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## President's Message

'WINTER IS COMING'. If you are a Game of Thrones fan, then you know what this means. As a motorcycle rider, winter has of course arrived. The wet and cold have been nipping at us a bit — and making rides challenging or forcing us to cancel them. Nonetheless, [despite the conditions, we do our best to 'Get Out and Ride!'](#)

**Calendar.** As the months of 2020 approach, we will be planning our rides and events, which will be posted on our website calendar. When the ride date gets close and the details are confirmed, we will send you an Evite invitation to sign up via text or email.

**Evites.** We appreciate your prompt response on Evites. It's important for us to get a head count for planning the ride and making restaurant reservations. By the way, if you think you might go, just say yes. It's easier for us to plan for a large group and then make adjustments if it turns out smaller, than vice versa.

**New Members.** I'd like to welcome our newest chapter members, Greg Gibson and Phil Haney, and our newest officer, Patricia Freeman, who was elected secretary at our January meeting. Welcome aboard!

**49er Run.** Our 4th annual 49er Poker Run will be held



on Saturday, May 2. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to help us with this very worthwhile event. This is our annual fundraiser to help support our charities, including the Men's Prostate Cancer Foundation with the Hope Rally. We're excited about some new developments to this year's run. First, your registration will include a raffle ticket to win a free custom-painted Scout! How cool is that? And second, we're thrilled to end the ride at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Wheatland.

To support our run, we can all begin to seek out coveted door prizes and raffle prizes to donate to our event. So please take the time to make contact with your local businesses, vendors, and professionals to see if they are willing to donate prizes. We will also be selling advertisements

again this year. For \$100, your business contacts will have a 20" X 15" advertisement displayed during our event. Please remember that prizes and advertising customers do not have to be motorcycle related and the business advertising may be tax deductible.

The **Sweetheart Run**, sponsored by C&E, is set for Sunday, Feb. 9. We have sent out an Evite on this already and need your help to manage and participate in another great cause for C&E's charities. We need members to show up at around 8:30 a.m. to help with parking, traffic, raffle sales, and getting the riders off at noon. We can join the ride at the end. We will also need help with managing the raffle table when the ride ends at PJ's Roadhouse in Placerville. So please offer your support and RSVP on Evite so we know we can count on you.

**Membership renewals.** Your Gold Country IMRG local chapter membership renewal for 2020 is due no later than March 15. Please log into the [membership page](#) and click on the 2020 enrollment link. Complete the form and then use the PayPal link or send a \$15 check to our treasurer, Gene Walker. All the information is on the page for your review.

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4th Annual

# GOLD COUNTRY 49ER POKER RUN

**Saturday May 2, 2020 Registration 9:00-10:30 a.m.**  
Starts at C&E Auburn Indian 12015 Shale Ride Rd, Auburn, CA  
Ends at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento  
\$20 Rider / \$30 Couple



**WIN!! A New Custom Painted Indian Scout Motorcycle**  
Your \$20 registration includes a raffle ticket to win a new custom painted Indian Scout motorcycle. (See Below)



Ride through the foothills with our final stop at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Food will be available and we will award raffles prizes, winning poker hand, and enjoy fun and excitement.



(Drawing for the new Indian Scout motorcycle will take place at the Hope Rally in September in South Lake Tahoe. You don't need to be present to win.)

**All Bikes Welcome!**

Register Now

[www.49er.goldcountryimrg.com](http://www.49er.goldcountryimrg.com)

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## Indian Motorcycle News



### Did You Know?

IMRG has 296 chapters and 36,000 active members worldwide.

Last year, IMRG added 10 new local chapters in North America.

Outside of North America, IMRG has 112 chapters with 15,279 active members in 35 countries.

Each year, IMRG sponsors 12 regional rides around the country. A calendar of regional and national IMRG events for 2020 can be [found here](#).

GCIMRG's 49er Poker Run has twice been selected as an IMRG regional ride, in 2017 and in 2019.

Last October in Hot Springs, Ark., 651 Indian Motorcycle riders joined to break the Guinness world record for world's largest Indian Motorcycle parade.



The Indian Challenger is here. And wow, what an audacious challenge to Harley-Davidson's Road Glide. Indian rolled out its newest bagger model in October, and cruiser reviewers have been singing its praises ever since.

Having the good fortune to test ride one at C&E, I can tell you it rocks. Power galore, and incredibly comfortable. This is a bike that means business and will, without a doubt, cut deeply into Harley's sales.

So congratulations to the Indian Motorcycle product development team, which is on a roll. They have produced another bike that is a blast to ride.

This [Motorcycle.com article](#) will tell you all you need to know. You put the Challenger up against the Road Glide and well, it's not

much of a competition — the Challenger is superior in every category. Prompted by the Challenger, [Indian's sales increased by 37 percent](#), while Harley's sales continued to decline in the last three months of 2019.

In related news, IMRG National announced earlier this month it will no longer charge a fee for membership. From now on, all you'll need to do is pay your local chapter dues. For GCIMRG, your annual membership fee is \$15. Such a deal.

And now on to flat track racing. The American Flat Track (AFT) racing season gets underway in March in Daytona, where the first race of the season is held in conjunction with Daytona Bike Week. Can Indian's Wrecking Crew win the competition for the fourth straight year? We'll find out. The Wrecking Crew returns its three racers from last year, who finished first, second and third in the 2019 season: Briar Bauman, Jared Mees and Bosnan Bauman.

AFT comes to Sacramento on May 16 for the Sacramento Mile race at Cal Expo. Put it on your calendar — you don't want to miss that!

And finally, Indian has some decent winter promotions going. Refer a friend to Indian, and if they buy a bike, you get \$250 to use on accessories, clothing or gear. And if you're thinking about trading in your Indian for a 2019 or 2020 model, now is the time to do it. Indian will give you a \$750 loyalty credit if you trade in by the end of February.



# Veterans Day Ride Includes Stop in Old Sac

What better way to celebrate Veteran's Day than to take a ride to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the State Capitol Park in downtown Sacramento?

So, that's exactly what we did on a sunny Sunday, Nov. 10, the day before the official holiday. We soaked in the somber and inspirational site, and listened to stories from veterans among us about their service. Particularly moving is the long list of Californians (bottom right) who lost their lives in the conflict, engraved in black stone.

We thank them for protecting our great nation and securing the freedom we have today.

After the visit, we enjoyed lunch in Old Sacramento at the Hoppy Brewing Company Railyard Kitchen and Hop Garden. Great place. I look forward to returning when I can sample some of their brews.

Unfortunately, a busy Sunday in Old Sac meant parking was scarce. Many of us crowded into an overcrowded motorcycle parking area, trying to make due, but regrettably ended up with parking tickets to pay. Ay Caramba!



## Bale Grist Mill Tour Offers Scenery, History



On Oct. 12, we rode to Napa Valley to visit the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park. We had 12 people and eight bikes. Prior to taking a tour of the mill, we stopped at Brasswood Bar and Kitchen in St. Helena and had a terrific lunch. The food was good, the company was great, the weather was ideal, and the tour was educational. The Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park is a California state park located in Napa County between St. Helena and Calistoga. The park is the site of a water-powered grist mill that was built in 1846 and is one of only two water-driven mills remaining west of the Mississippi River. The mill was once the center of social activity as Napa Valley settlers gathered to have their corn and wheat ground into meal or flour. Farmers brought grain to the mill, where it was placed into the boot of an elevator to be mechanically transported upstairs, where it was cleaned by various types of equipment. The slow turning of the old grind stones and the dampness of the mill's site gave the meal a special quality for making cornbread, yellowbread, shortening bread and spoonbread. We took lots of photos of this great tour, which you can see on [the GCIMRG website photo page](#).



# Silver Dollar Saloon X 2



We took two lovely rides to Silver Dollar Saloon in Marysville, one on Nov. 2 and another on Jan. 4. This restaurant and bar has been around for a long time, and the old brick building in which it resides once hosted a brothel on the second floor above it. On Jan. 4, we were lucky enough to get a tour from the restaurant's owner, who has gone to great lengths to learn the building's history and restore some of the brothel's rooms to their 19th century state. The brothel, in operation for over 100 years, closed in 1977. The tour offered a look into the ladies' quarters and tales of how the operation worked. This was the last stop for ferry boats before turning around to return to Sacramento or San Francisco on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers. Marysville was known in the late 1800's for its brothels and bars. The ladies of the evening used to wave out the windows to the men as they walked into town. Apparently, there was no shortage of business.



# IMRG Photo Shoot Provides Memorable Trip

By Larry Ernst

In October 2019, I received an email from Chelsea at the IMRG National team. She was seeking individual and couple members to be featured in future IMRG magazine issues. They would be conducting a photo shoot in November in Venice Beach, Calif., and were looking for West Coast members to meet on their own accord.

Chelsea had identified Christine, my wife, and I from our GCIMRG web page. She asked us if we would be interested in participating with our motorcycles. They wanted to interview us for our stories and conduct photo shoots of us with our bikes.

After some considerations regarding weather, riding logistics to Los Angeles and hotel rooms, we set off on our adventure to put our Auburn GCIMRG #1950 on the map with IMRG magazine. (Yes, we took one for the team!)

We headed out from Roseville on Friday, Nov. 15 and stopped by Hollister Powersports to visit our neighboring chapter – Hollister IMRG #1942.

From Hollister, we headed south on Airline Highway 25 for the 111-mile ride through some gorgeous countryside and ended the day for a one-night stay at the Harris Ranch Inn in Coalinga.

The Harris Ranch Inn appears as an oasis in the middle of cattle country along Interstate 5. This modern Western retreat hosts 153 rooms and suites and offers the fabulous hospitality of the American West. A large ranch-themed lobby serves as a gathering place and offers some center court Jacuzzi spas, a cabana, and an Olympic-size pool. Next door is the Harris Ranch Restaurant building, with three restaurants that feature the famous Harris Ranch beef.



On Saturday, Nov. 16, we headed south on I-5. The weather was clear and the temperatures were in the mid-50's. As we rode over the Grapevine and dropped into the Los Angeles area, the temperatures rose into the 80's.

IMRG had instructed us to meet at an Airbnb on Brooks Avenue in Venice at 11 a.m. on Sunday. So before we checked into our hotel for the night, the Double Tree in Santa Monica, we took a quick ride by our Sunday meeting location. There was a new Indian Challenger parked behind a 3-foot-high yard fence in front of the property. We surveyed the area and then headed to our hotel a few blocks away.

Sunday morning, we returned to meet up with Chelsea and her crew. Photographer [Todd Williams](#) conducted the shoot, and also there were Indian Motorcycle reps from England with wardrobe, providing us with some of the new 2020 gear to wear for the photos.

After being interviewed for the magazine and telling our stories of how we got into riding Indian Motorcycles, Christine and I headed out into the neighborhood with the crew. For the next two hours, we felt like

movie stars! Everywhere we went, cameras were snapping. Individual shots, couples shots, motorcycle shots (Scout and Roadmaster), new wardrobe shots, and riding shots. *(For photos, see page 8.)*

At the end of the day, Chelsea and the wardrobe crew kicked us down some of the 2020 new release clothing. All in all, this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience we are glad we didn't miss.

We headed home Monday with a nice ride up the Pacific Coast Highway through areas we had never been before: Malibu, Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Solvang, where we stopped for a few hours and I visited Mortensen's Danish Bakery for a delicious apple fritter.



# Magazine Worthy!



Above are some of the photos taken by [Todd Williams](#), as part of an IMRG magazine shoot in Venice, Calif., on Nov. 17.



# Safety Corner: Emergency Braking

By Mike Riley, Road & Safety Director

As a motorcyclist, nothing is more important than learning emergency braking. Surprises happen on the road, no matter how smart or safe you are, so knowing how to react is crucial. And braking is much trickier on a motorcycle than in a car, because you only have two wheels and you don't want to lock your brakes or dump your bike.

Below are links (click on the photos) to four good videos I found on the topic. Here are key takeaways:

1. Make sure if you have to brake hard that the motorcycle is not leaning/turning and the handlebars are squared off/pointing straight ahead. If not you will likely meet the asphalt abruptly.
2. Be prepared for the front springs to dive/compress. When that happens, you will have more front traction and less rear traction. The back tire will have a tendency to lose traction and skid. With antilock brakes, you may feel a pulsation, as they work to keep your tires rolling and maintaining traction. Let the antilocks do their work and be prepared for how that feels. If you haven't practiced or experienced what that is like, your reaction may be to let up on the brakes. That increases your braking distance, which is something you don't want.
3. Without antilock brakes, if you lock up the brakes, you may have to slightly release brake pressure to maintain maximum traction for steering and braking. That is known as THRESHOLD braking and should be practiced. The tires may "chirp" slightly but not go into a full skid.
4. Practice, practice, practice!!! Find a parking lot or large paved area with no traffic. Accelerate to a safe speed, square up the bike and brake hard as you downshift to first gear. As you become more comfortable, increase your speed and try again. You should get to the point where you feel comfortable with the nose diving, tires slightly chirping and the pulsating feedback you get when antilock brakes are working.

The last video (bottom right) demonstrates what you need to practice to be ready when that emergency braking event comes.





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**Gold Country Toy Run.** This year’s Toy Run was again threatened by rain, but that didn’t stop us from supporting the annual Gold Country Toy Run. (Photos on the left and below.) As we have done in the past, we had several members show up Friday night with C&E owners Emma and Carlo Lujan to decorate the gym at the Regional Park in Auburn. With our crew on hand, it only took about an hour to get things set up. Saturday morning, the bikes arrived at Recreation Park with toys in hand. They took off with a law enforcement escort on the designated route through Auburn and eventually arrived at Regional Park for the toy drop off. There were plenty of toys, and the families were enthusiastic and ready to run down the line of tables and pick out their toys. Another good day and good deed by our biker community.

— Larry 🏍️



## Upcoming Events

**Sat., Feb. 1** – 9:30 a.m., GCIMRG monthly meeting at C&E, followed by a ride to Gold Dust Pizza in Sutter Creek, weather permitting.

**Sun., Feb. 9** – 10 a.m., Sweetheart Run. Join us to help support, and participate in, this event put on by C&E that concludes at PJ’s Roadhouse in Placerville.

**Sun., Feb. 23** – 9 a.m., annual ride to the Capay Valley Almond Festival, held in Esparto and throughout the Capay Valley. Details to come.

**Sat., March 7** – 9:30 a.m., GCIMRG monthly meeting, followed by a ride, weather permitting. Details to come.

**Sat., April 4** – 9:30 a.m., GCIMRG monthly meeting, followed by a ride, weather permitting. Details to come.

**Sat., May 2** – 9 a.m., 4th annual 49er Poker Run from C&E to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Come help us put on this fantastically fun fundraiser!

*For a complete listing of upcoming events, visit the Events Calendar on [GCIMRG’s home page](#).*

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.



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