

NORTHERN COLORADO

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INDIAN MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUP®

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## NORTHERN COLORADO IMRG UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday-Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>—Indian Motorcycle Demo Days.

The Indian Motorcycle Demo Truck is pulling up to Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins and you're invited! Test ride the new Indian motorcycle models. Try one or try them all—any time between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The dealership will be donating \$30 for every demo rider to Realities for Children.



The NoCo IMRG Chapter will be having a cookout on-site between 11-2 p.m. on both days!

### Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>—NoCo IMRG Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Join us for our monthly Chapter meeting! Connect with fellow motorcycle enthusiasts, share stories, and stay updated on the latest happenings.

After the meeting, rev up your excitement with a demo ride on a brand-new Indian motorcycle. The

Indian Motorcycle demo truck will be parked at the dealership on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Take one, two, three, or more demo rides!

Hungry? Stick around for a delicious hamburger or hotdog. The Northern Colorado IMRG is hosting a cookout both days to fuel your ride.

Don't miss this opportunity to ride, eat, and socialize!

### Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>—Dog Days of Summer Dinner Ride.

Join us for an evening of riding, food, and friendship! We'll start with a spirited group ride under the open sky before revving up your appetite at a local hotspot. Enjoy delicious food, great company, and the chance to connect with fellow riders.

Dinner ride details are coming soon.



## FUTURE EVENTS

### August - September 2025

- 8/15 - Monthly Chapter Meeting &
- 8/16 - Indian Motorcycle Demo Days
- 8/28 - Dog Days of Summer Dinner Ride
- 8/31 - Snowy Range Bear Trap Adventure Ride
- 9/13 - The Dakota Drifters Tour
- 9/15

## RESOURCES

[Going on NoCo IMRG Group Rides](#)

Guidance & waiver forms for rides

[NoCo IMRG YouTube Channel](#)

[NoCo IMRG Instagram](#)

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### **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>—Snowy Range Bear Trap Adventure.**

A motorcycle ride across Wyoming's Snowy Range offers a scenic adventure along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Highway 130), with stunning views and lots of curves. We will stop in Riverside, Wyoming, for lunch at the Bear Trap Café, a local favorite providing the perfect location for a thrilling mountain ride.

Watch your email for more information.



### **Saturday-Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>—The Dakota Drifters Tour.**



Experience the Wild West on a three-day, two-night motorcycle trip to Deadwood, South Dakota. Take in views of the surrounding Black Hills and Custer State Park.

We're still putting the details of this one together. So, you'll be hearing more soon!

For up-to-date information on all Northern Colorado IMRG rides and events, visit our [Events Calendar](#).

Please visit [Going on NoCo IMRG Group Motorcycle Rides](#) for ride waivers, ride level ratings, and other detailed information about going on our group rides.

## **9 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT INDIAN MOTORCYCLE**

Indian Motorcycle, with its iconic headdress logo and rich heritage, is one of America's oldest motorcycle brands. While many enthusiasts recognize its classic designs and powerful engines, there's a wealth of fascinating history and lesser-known facts that even seasoned enthusiasts might not be aware of.

Dive into these 9 intriguing tidbits that shed new light on the legendary Indian Motorcycle.

### **1. It Was Originally Called the Hendee Manufacturing Company**

Before it became the household name "Indian Motorcycle," the company was founded in 1901 by George M. Hendee and Carl Oscar Hedstrom as the Hendee Manufacturing Company. Their first products were bicycles, and it wasn't until 1901 that they produced their first motorized bicycle, which quickly evolved into the motorcycles we recognize today. The "Indian" name was adopted early on, primarily for marketing and to suggest a connection to Native American culture, which was a common practice for American brands at the time.

### **2. Indian Was the World's Largest Motorcycle Manufacturer**

For a significant period in the early 20th century, Indian Motorcycle was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. By 1913, the company was producing over 32,000 motorcycles annually, a staggering number for the era. Their dominance was a testament to their innovative designs, powerful engines, and successful racing endeavors.





### **3. The First Motorcycle Twist-Grip Control**

One of Indian's most significant contributions to motorcycle technology was the use of the twist-grip control. This innovation allowed riders to control both the throttle and spark advance by twisting a handgrip on the handlebars, making riding much more intuitive and safer than previous lever-based systems. This design quickly became an industry standard. While Indian Motorcycle claims to have invented the twist grip, there were a number of prior motorcycle prototypes from others using some sort of a twist grip. Regardless of the true inventor of the twist-grip, Indian Motorcycle would be the earliest to use it on production motorcycles.

### **4. Indian Motorcycles Played a Role in Both World Wars**

Indian Motorcycle contributed significantly to the Allied efforts in both World War I and World War II. During WWI, the U.S. government ordered thousands of Indian PowerPlus models for military use. In WWII, Indian produced the 741B model for reconnaissance and escort duties, alongside the famous 841, a shaft-driven model designed for desert warfare, though it saw limited combat.

### **5. Burt Munro Set Records on a Highly Modified Indian Scout**

The incredible story of Burt Munro, immortalized in the film "The World's Fastest Indian," is a true testament to the Indian Scout's potential. Munro, a New Zealander, spent decades modifying his 1920 Indian Scout. In 1967, at the age of 68, he set a land speed record of 184 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats. His modified Scout, nicknamed the "Munro Special," is a legend in motorcycle history.

### **6. The "Indian Red" Color Was Originally a Strategic Choice**

The distinctive "Indian Red" color, often associated with the brand, wasn't just a random aesthetic choice. In the early days, red paint was one of the most durable and colorfast pigments available. Using it on their motorcycles ensured that the bikes maintained their vibrant appearance even after prolonged exposure to the elements, contributing to their reputation for quality and longevity.

### **7. Indian Produced a V-Twin Engine Before Harley-Davidson**

While Harley-Davidson is famous for its V-twin engines, Indian Motorcycle actually introduced its first V-twin in 1907, a year before Harley-Davidson's first production V-twin. This early V-twin, initially used for racing, quickly found its way into production models, offering more power and smoother operation than the single-cylinder engines of the time.

### **8. The Brand Has Been Revived Multiple Times**

Indian Motorcycle faced significant financial challenges and production ceased multiple times throughout its history, notably in 1953. However, the brand's enduring legacy and the passion of its fans led to several attempts at revival over the decades. The most successful and lasting revival began in 2011 when Polaris Industries acquired the brand, leading to the highly successful modern Indian Motorcycle lineup.

### **9. They Once Made Automobiles**

Lesser known is the fact that Indian Motorcycle briefly ventured into automobile manufacturing. In 1928, the company produced a few prototypes of a car called the "Indian Ace." These cars were based on the Ace automobile company, which Indian had acquired. However, the venture was short-lived, and Indian quickly refocused solely on motorcycles.

From pioneering innovations to wartime contributions and incredible land speed records, Indian Motorcycle's history is as rich as the machines themselves. These lesser-known facts add to the mystique of a brand that continues to captivate riders and enthusiasts worldwide.



## THE ENDURING LEGACY OF GLEN ECHO RESORT

Nestled in the Cache La Poudre River Canyon, along Colorado Highway 14, lies Glen Echo Resort. For over a century, this delightful destination has welcomed travelers seeking solace, adventure, and a true taste of the Colorado mountains. Glen Echo has a rich and resilient history, having weathered economic downturns, fires, and floods, yet always emerging as a beacon of hospitality in the canyon. The Northern Colorado IMRG has frequently visited this establishment while riding through the canyon.

### From Mining Headquarters to Mountain Oasis

The story of Glen Echo begins even before its official establishment as a resort. The land it occupies was once part of pioneer settler Norman Fry's property, and served as the headquarters for the Racine Mining, Milling, and Power Company. After the mining company's building burned down, the property found new owners with John and Carrie Cook, and H.L. and Edith Harris.



*Glen Echo 1937*

By 1921, a small store stood on the site, marking the humble beginnings of what would become Glen Echo. The Fort Collins Courier first mentioned Glen Echo in December 1921, describing it as "just the beginning of a summer resort" and noting its close proximity to the Rustic, another early canyon resort. The Cooks and Harrises envisioned a place where guests could enjoy meals, rent cottages, and find general supplies amidst the beautiful natural surroundings.

### A Move Across the Road and Early Growth

Initially, the store was located on the north side of Poudre Canyon Road. In a testament to early ingenuity, the original store building was reportedly hauled across the road to its current south-side location by two teams of horses, likely between 1924 and 1925. Once settled, the store was joined by four rental accommodations, which were initially wooden platforms with tents, offering a rustic yet inviting experience for early visitors.

The resort began to flourish, providing a much-needed respite for those venturing into the canyon. However, the Great Depression brought challenges, and by early 1931, the Cooks and Harrises lost the property. It was then sold to Herman Welter, who would become a significant figure in Glen Echo's history.

### The "Blue Heron" Era and Post-War Changes

Herman Welter added living quarters to the back of the store for himself and his family, and undertook general improvements, including painting and fixing up the place. He expanded the lodging options by adding five rental cabins. Welter was known for his exceptional fishing skills, earning him the nickname "the blue heron," and he famously guaranteed that every guest would catch their limit of fish, even if he had to lend a hand!

In 1946, Welter sold Glen Echo to Earl and Elizabeth Stonemets. The Stonemets constructed a new, larger store. The resort continued to be a popular destination throughout the mid-20th century, with photographs from the era showcasing its bustling store and cabins. Cabin #1, originally the Cooks' home, became a rental cabin for larger parties before being taken down in 1984 to make way for a laundry and recreation center.

### Resilience in the Face of Adversity

In April 2003, the main building burned down due to an electrical fire caused by mice seeking warmth. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and the current structure was built in its place a few years later, continuing to offer a restaurant, store, cabins, and campsites.

More recently, Glen Echo demonstrated its remarkable resilience during the Cameron Peak fire in 2020. The fire forced an evacuation and a 10-week closure, but miraculously, Glen Echo emerged unscathed. In 2021, devastating floods swept through the canyon, washing out the bridge to the island at Glen Echo, but this damage has since been repaired.

## Glen Echo Today: A Century of Hospitality



Dean and Tami Mazzuca purchased the resort in 2015. They operated the park for 9 and a half years, until July of 2024, when they decided to retire. Today, under new ownership, Glen Echo continues its legacy as a cherished year-round destination. It offers a variety of lodging options, from rustic and modern cabins to a vacation home, RV sites, tent sites, glamping tents, and even covered wagons, providing an authentic Western experience.

At an elevation of 7,200 feet, Glen Echo is a central hub for outdoor activities in the Poudre Canyon, including fly fishing, hiking, and simply enjoying the serene mountain environment. Having weathered over a century of change, Glen Echo Resort stands as a testament to an enduring spirit, community, and appeal of Colorado wilderness.

## OUR OZARKS ADVENTURE: A RIDE TO REMEMBER

With route plans programmed into our GPS devices, and an open road ahead, the NoCo IMRG embarked on an eight-day (which morphed into a 10-day) Ozarks adventure this past May. It proved to be a journey of scenic routes, spontaneous detours, and a whole lot of great memories.

### The Long Road to the Ozarks

Our adventure kicked off with only one goal – get through as much of Kansas as possible. There was a certain satisfaction in watching the miles tick by, knowing that every mile got as closer to the real destination. We spent our first night in McPherson, just outside of Wichita, ready to hit the road bright and early.



On Day 2, the landscape began to transform. As we rode from McPherson to Springdale, Arkansas, the flat plains gave way to rolling hills and lush green scenery. You could feel the Ozarks calling to us, and the excitement was growing with every curve in the road. We arrived at our Airbnb located right on a beautiful lake that we would call home for the next few days.



### Riding the Charm of the Ozarks

Day 3, our first full day in Arkansas, was all about discovery. We explored the countryside south and east of Fayetteville, took on the winding roads to Devil's Den State Park, and cruised around the Ozark National Forest. The roads we traveled offered breathtaking views and were kind of pure riding pleasure you dream about. We even made a quick hop into Oklahoma just to add another state to our travel list—a testament to the simple joy of a road trip.

Day 4 was one ride we had all been waiting for: the famous Pig Trail. We started with a scenic detour, crossing the picturesque bridge by the historic War Eagle Mill and the smaller, but equally alluring, Little Golden Gate Bridge near Eureka Springs. We stopped at Legends for lunch before truly traversing the trail. The ride was everything we hoped for—twisty roads through dense forests.





No Ozarks trip would be complete without a stop at the iconic Oark General Store for a slice of pie and ice cream. It was the perfect reward for a day on the road.

The next day—Day 5—was a chance to slow down. We passed through the unique town of Eureka Springs and headed to Table Rock Lake for an afternoon of boating. Nothing beats the feeling of trading the rumble of an engine for the gentle lapping of water. Later, we found our way to the Short Stop General Store, known for their ridiculously tall ice cream cones—the perfect way to end a relaxing day.



Day 6 brought us back to the bikes to explore the Buffalo River region. We had lunch at the Cliff House, which boasts incredible views of what's often called "Arkansas' Grand Canyon." The afternoon was spent riding the Arkansas Dragon, a challenging and exhilarating route that was a definite highlight of the trip.

### A Scenic Detour and the Journey Home

Saying goodbye to our lakeside spot on Day 7 was tough, but the road was calling again. We headed north to Missouri, making a memorable crossing via the famous Peel Ferry on Bull Shoals Lake. We also made a stop in Monett to



get a photo at the Freedom Silo before settling in for the night at a classic, authentic Route 66 roadside motel outside of Carthage, MO.



Day 8 was supposed to be the start of our ride home, but Mother Nature had other plans. After studying weather radars over breakfast at the Carthage Family Restaurant, it was clear that severe thunderstorms were heading our way. The plan shifted. We rerouted south across Oklahoma to try and skirt the storm, making it about 200 miles to Ponca City. As if on cue, a heavy downpour started just as we arrived for a late lunch. We

decided to call it a day and check into a nearby hotel, watching the rain from the window at the indoor swimming pool. Sometimes the best-laid plans need a little flexibility.

After a shortened Day 8, we were back on track for a long ride on Day 9. We covered roughly 400 miles from Ponca City, OK, to Goodland, KS. The weather was on our side, with cloudy skies but no rain. We stuck to the backroads, enjoying the ever-changing landscape as we rode northeast. The day ended perfectly with a relaxing soak in the hotel hot tub.

### Home, with a Story to Tell

Day 10 marked the final leg of our extended adventure. Leaving Goodland with a bit of drizzle, the sky quickly cleared, giving us a beautiful ride north. We stopped for a delicious lunch in Wray, CO, a location many of us remembered from a previous ride to Beecher Battlefield.



The final stretch home was a mix of dark skies and light rain near Greeley, but it couldn't dampen our spirits. We successfully navigated the entire trip while avoiding any major storms and experiencing fantastic weather for the most part. It was a bittersweet ending—the kind of feeling you only get after an awesome road trip that will not soon be forgotten. The memories made on the road with good company are the best kind, and this trip was full of them.



## THE NORTHERN COLORADO IMRG CELEBRATES—7<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY!

On July 30, 2025, the Northern Colorado Indian Motorcycle Riders Group celebrated its 7th chapter anniversary. This past year has been a wild ride, packed with everything from multi-day road trips to thrilling day rides in the Rockies. We've enjoyed dinner rides, dealership events, social gatherings, and even skills practice sessions.

This anniversary isn't just about another year on the calendar—it's a testament to the community we've built, the friendships we've forged, and the incredible adventures we've shared. We've weathered storms and basked in the sunshine, all from the saddle of our favorite bikes. From the winding mountain passes to scenic lakeside cruises, every mile has been a memory in the making.

Look back at some of the best moments from our fantastic seventh year! The open road is calling, and we can't wait to see what next year brings.



[Watch the video](#)



## THE END OF A JOURNEY...

The final leg of the Northern Colorado IMRG's Glacier road trip last summer began with a mix of exhilaration and melancholy. As we departed Vernal, Utah, for the long ride back to Fort Collins, the feeling was bittersweet. We knew we had another day of outstanding riding with a great group of friends, but it also meant our wonderful 8-day excursion was finally coming to a close. Our last day's journey started on the open roads leading to Maybell, Craig, and Hayden before ascending into the heart of the Rocky Mountains and the picturesque town of Steamboat Springs, each mile a tribute to the freedom and camaraderie we had enjoyed.

The final stretch of the journey was a breathtaking series of iconic Colorado passes, a perfect send-off to our adventure. We ascended the sweeping vistas of Rabbit Ears Pass, its majestic views, a fitting ending to our travels. From there, we navigated the twists and turns of Cameron Pass, and finally, the winding road along the Poudre River. The familiar sights of the canyon marked the true end of our great excursion, a bittersweet final stretch before we all returned home with cherished memories that would last until our next adventure.

Watch the video of our adventure from Vernal, UT back home.



[Watch the video](#)



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*Ride, Seek, and Explore!*



**Northern Colorado IRMG #2036**  
**2025 Calendar of Events (Updated 8/13/2025)**  
 For the latest updates visit: [nocoimrg.org/events](https://nocoimrg.org/events)

January	
Sat 1/18	Chapter Membership Meeting (CANCELED)
February	
Sat 2/1	Board 2025 calendar planning meeting
Sat 2/15	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Lunch (Jerry snacks)
March	
Sat 3/15	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride / lunch (Ted snacks)
Sat 3/22	Ride Ready Skills Practice (Timberline Church)
April	
Sat 4/19	Chapter Membership Meeting (Whaley snacks)
Thr 4/24	Meals on Wheels Dinner Ride
May	
Sat 5/3	International Female Ride Day ride
Sat 5/17	Chapter Membership Meeting & Ride Ready Skills Practice (Timberline Church)
Thr 5/22	Spring Fling Dinner Ride
Tue 5/27 to Tue 6/3	Eight Days in the Ozarks Tour (Southwest Missouri and Northern Arkansas)
June	
Sat 6/21	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride / lunch (Holman snacks)
Sun 6/22	Dowdy Lake Picnic Ride - Red Feather Lakes, CO
Thr 6/26	Summer Solstice Dinner Ride
July	
Sat 7/12	Indian Motorcycle Great Summer Cookout
Sat 7/19	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride / lunch (TBD snacks)
Thr 7/24	Midsummer Supper Ride
Sat 7/26 to Mon 7/28	Saddle Up & See Dinosaurs! (Vernal, UT & Flaming Gorge)
August	
Fri 8/15 to Sat 8/16	Indian Motorcycle Demo Days & NoCo IMRG Cookout / with Chapter Membership Meeting on Sat 8/16
Thr 8/28	Dog Days of Summer Dinner Ride
Sun 8/31	Snowy Range Bear Trap Adventure Ride
September	
Sat 9/13 to Mon 9/15	The Dakota Drifters Tour (Deadwood, Black Hills, Custer State Park)
Sat 9/20	Chapter Membership Meeting & Cinnamon Roll / Peak-to-Peak Ride (TBD snacks)
October	
Sun 10/5	Breakfast & Backroads Ride (Vern's, Rist Canyon, Poudre Canyon)
Sat 10/18	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride / lunch (TBD snacks)
Thr 10/23	Harvest Moon Dinner Ride
November	
Sat 11/15	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Lunch (TBD snacks)
December	
Sat 12/13	Wreaths Across America
Sat 12/13	Annual Chapter Christmas Celebration
Board meets first Thursday of every month in 2025	



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