

Arrowhead

The Magazine of the Gold Country Indian Motorcycle Riders Group

Returning To the Road



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Who We Are

There are riding groups, and then there's *our* riding group, just like there are motorcycles and then there are *Indian Motorcycles*.

Maybe it's the brand that draws the kind of decent, fun-loving and down-to-earth people we have in this group, or maybe it's being connected to a family run dealership that makes everyone feel like family, or maybe it's simply being in one of the best places on Earth to own a motorcycle.

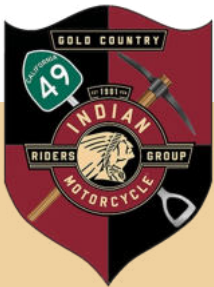
Whatever the reason, the Gold Country Indian Motorcycle Riders Group is an easygoing collection of motorcycle enthusiasts who like to stick to the basics. We enjoy riding our bikes on Northern California's treasure of winding, rural roads and appreciating their scenic natural beauty.

In fact, we have kept it so simple for the first four years, we didn't even have bylaws. That has changed. In 2020, we adopted chapter bylaws to sup-

port the IMRG National Charter. We did our best to keep it to the bare minimum. (See Page 16.)

In the end, a group is the sum total of its parts, and our parts — our members — are vibrant and diverse.

No matter how different we may be individually, we share a passion for motorcycling and a love for Indian Motorcycles. Over the years, that has produced memorable trips and enduring friendships.



How It All Started

The new Indian Motorcycle® Riders Group™ (IMRG) was introduced during Daytona Bike Week 2014. IMRG provides Indian Motorcycle owners and their friends with special member benefits and the opportunity to connect with fellow riders.

Local IMRG 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, California. We are Gold Country Indian Motorcycle Riders Group - Chapter #1950. 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 bikes, and enjoy the heritage that is the Indian Motorcycle.



Carlo and Emma Lujan, owners of C&E Auburn Indian and V-Twin.

From the Editor

Whatever gets thrown at this group, we always seem to overcome it — horrible fire seasons, a global pandemic and, most recently, the wettest winter in memory. For a few months there, with ride after planned ride being canceled, it felt like we might never ride again.

Finally, alas, the weather turned, and we've had a spring

full of wonderful rides. And we have a packed schedule for the coming months that includes a member dinner on June 24 and the first overnighter of the year, to Bishop, on July 22.

Much thanks to our president this year, Bob Myers, who has brought energy and passion to planning our rides and working to standardize trip planning and

safety procedures. I hope you enjoy this issue, and more importantly, I hope you can come out and ride with us frequently over the next few months.

As always, [I welcome your feedback and ideas for future issues](#). Thanks, and stay cool out there.

— Andrew



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The group's mission is to promote safe motorcycle ridership, connect riders throughout the Sacramento region who share a passion for motorcycling, and support C&E Auburn Indian and V-Twin dealership and the Indian Motorcycle brand.

While Arrowhead highlights the group's activities and the organizations and causes it supports, it is an independent publication that does not speak for, or represent the official views of, Indian Motorcycle or the C&E Auburn Indian and V-Twin dealership.

Submissions from group members are welcome and encouraged. For more information, contact [The Editor](#).

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Off The Road



Lake Tulloch, as seen from the deck of Drifter's Marina and Grill on May 21.

Photo By Andrew LaMar



President’s Message

Thank you for your support — and your patience. The year got off to a slow start, after I took over as president in January. Mother Nature limited what we could do

We have an active group, and a lot of great rides planned over the summer!

in the first three months. But I’m glad to report that the executive officers and I used that time to plan a full calendar of rides for the year and review our ride planning and safety procedures. As you’ll see on pages 12-14, we came up with a pre-ride check list and agreed that, although many of us

use Bluetooth communications, we should have basic hand signals for our riding groups to use. Not everyone has communications in their helmets, and sometimes road and riding conditions can require immediate action.

As always, our goal is to have fun and safe rides, no matter what the size of the group or the skill level of the riders. I am also pleased that we were able to organize a member dinner on June 24, when we can get together for a decent meal and a few drinks, outside of a ride. More than 40 people have signed up! We’ll be dining on the outside patio of House of Oliver in Roseville. After that, we have our first overnight trip of the year, to Bishop on July 22. I am looking forward to a spectacular two days of riding for that, and hoping, of course, we get good weather and the fire season hasn’t begun. Please [email me](#) if you have any questions about upcoming events, or anything we are doing. We’ve had some very nice rides this spring, and we have many more planned over the summer and fall. I hope to see you out there!

— Bob



Watch the Video

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A video player interface showing two men in a garage looking at a custom Indian Sport Chief motorcycle. The man on the left is wearing a white cap and a dark jacket, while the man on the right is wearing a dark cap and a dark hoodie. The motorcycle is the same one shown in the top image. The video player includes a progress bar, a 'MORE VIDEOS' button, and a 'YouTube' logo.

Arizona Rally Rocks

By Larry Ernst

This April, several of us banded together for another motorcycle road-trip. The second annual Tucson Rundezvous was set, and we decided it was time to venture into Arizona Territory on our iron horses for another great adventure. Of course, Rundezvous was a play on words, but it made sense and was normally known as the Southern Tucson Rendezvous hosted by IMRG Tucson Black Mountain Chapter #1955.

Our group of six riders included Gene Walker, Larry Ernst, Steve Acuff, Lynn Acuff, Mike Riley, and Dennis Gunter. We were followed by our chase car with Christine Ernst and Melanie Riley.

The event base was the Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel in Tucson, Arizona, and from there we would enjoy the scenery and roadways of the Old West. Sites included Tombstone and the OK Corral, Bisbee and the Copper Queen haunted hotel, Mt. Lemmon, Sierra Vista, Patagonia, Arivaca and many other desert towns.

Due to the heavy snow pack affecting the higher elevation routes from the winter storms,

we left Sacramento and took a direct route south on 99 to Barstow. From there, we went through Joshua Tree National Park, an important part of the Mojave Desert ecosystem. Joshua trees are spiny, tree-like plants that are native to the Mojave Desert. Although they look somewhat like palm trees, they are actually Yucas,

members of the asparagus family and close relatives of Agave, the plant used to make tequila.

One of our stops in the park was Skull Rock (see Page 7), an unusual rock which is a boulder that resembles the top of a skull!

Our final leg included an overnight stop in Ehrenberg, AZ, and then on to Tucson for check-in and registration. We would also meet up with our old pal and former

GCIMRG member Al Bryan, who moved to Arizona recently as well as a few Hollister IMRG members.

TR2 was planned as a four-day event and event organizers had established some suggested scenic rides and routes during the course of the week. The rides included the Tombstone-Sierra Vista ride, a 183-mile loop down through Tombstone and Sierra Vista; the Long Horn Grill-La



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Gitana Cantina 134-mile loop ride; Mt. Lemmon-Sawmill Run Restaurant Ride; and the Old West 196-mile ride down around Bisbee, AZ.

We planned one of these rides on each of the next three days and enjoyed much of the old

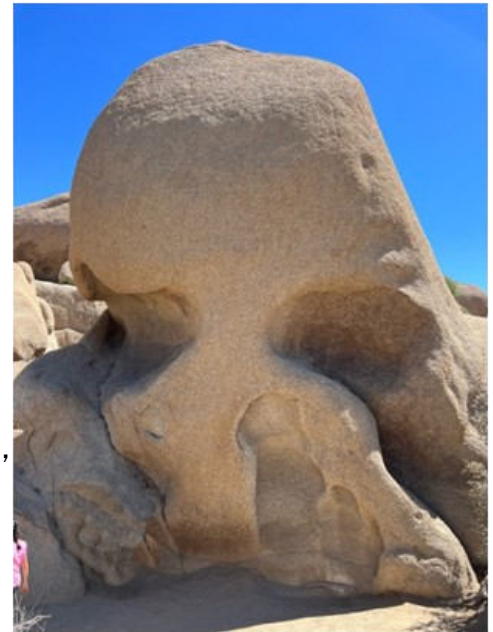


west desert scenery. We also encountered Border Patrol check points in some very obscure less-traveled roads along the way. Along with trying to catch the obvious illegal border

crossings, my guess is this was an effort to stop fentanyl and other illegal drugs from making their way into our cities.

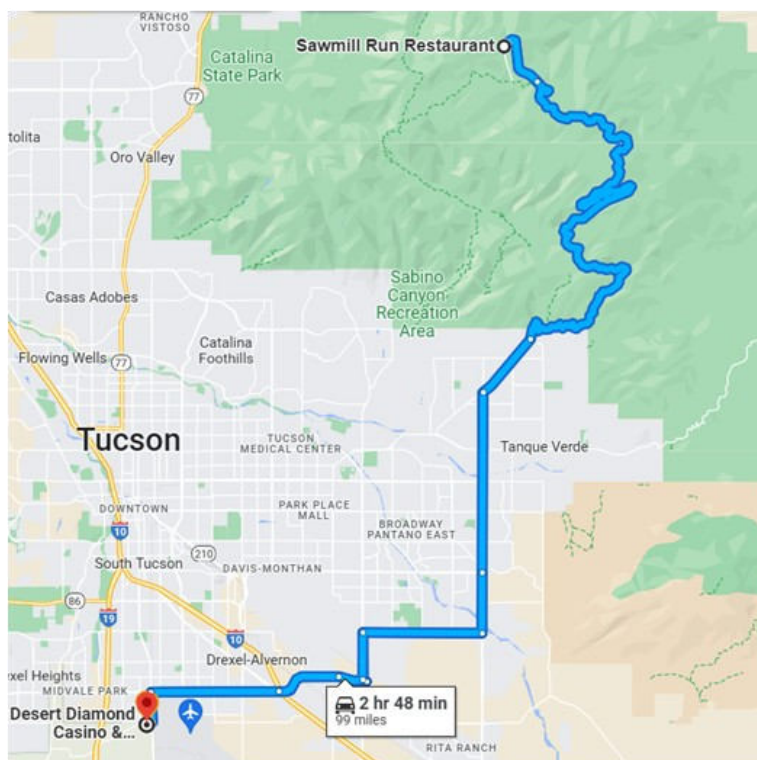
We all agreed that the favorite ride of this trip was the Mt. Lemmon ride. Mt. Lemmon's elevation was approximately 8,400 feet and was home to a wide variety of recreation stops, trails and campgrounds. The ride starts in Tucson, and as we made our way to the base of the mountain, we began to see hillside after

hillside full of the saguaro cactus along with some pretty incredible homes. Saguaros have a relatively long lifespan, often exceeding 150 years. They may grow their first side arm around 75-100 years of age, but some never grow any arms. The saguaro blossom is the state wildflower of Arizona.



The winding road and sweeping curves made for a wonderful majestic ride to the top of the mountain. I noticed that as we reached the 4,000 foot

level, the saguaros disappeared and the scenery took on the pine mountain look. Once we reached the summit, we all enjoyed lunch at the Sawmill Run restaurant. On our way back in the afternoon, we took a route through old Tucson and stopped by Tucson Indian Motorcycles for some shopping.



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clear war between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union was a reality.

The Titan II was capable of launching from its underground silo in 58 seconds and could deliver a nine megaton thermonuclear warhead to its target more than 6,000 miles away in less than 30 minutes. For more than two decades, 54 Titan II missile complexes across the United States stood "on alert" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, heightening the threat of nuclear war.

Another memorable ride included a stop at the Titan Missile Museum, a Cold War-era site. The Titan Missile Museum is the only remaining Titan II site open to the public, allowing you to relive a time when the threat of nu-



The last night included a banquet dinner and raffle. This was our final opportunity to visit other riders and make friendships while supporting the events' goal of fund

raising for their charity, Habitat for Humanity. Our return home went without incident, and we all will remember this great trip for many years. 🇺🇸





Day Rides A Plenty!

There have been some terrific day rides in April and May, once the rain stopped and we could get out there. There was the April 1 ride to Murphys, the April 23 ride through the Pope Valley, the May 7 ride to Camanche Reservoir and the May 21

ride to Lake Tulloch. Wonderful weather, great scenery and some satisfying lunch spots. We'll hope that spring's moderate weather will hold on a little longer before summer arrives with full force.



Video Central



Safety Corner: Making Rides Safer

In March, GCIMRG officers and ride captains met to discuss how to improve our group rides.

The group focused on developing a check list for the pre-ride safety briefing, adopting some basic hand signals for rides and defining the ride captain's roles and responsibilities.

The safety briefing check list and hand signals are presented below, and the list of a ride captain's roles and responsibilities is still in draft form and will be presented at an upcoming meeting, once finalized.

All the completed documents are available on the [Gold Country IMRG website](#), in the Members section.

On the safety briefing, our goal was to create something short and simple that would be helpful and easy to review before each ride. It's a starting point. For more involved rides that may have unique situations or special challenges, ride captains are encouraged to review those as well.

For instance, if there will be any freeway travel that day, adding a quick overview of that portion of the ride into the briefing would be valuable so everyone knows what to expect. Anticipated lane changes, and planned exit points are two pieces of information that are nice to have even if you're riding in the middle of the pack.

Safety Briefing Check List

Ride Captains

Prior to each ride go over the safety items below. Feel free to expand this list or tailor it as needed based on the day's ride. The list below are the basic items that should be reviewed before every ride. Identify your ride crew, tail gun, and any alternates that might be required for larger groups. Identify any ride buddies that may be needed if you have new riders that day.



Bob Myers, President

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Assess the group's skill level, to the best of your ability. Identify new people who may have not attended a Gold Country ride before. Reach out and introduce yourself as the ride leader and talk with them to find out what their skill level is. If needed, assign them to a 'ride buddy' for the day.

Check List for Ride Captain to Review Before a Group Ride

1. Introduce the ride crew.
2. Go over a brief route summary. Let everyone know the main stops and the destination. Don't get into elaborate detail of the route, just hit the highlights
3. Remind everyone to ride in staggered formation on the straight-aways with 2 to 3 second gap between each other when possible. Go single file through the curves.
4. Remind everyone to ride their own ride.
5. Remind everyone to remain alert at all times during the ride. Especially at intersections and stop signs. If needed stop and let cross traffic through. We can not stop traffic! The ride captain will slow the group's pace after an intersection to let everyone catch up.
6. Go over the hand signals GCIMRG uses. (See Page 12)
7. Remind everyone that if folks are going to drop out of the ride before a planned stop, alert the ride captain and tail gunner of their intentions.
8. Most importantly, Have a great ride!

In closing, we hope we have created a format for success. Please review the hand signals on the following page. When on a group ride with us, you should know what they mean, and of course, immediately pass them on.

By setting up a standard safety briefing before rides, we hope to eliminate any confusion and make sure all riders are comfortable and on the same page when it comes to group riding safety.

Thanks for your attention to this important topic, and please let me know if you have any questions!

— Bob Myers



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RIDER SAFETY
HAND SIGNALS

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Our group leaders and tail gunners and many other riders are now using the Sena Mesh intercoms to communicate. There are several traditional as well as (MSF) Motorcycle Safety Foundation hand signals. In an effort to keep it simple, the following hand signals are suggested for basic ride safety. The objective is to alert those in the group without communication devices that there may be a hazard ahead or communicate a need for awareness or action while riding.

	<p>Bicyclist or other hazard on right shoulder. Left arm arched over head pointing to right shoulder. Bicyclist or other possible hazard along right shoulder of roadway.</p>
	<p>Slowing down ahead. Left arm open palm facing down repeatedly swinging down.</p>
	<p>Staggered formation – Two fingers, preferably small finger and index finger hand raised above head. Riders should establish or check for proper staggered riding formation on safe straight away.</p>
	<p>Danger/Hazard Ahead (look ahead) – Rapid waving of hand above head.</p>

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Oh spring! Whatever bikes I've got, I always want to buy more in spring. And wandering the showroom floor at C&E is always dangerous, with all the gorgeous bikes that Indian Motorcycle makes. This [Scout Sixty in storm blue](#) (top right) sure looks fun, and it comes with a very reasonable price tag. Or, how about a classic cruiser, like this [Super Chief Limited in stryker red metallic](#) (bottom left). Want to finally get a bike that can get you cross-country comfortably? Tough to beat the [Pursuit, shown here in seductive black smoke](#) (bottom right). C&E can work with you on a trade-in or to line up financing.



OUR BYLAWS

We've been a very casual bunch since starting a few years ago. Honestly, we just want to get together and ride motorcycles, and you know, to hell with all the bureaucracy that rules the rest of our lives. That's always been the idea behind this group. You can call us mellow, boring, whatever. Carefree? Well, yeah, that's the way we'd like it to be. But alas, every group needs some rules, and so in 2020 we approved bylaws for GCIMRG, aiming to keep it as simple as possible while supporting the IMRG National Charter. We decided it was time to put something on paper, so others coming after us would have a road map for running the organization. Much thanks to Marc Moehlman for writing it. This is the latest version, approved by members on Nov. 6, 2021.

Mission Statement

The goal of GCIMRG is to promote safe motorcycle ridership, connect riders throughout the Sacramento region who share a passion for motorcycling, and support C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin dealership and the Indian Motorcycle brand.

Membership

All riders and all models of motorcycles are welcome to join the group. Dues are \$20 yearly and are renewable and paid by January 31st of that year. New members' dues are collected throughout the year as they enroll and are renewable in January as well. New members who pay dues in November/December of the previous year can roll their dues into the following year. Renewal notifications will go out to the membership in December. GCIMRG will cover first year's local chapter dues for new members who purchase a motorcycle from C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin.

Election of Officers

Officers have a term of one year and run from January 1st through December 31st. Officer nominations start in November with a deadline of December 1st. Members can nominate others with their consent, or self nominate. Officers can include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Marketing Director, Secretary, Membership Director, Road and Safety Officer, Editor, Photographer, Activities Director, Web Director. The election will take place in December. If candidates are unopposed, then the positions will be ratified by the membership. If multiple candidates are running, then the election will take place. The ratification or election can take place either at the December general membership meeting or via online process. If an officer position becomes vacant during the year, the President or Vice-President can select a replacement for the remainder of the year.

Officer Turnover

New officers will refer to previous holders of offices for assistance in assuming their new duties. GCIMRG will refer to the IMRG National charter for duties and responsibilities of the various officer positions.

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Dealership

C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin of Auburn, California is the sponsoring dealership for the group and has supervision authority over the group. The sponsoring dealership also has the authority to assume responsibilities of any officer position and to remove any chapter officer or member.

Meeting Quorum

A general membership meeting shall be called only by the president or by delegated authority from the president, the vice president. The quorum required at a general membership meeting shall be the members present at that meeting and the officer who called the meeting. A general membership meeting shall have been announced at least two weeks in advance.

The executive committee is defined as the officers of GCIMRG. An executive committee meeting can be called only by the president or by delegated authority from the president, the vice president. The executive committee makes decisions for GCIMRG that help keep the organization running and do not adversely affect the general membership. A quorum required at an executive committee meeting shall be 50%, comprised of the President and/or VP, and additional officers.

Ride Safety

All rides of the group will conform to the safest standards of motorcycle operation. All non-members or guests will sign liability waivers before riding with the group.

National Charter

GCIMRG is a member of the National Indian Motorcycle Riders Group. GCIMRG will observe the provisions of the National IMRG charter.

Goodbye Old Friend

We're sad to report that former GCIMRG member Joe Ferreira passed away in May from cancer. Joe served as the group's safety officer in 2018 and 2019 before leaving Sun City Roseville for Texas with his wife Ellen. Joe got us hooked on the excellent MCrider video series on YouTube and lined up a CHP officer to talk to us about motorcycle safety and take our questions. He was always friendly and fun to ride with. He stayed in touch with many of us, after he moved. We'll miss him!



Joe Ferreira

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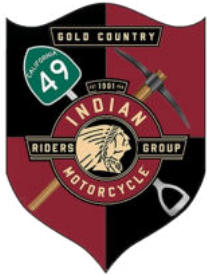
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Upcoming Events

Sat., June 3 – 8:30 a.m., GCIMRG meeting at C&E, followed by a ride to Oroville for lunch.

Sun., June 11 – 8:30 a.m., Ride around Lake Tahoe and to Jackson. Lunch in Incline Village.

Sat., June 24 – 6 p.m., Member dinner at House of Oliver, Roseville.

Sat., July 22 – 8:30 a.m., Overnight trip to Bishop.

To see a full listing of upcoming events, visit our website's [Events Calendar page](#).

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