



Victory

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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Kaslo Kurves 2024...

Victory Riders discover new Kurves, views

Stretching Kaslo Kurves into a four-day event produced some surprisingly great riding and other adventures.

The Thursday group left from the Aldersyde Petro-Canada, headed down Highway 2 to Nanton, then over the Nanton Cut to Chain Lakes and Highway 22 south to Highway 3. After a chaotic gas stop in Coleman (likely the last time), the group headed west through Fernie and Cranbrook, arriving in Creston in time to unpack, set up camp and gather for dinner at a surprisingly good Thai restaurant.

When thunder boomed during dinner, we knew we might be in for a bit of precipitation.

Friday dawned cooler and wet, so the trip into Idaho and Montana was quickly re-labelled "next year" and the group went looking for some local distraction amid the intermittent rain.

They found it at the Columbia



Kaslo Kurves this year included some new-to-us roads. The group rode north of Kaslo on Highway 31 to the head of Kootenay Lake, finding more curves.

Brewing Company, makers of Kokanee and 10 other canned beers. Under the watchful eye of tour guide Brett ("Don't touch anything!"), the group got a full lesson is how to make beer and how different beers are made. Marvelling at 160,000 litre tanks, the group remembered one number, "One point one million cans of beer are produced each day."

The tour was followed by a tasting of three of the brewery's products.

Speaking of tasty, Drifter Don's insatiable need for pie for lunch led the group to a new discovery - The Mountain Barn. Run by Mennonite women, the cafe boasts fine food,

good coffee and a variety of pies. Some members, like Mark M, were obligated to sample as many as three different kinds.

The group split up for dinner. Some went to Jimmy's Pub, some to Tim's Fish & Chips and others opted for pizza delivery.

Saturday morning weather was great and we headed back to The Mountain Barn where biscuits and gravy were main breakfast interest. Vic Winder declared them among the top three he had ever had (and he's a biscuits and gravy connoisseur!)

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The Magnuson Hotel was ride central, even for those who camped.



Ominous clouds as we landed at the Thai restaurant in downtown Creston.

Next Event

August Meeting
Winkin' Owl Pub
August 25, 10:15 am
Ride to follow...
See EVENT on our
Facebook page

Ride to Reynolds...

Wetaskiwin ride was like a Victory reunion

As one club member noted, "There's a lot of Victories here."

Ten members made the annual **Ride to Reynolds** and ran into a surprising number of **Victories** there, most from the Edmonton area. **Erwin and Cathy** and other members including **Mike from Olds** met us there.

The **Reynolds Museum** hosts the event every year, giving free admission to everyone who arrives via motorcycle. Free admission also applies to the **Alberta Aviation Hall of Fame and aircraft museum**, and to the nearby restoration facility where the museum's next exhibits are being prepared.

Now run by the provincial government, the museum started as a private collection by a **Wetaskiwin** car dealer who bragged he would take anything in trade "except children and wives." His trade-ins formed the basis of his **collection** which he built on before donating it to the province. The museum's collections include more than **500 vehicles, 130 aircraft, 5,000 pieces of agricultural equipment**, and 70,000 pieces of trade literature.



Doug and Vic Winder discuss the nuances of the Reynolds Museum's display of early production Honda and Norton superbikes



Joan, Doug and Vic Winder caught up with the group at the museum.



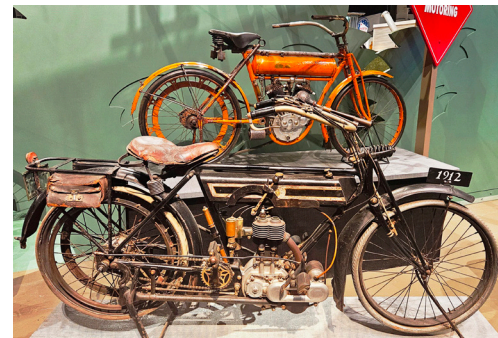
Seven members took off from Calgary, picking up more along the way and at the museum.



Greg photographs the museum's prize Hawker Hurricane fighter.



The Ride to Reynolds was a gathering point for Victories. Maybe our future Meet in the Middle?



The Reynolds boasts some rare early "motorbicycle" models.

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After breakfast came the main attraction - the curves to Kaslo. Highway 3A from Creston to the **Crawford Bay** ferry (where a member who shall go nameless was yelled at for parking in the wrong place.)

After a **ferry cruise** across Kootenay Lake, the group headed up the legendary curves of Highway 31. **VP John B** rode ahead to video the group going through the legendary horseshoe curve. The group rode alert because of the sharp curves, sheer rock face to one side, the lake to the other and deer threatening to bolt out in front of us.

We made it to **Kaslo** and had lunch at the vintage hotel.

After lunch, some of the group split off, but the rest headed up **Kootenay Lake on Highway 31** as far as the pavement went. It was an up and back ride, but the scenery is spectacular. Only one of the group had ever been on that stretch before.

On the ride back, some of the group passed on taking the ferry back to **Highway 3A** and went the long way round, getting back to **Creston** before the ferry group.

Most of the **Kurvers** wrapped up Saturday watching MMA at **Casey's Pub** while being ignored by the servers.

On **Sunday** morning, we headed in ones, twos, threes and sevens, already talking about next year's ride.

The ride home was eventful for some. It included a **CF-18 fighter flypast** and a Subaru rollover that **Woodie** attended.



We were suprised to find the Highway 31 pavement went past the head of Kootenay Lake, providing us with even more curves and great scenery.



Tour guide Brett on the canning line.



What happens in Creston....



The popular Mountain Barn



Drifter catches a beer thief



Brewery tour group



Mark goes quality and quantity



Boarding the ferry MV Osprey

2 Upcoming Rides & Events

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New members

Victory Riders Calgary now has 625 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.

- Darren Lindgren
- Mark Collins
- Robby Sidhu
- Delle Mack
- Jay Lebsack
- Maged Adib
- Stephen Wambolt



2024 Rides & Events Calendar

What the hell happened to August? Yeah, we had some great rides and events, but it seems like it was June only last week. We have a few rides planned for September. Let's hope the summer extends at least until Hallowe'en.

Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2024		
Colour Code:	GREEN - VRC Events	
	YELLOW - VRC Participation or Interest	
	BLUE - Victory National/Regional	
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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Nanton's Bikes & Bombers attracts Victories

While many of the Club were off Kaslo Kurving, some of the stay-at-homes made a run to the annual **Bikes & Bombers at the Bomber Command Air Museum in Nanton.**

The September 17 **ride-in** event featured startups of the four-engine **Lancaster** bomber and the museum's **Hercules** and Cessna

Crane engines.

Bikes are invited to park inside the Lancaster hangar. **Food, vendors** and a **beer garden** are part of the event.

The museum plans a **night startup** of the Lancaster bombers on **September 20.**



Club Patches

Large patches \$30

Small patches \$10

Both for \$35

Challenge Coins (on order)