



Victory ROADS

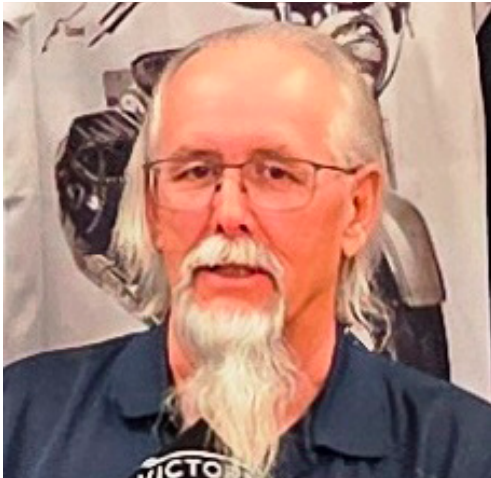
Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Doug steps up to take Vice President's role

The best thing to come out of September's regular meeting is that we now have a Vice President. Doug, known as Wise Ass in his director's role on the Executive. Stepped to take on the onerous, back-breaking job of VP.

The position had been vacant since February when then-VP John B took over as President.

Doug, a well-known Victory hoarder,



will be presented with his official Vice President patches at the October 26 breakfast meeting.

The VP role includes standing in for the President when he is unable to attend meetings or events., and act as an advisor to the President.

Doug's move opens up a director role on the Executive. Directors, who get to choose their own titles, give input on Club policies, activities and decisions, as well as create or lead rides and events as they choose.

Joining 10K+ Club gets easier

Mother Nature did not make it easy for us to rack up the 10,000 kilometres necessary for membership in the 10K+ Club this year.

The deadline for racking up the 10k kms is the breakfast meeting on October 26, so those close to the line still have a few days to pull it off.

10K+ club members receive either a 10K+ patch or, if they are already members from past years, a 2025 rocker.

Joining the Club will be easier this year. You don't need to submit your starting and ending kilometres, only the total you rode this year. We're all honest, right?

The male and female riders at the top end of the riding numbers will receive special trophies at our Vicmas! celebration at the end of the year.



High Miller Trophy winners will be expected to provide documentation, of course.

If you rode more than one bike this year, submit the totals kms for all bikes you rode.

In addition, all Members are eligible for the Magic Miller Trophy. The winner is the one whose total odometer reading matches the numbers produced by our random number generator.

Next Events

Breakfast Meeting
October 26

- See Facebook EVENT

Upcoming Rides & Events

October Breakfast Meeting
October 26, Red Crowns Pub
Ride to follow (maybe)

Chris Goss Memorial
Wednesday, October 29, 2:00 pm
Highwood Memorial Centre
High River.

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New members

Appropriate for Hallowe'en, Victory Riders Calgary now has 666 members, according to our Facebook site.

We had a whack of new members join recently, and most appear to be real people. Gatekeeper Joan is merciless.

Welcome to our new members:

- Bruce Spies
- Mathew Lewis
- Barry Radu
- Victory motorcycle Spare shop
- Simon Cashmore
- K Robin McVittie
- Leonard Lavigne
- David Anderson
- Bob McCuaig
- Gilles LeBlanc

Club starts 'spare parts' registry

A couple of incidents this riding season prompted newly-minted Vice President Doug to come up with a great idea - a spare parts registry.

The idea is that there will be a central location where Members can list the parts they are willing to part with - either free or for a price - which may be needed by other members.

"This could save Members who need parts a lot of running around and hopefully a lot of money," Doug said.

He floated the idea of the parts list the September meeting, and while Members haven't yet started submitting their lists, he is already getting inquiries looking for parts.

"This shows there is a demand for the list," he said.

Doug will develop a master list of the parts. It won't be made public, but Members looking for parts can contact him before paying retail or being at the mercy of scammers.

Members submitting their list of parts available should include the price they are looking for. A rule of thumb for pricing parts is to start at half the retail price and work down from there



considering the parts condition, age or mileage.

When submitting your list, it would help if you can identify the model the part fits, the part number if known, as well as your expected price.

For example, Drifter has a throttle push cable with cruise, part number 7081574, fits various models, \$25. You don't have to be that exact in your listing. Any help is better than none at all.

You can email your parts list to Doug at Parts@VictoryRidersCalgary.com. Or you can bring your parts list to club meetings.

Message him directly if you are looking for parts.



On October 11, President John B and Past Prez Drifter headed out to Highway 40/Highwood Pass. John found himself with a free day and Drifter is always willing to shirk any responsibilities to ride. They took Highway 1A from Cochrane to Bow Valley Provincial Park, then back on Highway 1 to Kananaskis Country/ Highway 40. Because the weather guesser had threatened an incoming storm, traffic was light on the Highwood Pass. The pair saw storm clouds in their rear-view mirrors as they headed out Highway 541 to the Longview Saloon.



Woodie recovering well from bad crash

You never want to see any rider go down, but it's particularly devastating when it's a prized Club member.

Woodie crashed September 5, just 14 kilometres from the end of his and Laura's six-week, 14,000 kilometre cross-Canada ride.

He spent nearly three weeks in the Foothills Hospital trauma unit in Calgary, being treated for fractured scapula, shoulder and collarbone, 14 broken/fractured ribs some with multiple breaks, lacerated liver (now healed), and extensive road rash.

His right lung, punctured in more than one place, collapsed leading to 2.5 weeks with chest tube.

"First day and night was touch and go; still not sure how I survived this one," he said. The bike was totalled and the trailer he was pulling was damaged.

He is recovering slowly but well at home. He showed his positive attitude by already lining up his next ride. He bought a 2017 silver and black Cross Country Tour which he plans to ride in the Spring.

He is talking about taking the salvageable parts off the wrecked bike and using them to build another bike.

About the accident, he said, "Remember a spray of gravel from a semi in front of me. The bars going back and forth in a high-speed wobble, saying 'oh crap,' and thinking, 'I'm not recovering from this one,' then waking up in a field."

He was transported to Calgary by ambulance, as the STARS helicopter was not available.

Laura, who was on her bike behind him, witnessed the accident, almost as traumatic as being in it, she said.

Woodie added, "Thanks to all for the visits, calls, messages of a speedy recovery and well wishes."



While Woodie's previous bike rests in the back yard, ready to be parted out, his next ride, a 2017 Cross Country Tour awaits his full recovery from the crash.

10" patches back in stock

Just in time for the winter sewing season, large size Club patches are back in stock.

The Club has received a shipment of the 25 cm/10 inch patches, perfect for the back of jackets or riding vest. \$30.

