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President's Message

Well, we are certainly in some interesting times. I hope everyone is well and safe during this new normal of sheltering at home and maintaining our "social distancing." Who could have thought that it would come to this?

Rumor has it that a 'space spore' created the virus that resulted in the Zombie apocalypse in The Walking Dead TV series. Writer and co-creator Robert Kirkman subtly suggested this idea in a past interview. However, he said it is unlikely to explore a cure for the infectious virus, citing that it "would be a boring show" if everything wrapped up neatly with a cure.

Yes, I just went off on a tangent. Well, for me, I am praying for a cure or drug to treat this thing so we can begin to get back to our old selves and of course – RIDE together, which is not boring at all.

While many of us have still gotten out on our bikes for an occasional ride to improve our mental health, we are wisely following the guidelines of the stay-at-home orders and keeping our distance. I have seen Facebook posts from other motorcycle riding groups offering to get together and

meet up for a ride here or there lately. This of course sounds like fun, but I think a pack of motorcycles on the road would certainly draw attention to riders transgressing the stay-at-home order. I think it also puts others at risk

will be very happy when we can get back out on the road and enjoy our Indian Motorcycles and each other.

I have visited our dealership in Auburn a few times and learned that bike sales are doing very well there. With those purchases, we have had a few new members join us.

I would like to welcome new members Scott Capper, Doug Williams, Robert Mulville, Mark McCoy, Mark Thomsen, Mike Viens, Anthony Middleton and Edan Kfir. We will get out and ride soon, so hang in there.

Lastly, we have moved our 49er Poker Run to September 12, 2020. We are hoping by then the dust will settle, restrictions will be lifted and the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will be open. They have agreed to plug us into their calendar for September. Stay tuned for updates.

The Hope Rally has canceled this year's event slated for the end of September, and rumor has it that Reno Street Vibrations and some venues in Sturgis are also canceling. We shall see. It's disappointing for sure, but we need to do what we need to do. Keep the rubber side down, and keep the faith! – Larry 🏍️



wherever that group stops for gas, drinks, etc. under the theory that we are all infected and don't know it.

Also, the riders are putting themselves at greater risk in the event of even a minor accident that could send them to the hospital and risk exposure as well as taxing medical staff dealing with the current crisis. So, with that said, I for one

4th Annual

GOLD COUNTRY 49ER POKER RUN

Saturday Sept 12, 2020 Registration 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Starts at C&E Auburn Indian 12015 Shale Ride Rd, Auburn, CA
Ends at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento At Fire Mountain
\$20 rider / \$30 couple



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Indian Motorcycle News



Did You Know?



Indian has launched the Click, Deliver, Ride, program so you can purchase an Indian Motorcycle and never have to leave your home. (Smart!) You may have to give up doing most things during the present public health crisis, but you sure don't have to give up motorcycling or buying motorcycles! [Learn more here.](#)



Well, folks, the economic hard times are upon us. For the first time in over a decade, we're in a recession. The last one devastated the motorcycle industry in general and Harley-Davidson, in particular.

Let's face it, when money gets tight, everything beyond food, shelter and basic health care becomes a luxury. That includes motorcycles. And the higher the price, the bigger the luxury.

Wisely, Indian appears to have anticipated this, and has this year rolled out two very attractive models at the lower end of their lineup: the Scout Bobber Sixty (above) and the FTR Rally (below).

The Scout Bobber Sixty is one mean-looking, blacked-out version of Indian's comfortable and versatile entry-level bike, the Scout Sixty. I wish this model had been



available when I bought my first new bike a few years back. The Scout Bobber Sixty, and the Scout Sixty, come in at the very affordable MSRP of \$8,999.

And if you're into adventure bikes or scramblers, the FTR Rally is a pretty good deal, too. With an MSRP of \$13,499, it gives you all the greatness of the FTR 1200 line in a scrambler version, meaning you could literally do just about anything with this bike.

You could find similarly priced scrambler models made by other manufacturers, but nothing with the quality and power of the FTR Rally. And as for adventure bikes, they run significantly more, but the FTR Rally can certainly do anything those bikes can do.

Here's to hoping Indian can weather the economic storm we've entered, and that these lower-priced models will help it to keep selling briskly to a tighter market. Remarkably, it has only been nine years since Polaris purchased Indian and began to resurrect the venerable brand.

In that short time, it has aggressively developed its lineup, and today, Indian has 24 high-quality models that run the gamut, from high-end custom touring machines, like the Roadmaster Elite, to mid-range cruisers to the bare-bones Scout Bobber models. With so many options — in price and models — Indian has put itself in a good position to react quickly to market changes, ride out the recession and emerge stronger than ever.

Warm February Day Provides Great Ride to Sutter Creek



On Feb. 1, we held our chapter meeting and then took a day ride to Sutter Creek. With unseasonably warm weather — temperatures reached the mid-60's — we had a large turnout and a wonderful route.

We split into two riding groups of half a dozen bikes or so and headed south on Hwy 49, through Cool and Coloma, and then through the foothills south of Diamond Springs. Mike Riley's adventurous route wound us through the lovely countryside and hillsides, through Fiddletown and into Sutter Creek, arriving a couple hours later than we had planned.

We blew our restaurant reservation, and cafes in town were packed on this sunny Saturday, so grabbing a bite proved challenging. Nevertheless, it was a delightful midwinter treat — ideal riding weather with a terrific group to enjoy it with.



Sutter Creek Ride, Continued



Capay Valley Almond Festival Offers Usual Fun

It has become a nice February tradition – this is the third year we have done it – to ride to the Capay Valley Almond Festival. We met up in Woodland and then rode into Esparto, the hub of the five-town celebration, which was held on Feb. 23 this year. (It always lands on the last Sunday of February.)

And the blossoms were out in force. It seemed that every almond orchard we passed was exploding in gorgeous white blossoms. Lucky for us – we’ve done this in the rain in past years – the weather held out, and a cool, partly cloudy day offered agreeable conditions to wander among the food stands, crafts booths and classic cars on display in Esparto.

Started in 1915, the Capay Valley Almond Festival celebrates this agricultural region’s main crop and includes events in Capay, Brooks, Guinda and Rumsey, as well as Esparto. After appreciating all the vehicles on display and the festival atmosphere, we headed north on Hwy 16 through the Capay Valley, eventually winding along Cache Creek to Hwy 20, where we headed east to Williams.

I’ve ridden Hwy 16 dozens of times, and it never gets dull. The highway north of Rumsey, the canyon carving portion, is always fun and challenging.

By the way, to watch video of our ride through the Capay Valley or to Sutter Creek, visit [GCIMRG’s video page](#), or to see more photos, visit [GCIMRG’s photo page](#).

We wound up at Granzella’s Restaurant & Deli in Williams for a satisfying lunch. It turned out to be another enjoyable ride full of beautiful scenery and great motorcycling.



Almond Festival, Continued



Safety Corner: Watch Out for Animals!



By Mike Riley

Road & Safety Director

With spring comes more opportunities to ride. Also, the warmer weather tends to bring out more wildlife.

These two facts mean we need to be more aware of animals in the roadway. On top of that, with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus and the present stay-at-home orders, fewer motorists are on the roads and far fewer people are out and about.

As a result, wild animals are filling the void and making their way into areas they previously avoided. No matter what roads you like to ride — narrow, curving country highways or wide-open interstate freeways — keep your eyes peeled, especially when riding near dawn or dusk.

Here are two great videos with excellent tips on how to stay safe and be ready for animals, if they wander into your roadway. Click on the photos to the left for links to the videos. Enjoy your ride, and stay safe out there!



Upcoming Events

Note: Due to the present public health crisis, the following events may end up being rescheduled or canceled. For now, they remain on the calendar.

Fri., June 12 – Sat., June 13 – 9 a.m., Indian Demo Truck visits C&E, with a BBQ planned.

Wed., June 17 – Sat., June 20 – 8 a.m., four-day Big Sur ride, with overnight stays in Monterey and Pismo Beach and a visit to the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum.

Sun., July 12 – 1 p.m., GCIMRG swim party and BBQ. Details to come.

Sat., Aug. 22 – Sun., Aug. 23 – 9 a.m., two-day ride to Graeagle and through the Feather River Canyon.

Sat., Sept. 12 – 9 a.m., 4th annual 49er Poker Run, starting from C&E in Auburn and ending at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

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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