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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Winterize your baby...

# If you can't bring them into the house

We tend to think of Hallowe'en as almost the end of riding season, but an early snow caught us by surprise this year. Our thoughts turn to winter storage.

As with everything from oil threads to helmet comms, every rider has his or her strong opinions on winterizing. One rider said the best winterizing is to ride it to Mexico and stay there.

For those of us who won't be spending our winter in Puerto Vallarta or Cabo San Lucas, we're faced with some decisions about winterization.

Ideally bikes should winter in heated storage facilities so they don't even know what's going on outside. For the rest of us, there are steps we can take to ensure our bikes are not angry with us come Spring.

1.) **Clean** your bike. A good wash and a coat of hard wax will help keep that showroom-shine finish in place over the winter. Leftover road grime, insect guts,



*If you're cold, they're cold; bring them inside. If your spouse won't let you do that, make sure you follow these winter storage tips and tricks.*

oil and salt will dull the finish over time. This is especially true of **chrome**. Some riders mist their bike's metal parts with **WD-40**. Good time to touch up **rock chips** too.

2.) Find secure **storage**. You want your bike to be there in the spring. Heated indoors is best of course. Member Lorne noticed his elderly neighbour had a garage and no car, so he **traded** bike storage space for snow clearing. Rental space is available; check Facebook **Marketplace**.

3. If you haven't done so recently, **change the oil**. This is a bit controversial. Some claim used oil is **acidic** and will eat away at crank bearings and other components. Others say this is **bull pucky**.

4. Do your **regular maintenance**.

Lubricate anything that should move; tighten anything that moves but shouldn't. Good time to **check fluids** (clear good, coffee-coloured bad.) Check wheel and neck **bearings**, belt, fork

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*Lorne's Vision has found a comfortable spot to spend the winter.*

## Next Event

October Meeting  
Winkin' Owl Pub  
October 27, 10:15 am  
Ride to follow...  
(Unlikely!) 🍷🏍️  
See Facebook EVENT

## Wayne, Rosedale...

# Was this the last Club ride of the season?

Mid October gave us a bit of a warm-weather window, so some Club members took advantage of it for a lunch run to the Drumheller valley.

Four bikes with five riders took off from **Cycle Works Calgary** on October 14. The plan was to head for the **Last Chance Saloon** in **Wayne, Alberta**, for a late-season lunch.

The group included new member **Doug** (not Wise Ass Doug, a different Doug) on a glistening white 2014 **Cross Country Tour**. **Lorne's** passenger was Pablo who was on his very first motorcycle ride.

The group left promptly because they had a schedule to keep. **Vice Prez John B** was waiting for them at Highway 9 and **Vic Winder** was picked up at the **Beiseker** intersection.

The group then made their way into **Drumheller**, then south to **Rosedale** where they crossed 10 of the legendary



**Victory Riders invaded the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne for lunch on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14. Temperatures hit 18C during the ride.**

**11 Bridges** and landed at the Last Chance for lunch.

Following the lunch, Lorne suggested a trip to the suspension bridge across the **Red Deer River** in Rosedale. Up for some touristy stuff, the group headed there. Vic Winder, who used to live in Drumheller, pointed out that the **bridge** was much more fun before they put in restraint cables to keep the bridge's

swinging and bouncing to fairly safe levels.

The bridge was originally built to allow **miners** access and egress to the coal mine on the north side of the river.

Following a **gas fill-up** at the bike-busy Shell station in Drumheller, the group headed back to their various homes via **Highway 9**.



**It's single-file-only on Rosedale's swinging suspension bridge.**



**Victory Riders Calgary had a stunning day for its lunch run to the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne, followed by a visit to the rickety Star Mine Suspension Bridge in Rosedale, used from by miners from 1937 to to 1957.**

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seals, air filter, brake pads, rotors, lights and any other consumables. Pedants will even mist the **pistons**.

5.) Fill the **gas** tank to prevent rust. Add fuel stabilizer or **SeaFoam** to prevent **ethanol** damage. All gasoline now contains ethanol so don't neglect this. Run the bike a bit after you add the stabilizer so it makes it down to the **injectors**.

6.) Unless you have heated indoor storage, remove the **battery** and bring it inside. Either way, hook up a "smart" battery tender to it.

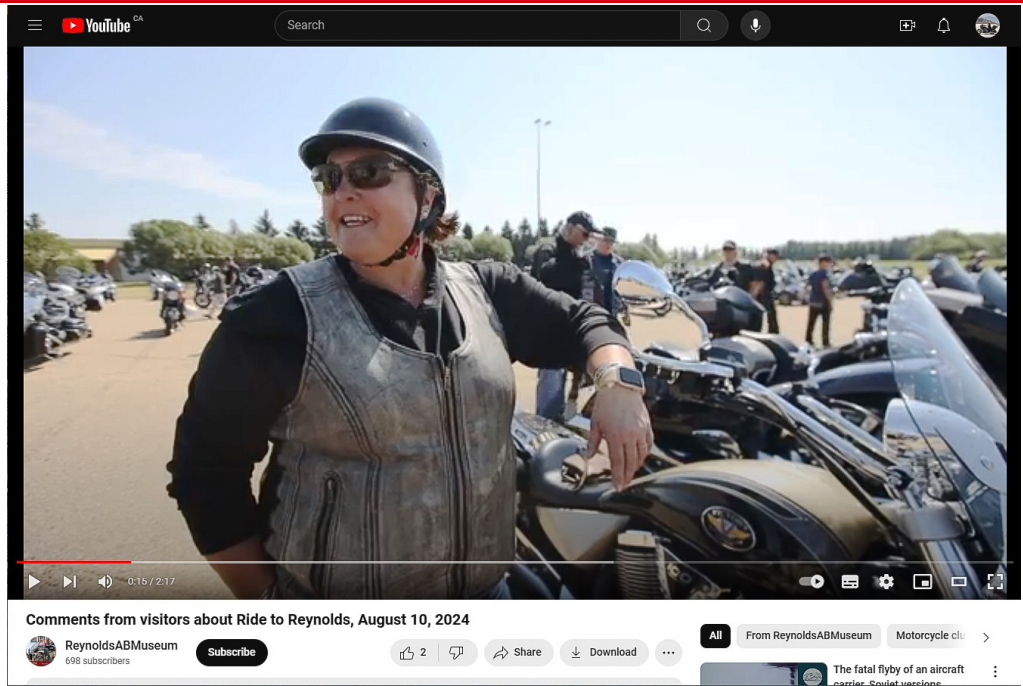
7.) **Cover** it. Outdoors or unheated needs a good-fitting cover. Inside, a dust cover is sufficient. A **fitted sheet** from Goodwill will keep the dust off your bike as well as a \$260 Indian Pursuit cover does.

8.) If your storage site is shared with **mice or squirrels**, plug any holes where they could build nests or store winter food. Air box and exhausts are popular larder for vermin.

9.) Get **tires** off the ground? Again this is controversial; some say modern tire compounds don't require this. Others say floors, particularly **concrete** can damage tires. Flip a coin.

10.) More controversy: **start the bike** occasionally? (Difficult to do with the battery removed.) Some say occasional starting does no good and may even be hard on the battery and motor. The latter because all the oil from the heads has settled into the sump, so you are, in essence, **dry starting** it every time. Open for debate.

What part of your winter storage routine **did we miss** here?



*Executive member Joan (Victorian) was one of the visitors to Ride to Reynolds this year who ended up on the event's YouTube video of first impressions. The Club is pursuing an idea to make Ride to Reynolds even more of a Victory event.*

## Several members score new rides



*Longtime Member Sandi E landed this great-looking custom-painted 2014 Cross Country.*



*Member Darren W scored this stunning blue and silver Cross Country Tour, adding to the family collection.*



*Our September meeting had a great turnout with many members riding in. Same thing at the October meeting?*



*Member Stephanie R snapped up this spectacular 2016 Magnum when it came up for sale on our Facebook site.*



# Upcoming Rides & Events

**October Breakfast Meeting**  
**Winkin' Owl Pub**  
**October 27, 10:15 am**  
**Ride to follow... (Unlikely!)**

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## New members

**Victory Riders Calgary now has 630 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 new members, all of whom appear to be real. Hope to see you on the road with us.

- Imran Karim
- Mike Frank
- Bob's motorcycle warehouse
- Peter Samuel
- Ronald M Magas
- Daniel Gelinias
- Skinner Travis
- Scott Sellsted

# 2024 Rides & Events Calendar

This week's snow is an unpleasant reminder that the end of riding season is not far off. We will continue with breakfast meetings for October and perhaps November before switching to lunch meetings. (Thereby giving up all hope of a ride afterward.) There is one motorcycle-related event not on the schedule.

**October 24** is the Calgary edition of the **Toronto Motorcycle Film Festival**, 6 pm at the **Plaza Theatre** in Kensington. Presented by our friends at **Ill-Fated Kustoms**.

### 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	
27-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Winkin' Owl Pub
27-Oct	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
24-Nov	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub
December	VRC Meeting	Winkin' Owl Pub



*Vice President John B organized a couple of successful September rides while Prez Drifter Don was away drinking Ireland dry. One was a scenic run over Highway 40; the other was to the Autumn Motorcycle Swap Meet in Millarville.*



## Club Patches

**Large patches \$30**

**Small patches \$10**

**Both for \$35**

**Challenge Coins (on order)**

# Where ya been?... Victory Riders members leaving their mark

What do the Bearberry Saloon, the Nite Owl BBQ in Montana, Last Chance Saloon, Abraham Lake, the Brazen Head pub in Dublin, Ireland, and the flatbed Ford in Winslow, Arizona, have in common? .

The answer is this:



All of those and **many other locations** sport Victory Riders Calgary stickers. Victories don't leave oil spots on the ground, so **Members** have been marking their territories by leaving Club stickers behind.

So here's the challenge for **2025's riding season**:

Take some **VRC stickers** with you on your trips and when you post them (legally), take a photo of the location and send it to **Victory ROADS** to post.

Ask **Drifter Don** for a supply of stickers.



Abraham Lake viewpoint, after the overnighter in Jasper in July.



Standin' on the corner in Winslow, Arizona, 2022.



Columbia Falls, Montana, 2021.

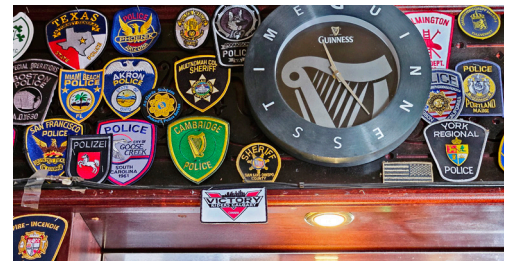
## Vision for sale



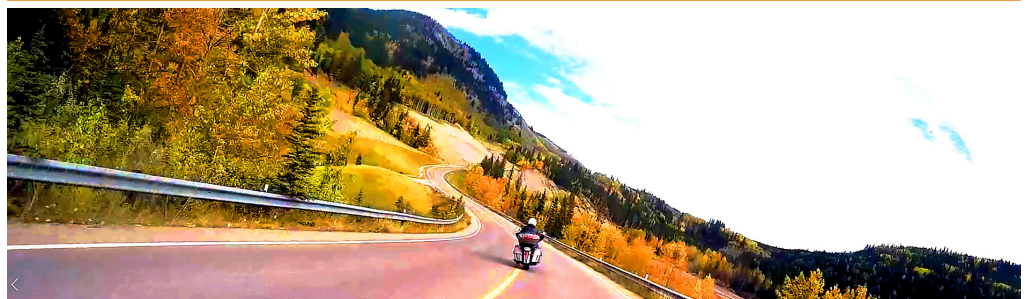
Treasurer James is selling his much-beloved 2008 Tenth Anniversary model Victory Vision. He posted:

*"Time goes by so fast. And now it's time to let my baby go*

*That's right I am looking to find a new home for Big Red. It's going to hurt but it's time for someone else to enjoy it."*



Dublin Ireland, 2024



September saw many Victory riders chasing the spectacular Autumn colours.