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**Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER** 



# Victory Corner highlights Two Wheel Sunday

Victory was back at Two Wheel Sunday on June 1 with a great display of bikes and support for the brand and the Club.

We had the same location as two years ago, but because event organizers changed the orientation of the booths, our site was reversed.

This worked out better for us because our signage and display now pointed toward the centre of the action at the motorcycle street fair. There was no missing our display. Having the food trucks behind us also helped with traffic.

President John B and Drifter were there at the crack of dawn to put

up the display tent. Joan and Doug soon arrived, along with Wes, Jamie McG and others, to put together the rest of the display.

The show opened at 10am and Victorys came and went over the

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course of the five-hour show.

Member Rick put his 2010 Cross Country up for sale in the line-up and it was snapped up by Kevin who called it his "dream bike."

Past President Ronny and Life Member James H dropped by the booth for a chat.

A strong point of interest at the booth was Doug's recently completed Vision/Cross Country hybrid. Doug built the unique Vision-front-end/Cross-Country-backend bike in his garage with some customized metal work help from President John B. Paint and custom seat were done commercially.

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### **Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to member Michael D on the loss of his wife Shelly.

Shelly passed away May 13, leaving Michael and their children Samantha (Michael) and Dylan (Brittany.)

Donations on Shelly's behalf can be made to the ALS Society of Alberta or MVESS (Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society).

### **Next Event**

Writing-On-Stone
June 21-22 - See FB EVENT
Breakfast Meeting
- See Facebook EVENT
Red Crowns Pub
June 29, 10am
Breakfast Meeting
& Ride to follow.





## **Upcoming Rides & Events**

**Breakfast Meeting & Ride Red Crowns Pub 523 Woodpark Blvd SW** June 29, 10am

**Writing-On-Stone Campout** June 21-22 See Facebook page Event

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### New members

**Victory Riders Calgary now** has 642 members, according to our Facebook site.

We had five new members join recently, and most appear to be real people. Amusingly a selfidentifying AI Bot asked to join. We punted its little Al ass. Real people only,

Three "Victory garages" asked to join, none of which showed Victorys in their photos.

Welcome to our new members:

- Crown Motorsports Inc
- Erno Poot
- Jessie Glick
- Catillac Cat
- Derek Sacco



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# Victory at Two Wheel Sunday

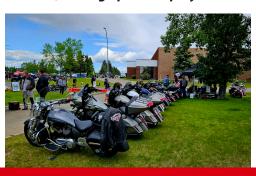
The Victory display was a trial run for our Meet in the Middle/Ride to Reynolds on August 9. A similar display is planned for that event with the emphasis more on Victory motorcycles than on the Club, as other Victory groups around the province have been invited to take part.



Steve P shines up his Victory steel frame in the line up of display bikes.



President John B was up at the crack of dawn, setting up the display.





The Victory tent was both social centre and commercial outlet as members talked with visitors and flogged merchandise. From left, Jamie McG, Joan, Doug, Mark A and an innocent bystander.



Calling it is "dream bike," Kevin bought Rick's 2010 Cross Country.



Saying it was so she can hear Doug on the road even better, Joan got earplugs.

# Victory ROADS



### Rosedale BBQ run...

# Isn't there a saying?

Yes, there is. "Teach a man to fish and you will feed him for a day. Give a man a motorcycle and he will ride 150 miles for fish and chips."

Well, it wasn't fish and chips (although it might be next time), but on May 28, six members headed for Rosedale for barbeque.

Rosedale, south of Drumheller, is the site of the newly-opened Roadhouse BBQ. Any new barbecue joint is worth checking out.

Interestingly, all participants rode Cross Countrys - Laura, Darren, Doug (not that Doug, the other Doug), Drifter, Ed and Wes.

Brisket on pretzel buns was the choice of the day and Laura pronounced it great.





Six Cross Countrys lined up outside Roadhouse BBQ in Rosedale.



Roadhouse BBQ has both indoor and patio dining, mostly hand-helds.

## **May Long Ride gets Chucked and Irished**

The VRC May Long Weekend Ride took a bit of a different twist this year.

Rather than try to navigate the risky major highways with their insane long-weekend traffic, Drifter led a backroad ride that ended up at the legendary Chuckwagon in Diamond Valley.

Five Victorys and a Yamaha made the run. The Chuckwagon, notorious for its long waits, found us a table quickly and we loaded up on the place's famously generous breakfast and lunch specials. Not cheap but really good.

Not quite ready to call it a day, the group headed a couple of blocks north to the newly opened Irish pub called the The Irish Pub in the old Coyote Moon building. Too full from breakfast, we did manage to quaff a few libations, mostly Guinness. We'll return and try the food.



May Long Breakfasters were, from left, Stephanie, Mike G. George N, Jamie McG, John B and Drifter.





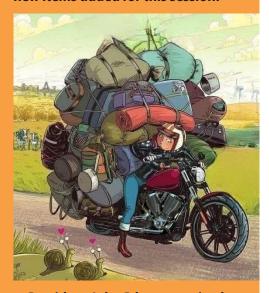
Something we never want to see and worse when it's one of ours. Secretary KD is recovering from being rearended exiting a parking lot on May 17. She was riding Mike's new bike too. We wish her a speedy recovery.







Because of a technical glitch on the order form pages, the deadline for ordering new Victory Riders Calgary swag has been extended to June 18. Thanks to member Darren for organizing another ordering session. Go to www.toastytush.ca/ vrc to order VRC gear including some new items added for this session.



President John B has organized an interesting overnighter - a camping trip to Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park near Milk River. Dates are June 21 & 22. See the EVENT listing on our Facebook page. Less torturous accommodation is also available at nearby hotels.



Not all the Victorys at Two Wheel Sunday were at our booth.

## 2025 Ride & Event Schedule

Difficult to believe that we are already deep into June. Many of us thought this riding season would never come. VRC has a couple of events coming up before the end of the month. We need to set dates for Kaslo Kurves and our Jasper Overnighter (probably not Jasper.)

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2025		
Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	(VICTORY)
	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.	Di difficilei
25-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Red Crowns Pub
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01-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Ealgary 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 21 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	December 2
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 Kaslo Kurves	Sturgis, South Dakota
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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  Dember Command Museum Norther
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
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Rock Brewery, Calgary
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th SZt. NW



A new bike is always a big event and Joan attracted a crowd at the May VRC meeting when she showed up on her new Vision, which she is rapidly making her own. Since purchasing it, she has put more than 5,000 kilometres on it.