



Victory

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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

# VRC Executive re-elected unanimously

Victory Riders Calgary's **executive** got a show of support from the membership at the February **Annual General Meeting**.

All Executive positions were re-elected **unanimously**.

The Election Committee, headed by **Secretary KD** called for nominations from the floor for each position, but none came forward.

The 2026 Executive will be:

- President - John B**
- Vice President - Doug**
- Treasurer - Randy**
- Secretary - KD.**

With no change in the President's chair, **Drifter** retains his Past President title.

Executive advisors **Jamie McG** (Kingpin) and **Joan** (Victoryan) remain on the executive. Because **Randy (Wise One)** and now **Doug (Wise Ass)** took Treasurer and VP positions respectively, two chairs have opened up at the Big Kids' Table.

The Club is looking for **volunteers** for fill those two advisory positions. Work load is brutal. Job description includes taking part in Executive



*All of VRC's Executive were unanimously re-elected at the Club's AGM in February. They are, from right, Jamie McG (Kingpin), Treasurer Randy, VP Doug, Secretary KD, President John B and Past Prez Drifter.*

**meetings** (usually emails) and giving **advice and input** on matters that arise. That's about it.

If you are interested in helping the Club advance, approach any of the Executive to learn more or to volunteer.

There was some unfinished business at the AGM. Member **Marilyn** received her **Broken Bones 'Oh Shit!' patch**, not for a bike accident, but for a too-close encounter with, of all things, a sheep. She was given a stuffed toy **sheep** as a reminder that bikes are way safer.

Also at the AGM, the Club voted unanimously to make a financial contribution to the family of our late **Treasurer James Hamling**. In addition, a variety of the riding apparel that James collected over the years, was on display and for sale at the the meeting. All proceeds from the sale and donations were forwarded to James' family to help

defray those unexpected expenses that arise in these situations. Some **items** are listed on **Page 5**. Organizing a James **memorial ride** was also discussed. VP Doug and Drifter will be looking at ideas and looking for **suggestions**.



*Marilyn had a little lamb, which gave her a broken bones patch*

## Next Events

**March Lunch Meeting**

March 29, Noon  
Red Crowns Pub

**BS & Beer**

Randy & Bonnie's Garage  
Saturday March 21, 1:00 PM  
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# Upcoming Rides & Events

**March LUNCH**  
**Noon, March 29, Red Crowns Pub**  
**Ride to follow???**

**BS & Beer**  
**March 21**  
**Randy & Bonnie's garage**  
**154 Hawkland PI NW**  
**1pm on...**

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## New members

**Victory Riders Calgary now has 670 members, according to our Facebook site.**

Gatekeeper Joan is merciless in sniffing out and booting fake members, bots and scammers. New members include an LEMC out of Red Deer.

Welcome to our new members:

- **Toysoldier Blue Riders LEMC**
- **Kyle Cadieux**
- **Julie Patry**



*President John B, VP Doug and treasurer Randy look over James' memorial display which included his riding vest and a slide show.*

# Saying good-bye to James

A large crowd of **James Hamling's** close friends gathered on February 28 to say good-bye.

James' **Celebration of Life** was held, appropriately, in one of his favourite spaces – the showroom at **Cycle Works Calgary** where he spent so many hours selling **Victory and Indian** motorcycles. The building could be called the house that James helped build as Cycle Works first hired him as a handyman, one of his many talents, to do odd jobs as the complex was being built.

Cycle Works **Manager Vince Aiello** was master of ceremonies for the event did a great job of both keeping the event moving with stories about James' history with CWC, and giving people a chance to talk about what James meant to them.

One of the first speakers was VRC's **Lloyd M** who told a story about James calling him to Cycle Works and then standing, leaning against a new **Vindian (Indian Challenger)** and grinning, not saying anything until Lloyd realized that was his new bike. Everyone at the event smiled, remembering that **James grin**.

**Past President Ronny**, James' constant riding companion, spoke about their early adventures, including thinking a ride to **Florida** and **Daytona Bike Week** was a good way to break in some new Victory Visions.



James' sons **Nick and Matthew** attended the event and Nick talked about James' transition from farming (which he never liked) to super salesman.

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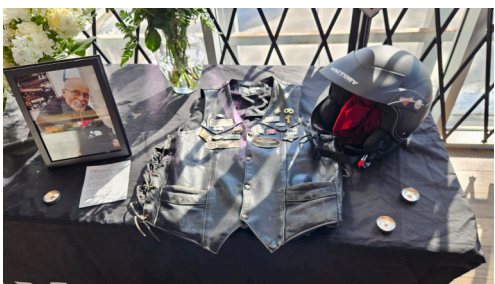
## From Page 2... Saying good-bye

James' partner **Lisa** thanked everyone for coming and recognized people who contributed to organizing the event including Vince's wife **Anita**. Lisa's employer, Save-On Foods, catered the food for the memorial.



*James' partner Lisa thanked James' friends and supporters.*

The event was well-organized with the first hour being informal for mingling and food. That gave Lisa and the rest of James' family a chance to **meet and greet** everyone. The formal part of the ceremony followed with an open mic for people to tell their James' stories. Attendees included some of James' childhood **friends** from Warner, Alberta; friends from his various sales jobs in Lethbridge



*The Celebration of Life was well organized, giving everyone a chance to mingle and share James stories. Member Lloyd talks to James' son Nick.*

and Calgary; members of **Indian Motorcycle Riders Group 1908** including its **President, Paul**; members of the **Blue Knights** (Victory and Indian riders;) and, of course, many members of **Victory Riders Calgary** including **President John B, VP Doug, Treasurer Randy, Past Presidents Ronny and Drifter, Lloyd, Marilyn, Ken W, Bobby, Don S, Mike S, Ahmed G** who bought James' 10th Anniversary **Vision**, and **Gary Wong**, who was a founding member, along with James, of both **Victory Riders Association** and



*Past President Ronny talked about his decades-long friendship and riding adventures with James.*



*Vince Aiello did a great job as master of ceremonies*

### Victory Riders Calgary.

Tributes included a **display table** with James' riding vest, memorabilia and a photo **slide show** that Ronny put together of James from the early days up until he was awarded a **Life Membership** by VRC. The same photo show was projected on a large TV in the lounge area.

The James **stories continued** long after the formal part of the event and past Cycle Works' closing time. Some just didn't want to leave.





February's version of BS & Beer was held in the immaculately clean garage of Woodie and Laura in Olds. Troy dropped down from Grand Prairie for the event. March's BS&B will be held at Randy and Bonnie's in Calgary's northwest.

## March's BS & Beer to be hosted by R&B

Randy and Bonnie generously offered to host BS&B this month.

The informal **get-together** (which stands for **Bike Stuff & Beer** in case you are easily offended) is the third of some irregularly scheduled events where members can get together and **discuss bikes** and anything else they want to talk about.

**BS&B goes March 21 from 1 pm on at 154 Hawklnd PI NW.**

Bring your own **libations, snacks,** and your own **lawn chairs.** It's a garage, not a movie theatre.

See you there.



Lorne won second prize in the wet t-shirt contest in Cancun, Mexico.

# 2026 Ride & Event Schedule

We are a month closer to riding season and already the riding year is starting to shape up. Don't forget our Lunch Meeting, March 29, at Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd SW, Calgary.

## 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
21-Feb	BS & Beer	Woodie & Laura's garage, 5621 51st Street, Olds
22-Feb	VRC Meeting/AGM	Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd. SW
15-Mar	CVMG Swap Meet	Red Deer
21-Mar	BS&Beer	Randy & Bonnie's garage.
29-Mar	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
April 9-12	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 25-28	VMC National Rally	Colorado Springs, CO
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
<b>Weekly</b>		
	<b>Wrangler's Ride</b>	Ride Leaders' call on time, place and destination
	<b>Drifter's Ride</b>	Lunch or "Coffee" Ride during the week
	<b>Tuesday Bike Night</b>	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	<b>OBB Wednesday Bike Night</b>	Big Rock Brewery, Calgary
	<b>CVMG Vintage Bike Night</b>	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th St. NW



A friendly reminder that riding season is not that far off. It's time to start thinking about getting your bike ready for the rides we have planned.

# James Hamling Victory items offered for sale

When James died he left behind a large collection of Victory and Indian gear and memorabilia.

The Club is offering it for sale with all money going back to his estate.

If you are interesting in any items, contact **Drifter** for more items, for trying on and haggling. Many are new or lightly worn. Items will be at the March meeting as well.



**Victory limited run print, 1 of 5, 30"x40" unframed. \$100**



**Victory Fleece-Lined Jac Shirt, size Medium, \$35**



**Levi sleeveless denim vest with Club patches, Large, \$30**



**Victory shop shirt, size Large, \$30**



**Victory Heated Jacket, no controller, size Large, \$30**



**Victory shop shirt, size Large, \$30**



**Victory textile jacket, near new, Large, \$30**



**Victory dealer shirt, size Large, \$30**



**Various Victory and Indian ball caps, \$10 to \$25.**

Collection also includes Arlen Ness shirts (Large); large number of Indian jackets and shirts (M and L) and collectibles; plus helmets (XL); Victory and Indian bandanas; chaps and more.