



Victory

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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Expanded exec...

We've got the bodies, now we need a name

The executive of Victory Riders Calgary has expanded by four.

Members Doug I., Randy H., Joan G. and Jamie McG. have agreed to serve on the Club executive in a position to be named later.

If we were Apple or Suncor, they would be called Directors, but the call has gone out for a more-suitable name for the role they will play with the club.

And what is that role? President Drifter Don explained, "Every Club needs a regular injection of fresh ideas and input. The more voices at the table, the better the club becomes."

He said the four new executive bring a variety of backgrounds and experience to the decision-making process for the Club.

At the April Meeting, a starter list of possible names for the position was circulated and the members present were asked to indicate their choice and add any new ones. Those will be compiled into a list which will become

a poll on our Facebook site, allowing all members to have input. The final decision will rest with the four, however, because they are the ones who will have to wear the name on their patches.

Jamie McG. will retain his designation as Honourary Sgt. At Arms with all the duties and responsibilities that go with that position.

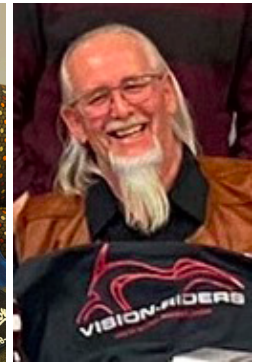
Potential names for the new executive members are:

- Wise One
- Counsel
- Wrangler
- Maven
- Overlord
- Guru
- Wizard
- Kingpin
- Victoryan
- Executive Wrangler
- Victoryan Wrangler.

What else ya got?.



Randy H.



Doug I.



Joan G.



Jamie McG.

Last 2023 10K Club patch collected

Better late than never, Club member Greg finally picked up his 2023 10K Club patch at last month's breakfast meeting.

That meeting was the official start of the 2024 10K+ Club. It's easy, just record your odometer reading on April 28 or the start of your riding season if that happened earlier. Distance on snowmobiles does not count. By the November Meeting, if you've clocked 10,000 kms or more, you'll receive a 10K+ Club Patch or a 2024 rocker.



Next Event

Breakfast Meeting

May 26

10:15 am

Winkin' Owl Pub

13750 Bow Bottom Trail SE, Calgary

Ride to follow...

Heritage Park...

Spring Thaw car show made a good after-breakfast ride

The Spring Thaw car show at Heritage Park made the perfect after-breakfast ride following the April meeting.

While some members chose a more ambitious ride, four members - **Wes, John B., Jamie McG. and Drifter Don** - rode to Heritage Park to check out the four-wheeled wonders on display.

The show covered most of the park parking lot, causing us to park out bikes far enough away to be in a different postal code.

Called **Spring Thaw** because it is the first of the season, the show presented an amazing variety of machinery. **Ford** was a show sponsor; you would have come away thinking **1957 Thunderbirds** only came in cream.

Each member had his favourite, but a street legal **Jaguar D-type** caught everyone's eye.

There was **one bike** in the show, but we agreed that it was so unspecial that it probably parked among the show cars by accident.



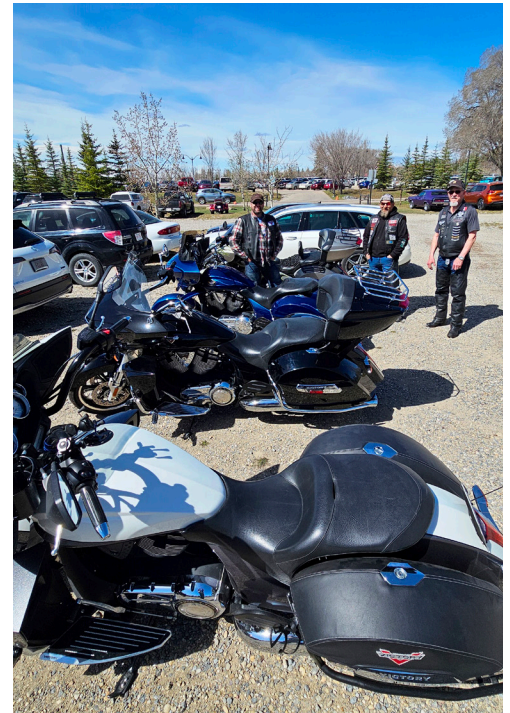
Wes chats to the owner while John and Jamie admire this British racing green Jaguar D-Type, street legal.



Vinyl-wrapped '64 Impala low rider with air suspension front and rear.



John thinking about an engine mod for his Cross Country.



The size of the car show meant we had to park halfway back to breakfast.



Going back to breakfast meetings at the Winkin' Owl means we no longer have to dodge pool players' backstrokes and duck errant darts. We had a good turnout at the April meeting. VP John B did try to pull a dine-and-dash. He was tackled by a surprisingly quick barmaid in the parking lot. Next meeting is May 26.

Saying good-bye to a friend

By Drifter Don

When someone first told me Fred Dayman had died, I had to ask who. I didn't recognize the last name, if I ever knew it at all.

If he had said "Fred from Last Chance," I would have known right away.



Fred's family owned the **Last Chance Saloon and Hotel** in **Wayne**, south of **Drumheller**. If you don't know it, then chances are, you don't ride a motorcycle.

Fred managed the business and sold it a couple of years ago. The **new owners** are doing a great job, expanding the business and still welcoming the **bike community**.

Back when I was riding with the **Retreads**, we would take over the Last Chance one weekend a year in June and club members from all over **Alberta** would show up. Most camped, but I wangled a room at the hotel. Yes, there are actual rooms there, all sharing one washroom and shower. Highlight was a **cook-it-yourself steak dinner**. Fred presiding.

Our most recent **Meet In The Middle** landed us at the Last Chance



Saloon where the new owners accommodated us.

For all these reasons, I wanted to attend Fred's Celebration of Life on May 11. **Vice President John B.** and I rode out there, arriving just ahead of the funeral procession.

There was food and the Last Chance bar was open, but mostly there were Fred stories. It was a **fitting tribute**.

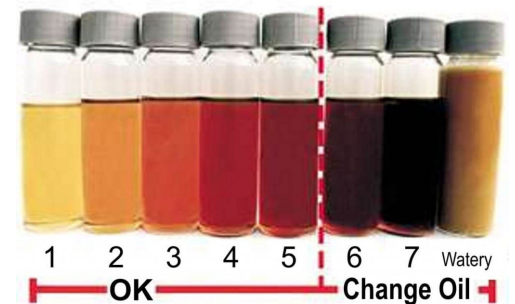
After the event, John and I rode out to the **Bleriot Ferry**. We knew the ferry is not yet running, but, as John, pointed out, the **snake-like ride** down to the ferry is fun. Taking the same route back doubled the fun.

We ended up in **Linden**, having **peach milkshakes** at the coffee/ice cream shop because **Country Cousins Cafe** (a favourite pie stop) was closed. By the time I got home, I had racked up about **420 kilometres** for the day.



We knew the Bleriot Ferry is not running yet, but we rode out there just for the enjoyment of the serpentine approach road.

An oil thread...



We're not looking to start a fight here, but this is about oil.

It's not what brand, so relax. The question of the day is - What's your **oil change interval**?

Most of us go by the book. The Victory manual says oil change every **5,000 miles**, that's a trip to **Longview** over **8,000 kilometres**.

Again, most err on the side of caution and change at **7,000 kms**, just because it's so easy on a Victory.

Buzz on the forums is that if you use **full synthetic** oil, you can push it to **10,000 kms**.

The above **chart** goes by oil colour, It takes environmental and mechanical conditions into consideration, as well as time.

Oil gets dirtier faster in engines that spend **too much time** in the top and bottom of the tach. **Hot weather** will shorten oil life as well. Dirty oil means engines run **hotter, noisier and wear faster**.

Remember, oil changes are cheap; **motors are expensive**.

Upcoming Rides & Events

May Breakfast Meeting
Sunday May 26
 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 last month's issue of Victory ROADS on our website.

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

- Xaveria Etoke
- Jamie Odland
- Stephen Stickner
- Julia Mercer Janes
- Les Klein
- Greg Bensmiller
- Matthew Pulliam



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

Next events on our schedule are the May 26 breakfast meeting and Two Wheel Sunday ride on June 2. The Executive has decided not to have a booth at 2WS this year. Instead we will gather for breakfast and ride to the event en mass.

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2024

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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
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	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	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