



**September 2023 – NoCo IMRG Membership Meeting
September 16th, 2023
Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins**

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

Leadership present: Randall Holman, Karen Holman, Nathan Wright, Mark Whaley, Jeff Sroufe

Leadership unable to attend: Scott Christensen, Jim Banks

Meeting Minutes

Randall Holman – President

Welcome to all Chapter meeting attendees.

- Special welcome to new member Jerry Southworth
- Special welcome to guest Ty (considering joining the group)

Provided a preview of the planned, post meeting ride:

- Wyoming Territorial Prison
- Former federal government prison near Laramie, Wyoming. Built in 1872
- The prison housed some of the most notorious criminals in the American West, including Butch Cassidy, Kid Curry
- \$9.00 Admission fee

Recapped recent rides and events:

- August 19th – Post Chapter meeting ride
 - Originally going to Terry Bison Ranch
 - Road construction and bridge closure prevented us from getting there
 - Diverted to downtown Cheyenne for lunch at 2 Doors Down
- August 25th and 26th – Demo Rides at the Children’s Realities Rally
 - Friday rained out
 - Saturday – non-stop demo rides from 10:00am to 4:00pm
 - Sometimes had two groups going
 - Joni provided coffee & snacks – much appreciated
 - Jeff provided lunch for us

- September 2nd-5th – 3 Night/4 Day Thermopolis Ride
 - 7 people, 6 bikes
 - Day 1 – rode to Thermopolis
 - Stopped at the Virginian Hotel in Medicine Bow to rest
 - A historic hotel built in 1911 – essentially a massive building in an otherwise unpopulated area.
 - Spent the night in Thermopolis
 - Hotel located in the Hot Springs State Park
 - Band playing in a venue nearby – entertained us with live music
 - Bar & Restaurant decorated with wildlife display - Big Game Trophy Animals from Around the World.
 - Soaked in the Hot Tub
 - Day 2 – Red Lodge
 - Stopped in Cody Wyoming and ate at the Irma Hotel
 - Buffalo Bill Cody built the Hotel, named Irma after his daughter
 - Town was built around the hotel
 - Intended to ride over Beartooth Pass
 - Missed our turn
 - Turned out for the best due to rain
 - Small 8 Lane Bowling alley across from our hotel
 - We rented out the entire bowling alley for an hour
 - Had it all to ourselves, everyone had their own lane
 - Afterward, had to hike 0.5 mile into old town Red Lodge for dinner
 - Day 3 – Back to Thermopolis to the Hot Springs
 - Intended to try and go over Beartooth Pass again – but decided not to due to impending rain
 - We did get rained on coming into Thermopolis
 - Soaked in the Hot Springs for a few hours
 - Day 4 – Headed home
 - A bit chilly for much of ride
 - Logged 998 miles
- September 10th – Progressive Dinner Ride
 - We sped up the timeline a bit, and changed to a shorter route due to impending rain
 - Karen/Randall – appetizer
Yvonne/Scott – soup & salad
David Secrist – main course
Dawn/Paul – dessert
 - We put on our rain gear leaving David’s to go to Dawn & Paul’s
 - Got rained on for a little bit on way
 - However, by the time we left Dawn & Paul, we hit rain all the way home

Discussed Burt Munro being recently inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame

- Legendary New Zealander who set land speed records on his modified Indian Scout motorcycle
- In 1967, he traveled to the Bonneville Salt Flats and set a new record for the under-1000cc class
- The record still stands today – 184 miles per hour
- There’s a movie called, “The World’s Fastest Indian” starring Anthony Hopkins about Munro’s Bonneville trials.

Talked about information from the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) and their recently launched campaign in efforts to raise awareness about the importance of safety among both motorcyclists and vehicle drivers

- a. Alcohol impairment and speed are the top contributing factors in motorcycle crashes.
- b. 30% of motorcyclists killed in a crash had alcohol in their system
- c. 34% of riders involved in fatal crashes were speeding

Randall also discussed about Riding a motorcycle does have higher risk than riding in a vehicle, but there are simple things we can do to significantly decrease our risk while riding

1. Keep motorcycle well maintained (good tires, brakes)
2. Wear protective riding gear – helmet
3. Maintain reasonable speed
4. Keep safe following distance
5. Don't take chances (weaving in/out traffic, trying to out run traffic, etc.)
6. Ride Sober
7. Keep focus
8. Practice

Announced a motorcycle fundraiser ride – Sponsored by the MC-1 Foundation

- 10th Annual MC-1 Honor Run, Sunday, September 24th
- Starts at Columbine High School in Littleton, ends in Thornton
- The MC-1 Honor Run started as a fundraiser for the family of Sgt Dave Baldwin of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Sgt Baldwin, whose radio call sign was MC-1, was killed in the line of duty after being struck on his motorcycle by a wrong-way driver.
- Each year, the MC-1 Foundation selects a public service employee who has been injured in the line of duty as the honor run beneficiary.
- This year, the run is for Justin Dodge with the Denver police department who was struck by a ladder truck at the Denver Nuggets Basketball Championship celebration parade.

Led a discussion on Biker superstitions

- Motorcycle riders can be a notoriously superstitious bunch
- Won't ride unless attending a Blessing of the Bikes ceremony every year
- Guardian bell – ward off gremlins
- Riding with rear pegs down – invitation to spirits to hop on board and cause trouble
- Green bike – bad luck. The belief likely goes back to World War II. Messengers and scouts often rode army motorcycles, painted green, and were often targets for snipers and sharpshooters
- Never tell yourself you're taking your "last ride of the year." It will be. Just ride until you decide it's time to put the bike away. Bad things happen when you make a point to take that one last ride.

Mark Whaley – Road Director

Reminder of upcoming rides and other non-chapter events:

- Thursday September 21st Dinner Ride
Venue was changed from Santeramo's Pizza House & Italian Food
To: Cables Pub & Grill in Greeley
- Sunday October 8th: Peak-to-Peak
- Saturday October 14th: Fort Laramie Ride; Changed from Sat. Sept 30th to Sat. Oct 14th

- Saturday October 21st: Chapter Meeting & Post meeting ride Masonville / Rist Canyon
- Saturday September 23: Ride Fear Free motorcycle training event by the Dealership.
 - Mark requested volunteers to help out with the event.

Jeff Sroufe – General Manager

Discussed the Dealership's upcoming 30th year anniversary

- 30th Anniversary is in October, but celebrating on September 23 4 pm – 8pm
- Live band – “10 Year Echo”
- Food truck
- Beer truck

Ride Fear Free

- FREE safety course to those who purchased motorcycles from the Dealership
- Currently have 11 participants signed-up
- Paul Carroll conducting training
- Food truck

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall Holman, President
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