THE CREW'S NEWS



IMRG 2040

San Diego Chapter





Join us for this all day ride to Borrego Springs. The ride will take us along Montezuma Valley Rd with an awesome view of the desert below. We will be stopping for lunch at <u>Carlee's</u> if you want to check out the menu. The return portion of the ride will take us up Banner Road past Julian before heading home. There will be two gas stops along the way to fuel and stretch. If this is your first ride with us this year, please fill out a <u>rider waiver</u>, <u>passenger waiver</u> or <u>minor waiver</u> before coming to help save time. As usual, arrive with a full tank.

<u>Fun Fact:</u> Borrego Springs has no stoplights, and nighttime lighting is kept to a minimum to protect the view of the night sky. Borrego Springs is surrounded by Anza-Borrego State Park, California's largest state park.

Location:

Indian Motorcycle of San Diego 9240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Date:

Saturday - March 2nd

Time:

Chapter Meeting @ 08:30

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The SDCrew IMRG



Living in San Diego means that we are lucky enough to ride year round. While we have chapter rides every month, other areas in the Southwest are spending their off time planning events for when they can take their bikes off the tenders and out from under the covers and twist the throttle. The first event coming is the Tucson Rundezvous. Details are as follows:

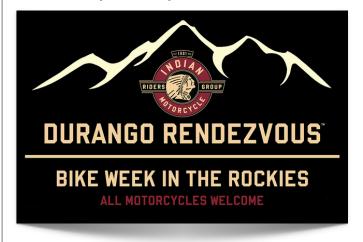


April 10-14, 2024 Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, AZ (877) 777-4212



Rooms Only \$119 before 3/15/24

The next big event on the calendar is the 10th annual **Durango Rendezvous** in Durango Colorado. Even though the event isn't until June, if you think you may want to go, register NOW and make your room reservations at one of six (6) hotels offering great room block rates and then get ready for THE best summer kick-off riding event in the Southwest! This is quickly becoming the major event for Indian Motorcycles in the West. Just a reminder, you do not need to own an Indian Motorcycle for any of these events.



REGISTER NOW FOR JUNE 10-16, 2024
Visit the <u>website</u> for all the details.
This is an event you do not want to miss!

Several of us will be attending both Tucson & Durango and we will have more details of our travels to and from the events soon. Send us an email if you are interested and we will keep you informed.



That covers the two big rides in the Southwest but next up as we travel up the West Coast is the Northwest Chapters Tour, July 12-15th. Each year the tour travels to another state and this year that happens to be Washington. You will enjoy some amazing roads and sights in our 42nd State, Washington. Check out their website for all the details and registration information.



These three events just gives you an idea of how much fun it is to travel on our bikes and meet up with some truly amazing people and also raise money for some great causes. I can personally tell you I have made some friends from other chapters who I have continued to connect with and it is the result of the bond we have through IMRG.





Here are some general tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals. Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards.

The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

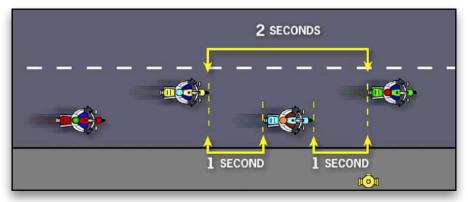
Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

Periodically check the riders following using your rear view mirrors.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

For mechanical or medical problems, use the hand signal left arm over head up & down & then left to right. Move to the shoulder and an RO will pull over with you.

If a rider leaves during the ride, the rest of the group should re-form the staggered formation by moving up into the open position. Do not cross over in front of another rider.



From the editor: Back in 2017 I was looking to trade in my Yamaha V-Star Classic for my first Indian Motorcycle. I had been hoping to get an Indian for years and almost pulled the trigger when they started making them in Gilroy but my wait was worth it. I took advantage of the factory demo days and test road the Scout which was what I could afford at the time. When I returned to the showroom I met two gentlemen from the local IMRG chapter who offered me some coffee and we talked about motorcycles and riding. As it turned out, one of the men, Dave Tozer, was the president of the chapter and it didn't take me long to realize I had found a family with the riding group. As time went on I found out that Dave was a stage four prostate cancer survivor. Later that year along with the support of Rey Sotelo, they held the first Hope Motorcycle Rally. Last month Dave lost his battle to cancer but helped save numerous lives with all his work through this amazing event. I attended last year and will be attending this year as well. I hope that some of you will join me this coming September in Lake Tahoe to continue the fight against Prostate & Ovarian Cancer.

The HOPE Motorcycle Rally

We grew from an idea in 2017 to an annual fundraising endeavor involving 100's of motorcycle enthusiasts! Spreading awareness during various events and a grand finale that takes place at the Golden Nugget Lake Tahoe. A celebration of everyone's efforts and one lucky winner will take home a custom Indian Motorcycle!

Visit https://hopemotorcyclerally.org/ for all the details.

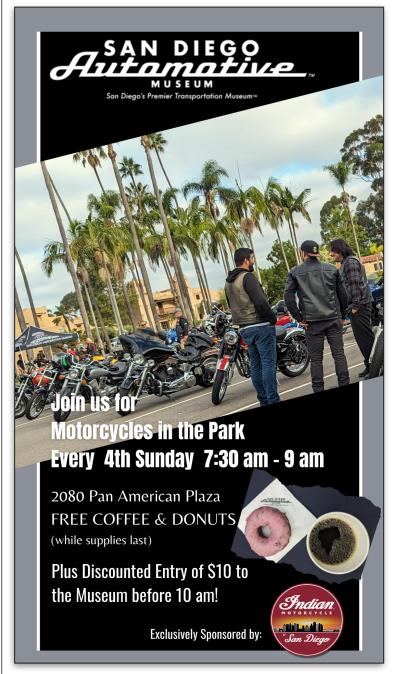
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What better way to start your morning off than a donut and a hot cup of coffee to wash it down all the while checking out some of the amazing bikes and hearing some interesting stories. Before heading out make sure to take time to check out all the motorcycle and auto exhibits in the museum. Indian Motorcycle of San Diego has been the exclusive sponsor of this event each month and will continue through June of this year. While in the museum, check out the cross branded T-Shirt that IMSD and the San Diego Automotive Museum have partnered on and are for sale in the gift shop.

Support the 100,000 San Diegans living with dementia by joining the Rides4ALZ on Saturday, June 29th! This marks our 8th year celebrating this 108-mile charity ride through beautiful San Diego County. All proceeds benefit Alzheimer's San Diego and will be used to support people living with dementia, their caregivers, and to fund research for a cure. Last year, 300 bikers came together and raised over \$180,000. With your help, we hope to make an even greater impact in 2024.

Dave has setup an SD Crew Team for the Alzheimer's Charity Ride on Saturday, June 29th. Ken has volunteered to lead SD Crew from the Starbucks across from IMSD, KSU 7am to the event and on the 100 mile ride. Here is the link to our team. Last year we came in 2nd place for the Team category to San Diego HD who received a nice plaque. Let's try to the win 1st place this year!



