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Victory Riders Calgary NEWSLETTER

Vicmas!, Trophies, Bike Show...

# What a kickoff to the 2025 Riding Season!

The 2025 Riding Season kicked off in a major way in January with Vicmas!, the 10K+ Club and the Calgary Motorcycle Show.

Vicmas! on January 18 was both the end of the old year and the start of the new one for us. Held at the Horton Road Legion, Vicmas featured dinner, 10K+ presentations, High Miler and Magic Miler trophies and a vicious round of Gift Exchange/Theft.

Attendees were given an additional task: a game where they were given a sheet with 13 photographs of 2024 ride or event locations on it. They were asked to identify the locations of each photo. Doug I. won, being able to identify 11 of the 13 locations. His prize was first pick from the gift table, unstealable in the ensuing chaos.

High Miler Trophy again went to Lloyd M. who racked up an astounding 35,783 kilometres on his VicIndian.

Laura B-L. won the other High Miler Trophy with 16,452 kilometers, edging out Stephanie R. (14,685 kms) and Joan G. (15,322 kms).



Vicmas! celebrants show off the hard-won results of their Gift Exchange/Theft battles. Some great prizes changed hands during the January 18 event.

Honourable mentions went to Doug I. (28,196 kms), Mark A. (23,270 kms) and Darren W. (18,503.)

The Club is grateful to Joan's company A Second Time (asecondtime.ca) which made and donated the trophies again this year. The Club is making a donation in Joan's name to the Veteran's Food Bank in Calgary, as a thank you.

Winner of the Magic Miler Trophy

was Doug I. whose year-end odometer numbers lined up with the results of the random number generator.

In addition to those seven, other members of the 10K+ Club for 2024 are VP John B., Randy H., George N., Ed. G. and Drifter Don.

Drifter presented VP John B with a special Polar Bear Award for his New Year's Day ride in -14C weather. John received a certificate and a gremlin bell with a polar bear on it. Some frozen

## Doug takes Magic Miler, James gets Skunk



Doug hit four correct numbers.



He wasn't thrilled, but Treasurer James H's grand-dog accepted the Skunk Trophy on James' behalf.

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## Next Event

### Annual General Meeting

- See Facebook EVENT  
Red Crowns Pub (new!)  
February 23, 10am  
Breakfast Meeting & Election



# Upcoming Rides & Events

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Red Crowns Pub**  
**523 Woodpark Blvd SW**  
**(New location)**  
**February 23 , 10am**

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## New members

**Victory Riders Calgary now has 628 members, according to our Facebook site.**

That number is down slightly because a number of fake accounts were blocked or removed.

**Scammers** are still among us, though. Don't fall for any **fake friend requests**. Because of Facebook's screwed-up system, we can't stop them from joining, but we can stop them from posting and ban them when they try anything nasty.

**Welcome** to our new members, who appears to be real. Hope to see you on the road with us.

- **Leo Germain**
- **Robert Glenn**
- **Travis Raymond-World**
- **Levi Hammond**



# Laura and Lloyd top High Milers



**16,452 kms**



**35,783 kms**



**10K+ Club Members, new or returning, included, from left, Mark, Darren, Stephanie and George. Just these four totalled just over 66,000 kms.**

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## Vicmas! kicks off the 2025 riding season

**body parts** found in John's driveway were returned to him as well.

**John B** got even by making a special **plaque** presentation to **retiring Prez Drifter Don**. In his speech, John thanked **Drifter** for all the interesting places he took the club by **getting lost** or taking **wrong turns** on rides.



**VP John B's Polar Bear Award included some missing body parts.**



**Retiring President Drifter Don was presented with an engraved slate thank-you plaque for his years of leading the Club.**



# Scenes from Vicmas! 2025



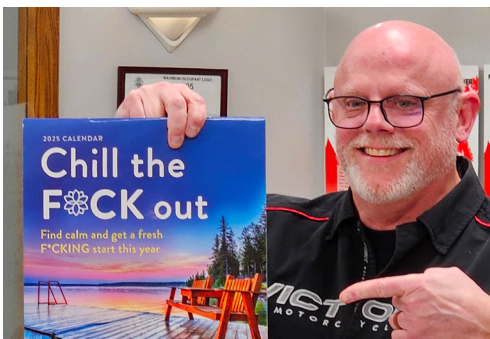
*Like a German shepherd or a leaky Harley, we mark our territory. Wes and Darren do the hanging.*



*Connie took our orders efficiently, but took no abuse from us.*



*Doug scored this great t-shirt for winning the Where Were We? game.*



*Lorne's questionable Gift pick.*



*Attending the Calgary Motorcycle Show was thirsty work for members, from left, Randy H., John B. and Marshall B. Members met for a pre-show breakfast.*

## Victory Riders hit Bike Show

The Calgary Motorcycle Show was the second Big event on Victory Riders Calgary's 2025 calendar.

Members gathered for a pre-show **breakfast** at the **Rise & Dine Restaurant** on February 1 (good food, but wear your skates in the parking lot.)

From there the group headed to the motorcycle show, meeting more

members down there.

The show was much larger than last year, adding an additional **display hall** which accommodated increased interest in adventure bikes and **tour companies** as well as riding experiences for beginner riders. There was a BMW riding display and off-road **Endurocross** obstacle racing.



*Member Larry A. and VP John B. seem to be in intense conversation at the Two Wheel Sunday booth.*



*Member Mike and Secretary KD check out one of the myriad of adventure tour companies that had booths at the motorcycle show.*



*Members Ed G., Don S. and future member Carson P. check out the show.*



*Lots of vintage beauties on display.*





VRC will have a new president after the February 23 Annual General Meeting.

## February meeting will be our AGM

VRC's breakfast meeting on February 23 will be our Annual General Meeting and election of officers.

The AGM/February Meeting will be held at a **new location**. The meeting will be at **10am, February 23**, at the **Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd SW** in Calgary (off Anderson Road SW).

This **AGM** will feature the election of a new **President**.

Drifter Don announced in November that he is stepping down as president, opening the position for some new leadership and ideas.

**Secretary KD** is heading a nominating committee which will report its results at the AGM.

In addition to the President position being open, **Treasurer James H.** has indicated he would like to step back from that position if a suitable **replacement** comes forward.

The **Nomination Committee** has four tasks: drawing up "**job descriptions**" for all the executive and regular committee positions; contacting current executive about their plans to **run again**; contacting members about **open positions**; and running the **elections** at the AGM.

## Vic selling his Vision

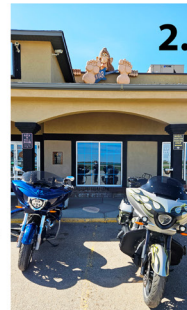
Member **Victor** who has been having some health problems lately is selling his **Victory Vision and bike trailer**. We don't have details other than the prices (\$5,500 for the bike and \$1,500 for the trailer.) Contact Drifter Don if you have any interest.

## WHERE WERE WE THIS YEAR?

Victory Riders Calgary were all over the map in 2024. Can you guess where these photos were taken? Write it under the photo. If outside, name the area or town; if inside name the building or business. Win Fabulous Prizes!



NAME \_\_\_\_\_



## Would you like to play along?

At this year's Vicmas! celebration, party goers were challenged to name the locations or events depicted above. Each one was a VRC ride or event. Doug I. managed to correctly identify 11 of the 13. Can you do better? The "fabulous prizes" were just for Vicmas!, but you can score bragging rights. Name the ride, the event, the town or the area depicted. The correct answers are below. The free one (like Bingo) is No. 3 - Jasper.

### ANSWERS:

- No. 1 - Two Wheel Sunday, Calgary. No.2 - Firehouse Pub, Langdon. No.3 - Jasper, Icefields Parkway Run. No. 4 - Log Cabin, Creston, Kootenays, Kaslo Kurves. No.5 - MV Osprey, Kootenay Lake, Crawford Bay, Kaslo Kurves. No. 6 - Winkin' Owl, Calgary. No. 7 - Creston Brewing Company, Kaslo Kurves. No. 8 - Twin Butte General Store, Waterton. No. 9 - Ride to Reynolds, Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin. No. 10 - Icefields Parkway, Jasper Run. No. 11 - Last Chance Saloon, Wayne Hotel, Wayne. No. 12 - Twin Cities Hotel, Longview. No. 13 - Kootenay Lake, Kaslo, Kaslo Kurves.

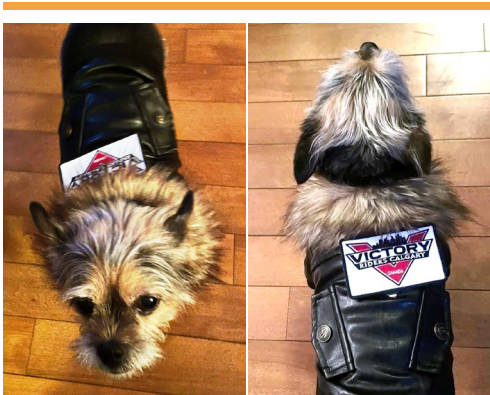




# Gremlin bell? What is that?

When VP John B was awarded a gremlin bell for his Polar Bear Ride, someone said, "What's a gremlin bell?"

There are many old superstitions among motorcycle riders and gremlin bells are one of them. To ward off gremlins, bikers hung small bells on their bikes, the **lower the better**. The bells will pull the gremlins out of **systems** like **electrical, fuel or exhaust**. The gremlins will fall to the **pavement** and that's where **potholes** come from. One thing... gremlin bells have to be **gifts**; you can't buy your own.



What the well-dressed dog-about-town is wearing. Lloyd and Marilyn's Ella showing the flag for Victory Riders at her local dog park.

# 2025 Ride & Event Schedule

We haven't thrown a leg over our bikes yet this year (except John B); but already it's been a busy bike-related season. The 2025 riding year is starting to shape up with several riding events already scheduled, and many returning event dates awaiting confirmation. If you hear of events or rides, let us know and we'll add them; the more, the hairier.

## Victory Riders Calgary Ride & Event Schedule 2025

Colour Code:		
GREEN	- VRC Events	
YELLOW	- VRC Participation or Interest	
BLUE	- Victory National/Regional	
26-Jan	VRC Meeting/ Brunch	Winkin' Owl Pub
January 31 - Feb 02	Calgary Motorcycle Show	Expo Centre
23-Feb	VRC Breakfast Meeting/AGM	NEW LOCATION: Red Crowns Pub, 523 Woodpark Blvd. SW
April 10 - 13	YEG Motorcycle Show, Edmonton	YEGmotorcycleshow.com
23-Mar	CVMG Swap Meet	Red Deer
30-Mar	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns 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
27-Apr	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
May	Awareness Ride	Calgary
19-May	Victoria Day Ride.	
25-May	VRC Breakfast Meeting and Ride	Red Crowns Pub
June	CJAY Kids Ride	Big Sky BBQ
01-Jun	Two Wheel Sunday	Calgary
June	IFK Kickstart Show	Calgary
June	Honour Ride	TBA
14-Jun	Ride for Dad	Ralph's Motorsports, Balzac
June	Kids Cancer Care Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Kootenays
21-Jun	For The Love of Motorcycles	Blackjacks Roadhouse, Nisku
29-Jun	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
July	Jasper Parkway Overnighter	
July	Bonedigger Bike Bash	Drumheller
July	ECL Choppers For Charity Hospice Ride	TBA
July 18 - 26	Two Hills Bike Week	Two Hills, Alberta
July 16 - 20	Western Canada IMRG Celebration	Kimberley, B.C.
July 25 - 27	CVMG Ponoka Rally	Ponoka, AB
27-Jul	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
July	VRC Regional Rally	TBD
Aug 01 - 10	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota
August	Kaslo Kurves	
09-Aug	Meet in the Middle/Ride to Reynolds	Wetaskiwin
August	Make-A-Wish Motorcycle Ride	Calgary/Highway 40/Cochrane
August	Bikes & Bombers	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
23-Aug	12 Stop Ride for Recovery, Calgary	Calgary
24-Aug	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
01-Sep	Labour Day Ride	TBD
September	Victory Motorcycle Club National Rally	TBD
September	Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run	Calgary
September	Nanton Bomber Night Start Up	Bomber Command Museum, Nanton
21-Sep	VRC Meeting/Fall Colours Ride	Highway 40 - South to North
September	Victory Gathering	TBD
26-Oct	VRC Meeting/Ride Weather Permitting	Red Crowns Pub
October	CVMG Fall Swap Meet	Red Deer
23-Nov	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
December	VRC Meeting	Red Crowns Pub
<b>Weekly</b>		
	Leader's Ride	Ride Leaders' Call on time, place and destination
	Drifter's Ride	Lunch or "Coffee" Ride during the week
	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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# Highway 40 Closed June 10-18

Highwood Pass will be opening as scheduled on June 15, but will be accessible from the south only.

Because of the G7 Summit, Highway 40 will be closed north and south of Kananaskis Village June 10 to 18.

