



Victory

ROADS
Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Memorial run...

Victory Riders take final ride with James

The sky was hung with black on June 27 when Victory Riders and other friends of James Hamling took their last ride with the late Club founder.

Already delayed once by bad weather, the rider started out under dark skies, but the rain never materialized.

The ride started at **Cycle Works Calgary** and included VRC President **John B** and three past presidents - **Roy B, Hippy and Drifter**. Members of the **Blue Knights** and **Indian Riders IMRG 1908** joined the ride, some at the start and some along the way.

Destination was **Bearberry Saloon** which was one of James' favourite rides. He enjoyed the food and camaraderie at the Saloon; but moreso, he enjoyed **scraping** his Vision's hardpoints on the **curves** between Sundre and Bearberry.



Club members including three past Presidents and other friends of James Hamling took part in the Memorial Ride on June 27. This group started from Calgary and others joined along the route to Bearberry.

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Dates set for major Club rides

Several of the Club's major Rides and Events now have firm dates attached to them.

Meet in the Middle - The 2026 edition of this favourite event will be **July 19**. The meet-up point will be at the **Alberta Sports Hall of Fame** parking lot in **Red Deer** at 11:30am. The group will then ride to **Rocky Mountain House** for lunch. Watch **Facebook Events** for details

Kaslo Kurves - **July 23 to 26** has been set for Kaslo Kurves. Hotel details in Creston are being finalized, so watch for an **Event** announcement on our Facebook page.

15th Anniversary Ride - A new event this year, the 15th Anniversary Ride will be a **two-nighter** in **Revelstoke** with the day ride to the



Meet in the Middle will be the first of several major Club rides this year. Look for details on our Facebook page and our website.

Dreamcycle Motorcycle Museum in **Sorrento**. Watch for details.

Other rides and events include **BS&Beer** on July 11 at **Holly & Kevin's** place in **Crossfield**, **Ride to Reynolds** in **Wetaskiwin** on August 8, and **Bikes & Bombers** in **Nanton** on **August 22**.

Save the date for all these events.

Next Events

BS & Beer

July 11, see Facebook Event

Meet in the Middle

July 19

Kaslo Kurves

July 23-26

July Breakfast

Meeting

at the call of the Chair

Upcoming Rides & Events

**July Breakfast Meeting
at the call of the Chair**

**July BS & Beer
Holly & Kevin's Château
July 11
see Facebook Event**

**Meet in the Middle
July 19
Details to come**

**Kaslo Kurves
July 23-26
Details to come**

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New members

**Victory Riders Calgary
now has 700 (!!!) members,
according to our Facebook site.**

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

Welcome to our new members:

- David Thompson
- Dean Boland
- Hollie Pittman
- Anthony Trifiletti
- Jumuah Hanna
- Warren Grenier
- Rakshitha Guntakandla
- Bob Stewart
- Donald Baran
- Forethoughts

Photos from James' Last Ride



The James Hamling Memorial Ride picked up riders along the route and others joined at the Bearberry Saloon where we all gathered for lunch. A photo of James on his beloved 10th Anniversary Victory Vision accompanied the ride and hung over the Saloon patio.



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Foodua Authentic Ukrainian home-style food - Follow
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Summer has finally officially arrived. And brought us new friends from Calgary. Look at these 3 cuties!! Had a good meal and on the road again! /Summer has finally officially arrived. And it brought us new friends from Calgary. Look at these 3 handsome guys!!! They ate well and were on the road again! 🍷🍷🍷 See Less

Riders discover great Ukrainian food in Red Deer

Remember Lorne? He was a valued member of VRC before being exiled to Edmonton with orders to infiltrate and influence.

He is still technically a member and contacted us to buy some Club swag and a couple of the items offered for sale in last month's issue.

Drifter agreed to deliver the items half way, so they set a meet-up in **Red Deer**. Lorne picked a **Ukrainian** restaurant just off Gaetz Avenue in southern Red Deer - **FoodUA** - for dinner.

Lorne arrived with **Craig** who has joined VRC on past rides with his stunning white Cross Country Tour.

The food was **great** and while the three were eating, **Nelya**, the **owner**, asked if she she could take some photos of the **"motorbicycles"** for her social media.

Before the riders got back to their respective cities, their bikes and the **VRC sticker** on the restaurant door were all over the Internet.

The captions referenced, **"three handsome guys,"** but the riders were disappointed to find out she was referring to the **bikes**.

2026 Ride & Event Schedule

July is looking busy with Meet in the Middle on July 19, and Kaslo Kurves on July 23 to 26. Our 15th Anniversary Ride will be September 11 to 13. Watch Facebook Events for details as they emerge.

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
13-Jun	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
11-Jul	BS & Beer	Holly & Kevin's, Crossfield
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
19-Jul	Meet in the Middle	Red Deer/Rocky Mountain House
July 23-26	Kaslo Kurves	Creston
Aug 07 - 16	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
15-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
08-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
22-Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
23-Aug	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
07-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
September 11-13	15th Anniversary Ride	Revelstoke/Dreamcycle Motorcycle Museum
12-Sep	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
13-Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
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
	OBW Wednesday Bike Night	Big Rock Brewery, Calgary
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays. A&W Drive In. 16th Ave and 4th St. NW



Lorne and Craig outside the FoodUA Ukrainian restaurant in Red Deer.

How far will you ride for a doughnut?

It is said, "Give a man fish and you will feed him for a day. Give a man a motorcycle and he will ride 250 kilometres for a doughnut."

Okay, that's not exactly how the Chinese proverb goes, but that is **Victory Riders Calgary's** version of it.

That came to pass on July 3 when four, then five, Club **members** struck out on a quest that would include **sightseeing**, great Mexican **food** and a treat with a **hole** in it.

The four - **VP Doug, Kevin, Wes and Drifter** - left from **Aldersyde** on a circuitous route that took them first through **Nanton** to **Chain Lakes**, then down Highways 22 and 3 to **Lundbreck Falls**.

The falls was roaring, but despite the high water flow, the conversation focussed on the exposed rocks and the **motor boat** that recently flew over the falls. The consensus was the the boat driver had **reinforced** the boat bottom and also carried a pocketfull of **corks**.

Next stop was **Pincher Creek** for a gas top up. Then on to **Twin Butte General Store** for lunch. If there is a better **Mexican** restaurant in Alberta, we would like to hear about it.

During lunch, **Doug** got a craving for **doughnuts** from **Tina's Cafe & Bakery** in **Glenwood** which is really not close to anything.

Despite not knowing where to go.



Not only does Southern Alberta have the best Mexican food, it puts up a solid argument for having the best glazed doughnuts as well.

Drifter led the group to Glenwood, where they secured the last available doughnuts, much to the **chagrin** of locals who arrived too late. One showed her displeasure by slamming the door and **burning rubber** all the way out of downtown Glenwood.

The run home was via **Fort Macleod** and Nanton, again, where **Joan** joined the group.

Total round trip, just under **500 kilometres** and totally worth it.



Beautiful day for riding to Twin Butte with the Rockies standing by.



Wes and Kevin capturing the roaring majesty of Lundbreck Falls.



Twin Butte General Store has arguably the best Mexican food in Alberta. It even has a Biker Burrito (not on the menu, you have to ask for it.) Drifter settled for the more and less traditional Pulled Pork and Pineapple Tacos. With rice and refried beans, of course.

Stuff for sale



TourMaster Rain Gear

- Men's Size Large, Used, near new
- Quality, reflective
- Carrying bag
- \$50
- Contact **Drifter**



Leather Gauntlets

- Used,
- size XL
- \$20
- Contact **Drifter**



Victory Perforated Leather Jacket

- Near new
- Size Large, generous cut
- With liner
- \$300 or best offer
- Contact **Drifter**



Icon Riding Boots

- Women's Size 6, Lightly used
- \$50
- Contact **Drifter**



Bike Barn Shelter

- Used
- Suitable for cruiser-size bike
- Canvas cover replaced in 2024
- \$300
- Contact **Randy**



Victory Art Photographs

- 18" x 24"
- Donated by Past Prez Ronny
- Unframed, five available.
- \$25, proceeds to the Club
- Contact **Drifter**



Wine Holder Bike Art

- \$30
- Donated by Grumpy
- Wine not included
- Contact **Drifter**

More stuff for sale...

Additional items for sale, belonging to the Club or to Members, can be found on our site, **VictoryRidersCalgary.com**.

If you are looking for something specific, like gear, accessories or parts, drop an email to Parts@VictoryRidersCalgary.com.

If we don't have it, we'll help you find it.