **assessment** was to see the bike in person. I made arrangements for **Ed G.** and I to make the run up to **Red Deer** to see the **bike** and the **cargo trailer** that Vic had as well.

I mentioned this at the April meeting and immediately several members said they would like to come along, as a **tribute to Vic** whom we lost in early March.

We set the ride for **May 1**, but due to an interesting set of circumstances, I ended up riding Ed's second bike, an immaculate **1999 800 Vulcan Drifter**. In addition to Ed and I, on the ride were **Randy, David, Wes** and **Doug**. **Nellie** was waiting for us at her house and we



Ride for Vic participants included, from left, Drifter, Randy, Doug, Ed, Nellie, David and Wes. Doug/Joan ended up purchasing Vic's Vision from Nellie.

were soon in the back garage, going over Vic's well-taken-care-of **2008 Victory Vision**.

As we assessed the value of the bike, all the extras and accessories, you could hear the **wheels turning** in Doug's head.

"**Joan** has always wanted a Vision," he mentioned casually.

By the time we finished having lunch at **Montana's**, Doug had

formulated a plan. The lunch at Montana's was adjacent an eight-year-old's **birthday party**. Who takes their kid to Montana's for a birthday party? Was **Hooters** closed?

By the time we were safely back at our respective domiciles, **Joan** was the proud owner a Victory Vision. Everyone was happy and the bike stays in the **Club**.

Nellie still has a pristine **cargo trailer** for sale. Contact me if you are interested.

April meeting was a chilly, wet one

April can be an unpredictable month, weather-wise and the **April breakfast meeting** demonstrated that effectively.

With the morning temperature in **low single digits**, not that many members rode into the meetings and those who did ordered **coffee** not ice water.

One **new development** that came out of the meeting was an option for

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Mike offered a hand-thawing service at April's VRC meeting. Stephanie readily accepted the offer.

Next Event

May-Long Ride

May 19 - See FB EVENT
Breakfast Meeting
- See Facebook EVENT
Red Crowns Pub
May 25, 10am
Breakfast Meeting
& Ride to follow.

Upcoming Rides & Events

Breakfast Meeting & Ride
Red Crowns Pub
523 Woodpark Blvd SW
May 25, 10am

Monday May-Long Ride
May 19
See Facebook page Event

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 637 members, according to our Facebook site.

We had seven new members join recently, and all appear to be real people. And there is a familiar name among them. Many of you met Vic's wife Nellie at Vicmas! a few years ago.

Welcome Nellie and our other new members:

- Renata Pinto
- Nellie Daly
- Rob McLeod
- Motorcycle Social
- Rss Sanderson
- Martyn Williams
- Scott Westwood



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members to have the **minutes** of the previous meeting and the **agenda** sent to them via email before the meetings. If you wish to receive the minutes, send your email address to **secretary@victoryriderscalgary.com**.

VRC will have a presence at **Two Wheel Sunday** this year. In recognition of our support of the event over the years, the **2WS** executive has waived our entrance fee. We have requested the **same space** as two years ago and the **2WS** executive has said they will try to accommodate us. A task force of **John B, Jamie, Woodie and Drifter** was put together to **plan** our participation.

Amusingly, **IMRG 1908** (Indian riders club) were having a social meeting at the other end of the **Red Crowns** pub, at the same time as our meeting.

After the meeting, those who rode were greeted with **wet bikes**, making for a wet and chilly ride home, except **Stephanie** who decided to tough it out, clocking more than **300 kilometres**. She said she was testing the **warmth** of her riding gear.



To test her foul-weather gear, Stephanie racked up 300 kilometres.



Half a dozen members rode to the chilly, wet April breakfast meeting.



President John B presiding over the April breakfast meeting.



After the meeting, we were greeted with fresh rainfall. Joan mops up.

Nanton bomber museum...

No denying the connection between bikes and aircraft

You just have to hang around an airplane museum to see the visceral connection between motorcycles and aircraft.

With Club member **George**, that connection is a bit stronger because of the years he spent working on aircraft in the **Canadian Forces**.

When the **Bomber Command Museum** in **Nanton** posted it was hosting a series of events on **May 10** to commemorate **V-E Day**, George was quick say "Let's go." This wasn't **Bikes & Bombers**. That will come later in the summer.

George, **Drifter** and **Big John** rode down to Nanton in time for a hot dog lunch at the museum (accompanied by a lengthy narration from a **tour guide** who invited himself to sit with them.)

Among the many events of the day was the show piece: startup of the four-engine **Lancaster bomber** accompanied by a flyover of a **CF-18 Hornet** which set off **car alarms** in the parking lot.

The members then toured the museum and were treated to a lengthy explanation of the evolution of **bomb sights** in World War II. Museum **volunteers** are very passionate about their work.

The trio then headed over the **Nanton Cut** to **Chain Lakes** and up windy **Highway 22** to **Longview** for a cold one at the **Saloon**.



Big John records the ground-pounding noise of the four Merlin engines that powered the WWII Lancaster bombers, same engine as the legendary Spitfire.



Flypast by a CF-18 Hornet from CFB Cold Lake set off car alarms in the parking lots around the museum.



Perfect ending for a great day, chilling on the deck at the Twin Cities Saloon in Longview.



George said he never worked on the Snowbirds' engines, but did work on the same engines in the CF-5s.

Mike & KD going glamping

Mike and KD are headed for **Riders Retreat** in **Nakusp, B.C.** **May 17 - 19**, and have issued an invitation to Club members to join them.

If you are interested, you can contact **Riders Retreat** at 1-250-265-8043 or email rebecca@ridersretreat.ca

RR is the only **all-inclusive motorcycle-only campground** in the world.



Riders Retreat in Nakusp, B.C.



How many Victory Riders does it take to fix a lawnmower? Well, it was a Honda mower so cut them some slack. Vic's wife Nellie was asked if there was anything else we could do for her while we were there. She asked if someone could change the blade on her lawnmower. Ed did that and then several tried to start it. It took a whiff of Seafoam in the air filter to bring the beast to life.



Yes, the 2025 VRC Poker Chips are here. To get yours show up at a meeting or ride. If you're not offered one, ask a member of the Executive. Poker chips are also given out for special events and major rides.



Remember to record your start-of-the-year kilometrage to be in line for fabulous prizes at the end of riding season. Rolling over 10,000 kms this riding season means membership in the 10K+ Club and a patch or year bar.

2025 Ride & Event Schedule

As we pass the Victoria Day May long weekend, more and more of the riding season events get fixed dates attached to them. Two more have been solidified. June will kick off with Two Wheel Sunday on the 1st, the Honour Ride on 7th and the Ride for Dad on the 14th. Busy month.

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2025

Colour Code:

GREEN - VRC Events
YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest
BLUE - Victory National/Regional



26-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Brunch	Winkin' Owl Pub
January 31 - Feb 02	Calgary Motorcycle Show	Expo Centre
23-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	NEW LOCATION: Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd. SW
23-Mar	CVMG Swap Meet	Red Deer
30-Mar	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
April 3-7	Arizona Bike Week	Scottsdale
April 10-13	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton YEGmotorcycleshow.com
April 25-28	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
April 25-28	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
27-Apr	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
03-May	Hoodoo Voodoo Blessing of the Bikes	Drumheller
19-May	Victoria Day Ride	
25-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Red Crowns Pub
June	CJAY Kids Ride	Big Sky BBQ
01-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 13-16	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
07-Jun	Honour Ride	Blackfoot Motor Inn
14-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June	Kids Cancer Care Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Kootenays
21-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
29-Jun	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
July	Jasper Parkway Overnighter	
July 11-13	Bonedigger Bike Bash	Drumheller
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 18 - 26	Two Hills Bike Week	Two Hills, Alberta
July 16 - 20	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
July 25 - 27	CVMG Ponoka Rally	Ponoka, AB
27-Jul	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
July	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
Aug 01 - 10	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
August	Kaslo Kurves	
09-Aug	Meet in the Middle/Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
August	Make-A-Wish Motorcycle Ride	Cagary/Highway 40/Cochrane
August	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
23-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
24-Aug	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
01-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
September	Victory Motorcycle Club National Rally	TBD
September	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
September	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
21-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
September	Victory Gathering	TBD
26-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Red Crowns Pub
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
23-Nov	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
December	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
Weekly		
	Leader's Ride	Ride Leaders' Call on time, place and destination
	Drifter's Ride	Lunch or "Coffee" Ride during the week
	Tuesday Bike Night	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	QBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Rock Brewery, Calgary
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th St. NW

Since purchasing Vic's Victory Vision, Joan has done several things to make it her own. She said, "The trunk is off, the chrome is on. A few other changes to make it a bit more 'mine' have been done and will continue to happen. I have some winter plans. But really, other than some cosmetic stuff, it's a pretty good overall fit for me. Won't lie, LOVE the ride; and the cruise, stereo and bigger tank are pretty awesome."

