

THE ARROWHEAD NEWSLETTER



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July 11, 2018

President's Message

Hello members. Since our last newsletter in April, our chapter has been very busy and full of rides and events.

First, I want to welcome our new members who came into the chapter in April, May and June. A big welcome to Jerry Wheeler, Brad Reynolds, and John Segale.

Our IMRG chapter continues to develop into a strong group of friends who love to ride and enjoy our adventures each month.

I suspect many of you are very busy with work, family, and other hobbies. If you have not had a chance to join us in rides, we encourage you to "Get out and Ride!" Our membership is very family oriented and we come from many different backgrounds and occupations including education, law enforcement, military, fire, construction, business, government, medical, automotive, and industrial to name a few. You are sure to connect with many of our members.

If you feel you are new to riding and you don't have enough experience to join us yet, please join us. Any level of experience is welcome.

Just in the last three months we

have had over 13 rides and events take place.

In April, we hosted a GCIMRG member awareness day in conjunction with C&E's Dealer Demo Day. Members staffed a table at C&E to promote our riders group, provide information, and also took the opportunity to lead some of the demo rides for guests.

We held a member appreciation dinner on May 12. We had nearly 40 people attend our dinner at the Claim Jumpers Restaurant which our chapter hosted. It was a great evening and opportunity to continue to



get to know each other and bond our membership. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the event.

Our rides have been well attended and we have ventured into some beautiful country in the last few months. We have highlighted a few of those rides as you read on in this newsletter.

This year, we voted to host the second annual Gold Country 49er Run on June 30. Proceeds of our event will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation via the Hope Motorcycle Rally in September. There is a lot of planning, preparation, and leg work involved with hosting a good poker run. Our members graciously jumped in and helped collect raffle prizes, organize signs, and staff a very successful poker run. Thanks go out to members Phil Terry, Mike Riley and his wife Melanie, Gene Walker, Joe Ferreira, David Prasinis, Larry Shields, Christine Ernst, March Moehlman and wife Linda, Joshua Baker and wife Kelly, Tom Johansen & Linda Berry, Andrew LaMar, Jim Ketcherside, and Mike McGuire. You all did a tremendous job of supporting and hosting this event.

We raised approximately \$1,600 to donate to our charity. We will present that check at the September Hope Rally in South Lake Tahoe.

Charity also seemed to be flowing in the water. The winner of the \$300 high hand, Mike Kellogg, donated his winnings back into the basket to send to the Hope Rally.

2nd Annual Gold Country 49er Run





HOPE MOTORCYCLE RALLY

September 28-29, 2018

Friday 7pm – 9pm - No host meet and greet at MontBleu Ball Room

Saturday 10am – Ride to Virginia City

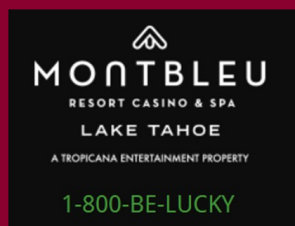
Saturday 7pm – Dinner and Drawing

Website: <https://hopemotorcyclerrally.info/>

Hotel Accommodations: Use group code STHMR18

Friday – King \$79 or 2 Queens \$99.99

Saturday – King \$129.99 or 2 Queens \$149.99



What is the Hope Rally

Last year, Gene Walker and Mike Lauro mentioned to me that the San Jose and Hollister Chapters of IMRG were putting together a motorcycle rally to fight cancer. I didn't know anything about it other than it would be an overnight ride to Nevada and sounded fun. Once we connected with those chapters, we knew that we had to get some members together to selfishly have fun on a great ride, but more importantly to help with a worthy cause.

The Hope Rally was imagined by Dave Tozer. He is a stage four survivor of prostate cancer and not only an avid motorcycle rider but the current Hollister IMRG chapter president. The idea was to bring awareness and generate funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Dave, along with Hollister Power Sports, Indian Motorcycle, and other organizers felt it was important to recognize that cancer has no boundaries and to that end, picked their charities. The goal for the HOPE Rally was to have a fun weekend of riding, network with other riders, and generate much needed funds for cancer research.



Our chapter joined the Hollister and San Jose chapters last year for their first inaugural rally held in Minden, Nevada. We met and rode up Highway 88 to the event. It was awesome to see so many Indian Motorcycles riding together up the highway in some beautiful country through the Sierra Nevada Mountains to Minden, NV.

During the rally, we spent time riding over to the Reno Street Vibrations Rally, held that same weekend, and other areas of interest.

A banquet dinner on Saturday night provided some time to meet other chapter members, and listen to some great presentations as

well as check our raffle tickets in hopes of winning the Indian Scout offered as the prize.

This year, the 2018 Hope Motorcycle Rally is being held in South

Lake Tahoe at the MontBleu Resort and Spa. We will again have chapter members signing up to participate in this rally. Our Gold Country Chapter will also have the proud opportunity to present a donation check of nearly \$2000 from the proceeds of our 49er Poker Run.



Ride To Oregon Proves Challenging, Rewarding

By Andrew LaMar

Ride: Round Trip Woodland, California to Redmond, Oregon

Miles: 997

Route: Day 1 Woodland to Redmond on I-5 & Hwy 97

Day 2: Redmond to Alturas, CA Hwys 97,31,395

Day 3: Alturas to Woodland via Hwys 299, 139, 147, 89, 70, 99 and I-5.

Highlights: The solitude and beauty of Hwy 139 through parts of the Modoc National Forest, around Eagle Lake and dropping into Susanville.

Oh I tried mightily to persuade my fellow GCIMRG members to join me for this ride, but alas, no luck (I will work on my persuasion skills!). So I struck out solo on the morning of Friday, May 25. The sky was gray. Thirty minutes into the ride, it started to rain. By Willows, the sky turned black. And then, of course, the downpour came.

I pulled off in Red Bluff, barely able to see the exit. I waited it out for half an hour and then was back on the road, cursing my so-called waterproof gear. Waterproof boots and jacket, yes. Waterproof pants and gloves, not so much! (There is nothing like putting your gear to the test.)

Fortunately, for the rest of the trip to Redmond, there would only be intermittent rain, although it was a chilly ride with soggy hands and legs. A breakfast stop at Hi-Lo Café in Weed – thumbs up! – lifted my spirits.

The ride from Redding north is a real joy, as I-5 cuts across Shasta Lake and winds through forest land. It just gets better from there, as Highway 97 takes you from Weed to Klamath Falls and then around Upper Klamath Lake and through more national forests.

Surprisingly, I managed to complete the ride in 8 hours and 15 minutes, despite the slick roads and inclement weather. (It takes me 7 hours to in a car.)

By the way, for you beer lovers, the Bend area has a lot to offer – more than 30 microbreweries, and I sampled several while visiting with my brother. My favorites: Wild Ride Brew in Redmond and Crux in Bend.

For my return trip, I opted for a two-day ride through southeastern Oregon and northeastern California. I stayed over in Alturas at Ho-

tel Niles, a charming country inn with a saloon that opened the same year the Titanic sank (1912). On the Sunday night of Memorial Day Weekend, however, it was empty and the saloon was closed. (Boo-hoo.) Still, I enjoyed the hotel and look forward to returning.

As for the ride back from Oregon, what can I say? It was simply spectacular. The weather was ideal, thankfully, and that certainly helped. Highway 31 out of La Pine headed southeast is a lonely ride – almost no towns and no traffic. But the rolling landscape is wonderful, and I felt like I was riding through the Old West.

The real treat came the following day, when I rode through the Modoc National Forest on Highway 139, past Eagle Lake and down into Susanville. I think I maybe passed one or two cars total in that one hour ride. Talk about feeling remote! And gorgeous territory.

I continued on along the eastern shore of Lake Almanor, through the Feather River Canyon and down into the Sacramento area on Hwy 70. Most of you know how amazing that is. All in all, it turned out to be a great motorcycling trip – and I highly recommend this route, if you are looking for a fun three- or four-day getaway.



Hopmunk Tavern Ride

Sonoma was our destination. To ride through the open wine country vineyards, with the fresh cool breeze blowing past our 111 cubic inch Thunder Stroke Engines and 100 horse Scouts.

That at least sounds kind of like motorcycle tabloid stuff.

Anyway, we met in Davis on Sunday April 22. The weather was perfect. We took off along County Rd 31 through Winters until we entered Highway 128 towards Lake Berryessa. Now the plan was to stay the course for a more direct route to Sonoma. But, as we go closer to Lake Berryessa, I couldn't help but change up to the west side route along Lake Berryessa onto Berryessa Knoxville Road as we had done when we rode to Busters BBQ in March.

This route is absolutely beautiful as we road past the lake, eagles nests on poles, and open country. Again riding through the Pope Valley and into wine country past the numerous vineyards that make up the Napa Valley.

Our stop in Sonoma was the HopMunk Tavern on Highway 12 in Sonoma for lunch. We picked this place on a whim – to explore new restaurants. I

will say the food was good, but on this day, the service was a bit off. We walked in and had to flag down and drag the hostess outside to get a table. They didn't at all appear too busy yet.

After lunch, we road off north/ west on Highway 12 until we got to a small twisty road called Trinity Rd. This road took us east up into the Napa mountains, switching back and forth on some 'tail of the dragon' style turns. Ultimately we dropped back down into the Napa Valley from Oakville Grade Rd and out onto Highway 29 near Opus One Winery. From there we headed back towards Lake Berryessa on 128 and home. A fantastic ride and great day to be alive and on a motorcycle, especially our Indians.



May Chapter Meeting—Ride to Downieville

On May 5 we held our chapter meeting. Plans were set for the following week's member appreciation dinner and for the 49er Poker Run set for June 30. All that aside, we had to "Get out and Ride". So off we went to Downieville. Always a great but simple ride up into some fantastic countryside.

But on this day, we had to test our tolerance of a few crazy street bikes that challenged the serenity of our day.

We had just finished spending some time at the tranquil Fiddle Creek Falls off of 49. Beauty and splendor. (Sounds like a travel agent). Anyway, after rest

and photos, off we go toward Downieville for the 11 mile ride into town and for lunch. But on this stretch of the road, a group of about 6 street bikes came up behind us and decided they wanted to continue their 60 + mph on the 35-40 mph turns. Of course we were in their way, and so off they go, crossing the double yellow line into blind curves ahead of us to pass. I saw visions of head-on traffic popping these guys like bugs. But then I realized that once they got popped, the wreckage would be splattering right into me and our path taking us all out. We stayed calm and let them pass, only to stop in the same

restaurant parking lot about 3 minutes later. Well worth the risk I guess. As we dismounted, I was amazed that all of us older experienced riders just shook our heads at the youngsters and didn't throw them into the nearby river.

But serenity prevailed. After lunch a few returned home and the rest of us took the ride to Sardine Lake for a bit more serenity. What a beautiful day. On the way home, Jody Watkins led us to a small gem, Lake Frances Resort, where we grabbed an ice cream bar. Life is good.



July 11, 2018

Durango Rendezvous III—A REAL RIDE

By Linda Rothman

Participants: Larry & Christine Ernst, Al & Carol Bryan, Mark Moehlman & Linda Rothman, Jim Ketcherside and Mike Riley

On Saturday, June 9th our brave group of adventurers (6 people on 5 shiny Indians) met at an Auburn coffee shop at 10 AM. There were photo opportunities, equipment checks and apparel advice exchanged due to climate changes expected on our first day. We had some pros, some experienced and some novice long distance riders but all needs were addressed...and then we took off.

The first day's ride was short and easy. We stopped in Sparks to add Carol & Al Bryan (with our 6th shiny Indian & now 8 people) to our group and continued on to Fallon, NV. It was only 159 miles. We checked into the Best Western, where we were greeted with wonderful Peanut Butter Cookies! After we settled in we went to dinner at a local Steak House. Among other offerings on their menu Rocky Mountain Oysters were featured with several preparations to choose from. No takers at our table. After dinner, a Casino is the only place to go. I found the only slot machine in the casino that had a pull handle and actually paid out, in coins, at the machine. I was delighted AND won \$30. The group didn't stay out long or



late in anticipation of a longer ride to Ely, NV, with an early departure.

We had a wonderful breakfast & loaded up for Ely, with a stop in Eureka as we

headed into the Great Basin, and sights yet to be seen. The excitement was palpable. We had 256 miles ahead of us with reservations awaiting us at the La Quinta Inn. We passed by and stopped at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Amazing! It was a cool and beautiful drive and after our arrival at our hotel and a short rest we were ready to take off on foot to La Fiesta, a Mexican Restaurant recommended to us. Small world that it is, as we were beginning our walk, we ran into Tina Hurley from Indian and had a nice visit, seeing a few new bikes she had in her trailer AND scoring some swag! Dinner was AMAZING! We walked back



home & headed to bed as the next day's ride was to Knab, UT (293 miles) where we'd go through the Zion National Park and see natural beauty difficult to describe.

Bright and early Monday morning, June 11th, we took off after a wonderful breakfast at our hotel. Utah is SO BEAUTIFUL! I was glad I was a passenger so I could look all around at the spectacular sights. We rode at a good clip, took breaks as needed and fell in love with Zion. We stayed at the Best Western Red Hills and decided we should get to bed early for our 356 mile ride on Tuesday to Durango. This would be the longest day of riding of our trip out but there were no complaints...only the excitement of what was yet to come.

Again, we were awestruck by the beauty surrounding us as we rode. The colors



and textures of the mountains and the sky are so unlike what we see here in CA. I think all of us were impressed with the diversity of our surroundings. As we began getting close to Durango, sadly we saw huge plumes of smoke rising from fires that were raging uncontrollably north of Durango. We were lucky though, we were able to make it to Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignatio, CO with no problems at all. We were 'home' for the next few days! Upon arrival, there were Event Bags to pick up, vendors showing their wares, and sheer joy that we didn't have to pack up and leave again the next morning. We were able to settle in! We ended up meeting for dinner in one of the restaurants and some alert souls actually made it to the movie, "Wild Hogs." Others of us simply crawled off to our rooms to sleep.

The next day we rode into Durango, CO for a day of shopping, sightseeing, and frankly no long time in the saddle riding.

The following day we rode out to Mesa Verde National Park, which I believe was



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voted the number one attraction of the trip by our group. On the way out and back we stopped for photos at the Cattle Drive Café (Larry's Favorite) and lunch



on our return. There were wonderful photo opportunities there with Teepee's and giant arrows...and the owners were kind, interested and accommodating to our group, PLUS they had great food! What a fun find in the middle of nowhere!

Because of the fires, we were told the Million Dollar Highway was closed. We weren't able to make it up to Silverton or Ouray which were also supposed to be spectacular. The railroad that ran be-



tween Durango & Silverton was shut down because of the fire till the end of July. Guess we'll just have to go back! In the town of Durango, it was a little smoky...but it was cloudy smoke in the morning when we were driving through to Mesa Verde. Our eyes burned and

throats hurt. We never saw flames, the fires were far enough away...but the devastation and impact on the community was apparent.

We got back in time to get cleaned up for the Indian Banquet Event at the Casino. There was a beautiful Ute Indian blessing before the meal, a speaker after the meal and the event concluded with some traditional Indian dancing performances.

The following day we took off towards the San Juan National Forest to check out a Biker Bar, "The Rusty Shovel." YUM! Their French Fries with Pulled Pork & Cheese are the things dreams are made of!

The event wrap up was on Saturday, June 16. A tour of a specialty Indian Motorworks Shop, and some of us visited the Ute Museum which was a beautiful presentation of the origin and history of the tribe and how they continue to keep their culture alive today. BUT the best part of the evening was the ZZ Top Tribute Band, Eliminator, from Chicago. They even had fuzzy guitars!!! We Danced!!!

We left early Sunday morning wearing our rain gear. We stopped at the Cattle Drive Café for breakfast and to say good-bye. The weather was quite diverse the whole trip. Strong winds and gusts, one that knocked Larry's microphone from his helmet into his glasses, knocking them cockeyed with the mike landing in his eye! I learned so much about equipment/gear/packing...I can't wait for our next adventure!

We rode about 230 miles Sunday, Monday about 330 miles taking us back to Ely and La Fiesta Restaurant and on Tuesday, June 19, we made the final sprint from Ely, NV to home, about 419 miles!

Our group of riders were so compatible, like family, easy and fun to be with. We really enjoyed our

time together, not just on the road but at meals and just hanging around town. There was a lot of laughter, particularly about the texture of caramels, and the Toy Ducks we kidnapped



and tortured. We shared photos and laughed about them...and then the Cigar Nights and stories shared there. Jim's Jeep trip story with Sharon was a winner! And Christine, our lady superstar/ guinea pig..."Let's see how far you can go before you run out of gas." This was cool for so many reasons: 1) Christine got to lead!!! 2) She knew we were prepared with extra fuel if & when she would run out of gas. 3) She found out her fuel indicator light doesn't work, so she can get it fixed & make sure it's dependable. 4) We all realized, if we had a doubt, that Christine is a Rock Star!

Yes the camaraderie, leave no rider behind, and just being a great group of people made this trip one that I will remember, appreciate, and smile about for years to come.



Rides and Events

Graeagle Ride: July 14/15 We meet with the Hollister IMRG group for a ride up through Highway 88, South Lake Tahoe, and ending up at Graeagle for an overnight stay at the River Pines Resort. Rooms may still be available. Call 530-836-2552 and let them know you are with the IMRG group.

C&E Cookout and GCIMRG Open House: July 28. Members will be BBQ'n up the food and have our open house for prospective members to see what we are about.

Chapter Meeting/Dinner: August 2, Thursday @ 6:30 pm. Chevys Auburn.

Tahoe Day Ride: August 5, Sunday. Ride up through the foothills to Truckee, then to North Shore and around the east side of Lake Tahoe.

Bodega Bay Day Ride: August 19, Sunday. Ride Down to Marshalls Store for lunch, BBQ oysters, or your choice of great sandwiches and back home on the Bohemian highway.

Wishes on Wheels Ride: August 26, Sunday. It's time to start those engines for Make-A-Wish®! Wishes on Wheels is a fundraising motorcycle ride to benefit wishes for Make-A-Wish® children. Registration and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. at Folsom Harley Davidson, ride begins at 10 a.m. and ends at Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort where lunch, beer, live music, and raffle prizes will be waiting for riders.

Registration is \$25 at JacksonCasino.com or at the Casino Cashier's

Cage through August 21, 2018. After August 22, registration will increase to \$35. There will be limited registration available on the day of at Folsom Harley Davidson. Your registration fee includes commemorative ride pin, breakfast, lunch, raffle, entertainment by "After Dark", and \$10 Free Slot Play or Match Play. For more information and to register, visit JacksonCasino.com.

Quincy – Feather River Canyon Run: September 8/9. GCIMRG will be riding a route that will take us up into the Sierras and into Truckee, Gold Lakes, Sardine Lake and Quincy where we will stay the night at the Ranchito Motel 530-283-2265. A block of rooms has been set aside for us. On Sunday we will head down through the feather River Canyon and back home. So book your room now and join us for a great ride.

Hope Rally: September 28/29/30. MontBleu Casino South Lake Tahoe. This is an IMRG sponsored event benefiting prostate cancer research. Last year it was in Minden, NV. We will be meeting up with other IMRG Chapters and ride to this event. Tickets are coming soon, but get your room reservations now. Call Mont Bleu and provide Group Name: The Hope Motorcycle Rally and Group Code: STHMR18 for room discounts.

<https://hopemotorcyclerrally.info/>

GCIMRG Jumps to Action to Honor a Fallen Soldier.

By Mike Riley and Jody Wadkins

On Thursday July 5, an urgent request was received from the State Coordinator-Northern CA Chapter of the Warriors Watch Riders. A last minute request to provide a motorcycle escort for a fallen soldier, Sgt. Wyatt Shurley, United States Army, age 22. Because of the July 4th holiday, and the last minute coordination, there were only two riders from the Bay area able to help.

After putting out our group email, several of our GCIMRG members (Mike Riley, Jim Ketcherside, Al Bryan, and Jody Wadkins) jumped to action and arranged with the coordinator to meet and help provide escort for this fallen hero. When the motorcade arrived in Auburn, we had about 8 riders, one van, one Hearst and one chase vehicle. Sgt Shurley's father was there and offered thanks for the help all were providing.

At the summit on 80, about seven more motorcycles joined and we picked up many more along the way who had been waiting on the side of the road with flags mounted. As the procession continued, Sheriff, CHP, and Fire joined the escort and we estimated the line to be about a mile long as it entered into Carson City. As we arrived, we all lined up in two lines facing each other as saluting flags were brought out and we stood at attention while the casket was brought into the funeral home. This all ended late in the middle of the night. A very respectable turn out for one of America's Sons. An honor and privilege to help bring this fallen brother home. Bikers as a whole are a very patriotic group. No one took a knee as the flags were posted.

GCIMRG #1950 Calendar—2018

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 Tue 13 – Officer Board Meeting Sun 25 – Almond Blossom Ride	Thu 1 – 6pm Chapter Meeting @ Auburn Chevys and Dinner Sun 18- Ride to Busters Sat 31 – Sutter Creek Ride
April	May	June
Sat 7 – Chapter Meeting (Ride rained out) Sun 14 – Murphys Ride Sun 22 – Hopmunk Tavern Ride Sat 28 – IMRG Promotion Day with C&E Ride Demo Day	Sat 5 – Chapter Meeting – Ride to Downieville Sat 12 – Member Dinner Fri 18 – Wrecking Crew C&E Sat 19 – River Ride - Sacramento Mile	Sat 2 – Chapter Meeting Sun 3 – Columbia/Murphys Ride Sat/Wed 9-19 – Durango Rendezvous – Colorado June 28 – Poor Reds Sat 30 – Gold Country 49er Poker
July	August	September
Sat 7 – Hollister Ride & Chapter Meeting Sat 14/15 – Graeagal Run w/ Hollister July 28 – C&E Cookout and IMRG Open House	Thu 2 – 6:30PM – Chapter Meeting @ Auburn Chevys and Dinner Sun 5 – Tahoe Day Ride Sun 19 – Bodega Bay Day Ride	Sat 1 – Chapter Meeting Sat/Sun 8-9 – Quincy – Feather River Fri/Sat/Sun – 28-29-30 Hope Rally South Lake Tahoe, NV.
October	November	December
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

The new Indian Motorcycle® Riders Group™ (IMRG) was introduced during Daytona Bike Week 2014. The I.M.R.G. provides Indian Motorcycle owners and their friends with special member benefits and the opportunity to connect with fellow riders. Local I.M.R.G. chapters are formed in conjunction with Indian Motorcycle dealerships. Our goal is to get together and enjoy riding so we focus on our motto "Get out and Ride." Our chapter will also help the dealership host open houses, demo events, and charity rides.

Our local dealer is C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin in Auburn, CA. We are Gold Country Indian Motorcycle Riders Group - Chapter #1950. The GCIMRG is open to all riders and motorcycle makes. We are riders who get together to share our love of motorcycles. We want to engage Indian Motorcycle owners and other motorcycle enthusiasts in the local area to get out, ride their bike, and enjoy the heritage that is the Indian Motorcycle.



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