



**June 2023 – NoCo IMRG Membership Meeting
June 24th, 2023
Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Leadership present: Randall Holman, Scott Christensen, Karen Holman, Jim Banks, Nathan Wright, Mark Whaley

Leadership unable to attend: Ted Wolfe, Jeff Sroufe

Meeting Minutes

Randall Holman – President

Welcome to all Chapter meeting attendees.

Presented an overview of plans for today's, Dowdy Lake ride event following the Chapter meeting.

- Reminder of cash, daily usage fee per vehicle for the site.
- Sack lunch.
- Ride will end on the return at Ted's place in Laporte off Hwy 287.

Recap of May's, post-Chapter meeting ride to Morning Fresh Dairy, Bellvue, CO.

- Lunch at the Howling Cow Café.
- Toured the dairy farm where Noosa yogurt is made.
- 5th generation farm founded in 1894 by the Graves family—still in the family today.
- Dairy and milk delivery started by family to help pay for a son's medical bills.
- Today the dairy milks ~1000 cows, three times daily!
- Described the milking carousel provided by Noosa yogurt for the farm's production.

Sat 6/3 – Motorcycle Rider Skills Training event unfortunately canceled due to rain.

Sun 6/4 – Cinnamon Roll Ride to Glenhaven, CO event also canceled due to rain.

Recap of the Chapter ride event to the Durango Rendezvous (6/14 – 6/18).

- 5 Chapter Meeting attendees. 4 bikes.
- A good time and good Rendezvous event. Better than last year's event.

- Left Wednesday morning (6/14). Left around 7:30 a.m. Passed Dan and Rambo on a separate ride during the ride. Good weather. Stopped in Del Norte, CO for lunch. Arrived at the Sky Ute resort in Ignacio, CO around 4:30 p.m.
- Day 2 (6/15) rode the Million Dollar Highway. Visited Silverton, Ouray, and on to Telluride. Molas Pass very scenic! Generally good weather but did experience limited rain with sleet on this day.
- Took an unplanned scenic ride one day to Chama, NM, to avoid rain.
- Also rode out to the Four Corners area and visited the monument there.
- Rendezvous banquet better than last year's. Guest speaker, Erin Sills. World record holder motorcyclist.
- Better attendance than last year. Great showing from Pike's Peak and Grand Junction Indian dealerships and IMRG chapters.

Law Tigers was originally scheduled to present at July's Chapter Meeting. Now postponed to the October Chapter Meeting. Law Tigers will be hosting breakfast for the meeting.

Randall has added more videos to the NoCo IMRG YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@nocoimrg>).

- Apr 4/30 - Beecher Island Battlefield ride video.
- May 5/6 - 2023 International Female Ride Day video.

July 15th – Chapter Membership Meeting

- Meeting coincides with the Indian Great Summer Cookout—a national Indian Motorcycles event.
- Post Chapter Meeting ride originally scheduled to Mishawaka will be changed to hosting the cookout event at the dealership.
- Chapter members will set up a tent and BBQ burgers and hot dogs for dealership visitors.
- Jeff Sroufe through the dealership will be sponsoring the event and food.
- Randall planning to help promote the event through Old Town Media, the dealership's marketing firm.
- Event expected to run 3-4 hours following the conclusion of the Chapter meeting.

Announcement of NoCo IMRG's, socially open Facebook group, "[Northern Colorado IMRG – Chapter 2036](#)"

- Encouraged attendees to join and participate more in this new Facebook group where conversations are encouraged.
- Supplements the existing, but chapter-Admi- closed Facebook page, "[Northern Colorado Indian Motorcycle Riders Group](#)" will continue to be updated with Chapter event announcements and other news purposes.

Aug 25th and 26th, the Chapter will once again be assisting with Indian motorcycle demo rides at the annual, Realities Ride & Rally for Children.

- The dates will also be considered local, Indian Motorcycle Demo Days for 2023.
- Looking for volunteers to help coordinate demo rides, as well as road offices to help lead and sweep demo rides.
- Location same as last year, the Anheuser-Busch Biergarten, 2685 Busch Dr. Fort Collins.
- Last year's demo rides turnout was very good, and very busy.
- Quick survey of attendees for who might be able to help with lead/sweep of demo rides. Volunteers: Randall, Mark, Dan, Jim, Nate, and possibly others that can help too.
- Dawn reminded the group that demo rides typically are between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Another reminder that the latest updates for Chapter events can be found on the chapter website at <http://nocoimrg.org/event-calendar>. This should be everyone's first location to check for updates.

Led discussion on the topic of effective monitoring of tire pressure, tire repairs, and the benefits of road hazard insurance.

- Randall shared his recent experience of low tire pressure starting the last day of the Durango Rendezvous and continuing after his return home which caused him to need to replace an almost brand-new tire with only about 1500 miles on it.
- Randall researching and considering adding tire & wheel/rim protection insurance for help with avoiding against unexpected costs.
 - Provided by multiple companies today.
 - Received a recent quote by a company for a \$400/3-yr policy. Would have been money well spent.
- Dawn raised a good point in the discussion about how recent bad weather and hail storms are contributing to more roofing replacements, which invariably leads to more roofing nails in the road as hazards. Try to stay in the lane of travel and away from road edges and where water runs and can carry the nails.
- Short discussion on the pros & cons of plugging tubeless tires.

Randall led a contest for members to guess the number of acres covered by Dowdy Lake.

- None of the responses were close to correct answer of 115 acres.
- Randall and Karen presented a beautifully engraved, Indian steel mug by Pat to the “least worst guess” winner, Denny Pink.

Scott Christensen – Vice President

No new business.

Jim Banks – Secretary

No new business.

Ted Wolfe – Treasurer

Not present.

Karen Holman - Membership Director

No significant changes in membership:

- 38 members
- 34% non-Indian riders

One recent renewal from Versie Wallace. One new member, Dave Ruffley from Estes Park, CO.

Nate Wright – Photographer

Latest event photos have been posted to the NoCo IMRG website.

Mark Whaley – Road Director

Announced that since Road Officer training was canceled earlier in the year, he will lead a road officer training pre-ride the morning Aug 25th in conjunction with preparing for the Realities Ride and Rally for Children.

Reminder of upcoming rides and other non-chapter events:

- Sat 6/8 – Road Survival Skills Training at Timberline Church.
- Thr 6/20 – NoCo IMRG Dinner Ride at the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO.
 - Need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.
 - Leave by 4:30 p.m. from Jax Farm & Ranch West, Loveland, CO.
- Sat 7/29 – Mon 7/31 – Glenwood Springs Multi-Day Ride.
 - Planned stay for the first night is Leadville, CO. Second night in Yampa, CO.
 - Reviewed the route which includes Rocky Mountain National Park, Independence Pass, Aspen, lunch in Glenwood Springs, Walden, and returning via Poudre Canyon.
 - Jim presented the idea of staying at the Green Bridge Hotel, Red Cliff, CO, instead of the busier Leadville, CO venues.
 - Dinner can be across the street at the new, Mango's Mountain Grill Restaurant.
 - Jim and Michelle met the restaurant owner during a recent trip and he offered to also host breakfast for the chapter with some advanced notice.
 - Mark to survey a tentative count for the ride via email.
- Sturgis begins in early August 4th – 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Following the meeting, Chapter members enjoyed a ride to Dowdy Lake (Red Feathers Lakes). The ride was well attended by 11 bikes and 13 individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Banks, Secretary
Northern Colorado Chapter IMRG #2036