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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Advisory roles...

Gofer and Grumpy join the Executive

Two outstanding Club members stepped forward to fill the vacant advisory positions on the Executive.

Tracey and Ed stepped up at the April meeting meeting to fill two vacancies on the Executive.

The positions are the equivalent of director spots, but the advisors are permitted to choose their own titles.

At the meeting, both Ed and Tracy left it up to the Club to choose their titles for them. Ed was immediately tagged with **Grumpy**, echoing a sign in his shop that reads, "Grumpy's Garage."

Tracey's naming took a little longer, but finally **Gofer** was settled on. It is perhaps a reflection of her questionable but undying dedication to the Saskatchewan Roughriders and its mascot **Gainer The Gopher**. Or it just may recognize her willingness to go and get things done. She requested her name patch be outlined in **Rider green** rather than **Victory red**.

The role of an advisor is pretty much wrapped up in the name. They take part in Club Executive meetings



Victory Riders Calgary welcomed two new advisors to its Executive. Ed and Tracy stepped up to fill vacancies. They will be known as Gofer and Grumpy. You can guess which is which.

and are included in making all executive **decisions** about the Club, rides, finances, events and activities.

Their input on the running of the Club is **invaluable and appreciated**

by the President and other senior executive members.

Their appointments leaves only one large hole in the Executive - **Ride Captain**.



The May 9 BS & Beer at Grumpy's Garage featured something different - actual bikes that were ridden to the event (and no snow or ice.)

Next Events

May Breakfast Meeting

May 24, 10 am
Red Crowns Pub

June BS & Beer
To be determined

Upcoming Rides & Events

May Breakfast Meeting
May 24, Red Crowns
Pub, 10am Breakfast
Ride to follow

BS & Beer
June
To be determined...

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 682 members, according to our Facebook site.

Gatekeeper Joan is merciless in sniffing out and booting fake members, bots and scammers.

Welcome to our new members:

- **Wade Koshman**
- **Jordan Reves**
- **Dennis Demers**
- **Simon D France**
- **Goliath Blue Riders**
L.E.M.C.
- **Kiki WildFire Rodriguez**
- **Zee Hussein**



Members first rides of the year

After what had to be one of the worst weather starts to a riding season, Members were finally able to put some kilometres on their odometers.

A reminder: send your season-start **odometer** readings to **Vice President Doug** to be eligible for the **10K+ Club** and the **High Miler** and **Magic Miler** trophies and additional prizes at the end of the riding season.



Jimmy P, Langdon to Vulcan in February.



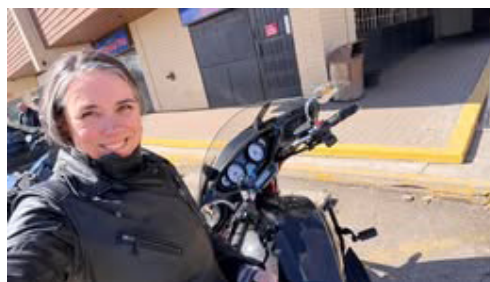
Lorne found Edmonton colourful and vibrant, in his dreams, April 18.



George N hit Bragg Creek first.



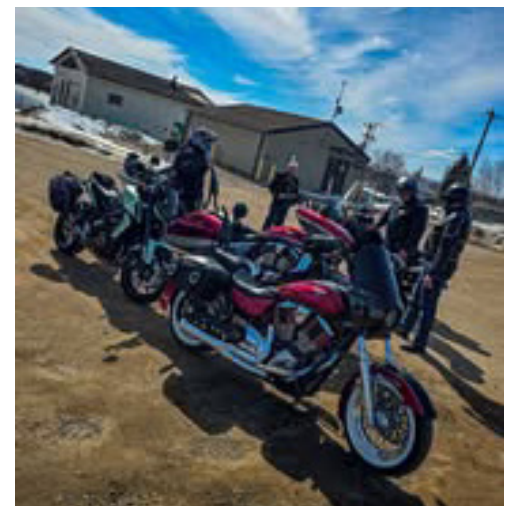
Mark A landed at the Lizard in Carstairs three times in February



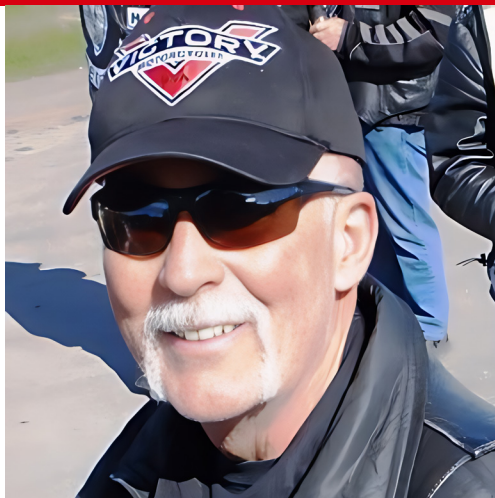
Stephanie's first ride, like a lot of us, was to the April meeting.



Delle's first ride was in February and she shot video to prove it.



Zach's first ride was somewhere where the earth is slightly tilted.



James Hamling Memorial Ride set for June 20

Saturday, June 20, has been chosen for the Memorial Ride for the Club's former Treasurer and Life Member, James Hamling.

James, a VRC founder, lost a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer in February.

The **Memorial Ride** will be from **Cycle Works Calgary**, where James spent years selling Victory and Indian motorcycles, to the **Bearberry Saloon**, one of his favourite out-of-town rides.

Exact times will be set out in an **Event posting** on Victory Riders Calgary's **Facebook** site.

Calgary's Indian Riders, **IMRG 1908**, is also planning a memorial ride, **date and route** to be announced **later**. Riders can attend either or both.

Rain-out date for the ride is the following Saturday, June 27.



2026 Ride & Event Schedule

Major events, like Two Wheel Sunday, are starting to crawl closer. Don't forget our Breakfast Meeting, May 24, at Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd SW, Calgary. Parka optional.

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	CIAY Kids Ride	Big Sky BBQ
07-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
13-Jun	Honour Ride	Blackfoot Motor Inn
20-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June 25-28	VRC 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
15-Aug	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



Victory Riders were finally able to ride to a breakfast meeting. Several bikes adorned the parking lot of the Red Crowns Pub on April 19.

Victorya Day Ride hits all the seasons

The 2026 version of the Victorya Day Ride will henceforth be known as the Four Seasons Ride.

The first "official" Club ride of the year went through all four seasons on the run to and from the **Water Valley Saloon** on May 18.

It was **18C** and cloudy when six bikes left southwest Calgary, headed north on Highway 201. Onboard were **Darlene, Scott, Joan, VP Doug, Honourary Sgt. At Arms Jamie**, with **Drifter** in the lead. President **John B** dropped by for a visit, but had drier things to do at home.

The air temp dropped considerably by the time the group navigated northwest, stopping at the Highway 22 Shell Station to hook up with **Kevin, Holly and Grumpy**.

The ominous clouds to the northwest were a lengthy topic of conversation, but eventually it boiled down to 'wear-em-if-ya-got-em' **rain gear** and we were off to Water Valley. A **questionable** decision.

Not far north on Highway 22, the rain turned to wet splattery **hail**, reducing visibility, but not enthusiasm. The temperature dropped to **6C (Doug said 3C)** and everyone was happy to see blue sky when we landed at the Saloon. Member **Betty**, who sanely drove, met us there.

Trevor and Crystal checked in by phone. Full props to them; they had



Okay, so there were a couple of dark clouds to the northwest where we wanted to go. How bad could it be? How about wet hail and 6C?

made it as far south as **Cremona** before deciding to head East to where the clouds were not **black and wet**.

After lunch, the sky **blackened** and we beat a hasty retreat back south. **Long weekend** Highway traffic on 22 and 1A broke the group up a couple of times, but we managed to join up again for the last leg on Highway 201 west of the city.

Next job – **washing bikes**.



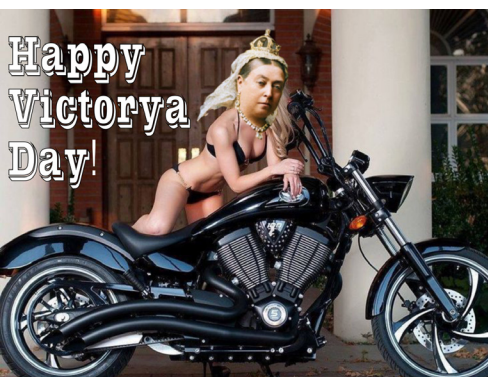
KD is recovering

Our precious Secretary KD is recovering from successful heart surgery.

Despite a minor setback, she is well on the road to **recovery**.

She said, "Thank you for all the get-well wishes; and to **Mike, Marilyn and Lloyd** for cheering me up in the hospital!"

We all wish her a speedy journey back to health, and we look forward to having her back with the Club.



Stuff for sale



2008 Victory Kingpin

\$6,000

- 55,725 km
- Two-tone black and gold paint
- Factory Victory saddle bags
- Custom Victory chrome luggage rack
- Well maintained with regular oil changes and service.

Bike is in good overall condition. Starts easily, runs strong, and is ready to ride.

Contact **VP Doug or Joan**.



Victory Motor Art Print

- 29" x 26"
- Unframed, limited run
- \$100
- Contact Drifter



Victory Ball Cap

- used
- Pro fit
- \$15
- Contact Drifter



Vision Ball Cap

- Used
- Velcro adjustable
- \$15
- Contact Drifter



ZOX Modular Helmet

- Lightly used
- Size XL
- \$30
- Contact Drifter

It's always important to be prepared. I carry \$50 worth of gas at all times.



The April meeting boasted another good turnout. Agenda items included ride planning for this year and ideas for special events. VP Doug outlined a plan to build up the 10K+ Club with additional prizes.

Vision too spacey? Heh, hold my beer..

If you understand the “Spacely Sprockets” decal on the back of Grumpy’s Victory, then you’re in on a Victory inside joke.

It started when Victory introduced the **Vision** in 2007. It was too ‘space ship’ for many, but the out-of-this-world descriptions were soon **proudly** adopted by Vision riders.

Little did they know that Victory almost produced a **smaller Vision** that any **Star Wars** stormtrooper would be proud to ride.

At the 2006 New York Motorcycle Show, Victory took the wraps off its proposed **Victory Vision 800A**.

Vice President Doug brought this beast to the Club’s attention with a photo of a bike out of a science fiction nightmare and the comment, “Is this AI?”

It wasn’t. It was a concept bike, tossed out there to gauge consumer reaction. And it did cause reaction; mostly jaw-dropping and ridicule.

Victory took an **800cc, EFI parallel twin motor** from the mother company’s ATV line, added a **CVT automatic transmission** and shaft drive on a single-sided, single-shock swing arm cuddling a 250/40-R18 rear tire on a 9-inch-wide six-spoke cast wheel. It had scalloped brake rotors (this was 2005), dual under-seat side-exit exhaust system and a **61-inch wheelbase**. It had a 28.5-inch saddle height

Then they got weird. All braking was from a grip lever; **no foot controls**. A giant **hump** held the gas **bladder** and enough storage for two full-face helmets.

The parallel twin was rotated forward until it was **almost flat** and the radiator was placed in front of the forks which are topped with a **fender shroud**.

Performance specs can only be guessed at. The motor, in its ATV form, produced **54 horsepower**.



Needless to say, the bike never went into **production**. One model exists, sitting in the office of the **designer, Tiger Bracy**.

The plan, Victory officials said, was to **develop concepts** which could be incorporated in the development of their bigger cruiser, the actual Victory Vision. **None were.**

The project was quietly **shelved**. While it did create a stir in the fashion world, being used as a **prop** on several futuristic-looking **magazine covers**; there were crickets in the motorcycle world.

Ironically, the design was **ripped off** (without credit) for a motorcycle in a science-fiction movie called **Judge Dredd**, starring **Sylvester Stallone**.



With its automatic tranny and lots of storage, the Victory Vision 800A was a concept bike built to test the appetite of the “beginner rider”. They were not hungry.