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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Great food plus...

Kaslo Kurves wasn't all biscuits and gravy

Kaslo Kurves is all about the riding, but now food is working its way into the mix as well.

The four-day ride on **July 23 to 26**, saw the Club head for Creston, B.C. to access the great riding in the **East Kootenays**.

The ride started out hot on Thursday and the temperatures rose as the group headed west along Highway 3, stopping for lunch at The Pub in **Fernie**. Decent poutine.

By the time **Grumpy, Doug, Joan, Greg, Wes, Dale, Drifter and Prez John B**, reached Yahk, the lure of Two Scoop Steve's ice cream was too strong. It melted faster than you could lick it in the heat, setting the tone for the weekend. Temps hit **37C**.

After the riders checked into the **Magnuson Motel** and the **campground** in Creston, the first order of business was cooling off. The nearly **beer store** and snack store greatly assisted that process. The group was surprised to find both beer and gasoline were cheaper in B.C. than in Alberta.

Undecided as to where to eat that evening, the group or maybe



Kaslo Kurves required a couple of ferry rides to access the great riding.

the beer decided to check out the **Japanese** restaurant in the Magnuson. The food was great with **Dale** ordered the most adventuresome. Even **John B** ("I

don't like sushi") was happy.

Friday morning, the group headed to the **Mountain Barn** for breakfast, which for many is the highlight of

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Next Events

BS & Beer
to be determined

August 23 Meeting
10am, Red Crowns Pub

15th Anniversary Ride
September 11-13

Meet in the Middle invades RMH

Meet in the Middle took a different turn this year - west to Rocky Mountain House.

The traditional gathering of Victory riders from all over the province started in Red Deer **July 19** at the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame/Tourism Red Deer facility off Highway 2.

Riders came from our Club, **Edmonton, Leduc, Blackfalds and Red Deer**, smaller numbers than in the past, for the hour ride to RMH.

One bike, **Trevor & Crystal's** suffered a shifter problem (loose bolt) and needed a truck-ride home. The group rolled into the **Fo4rty**

Ei8ht restaurant in Rocky Mountain House.

It was **World Cup Final** day, so business was brisk and service tried to keep up. **Good food** there.

After lunch, the riders headed off in **different directions** home.



Some Meet in the Middle riders were still around at the end of lunch in Rocky Mountain House.

Upcoming Rides & Events

August Breakfast Meeting
August 23, Red Crowns Pub

August BS & Beer
TBD

15th Anniversary Ride
September 11-13
See Facebook Event

Bikes & Bombers, Nanton
August 22
Details to come

12 Stop Ride For Recovery
August 15

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 705 members, according to our Facebook site.

Gatekeeper Joan is merciless in sniffing out and booting fake members, bots, clickbait, scammers, and a new twist AI accounts.

Welcome to our new members:

- Dean Nicole Labounty
- Mylee Redding
- Bill Meyn
- Dekalid Ca
- Gary Brien
- Austin Hurtubise
- Evrlove J Oakley
- Satish Nagidi
- Scott Kuntz

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Drifter and John B trying without success to start a vintage Harley at the museum display in Salmo.

the trip. "Yeah, the riding stuff is nice, but, man, the **biscuits and gravy.**"

Some members were first timers at the Mountain Barn. They left with, "See you tomorrow."

For a Friday ride, **Drifter** cooked up a romp to the historic mining town of **Salmo**, about an hour's ride west. The group had been warned that the **Shambhala Festival** would turn the area and traffic crazy. That never materialized. They did see **naked people** swimming in the river, but there was no traffic disruption or crowds. The gang cooled off at the historic **Salmo Hotel**, left stickers there and explored the town, included the local **brew pub**, **museum** displays and antique shop.

The heat was oppressive, but moderated a bit during the return trip via the **Salmo-Creston highway**, a remarkably enjoyable, twisty route.



First arrivals at the Magnuson.

Back in **Creston**, as is the Friday tradition, the group headed for **Busaba Thai** restaurant in downtown Creston, a Club favourite and possibly was even better than last year.

By Saturday morning, other Club members had joined up including **Jamie McG, Kevin and Holly**. Most of the Club were saddled up and ready to ride early to the Mountain Barn. Rather than 'either,' many members had their usual breakfast sandwich or biscuits and gravy **AND** the Barn's other delights such as **Kaslo Kreme** or raspberry doughnuts, cinnamon buns and various kinds of pie.

The group waddled out of the Barn and headed north on **Highway 3A** to the Crawford Bay **ferry**. With Highway 31 on the other side of the lake getting so much world-wide attention as a motorcycling road, it's easy to forget how **great** the riding is on the other Kootenay roads.

The trip was only marred by an Alberta **truck-and-trailer** driver who refused to pull over and let the group pass. At the ferry terminal, the driver said to the our group, "I guess I should have pulled over." A particularly pissed off **Drifter** replied, "Yes, you should have."

Apparently, the comment stuck, because when the group headed up **Highway 31**, they found themselves behind the same truck and trailer, which pulled off at the first opportunity.

After a fun ride up the **legendary** Highway 31, the group pulled into **Kaslo** and parked behind the historic **Kaslo Hotel**, the chosen spot for lunch. It ran into Club members **Mike and David** who were travelling with two other riders.

Lunch at the hotel was good and we left **VRC stickers** with the barmaid and also in a couple other

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More from Kaslo Kurves

locations in town, as we did in Salmo and at the Mountain Barn.

Heat being a major factor, the group decided to head back down Highway 31 to the **Balfour ferry**, across Kootenay Lake and down Highway 3A back to Creston.

Probably because of the significant breakfast and lunch, we passed on the traditional **fish and chips** at Tims and scattered for dinner. Some tried the **Vietnamese** restaurant at the hotel, which was good.

The group split into sub groups for the **ride home** on Sunday. One group headed to the **Crowsnest Pass** to explore the abandoned **coal mines**. Another went up Highway 95 to **Radium Hot Springs**, watching water bombers scoop water out of **Columbia Lake** to bomb the **wildfire** west of Kimberly.

Lunch was at the **Horsethief** pub; very mediocre. We need to find a better Radium lunch spot.

Home via Banff National Park in fairly light traffic, looking forward to the **15th Anniversary Ride** in September.



Friday morning smoke in Creston.

2026 Ride & Event Schedule

Our 15th Anniversary Ride will be September 11 to 13 in Sicamous, B.C. See the Facebook Event for hotel and trip details.

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
08-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
15-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
22-Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
23-Aug	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
29-Aug	Ogden Motorcycle Swap Meet	Ogden Community Hall
07-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
September 11-13	15th Anniversary Ride	Sicamous B.C./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
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Sky BBO. 52nd St., Calgary



Line up of Victorys at the historic Salmo Hotel, an oasis in the heat.

A random photo album from Kaslo Kurves



Jamie really really likes Thai food.



The historic Salmo Hotel was an oasis in the Kootenay heat.



At Aldersyde on Thursday, getting ready to hit the road.



Did anyone else see what Jamie saw on the Balfour Ferry? Not Nessie, but Kootie?



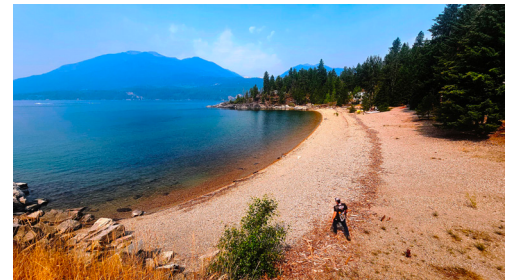
Orderly parking at the Sparwood gas stop, except Dale. Rookies, eh?



Breakfast and dessert for Dale.



Even Grumpy can't be grumpy when facing biscuits and gravy.



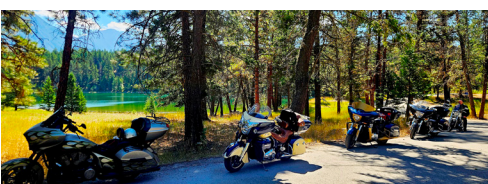
Prez John B seeking some solitude on the shores of Kootenay Lake.



The President checks with Kaslo bylaw enforcement about sticker placement.



Members David, Mike and friends met with us in Kaslo.



Ride to Reynolds teaches us our history

You could say Stan Reynolds was a pretty shrewd hoarder.

As a used car dealer in Wetaskiwin, Stan said he would take anything in trade except wives and children. Keeping the good stuff that came as trade-ins, Stan amassed a collection that would become the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin.

Once a year, the museum opens its doors to celebrate motorcycles (and Stan had a lot!)

Ride to Reynolds was August 8 this year and, while it wasn't the Victory event that it was last year, there was still a strong turnout of Victories.

Ten Club members and two Indian riders rolled into the museum. Admission to the buildings, including the aircraft museum, was free; but many paid the \$10 to tour the museum's restoration facility to see what wonders the public doesn't usually get to see.

The group also hit the museum cafeteria which has upped its food game considerably, delivering excellent smash burgers.

President John B said he counted more than 25 Victories in the parking lot and more rolled in later.



Stan collected many military motorcycles from both world wars.



Treasurer Randy and President John B look over two of the museum's best - a 1953 Honda Dream, believed to be the first Honda motorcycle in Canada; and a 1910 Excelsior KB Autocycle which museum staff regularly fires up to the delight of onlookers.



The museum's Stearman biplane buzzed above the crowd.



Wes and Drifter check out the weird and wonderful collection.



Chris uses his height to get a drone-like video of the crowded museum parking lot. More than 1,300 bikes attended the one-day event.

Stuff for sale



Original Victory Leather Jacket

- Used, heavy
- size L
- \$100
- Contact **Drifter**



Victory Casual Cloth/Mesh Jacket

- Used
- size L
- \$50
- Contact **Drifter**



Victory Art Photograph

18" x 24"

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



Indian Modular Helmet

- Near new
- Size XL
- \$300
- Contact **Drifter**



Steel Frame Passenger Seat

- New
- Tab connection
- \$30
- Contact **Drifter**



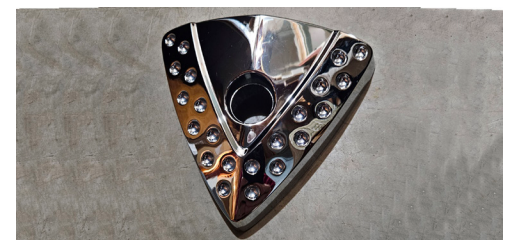
Victory Perforated Leather Jacket

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



TourMaster Rain Gear

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



Cheese Wedge

- New
- \$25
- Contact **Drifter**



Kevin, Holly hosted July BS & Beer

BS & Beer hit the road again in July, this time landing in Crossfield at Holly and Kevin's.

Visitors rolling in saw a large collection of **bikes** already there, but suddenly realized they all belonged to the house. They were moved outside to make room for socializing. **Kevin** and **Holly** lead a motorcycling family.

They also upped the **food** offering for the event, producing **excellent chili** along with other snacks.



As the name of the event indicates, there is a lot of bike talk. Kevin explains some mods to Wes and Randy

And still 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.



Travel Mugs

- Laser engraved, various colours
- Club or Victory logo
- \$25, all proceeds to the Club
- Contact **Drifter**



Victory Tombstone Bag

- Used
- 10"x12"x7"
- \$30
- Contact **Drifter**



Icon Riding Boots

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

KD reports she's better every day



KD, our much-missed secretary, tells us that she is getting better every day.

To cheer her up and speed her recovery, the Club sent her a **bouquet of flowers**.

She said they did the trick and she is **recovering well** from her surgery.

We all wish her a speedy one.