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February 5, 2018

From The President Larry Ernst

Hello Gold Country IMRG members. We are welcoming the new year with some great enthusiasm. We have already planned many of our 2018 rides and have listed them on our webpage calendar.

January began with our chapter meeting on Saturday the 6th where we welcomed two new members, Jody Wadkins and Cody Reeves. We reviewed the new look to our previously approved GCIMRG logo. It was updated with a black and red crest style background which would allow us to create custom IMRG patches. This newer GCIMRG logo/patch was submitted to National IMRG. On January 23,

National approved our updated logo.

I would also like to welcome our newest members: Cody Reeves, Jody Wadkins, Bob Ford, and Mike McGuire.

With the weather giving us some breaks, we jumped into some great January and February Rides. We rode to the Delta, Colusa, and the Auburn Foothills. Even with the cold January temps, everyone enjoyed bundling up and riding.

We are exploring venues and ideas to have a hosted member appreciation event funded by



our treasury. We would meet up for a dinner or hors d'oeuvres and a social event to thank all of our members for making the GCIMRG a successful riders group. Come to our meetings to help with ideas and planning.

We are looking at an idea for a trip to the Durango Rendezvous III taking place the week of June 12–17. Nothing set yet but more information to come.

Two of our chapter meetings this year are planned for Thursday nights at Chevys restaurant. Plan for dinner and then our meeting. Our first will be March 1. Come join us at Chevy's grill in Auburn at 6 PM.

It's Time for Membership Renewals

Your local chapter membership is due for renewal on **March 1** of each year. You can now easily complete the renewal process online using our membership enrollment form.

Chapter dues are \$15 annually, and can be renewed with a current National IMRG membership number. Follow these easy steps to renew your local chapter membership.

1. Verify you have a current National membership.
2. If it is not current, renew by going to: www.imrgmember.com/sign-in.
3. Next, go to: www.goldcountryimrg.com/Membership.html and complete & sign the online renewal form.
4. Send your payment. Use PayPal, Check, or Cash. If not using PayPal, send payments to our Treasurer. His address is on our web page.

The deadline is March 1. We will finalize our roster on that date, so make sure you get your enrollment form and payment in by that date.

Sacramento Mile Larry Ernst

So last year I headed out to the Sacramento Mile at Cal Expo. Christine and I, along with member Larry Shields had to see what all the hype was about for the American Flat Track Racing. Never having experienced it, I was absolutely amazed at the excitement and drama this event had to offer.

The Indian Wrecking Crew factory team, Jared Mees, Brad Baker and Bryan Smith were ready to continue their winning streaks and kick ass on the track. This night, they placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on their Scouts. It was absolutely amazing to see these guys traveling at speeds of 140 mph and into the turns with no brakes and just a foot down with the fastest mile lap at 38.263 seconds.

This year will be another great year with the Indian Crew battling a new 2018 Harley-Davidson AFT Factory Team.

The Indian Scout FTR750 is nothing but impressive to see on the track. Three-Time National Champion Kenny Coobeth will be one of the privateer competitors in 2018 who is planning to ride the dominant Indian Scout FTR750.

GCIMRG has a ride planned on May 19, 2018 to end up at the Sacramento Mile. I hope we can get a good group interested in attending this must see event.



Indian FTR750. Three-time Grand National Champion Kenny Coolbeth Jr road a HD XG750R last year.

Welcome New GCIMRG Officers

At our January and February meetings, we elected new officers to GCIMRG. Welcome Treasurer Marc Moehlman, Road Director Mike Riley, Safety Director Joe Ferreira, and Photographer Gene Walker.

Mike Riley moved from the Safety Director to the Road Director. Marc Moehlman, a retired school teacher, has loads of experience with numbers. Joe Ferreira is a retired fireman with plenty of experience in safety practices. Gene Walker took on the task of photographer, capturing our rides and events for our webpage, newsletters and Facebook.

Our membership continues to grow and this year we have planned some great rides.

To make our riding group function and successful, it takes a great group of people to volunteer their time to meet our mission: *Get out and Ride!*

We, as officers, become an extension of Indian Motorcycle and have a unique opportunity to build the future of Indian Motorcycle Riders Group together.

Thanks to everyone for volunteering to be part of this growing experience.



Moehlman



Riley



Ferreira



Walker



New National Memberships Types



National IMRG has made some changes this year to their National Memberships. There are now four membership types. Riders must have a National IMRG membership to be a member of our local GCIMRG chapter. The four membership types are: Hendee Associate – \$25; Hendee – \$45; Hendee Plus – \$75; and Hedstrom – \$55 per year.

The Hendee Associate is designed for passengers who want rider benefits and local chapter membership. The new Hendee Plus membership includes roadside assistance benefits where the Hendee membership does not. The Hedstrom membership is for non-Indian Motorcycle owners. All current members with the Hendee membership will be rolled over to the Hendee Plus free of charge for the first year. If your National membership expires after April 2018, you are supposed to receive new ID member cards.

Passengers who want National membership benefits can enroll as a Hendee Associate. If passengers don't want benefits, then they can opt out. However, to be a voting GCIMRG member, passengers must enroll in our local chapter.

You can read all the specifics on the IMRG Member webpage: <https://imrgmember.com/about>

2018 GCIMRG Calendar

The Calendar is subject to change throughout the year as we meet each month to plan our events. You can keep up to date on our webpage.

January	February	March
Sat 6 – Chapter Meeting Sat 6 – Ride to Fosters Sun 14 – Ride to Colusa	Sat 3 – Chapter Meeting Sat 3 – Dine & Dash Ride Sun 11 – Sweetheart Run	Thu 1 – 6pm Chapter Meeting @ Auburn Chevys and Dinner Sun 18- Ride to Busters
April	May	June
Sat 7 – Chapter Meeting Sun 15 – Murphys Ride (C&E Swap Meet)	Sat 5 – Chapter Meeting Sat 19 – Sacramento Mile	Sat 2 – Chapter Meeting Sat/Sun 9-10- Truckee & Feather River Canyon Ride
July	August	September
Sat 7 – Hollister Independence Rally Sat 14 – Chapter Meeting	Thu 2 – 6PM – Chapter Meeting @ Auburn Chevys Sat/Sun 18-19 – Coast Ride	Sat 1 – Chapter Meeting Sun 9 – Wishes on Wheels Fri/Sat/Sun – 28-29-30 Hope Rally Menden, NV.
October	November	December
Sat 6 – Gold Country 49er Run Wed 17 – Sutter Creek Midweek Ride	3 – Chapter Meeting 3 – Nevada City/Grass Valley Silver Dollar Saloon	Sat 1 – Gold Country Toy Run Fri 21 – Winter Solstice Ride

Colusa Ride



January 14th was dry but with overcast and some moderate fog. Nevertheless, we met for coffee in Rocklin on Sunday morning for our planned ride around the Sutter Buttes. In addition to our own members, we met a few guests

who had signed up for the ride.

We headed east and north up through farm country to Yuba City. As we rode counter clockwise around the Buttes, the fog was too thick for us to see them. We continued into Colusa where we stopped for lunch at Rocco's on the River. This was our first visit at Rocco's and the food was good. After lunch we headed south on 45 into Knights Landing and then home.

Riding in the saddle with friends always make a great day!

(Video on our Gallery Page)



Delta—Foster's Bighorn

After our January 6 meeting on Saturday, eight members headed down to the Delta for a beautiful ride along the waterways.

The sun popped out and the ride was fabulous. The calm serene view of the waters and delta levy roads took us down to the J-Mack Ferry on 220. A few members had not traveled over the Delta Ferries before. After the next



Ryer Island Ferry, we headed to Foster's Bighorn for lunch. Foster's never lets you down. Great

grub and scenery.

Afterwards, VP Phil Terry lead us on Montezuma Hills Rd past the vast windmills in the hills to a small hole called Shirley's Tavern at Birds Landing. Phil's knowledge never disappoints. After a short stop for peanuts and refreshments we headed home. Another great day in the saddle.

(Video on our Gallery Page)

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February Meeting—Dine and Dash Ride

On February 3rd we meet at C&E for our monthly meeting. We had a tremendous turn out representing our membership. With that said, you will find the minutes to that meeting posted on our member area page of gold-countryimrg.com

Afterwards, we saddled up with 12 bikes and 14 riders and headed

up Highway 49 and into the back twisters of Dog Bar Rd. For February, this turned out to be one of the most beautiful and pleasant ride days of the year so far with temps reaching 73 degrees.

We made our stop at the Dine & Dash Restaurant and Pub in Colfax for lunch. The food was good and conversation amongst our

members was enjoyed. After lunch, we headed to the back roads of Eden Valley, Meadow Vista, North Auburn, and Lincoln.

A fabulous ride with great friends.



One group of bikes parking behind Dine & Dash.

Did you see the Indian Dark Horse used in The Voice Super Bowl commercial this season?



GET OUT AND RIDE!



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Winter Solstice Ride

What started as a quick impromptu Old Retired Farts mid-week ride turned out to be something that could easily be an annual winter ride.

The Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, was on Thursday, December 21. We met at Starbucks in West Sacramento in the morning. After coffee, we took off down 160 along the river and stopped at the Old Sugar Mill. Great stop where you can find several

outlets for local wines to purchase and take home. We continued along the Delta levy roads. The sun was glistening off the waters as we headed south to Walnut Grove. From there we headed east on 12 where we stopped in Sutter Creek for our favorite pizza stop, Gold Dust Pizza.

The Old Sugar Mill

After filling our guts, we headed north on 49 and back home. We had a great time. The sun was out and the day was perfect.



Vineyards & Nuclear Towers at Rancho Seco