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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Jasper and Kaslo...

Dates, hotels set for summer overnights

Dates and hotels have been locked in for our Jasper overnights and our two-nighter Kaslo Kurves.

At the May meeting, the Members decided on July 20 and 21 for the Jasper Overnighter. Kaslo Kurves will go August 16 to 18 with an option day on August 15. Here are the details:

Jasper Overnighter - July 20-21

If you heard the stories from last year's Jasper run, you'll know how scenic the ride is. We will leave from Calgary early July 20 and go past Banff and Lake Louise to the Jasper Parkway, often called the most scenic road in Canada.

We will stop at several scenic viewpoints on our way to Jasper and then on to Hinton to spend the night at the Lakeview Hotel and Suites. Five double rooms and two lofts have been blocked at the hotel so you must make your own reservations at 1-780-865-2575.

Be sure to tell them they are



with Victory Riders Calgary, so you get the rate of \$201 per night. Deadline for registration is June 30. The hotel also has suites available. The ride will be set up as an Event on Facebook.

Make sure you mark yourself as coming so we know numbers.

Kaslo Kurves - August 16-18

The Magnuson Hotel in Creston will again be our base of operations for Kaslo Kurves. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms for the Friday and Saturday nights. As discussed at the meetings, August 15 is an optional day, to give us an extra day of riding in the area.

Make reservations at 1-250-428-2224. Be sure to mention you are with Victory Riders Calgary. Deadline for reservations is July 15 for the double-room rate of \$114 plus tax. This ride too will be created as an Event on Facebook.

Basing out of Creston gives us access to some of the best motorcycle riding in British Columbia, plus some interesting side points of interest including, numerous wineries and breweries including Kokanee. The U.S. border is 10 kms south.

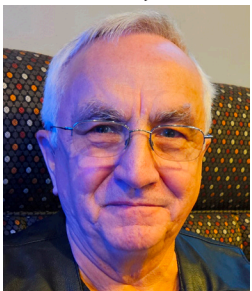
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Expanded Executive get their tags

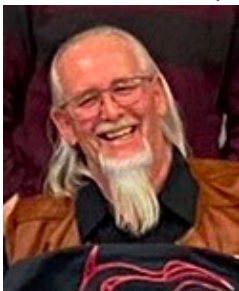
You narrowed the list down and they chose 'em.

The Club's expanded Executive has settled on what they want to be called. As you can see below, Randy,

Doug, Joan and Jamie settled on quite different titles for their new roles. Patches with the titles have been made and will be distributed to them shortly.



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Next Event

Breakfast Meeting

Sunday, June 23

10:15 am

Winkin' Owl Pub

13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE, Calgary

Ride to follow...

Two Wheel Sunday... Victory Riders made 2WS a destination ride

Victory Riders Calgary made a good showing at this year's Two Wheel Sunday, but were weren't the only Victories there.

The club met for breakfast first at the **Denny's** on Edmonton Trail and McKnight Boulevard. **Sixteen members** showed up on 13 bikes. **Erwin and Cathy** showed up from Edmonton on their trike.

After breakfast, we assembled in the parking lot and rolled together down Edmonton Trail to 32nd St. and into the Two Wheel Sunday event site. We managed to find a **parking** area big enough to accommodate all of us, right at the centre of the event.

And we were not the only Victories at the event. President Drifter Don did some **recruiting**, handing out VRC stickers, business cards and even poker chips to other Victory owners.

The event seems smaller and more scattered this year, The presence of several patch motorcycle clubs showed the event has **changed tone** from the 'family-friendly' image of the past.



Ran into old friends like Jumpmaster.



James missed breakfast, not the event.



Breakfast at Denny's before the event.





Like so many of our riding days so far this season, our May meeting was dampened, literally, by rain. It didn't stop four of the members from dusting off their rain gear and riding to the meeting at the Winkin' Owl in Deer Run.

April showers bring May showers etc.

As one Member so eloquently put it, "Every (deleted) time I want to go (deleted) riding, it's (deleted) raining!"

It seems that everyone is feeling the pinch of **wet weather** so far this riding season. Someone else commented that we might as well be living on the rainy West Coast.

"My favourite thing to do in the rain is avoid it," she added.

Rain isn't always **avoidable**, but there are things you can do to be both **dry and safe**.

First is: **check the weather**. Predicting the weather in Calgary seems to be mostly a guessing game. No one trusts any **weather app** 100 percent, but checking two or three gives you a bit more information than sticking your hand out the window.

Secondly, **be prepared**: Most experienced riders carry **rain gear** all the time. Water resistant is not as good as waterproof. Generally, you **get what you pay for** unless it has

the letters HD on it. Look for **taped seams**, a general indication of better quality and less seepage.

Third, check your **tires**. Worn tires mean less grip in the rain. If yours are reaching the end of their duty cycle, **take it easy** in the wet stuff. **Avoid hard cornering** and braking; give yourself **time and space**. The worst time to ride is when the rain just starts after a long dry spell (whatever that is.) New rain will float the **accumulated oil and grease** on the roads, making them even-more slippery.

Construction and other **muddy or sandy areas** are particularly bad too. Watch manhole covers, metal plates, train tracks, grates, painted lines and crosswalks.

Fourth: **Avoid puddles**. No telling how deep they are and, at best, you can **aquaplane**.

Fifth: **Be seen**. Most rain gear is reflective or **reflective tape** can be added to it.

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Club over-nighters

The main attraction, though, is the riding. **Highways 3A, 31 and 31A** cover both sides of **Kootenay Lake** and a breathtaking ride through the mountains between **Kaslo** and **New Denver**. The extra day of riding will allow us to explore the wilds of northern **Montana**, like **Lake Kootcanusa**, **Libby** and the legendary **Home Bar** in **Troy**.

When you reserve, let the hotel know if it is for a **two or thee-night stay**.



Eye-catcher at 2WS

If you walked up and down the lines of parked bikes at Two Wheel Sunday, it was difficult to ignore the brilliant-orange Victory steel frame glistening in the sun.

The bike is a custom job from Conquest Customs in Boca Raton, Florida; but there is a lot more to this Victory than its massive rear tire and custom work.

Want to know the interesting story behind it and its trip from Florida to Canada? Next time you see Drifter Don or one of the members who talked to the owner, ask them.

Upcoming Rides & Events

June Breakfast Meeting
Sunday June 23
 Winkin' Owl Pub, 10:15 am

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 578 members, according to our Facebook site.

Scammers are among us. We can stop them from posting, but don't fall for any **fake friend requests**. See Scammer article in a recent issue of Victory ROADS on our website.

Welcome to our (possibly real) new members. Hope to see you on the road with us.

- Jace Bitton
- Kristylee Christensen Fehr
- Sarah Sommerfeld
- Michael Doucet
- William James
- Brennan Walker
- Scott Walter
- Savio Cardoso

2024 Rides & Events Calendar

Next event on our schedule is the June 23 breakfast meeting with a ride to follow. Dates and hotels have been locked in for the Jasper Parkway Run in July and Kaslo Kurves in August. Other overnights are being considered.

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2024

Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
28-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Lunch	Winkin' Owl Pub
January 26-28	Edmonton Motorcycle Show	Expo Centre
February	Move The Soul Community Bike Show	Cancelled
February 2-4	Calgary Motorcycle Show	BMO Centre, Calgary
25-Feb	VRC Lunch Meeting/AGM	Winkin' Owl Pub
March 1-3	YEG Motorcycle Show, Edmonton	YEGmotorcycleshow.com
24-Mar	CVMG Swap Meet	Red Deer
23-Mar	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
April 3-7	Arizona Bike Week	Scottsdale
April 25-28	Bull Head (Laughlin) River Run	Laughlin, Nevada (mayheminfo.com)
April 25-28	Route 66 Bike Week	Arizona
28-Apr	VRC Meeting	
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
20-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
26-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Winkin' Owl Pub
01-Jun	CJAY Kids Ride	Big Sky BBQ
02-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June 14-16	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
08-Jun	Honour Ride	TBA
15-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June 21-23	Kids Cancer Care Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Kootenays
22-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
23-Jun	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
July 20-21	Banff Jasper Parkway Overnighter	
July 12-14	Lewistown (MT) Bike Rally	
July 12-14	Bonedigger Bike Bash	Drumheller
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 18 - 28	Two Hills Bike Week	Two Hills, Alberta
July 24-28	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
26-Jul	CVMG Ponoka Rally	Ponoka, AB
28-Jul	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
July	VMC Regional Rally	TBD
July	Lethbridge Air Show	Lethbridge Airport
Aug 2-11	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
August (15) 16-18	Kaslo Kurves	
10-Aug	Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
August	Meet In The Middle	Route to be determined
16-Aug	Make-A-Wish Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Highway 40/Cochrane
17-Aug	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
24-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
25-Aug	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
02-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
Sept 5 - 8	Victory Motorcycle Club National Rally	Hot Springs, Arkansas
15-Sep	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
20-Sep	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
22-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
Sept 26 - 29	Victory Gathering 6.0	Harrison, Arkansas, USA
27-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Winkin' Owl Pub
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
24-Nov	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
December	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
Weekly		
	Captain's Ride	Road Captains' Call on time, place and destination
	Tuesday Bike Night	Twin Cities Saloon, Longview
	OBB Wednesday Bike Night	Big Sky BBQ, Okotoks
	CVMG Vintage Bike Night	Thursdays, A&W Drive In, 16th Ave and 4th St. NW

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Club Patches

Large patches \$30

Small patches \$10

Both for \$35

Where did all those Internet bike memes come from?

You've all seen those often-repeated **motorcycle memes** on the Internet. You might be surprised to find most of them come from one source.

In 2004, **Penny Powers and Chuck Hays** published **A Biker's Guide to Life**. It's still available through **Amazon**.

Here are some of the most popular:

Midnight bugs taste best.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you **want**, but they CAN hold everything you **need**.

The **roughness** of the road will always be in direct proportion to the fullness of your bladder.

NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.

It takes more love to **share the saddle** than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a **thunderstorm** is in your rearview mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Only bikers understand why **dogs** love to stick their heads out car windows.

Never ask a biker for **directions** if you're in a hurry to get there.

Pie and coffee are as important as gasoline.

Sometimes it takes a **whole tank** full of gas before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride **alone**.

Never hesitate to ride past the **last street light** at the edge of town.

Never mistake **horsepower** for staying power.

A good **rider** has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover.

Never do less than 40 miles before **breakfast**.

If you don't ride in the **rain** - you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the **shop**.

Young riders pick a **destination** and go; old riders pick a **direction** and go.

A good **wrench** will let you watch



without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to **stop** for the night.

Always back your scoot into the curb - and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride - ride to work.

Whatever it is, it's better in the **wind**.

Two lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an **attitude**.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end-but you better believe **it does**.

Winter is nature's way of telling you to polish.

Keep your bike in good repair; motorcycle boots are **NOT comfortable** for walking.

People are like motorcycles: each is customized **a bit** differently.

Sometimes the best **communication** happens when you're on separate bikes.

Well-trained **reflexes** are quicker than luck.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best **alarm clock** is sunshine on chrome.

Learn to do **counterintuitive** things that may someday save your butt.

It's the twisties not the super slabs that separate the bikers from the

squids.

When you're riding lead - **don't spit**.

If you really want to know what's going on, **watch** what's happening at least five cars ahead.

Don't make a reputation you'll have to live down or run away from later.

A **friend** is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a bee down your shirt @ 70 mph can double your **vocabulary**.

There's something **ugly** about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Practice wrenching on your own bike.

Owning two bikes is useful because at least one can be raided for **parts** at any given time.

Don't **argue** with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to **unlearn** an old habit.

Maintenance is as much **art** as it is science.

A good long ride can **clear** your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of gasoline.

If you ride like there's no **tomorrow** - there won't be.

Gray-haired bikers don't get that way from pure **luck**.

You can **forget** what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

No matter what you ride, it's all the **same wind**.

You don't stop riding when you get old; you get old when you stop riding.