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April 10, 2019

President's Message

Spring has sprung. The last three months have been wet with very limited opportunities to 'Get out and Ride'.

However, some of us sneaked in between rain drops and made it out onto the roads for some fun rides. Let's hope the Weather Gods slow down the rain and bring us some beautiful, dry riding weather as we move through spring and into summer.

We have many rides planned this year, including overnight tips to Ft. Bragg in August and to Quincy in July. Go to our website calendar to stay informed of upcoming rides and events.

In addition, we are preparing for our third annual Gold Country 49er Poker Run set for April 27th. The great news is National IMRG has decided to sponsor this event, giving it greater visibility and support.

This is both gratifying and exciting. The first time we held this event, in October 2017, we had National's support and it translated into a great turnout.

We have set the route this year to start at C&E and head north through the foothills for Grass Valley and Nevada



City. It will loop around back into Penn Valley where it will end at the Western Gateway Park.

There, we will have the final ride activities. With the help of Pastor Johnny Lujan and the Thunder Road Church, we will have a BBQ set for all the riders at the park. We will give away our raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing, and winning high and low poker hand awards.

We need the help of our members to support this event, so if you have not signed up to help yet, please take the time to go onto our ride signup page on our website and put your name in to help.

Also, we still need many raffle prizes, so please take the time to contact your local merchants and businesses who can donate prizes to our raffle. You can also let businesses know they can buy advertising for our event for a \$100 donation.

With their donation, we will provide a 15" X 20" ad sign with the business's logo and information to display during the day of the event as a Gold Country Sponsor. So please take the time to go out

and generate raffle prizes and/or business ads from your area.

You can download an information flyer from our website to provide the shops you contact. Remember, prizes and ads do not have to be motorcycle related. Any prizes will work.

I hope to see you all on April 27th! – Larry 🏍️

Don't Miss the 3rd Annual Poker Run!

GOLD COUNTRY 49ER POKER RUN

3rd Annual

Saturday April 27, 2019 9:00 A.M.

\$300 High Hand



First 75 Registered Riders Get:
Free Ride Pin, Free BBQ Meal,
& Chance to Win New Indian
Motorcycle.

Register Online @
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C&E Auburn Indian &
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Poker Hands only \$15
Rider/\$25 Couple

*First 75 - Chance to
Win a Motorcycle*



Sample Image - Model Varies - See Game Rules



Win a Gas BBQ



Indian Motorcycle News



One Great Auction

Courtesy of Fox News — One of the most incredible collections of vintage Indian motorcycles and memorabilia was recently discovered on the property of RJ&C Metal Fabricators in Phoenix, after its owner Rickey Jensen passed away.



There, in a locked shed behind the stacks of barrels, beams, random machinery and broken down cars were 15 Indian motorcycles, several of the brand's bicycles and dozens of signs, clocks and promotional items.

According to Mecum Auctions, Jensen mostly kept it a secret, and only one or two other people had ever even known about it. But now the world does.



All of the bikes and most of the collection sold for well over \$500,000 combined at the Mecum Las Vegas event on Jan. 24, where it was the star of the show.



If I had more dough, I would certainly be into buying custom bikes, and without a doubt, one would be an Indian.

Polaris has revived the Indian brand with panache, and that has included rolling out custom bikes. There are the limited number of Elite models, such as this year's Roadmaster Elite, which is a stunner. (Above.) Previous years' Elite models — both for the Roadmaster and the Chieftain — had me drooling.

And, in addition, there is the [Jack Daniels Limited Edition Indian Motorcycle collec-](#)

[tion](#). The Jack Daniels line started in 2016 and each year has produced an incredible custom bike that has sold out in minutes.

This year, the collection features a gritty take on the Chieftain that offers a whole whiskey barrel of attitude. (Bottom.)

I looked closely at previous years' Jack Daniels models, wanting nothing more than to acquire one. But, they are tough to come by. This year, you can enter a lottery for the opportunity to purchase one. Go to the Indian website to sign up and hope for the best!



Break In Rain Allows for Great Ride Around Buttes

By Marc Moehlman

It seems like every winter in California we get a stubborn high pressure area that blocks off the rain for a few weeks. While we need the rain, it makes for great riding weather.

Ten bikes and 13 riders took off on a beautiful Jan. 27 morning for a ride to the Sutter Buttes.

Our route in the morning took us north from Hwy 80 to Camp Far West Lake and then into Yuba City for lunch. It was wonderful in the morning passing through the east end of the Sacramento Valley full of farm animals. We did startle a few cows along the way!

It's always interesting to tour the flatlands of the valley when some of the fields are flooded, providing a resting place for many migrant birds. We saw great flocks of snow geese in addition to herons, egrets, and even a flock of pelicans overhead.

A first on this ride was our choice of restaurants — Sopa Thai was a great place to eat. The food there was well prepared and delicious. They even provided the club with a gift certificate for



our upcoming 49er Run raffle.

After lunch, the ride proceeded with a loop around the Sutter Buttes. I have always loved the Buttes, they are considered the smallest mountain range in California, geologically separate from the Sierras and the Coast range. They are a circular formation of eroded volcanic domes.

The rains of the month had turned all of

the land green with new grass. As we looped around the Buttes, to the west you could see snow on the top of the Mendocino National Forest in the Coast range, in the north you could see the snowy peak of Mt. Lassen, and to the east the snow of the Sierra Nevada. My wife commented that she had never known how beautiful the Sutter Buttes were. That's why we ride!



Route Mapping Workshop Offers Tips

By Larry Ernst

On Jan. 10th, Gold Country IMRG held a workshop for smartphones using Google Maps as a GPS navigation system.

The Indian Ride Command Infotainment system was included but most riders owned Chief or Chieftains without navigation. Seven members attended the workshop.

Over the last several years, Google has been revamping the Maps App and many of us use the application everyday when we drive. It is nice to set an address and have your smartphone guide you to your destination.

The real trick comes with route planning and waypoints, which is what we use to enjoy our predetermined motorcycle routes.

We don't want to just put an address in and have the GPS take us to that final location with the shortest route. We want freedom, scenery, curvy roads, and enjoyment in our rides that most of the time require very specific planned routes.

Once the route is established, Google lets us use a specific link to recall that map and route

using our a smartphone, tablet, or home computer.

Riders can pull up the shared route on their smartphones and simply hit start and off you go. It is very convenient to provide this route to the riders, who can utilize their smartphones as GPS navigation.

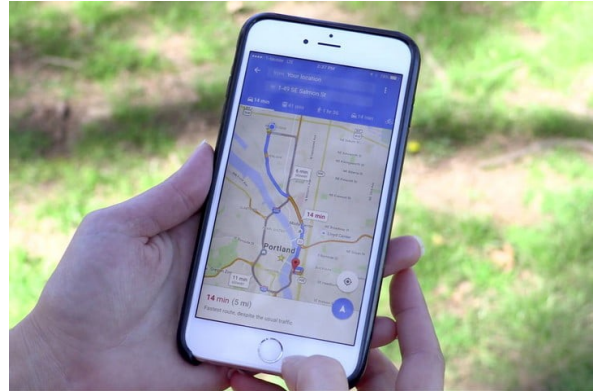
With larger groups, riders cannot worry about staying up with the pack if separated and rely on the GPS to keep them on the same path and eventually hook up with the rest of the group, making group riding much safer.

There are some positives to using your smartphone, especially with a Bluetooth helmet headset. This type of connection offers hands-free voice commands to your phone calls and even directions with Google maps.

There are also downsides with the smartphones and various idiosyncrasies with the route planning.

For instance, because Google Maps wants to take you to the quickest and shortest route, creating waypoints for a specific route is a must.

However, Google only allows for 10 waypoints, and



route planning will quickly eat up your allotment of necessary waypoints. So careful planning and sometimes multiple links and routes are necessary.

Furthermore, as riders reach each waypoint, they must acknowledge Google's on-screen notification that they would like to continue to the next waypoint. This of course can be a hassle with a gloved hand while riding.

Hopefully Google will some day fix this. The Indian Ride Command and most Garmin and TomTom GPS devices avoid this and continue on to the next waypoint.

Smartphones and Google Maps can be useful tools, but by no means are they perfect. This is where learning the system and continued practice comes in.

Even then, the most experienced users will still scratch their heads many times, wondering why Google Maps just re-routed them. I have found the use of a portable Garmin or other GPS device you can mount on your handlebars more beneficial for routes and GPS.



Almond Festival Dishes Up Classics

It was cool and cloudy on Feb. 24 – and it threatened to rain – but that didn't stop this ride-starved crowd that had spent weeks watching rain-storm after rainstorm render their motorcycles useless.

The 104th annual Capay Valley Almond Festival was a great excuse to head west of Woodland to Esparto and up Hwy 16 alongside the wind-ing Cache Creek.

Unfortunately, winter storms forced the closure of the northern part of Hwy 16 and so we diverted our ride via county roads through Knight's

Landing and up Hwy 45 to Wil-liams, where we stopped for a nice lunch at Granzella's.

As dark clouds moved in and intermittent rain started, it made for a brisk ride home after lunch, but I remember feeling grateful for the chance to get on my motorcycle again after being sidelined for so long.

The festival itself offered its usual delights of clas-sic cars, off-beat memo-rabilia and diverse local food.



Sutter Creek Ride Provides Sunshine and Scenery



A sunny March 16 offered an excellent opportunity to take a meandering ride through the El Dorado National Forest foothills to Volcano and Sutter Creek.

An enjoyable lunch at Hotel Sutter was followed by a looping route around Pardee Reservoir to visit Camp Seco historic buildings, more than 150 years old. All in all, a great day!



Safety Corner: Options for Tire Repairs

By Mike Riley

In our last newsletter, we had an article titled "Monarchs and Flats." Christine Ernst had run over something with her Scout that was fairly large, leaving a hole in her rear tire.

She was able to ride on the flat until she found a safe area to pull over. A string-type tire repair kit was used to repair the hole, but unfortunately the hole was so big that the repair failed after just a few miles and she was again forced to ride on a flat tire until she found a safe place to pull over.

The tire was repaired again using the same type of plug, and this time she was able to get to a shop and have the tire replaced.

About one year ago, I picked up a small nail in a relatively new rear tire. It caused a slow leak. I repaired it at home with the same type of string repair kit that was used on Christine's tire.

I carry one of these repair kits in my saddlebag. The repair lasted for a few weeks, but after that, it started slowly leaking. Eventually, I took the tire off and had it patched from the inside, and I was able to get several thousand more miles out of it.

It was during that time that I had discussions with several other riders regarding the repair of motorcycle tires while on the road. I was told about the "mushroom" type of repair kit.

Some riders feel that it is a better and longer lasting repair. After seeing the large hole in Christine's tire, I added a mushroom-style kit to my emergency supplies. I think it would have been a much better repair for a large hole.

I have attached links to the repair kits on Amazon and also YouTube videos showing how they are used. Knowing how to use the repair kit when you are stranded on a busy highway is a good skill to have. Also, having several CO2 cartridges or an

air pump is required to refill the tire.



[Dynaplug Tubeless Tire Repair Kit on Amazon](#)



[Stop & Go 1000 Tire Plugger on Amazon](#)

DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS

[How to use Dynaplug on YouTube](#)

[How to use Stop & Go Plugger on YouTube](#)

Upcoming Events

Sat., April 27 – 9 a.m., GCIMRG's 3rd Annual Poker Run! Sponsored by National IMRG.

Sat., May 4 – 9:30 a.m. at C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin, GCIMRG's monthly meeting, followed by a ride.

Wed., May 15 – 9:30 a.m. KSU, day ride to Yosemite and back. More details to come.

Sat., May 18 – 3 p.m. KSU, ride to Sacramento Mile race at Cal Expo. More details to come.

Sat., June 1 – 9:30 a.m., at C&E Auburn Indian & V-Twin, GCIMRG's monthly meeting, followed by a ride.

Sat., June 22 – 9:30 a.m. KSU, Tahoe day ride. More details to come.

Vote for Best Caption for Our January Photo

We threw this photo out there last issue – I still laugh every time I see it! – and asked for photo caption submissions. Well, we got some good ones. Now, it’s up to you, faithful Arrowhead reader, to vote for the best entry. The winner may get some swag, or so rumor has it, so take it seriously. [Email the editor](#) with the entry number you are voting for. Do it right now! Here are the entries:

1. Indian Model of the year!
2. Gene Walker, Yeast King
3. Diflucan baby, 150MG tablet!!!! Take one tablet by mouth one dose!
4. Inbread
5. Beauty and The Yeast!
6. Look who’s risen to the occasion
7. WOW, what a handsome guy!!!!!!
8. An original member of the “Yeasty Boys”
9. “Time for my annual checkup.”



April Photo Caption Contest



Oh yeah, we’re going to keep this going! Because every ride we get some photos that, um, deserve greater contemplation.

For instance, retired CHP Officer, and GCIMRG member, Alan Bryan (left) couldn’t be more pleased with his find on the Capay Valley Almond Festival ride on Feb. 24. It begs a caption.

[Email the editor](#) your caption suggestion so you’re in the mix for next issue’s voting.



Did we mention the 3rd Annual 49er Poker Run??!

On April 27. Chock-full of raffle prizes and fun. And this ride pin. Don't miss it!



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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