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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Vicmas! kicks off 2026 Riding Season

As is our tradition, Vicmas! ends the old riding season and starts a new one.

The Club gathered **January 17** at the **Red Crowns Pub** for our annual good-bye/hello celebration.

Vicmas!, our equivalent to a



Club stalwarts Joan and Doug took home the High Milers trophies for the most kilometres eaten up during 2025.

Holiday party, came down in several parts. First was the **dinner**. Food was excellent with **Drifter** raving about the **ribs** and **Mike** ordering the **Elvis Platter**, allegedly for sharing.

Following dinner, **President John B** welcomed everyone, thanked them for their **support** during the past season, his first in the big chair, and added that things are **looking good** for the Club for years to come. He also presented **Vice President Doug** with his official **patches**.

Prior to dinner, Drifter circulated the dreaded **Vicmas! Quiz**. He said that, following complaints that last years was **too easy** ("No it wasn't!" - **Joan**), this year's was a bit more challenging, giving players some **lyrics** from a motorcycle song and asking them to come up with the **title and artist**. Secretary **KD** won the contest getting 33% more correct answers than her nearest competitors. Her **prize** was first pick from the gift table. The prize turned out to be a **bottle of rum**. Drifter promised to make the quiz a little easier next time.

Next on the agenda was honouring the **10K+ Club**, Members who racked up more than 10,000 kilometres in 2025. **Year bars** went to:

- John B - 14,225 kms**
- Greg M - 17,332 kms**
- Lloyd - 16,860 kms**
- Woodie - 18,812 kms**
- Laura - 17,496 kms**
- Doug - 29,237 kms**
- Joan - 19,240 kms**
- Mark M - 19,712 kms**



With the Pub decorated in traditional VRC colours, we got down to some serious Vicmas! fun.

Stephanie - 10,546 kms
Drifter - 11,450

James T was inducted into the 10K+ Club and **Mark A** was awarded his year bar because the Excel spreadsheet keeping track ate his numbers (well above 10,000.)

As you can see from the above list, the two winners of the **High Miler Trophies** stood out. **Doug** took the trophy for male rider and **Joan** for female rider.

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Next Events

January Lunch Meeting

January 25, Noon
Red Crowns Pub

Calgary Motorcycle Show

Jan 31 - Feb 2

Upcoming Rides & Events

January LUNCH Meeting
Noon, January 25, Red Crowns Pub
Ride to follow (Ha! Ha!)

Calgary Motorcycle Show
January 31 to February 02
BMO Centre, Stampede Park

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 666 members, according to our Facebook site.

We had one new member join recently, and he appears to be real people. Gatekeeper Joan is merciless in sniffing out and booting fake members and scammers.

Welcome to our new member:

- **Trent Bruno**



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Vicmas! starts a new riding season

Magic Miler went to **Stephanie** whose year-end odometer numbers matched four of the five **randomly** generated numbers.

A special **Broken Bones** patch was awarded to **Woodie** whose cross-Canada trip ended catastrophically 17 kilometres from home. The patch contains the words most often spoken when a rider sees the inevitable unfolding ahead, **"Oh Shit!"** Woodie confirmed that what he said a bit more colourful.

The **Skunk Trophy** for the **fewest** kilometres ridden in a year was awarded to **Secretary KD** who got rear-ended on her first ride of the year. Drifter pointed out that it's not often the Skunk Trophy get awarded to someone whose **riding year is measure in feet**. She also got a Broken Bones patch to ease the pain.

Niceties out of the way, it was time for the **mayhem**.

Vicmas! each year features a **gift exchange/theft**. Numbers are drawn and a gift can either be chosen from the table or stolen from someone who has already opened one.

Impossible to keep track of who got what in the end, but some of



In addition to winning the dreaded Vicmas! Quiz, Secretary KD was awarded the Skunk Trophy and a Broken Bones patch for the spectacular way her first and last ride ended.

the gifts that flew around included a Victory **headlight**, Arlen Ness **turn signals**, Odin **hoodie**, leather **chaps**, Scotch liqueur, **Victory** motor closeout, Victory oil temp **dipstick**, Artevive **ear plugs**, Bell's **whiskey** with attached biker bell, leather belt with **VCR belt buckle**, several packages of bike **cleaning supplies** and many others.

The night ended, as usual, with gift trading, **stories** and maybe some drinking.

Thank you to **Red Crowns Pub, Sahel** and the amazing **Elke** for taking care of us.



Woodie was awarded a Broken Bones patch for his misadventure on the home stretch of his cross-Canada ride.



President John B made sure everyone knew whose party this was.

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Vicmas! 2026 shenanigans



Vice President Doug finally got his official patches, presented by President John B.



John B, Woodie and Laura trying to figure out what John just got in the gift exchange. It turned out to be a metal container of Scotch liqueur, plus tam.



Mike ordered everything on the menu; said it was for sharing. It wasn't.



Greg was one of many gift-grabbers who got bike cleaning products.



Stephanie, Magic Miler, also took home a Victory motor close-out.



James T scored a leather belt with engraved Club belt buckle.



Treasurer Randy and Bonnie took their gift opening very seriously, while George gloats over his new chaps.



VP Doug got to keep this Odin hoodie for about 30 seconds.

2026 Ride & Event Schedule

Yes, we're barely a month into 2026 but already the riding year is starting to shape up. We'll discuss more events at the Lunch meeting on January 25 at Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd SW, Calgary.



Here are 10 tips to keep you alive when you're riding

By Drifter

I've been riding motorcycles (legally) on roads since 1965 and I've learned a thing or two about staying alive when every vehicle out there is trying to turn you into road kill. Here's a few:

1. Watch the front wheel. Not yours, but the vehicle at the intersection, on the side road or in the lane beside you. The front wheel moving is the first thing to indicate the vehicle will pull out, pull over or wander into your lane. Make space.
2. Don't pass in or near an intersection. Vehicles love to block each other's views of oncoming motorcycles and they'll say they "never saw" you.
3. Assume parked vehicle doors will open into your lane. Give 'em space.
4. Never trust a turn signal. Pretty obvious.
5. Road paint, manhole covers and oil patches become slick when it starts to rain, especially after a long, dry spell.
6. Tired equals stupid. Fatigue

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2026

Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
25-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Brunch	Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd. SW
January 30 - Feb 01	Calgary Motorcycle Show	Expo Centre
23-Feb	VRC Meeting/AGM	Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd. SW
March	CVMG Swap Meet	Red Deer
22-Mar	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
April	Arizona Bike Week	Scottsdale
April	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Edmonton YEGmotorcycleshow.com
26-Apr	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
18-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
24-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Red Crowns Pub
June	CJAY Kids Ride	Big Sky BBQ
07-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June	Honour Ride	Blackfoot Motor Inn
20-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June	Kids Cancer Care Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Kootenays
June	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
28-Jun	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
July 17 - 27	Two Hills Bike Week	Two Hills, Alberta
July 22 - 26	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
July	CVMG Ponoka Rally	Ponoka, AB
26-Jul	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
Aug 07 - 16	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
August	Kaslo Kurves	
08-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
August	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
August	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
23-Aug	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
07-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
27-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
25-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Red Crowns Pub
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
22-Nov	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
2026-12-13	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
Weekly		
	Wrangler'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 St. NW

7. Never ride next to a vehicle for any length of time. Forget that loud pipes save lives bullshit; all vehicles have blind spots; but, worse, they have blind drivers.
8. Tap your brakes when coming to a stop. Flashing brake lights attract more attention than solid

- on ones to prevent potential rear-enders. Sit at lights with your bike in gear, clutch in, eyes on the rearview mirror and have an escape route to avoid being rear-ended. Tapping brakes can also deter tailgaters.
9. Park facing uphill. Don't fight gravity.
10. Assume no one can see you. This is universal.