



Victory

ROADS

Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Jasper Overnighter...

Great Icefields Parkway ride ends sadly

The thermometer read 38 Celsius when we rolled into Jasper on the first day of our Icefields Overnighter. We wondered how it could get any hotter. The next day Jasper sadly found a way.

The Petro-Canada station where we filled up both coming and going on the overnighter is gone, along with 300 other homes and businesses, mostly on the west side of Jasper townsite.

Six of us rolled out Saturday morning from Calgary on what would have been a crystal-clear morning except for the lingering smoke haze.

First stop was the Bow River viewpoint where we ran into a Montreal couple dragging an impossibly long toy hauler across the country.

We hit the sandwich shop in Lake Louise for an early light lunch before tackling Highway 93.



Lorne captures the moment at the Bow River viewpoint south of Lake Louise.

The only break from the increasing temperature was when we went past the Columbia Icefields. The wind blowing across the glacier was the world's largest swamp cooler.

With the heat, wildlife was scarce; but we did get buzzed by what everyone agreed was the world's largest bald eagle. It looked like a pterodactyl circling overhead.

Traffic was intermittently heavy. RCMP had a radar blitz on; but we, being law-abiding, got a friendly wave from one of the officers. She is obviously a rider.

Jasper was hot when we stopped for gas and a short break before heading east to Hinton where the hotel, shade and cooling beverages awaited. We had a good dinner at the nearby Ranchers Restaurant before wrapping up the night with a joke-telling session lead by, who else? Lorne. As the night got longer, the jokes got raunchier. Did you

hear the one about...

John B and Jamie McG were camping while the rest of use had soft beds.

Sunday morning wasn't as warm as

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John B's reward for a long, hot ride.

Next Event

Kaslo Kurves

August 16-18

Magnuson Hotel

Creston, B.C.

(August 15 is an optional ride day)

See EVENT on our Facebook page



Dog Day in Drum... Laura and Woodie host a great social

Club Members Laura and Woodie know how to put on a great wiener roast.

They offered their location at the **Hoodoo RV Park** south of **Drumheller** for a club social on July 28.

Some members rolled out of **Calgary** while others headed directly there, all arriving at noon in time for the event.

Woodie and Laura put on quite a spread for a humble wiener roast with **hot dogs, smokies, chips, coleslaw, pasta salad** (supplied by John B) and every condiment imaginable.

Fifteen members showed up for the event which, in addition to the feast, featured lawn games including an almost-safe **hatchet throwing** competition and **corn hole** toss.

After an afternoon of socializing and a lot of **bike talk**, the members dispersed with one group headed back to Calgary via **Hussar**. Some diehards were not ready to call it a day and stopped at the **Firehouse** in **Langdon** for a libation and an appetizer before heading home.

A big thank you to **Laura and Woodie** for hosting the event; great time.



As with all VRC events, bike talk dominated the conversations.



The master chef at his grill.



Members lining up for the grub.



Do not mess with Laura. She knows how to throw sharp things.



Well, it took a little while, but we finally tracked down Jumpmaster and were able to give him his thank-you plaque. The plaque commemorates the two years he served as Road Captain for Victory Riders Calgary and for his other contributions to the club. The etched-stone plaque was done by Club Member Joan G through her company, A Second Time.



Member Jamie McG was able to make the Icefields Parkway Ride sporting his new Executive patch. He chose the title Kingpin. He remains honorary Sgt. At Arms.

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Jasper Parkway ride

Saturday so the ride back into Jasper was comfortable and beautiful with the morning mist hanging over the small lakes and waterways along the highway. Traffic was light as we took in the stunning scenery of **Highway 93**.

We peeled off Hi93 onto Highway 11 at **Saskatchewan Crossing**. First highlight was a **bear** that tried to cross the highway as we rode by, but then thought better of it and retreated.

We stopped at the **Abraham Lake** viewpoint for a break and to take in the view. We left a Victory Riders Calgary **sticker** on the guard rail, our calling card.

At **Nordegg** we hit the **Miner's Cafe** for lunch and the obligatory pie. **Drifter** was the last in line to order at the counter and the waitress said, "Are you with those sweaty guys over there?" We looked worse than we actually were.

We followed **Highway 22** down almost to **Cochrane** where the group split up. When we got home, the first reports of a **fire** west of Jasper were coming in. The following day a **second fire** was reported to the south and everyone knows what happened after that.

Our thoughts are with the **residents** of Jasper and with the **firefighters** and **Army** personnel who are still carrying on the battle. Jasper will look very different when we do this ride next year.



Columbia icefields and Mount Amery were in our rearview mirrors as we headed north on Highway 97 on Saturday. Temps were headed for the high 30s.



Miner's Cafe in Nordegg is a mandatory stop, for lunch and/or pie.



Friendly local gendarmerie.



Abraham Lake, after the bear



Leaving our mark.



Parker Ridge Trailhead



Jasper, a day later.

Upcoming Rides & Events

Kaslo Kurves
August 16 - 18
 August 15, optional day

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has **610 members (!)**, according to our Facebook site.

Scammers are among us. Don't fall for any **fake friend requests**. See the Scammer article in a recent issue of Victory ROADS on our website. Because of Facebook's screwed-up system, we can't stop them from joining, but we can stop them from posting.

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

- Joel Hampson
- Ron Wadd
- Nancy Keene
- Bryan Folk
- Len Francis
- Andrew Hamilton



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

Next event on our schedule is a big one. Kaslo Kurves happens August 16-18, based out of the Magnuson Hotel in Creston B.C. See the Event on our Facebook page. Some members are going for August 15 for an extra riding day.

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

Challenge Coins \$15