

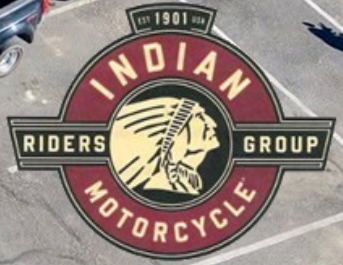
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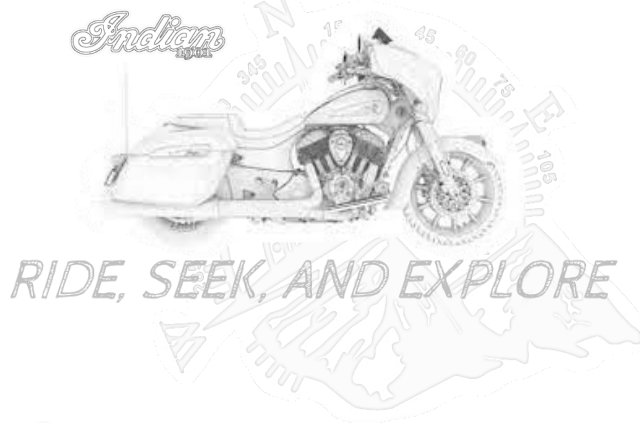
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## NORTHERN COLORADO IMRG UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> —Chapter Meeting & Post-Meeting Ride

Join your fellow Northern Colorado IMRG members for our upcoming chapter meeting on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins. We'll be catching up and sharing updates before heading out for a short group ride together.



*Please note: The previously scheduled meeting at Black Bear Diner and the subsequent Guanella Pass ride have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.*



### Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> —Dinner Ride

Join us for a mid-week escape! We'll gather at Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins at 6:00 p.m., with KSU at 6:15 p.m. sharp. We'll have a scenic evening ride that will lead us to a local restaurant for dinner. It's the perfect opportunity to catch up with the group, enjoy the summer air, and share some great conversation on two wheels.

### Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> —Cameron Pass Brown Bag Lunch Ride

For this excursion, we'll be taking a scenic ride up to Cameron Pass! There's nothing quite like the winding roads and high-altitude air of the Poudre Canyon on a beautiful day. We will enjoy the journey together to the scenic summit for a relaxed, brown-bag lunch in the mountains. Pack your favorite meal and join us for a day of spectacular views and great company.



*Stay tuned for more details.*



## FUTURE EVENTS

### June-July 2026

- 6/20 NoCo IMRG Monthly Chapter Meeting & Post-Meeting Ride
- 6/25 Dinner Ride
- 6/27 Cameron Pass Ride
- 7/18 NoCo IMRG Monthly Chapter Meeting & Post-Meeting Ride
- 7/23 Dinner Ride
- 7/25 Granby Loop Ride

## RESOURCES

[Going on NoCo IMRG Group Rides](#)  
Guidance & waiver forms for rides

[NoCo IMRG YouTube Channel](#)

[NoCo IMRG Instagram](#)

[NoCo IMRG Facebook Group](#)

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## Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>—Chapter Meeting



We'll have our regular group chapter meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins. It's a great chance to reconnect, trade stories from the road, and catch up with the group. Be sure to stick around after the meeting as we'll be hosting the **Indian Motorcycle Great Summer Cook Out immediately following!**

## Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>—Indian Motorcycle Great Summer Cook Out

Join us for the annual Indian Motorcycle Great Summer Cook Out Event from 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the

Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins. The Northern Colorado IMRG will be assisting the Indian Motorcycle of Fort Collins with this cookout event to celebrate with our motorcycle riding community and fellow enthusiasts.



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.

## INTRODUCING THE SOUTH REGION IMRG ROUNDUP: A NEW ANNUAL TRADITION

This new initiative, the South Region IMRG Roundup, is designed to bring our diverse South Region IMRG chapters together. This event is intended to foster camaraderie, celebrate our shared passion for riding, and explore the incredible geography within our IMRG Region.



### The Core Concept

The Roundup is an annual, rotating gathering where IMRG chapters convene in a host city for a several day adventure, enjoying the best local roads, hidden gems, and must-see sites, all led by the local chapter.

### Why a "Roundup"?

The name "Roundup" perfectly encapsulates the spirit of this initiative. Historically, a roundup involved bringing scattered livestock together from a wide range into a central location. Similarly, this event brings our geographically dispersed chapters—spanning Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas— together into a single, temporary host city. It is a culturally relevant term that evokes the open road and the deep history of our region.

### An Adventure-Focused Format

The event is designed to be simple, stress-free, and manageable. While the hosting chapter has flexibility, the standard framework runs for several days with a structure like:

- Day-1: Arrival and a casual Welcome Mixer (dinner/BBQ/food truck)
- Day-2: A local-led themed group ride, followed by a "Chapter Spotlight Night" to introduce visiting chapters
- Day-3: A second local-led group ride including a lunch spot, followed by free time, and a formal "Dinner & Baton Pass" where we honor the current host and introduce the host for the following year's Roundup
- Day-4: A leisurely breakfast before the ride home



## Join Us for the Inaugural Event!

We are excited to kick off this new tradition with the Grand Junction IMRG as our first host.

This inaugural Roundup will go from September 9th through the 13th (Wednesday arrival to Sunday departure). Participants will enjoy several days of fantastic riding in Western Colorado, including iconic destinations such as Gunnison, Aspen, Moab, Palisade, Montrose, Ridgeway and Silverton.

This event is your chance to build lasting relationships, share stories, and establish new ride connections with IMRG members from across the entire South Region. We look forward to seeing everyone there for this true Regional adventure!

For more details and updates, please keep an eye on the event's primary communication channel: the official [South Region IMRG Roundup Facebook Group](#). To register for the event, visit the [Grand Junction website](#).

## LEGENDS NEVER DIE: A JOURNEY ACROSS THE ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD

There is something timeless about **Route 66**. The history, the roadside curiosities, and the endless horizon calls to every rider.

Recently, several Northern Colorado IMRG members gathered in Greeley to begin an epic nine-day road trip. We traded the familiar mountain views for the iconic pavement of the Mother Road.

### The Journey Unfolds

We spent our days soaking in the Americana that lines Route 66. We marveled at the **Windmill Structure in Erick, OK**, the iconic **U-Drop Inn Café in Shamrock, TX**, and the restored **Phillips 66 Filling Station in McLean, TX**. We couldn't pass through Amarillo without having lunch at **The Big Texan**. We visited the **Indian Motorcycle of Amarillo, TX**, and snapped photos at the world-famous **Cadillac Ranch**. Further west, we explored the **Milburn Price Culture Museum in Vega, TX**, touched the **Midway Point sign in Adrian, TX**, and felt the quiet history of the **Glenrio Ghost Town**.

As we moved into New Mexico, we admired the town of Tucumcari with the **Blue Swallow Motel**. We navigated the **old Route 66 underpass** there, then continued to Santa Rosa to visit the **Route 66 Auto Museum** and made a stop at the **Blue Hole**.

### From Albuquerque to the Painted Desert

Our ride through New Mexico was packed with landmarks. We drove over many portions of the old Route 66 to Albuquerque, enjoyed the warm hospitality of **Indian Motorcycle of Albuquerque, NM**, and explored the rich history of the **Budville Trading Post in Cubero, NM**. We posed at the **Route 66 Drive-Thru Sign in Grants, NM**, and passed the **Old Bluewater Motel**, the **Old Crater Trading Post**, and the marker for the **Continental Divide in Thoreau, NM**. We even spent time admiring the architecture of the **El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, NM**.

Crossing into Arizona, we took a detour and ventured through the **Petrified Forest National Park**, and afterward headed to Holbrook for lunch and to see the historic **Wigwam Hotel**. Our journey west brought us to the **Jack Rabbit Trading Post in Joseph City, AZ**, and, finally, the chance to "stand on the corner" in Winslow, AZ.





## Craters, Canyons, and Curvy Roads

The final legs of our trek were just as packed. We passed the **Twin Arrows Trading Post ruins**, saw a few old buildings in the small town of **Ash Fork, AZ**, experienced the classic charm of **Seligman, AZ** took in the views around the **Grand Canyon Caverns in Peach Springs, AZ**, and stopped at the **Hackberry General Store near Kingman, AZ**. Along the way, we made sure to stop at the awe-inspiring **Meteor Crater**, a sight that truly puts the vast scale of our landscape into perspective.

Of course, no trip is complete without the other highlights of the region: the twisting, beautiful ride into **Oatman, AZ**, to visit the wild donkeys, the awe-inspiring **South Rim of the Grand Canyon**, and our final trek through **Four Corners** and **South Fork, CO**.

After a few days of well-deserved rest at home, the next chapter of our summer adventure begins. We'll be saddling up and heading to Ignacio for the Durango Rendezvous!



## SAFETY TIP: "LIGHTEN UP"

*A Safety Tip from Paul Carroll*

How many of you still suffer from numbness in your hands during long rides? While you may hear plenty of theories from self-proclaimed experts—blaming everything from glove fit and handlebar height to the need for expensive aftermarket grips—the solution is often much simpler: Lighten up.

Many riders have a natural tendency to grip the bars far too tightly, which inevitably leads to numbness and fatigue over time. Your touch on the controls should be light, yet positive. Here's why staying relaxed is key to a better ride:

- **Trust the Geometry:** Allow the bike's steering to do the work. When riding over surfaces like drainage grooves, fight the urge to white-knuckle the bars. Don't fight the natural movement of the front wheel; let the bike track as it was designed to.
- **Manage Crosswinds:** It's common to over-grip in anticipation of wind gusts, but this only leads to a stiff upper body. Instead, stay relaxed and apply the necessary counter-steer only when those lateral forces require it.
- **Avoid the "Tension Trap":** Becoming nervous or tense on the bike creates excessive fatigue and can cause you to make unnecessary rider mistakes. A relaxed rider is a more responsive rider.

Next time you are out on the open road, check your grip. If you feel your hands tightening, consciously soften your hold and settle into the ride.

**Remember: Smooth is safe.**

*Until next time, ride safe!*





## SWEET CURVES & MOUNTAIN HIGHS: THE ANNUAL CINNAMON ROLL & PEAK-TO-PEAK RUN

There's a special kind of magic that happens when a group of riders clears their schedules, fires up their bikes, and hits the mountainous roads of Northern Colorado. This past May, the Northern Colorado IMRG proved once again it's not just about the destination, it's also about the friendships, the curves, and of course, the legendary cinnamon rolls keeping us coming back year after year.

Our Annual Cinnamon Roll & Peak-to-Peak Ride lived up to the hype, covering 106 miles of Colorado's most breathtaking terrain. If you missed out, here's a look at what made this year's journey one for the books.



### The Morning Kickoff: Thompson Canyon

The morning started in Loveland at the Jax outdoor farm and ranch store. Twenty individuals gathered for the meetup, including riders, passengers, and several guests. With the rumble of engines, we pointed our front wheels toward the mountains, and rode straight into the winding embrace of Thompson Canyon. There is nothing quite like the crisp mountain air and the rhythmic shifting of gears to shake off the work week stress.



### A Legendary Stop: Glen Haven

We didn't ride long before hitting the highlight of the morning, the Glen Haven General Store. We make this stop for one reason, and one reason only, and that's to devour what are officially the best cinnamon rolls in the state. Sticky, warm, and massive enough to fuel a small army, these rolls are more than a snack, they are a tradition.

### The Climb: Devil's Gulch to the Peak-to-Peak

With bellies full of sugar, we tackled the thrilling, tight switchbacks of Devil's Gulch. This is where the ride gets technical, and the IMRG crew really shines. After navigating the curves, we soaked in the panoramic, snow-capped vistas through Estes Park before jumping onto the Peak-to-Peak Highway.

Cruising the Peak-to-Peak is a rite of passage for any Colorado rider. With the trees towering above and the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see, it is a reminder of why we ride, and just how lucky we are to have the Rockies in our backyard.

### Closing the Loop

We pushed the journey all the way to Nederland, enjoying the sweeping turns that define this iconic route, before making our final descent through the scenic curves of Boulder Canyon. By the time we pulled into the Firestone Park and Ride, the odometer told a story of 106 miles well spent.



[Watch the Video](#)

Beyond the open road and the views, the real highlight remains the camaraderie of the Northern Colorado IMRG. To every rider who showed up, shared a laugh at the Glen Haven General Store, and kept the group tight on the road, thank you.

***Let's keep the rubber side down and the traditions alive!***



## FORT KNOX ON TWO WHEELS: MASTERING MOTORCYCLE SECURITY

Walking out to an empty parking space is a rider's worst nightmare. In the blink of an eye, often less than a minute, a professional thief can vanish with your motorcycle, leaving you with nothing but the gut-wrenching feeling of disbelief.



With over 54,000 motorcycles stolen annually in the U.S., theft isn't a rare anomaly, it's a constant risk. Recovery rates are notoriously low, and even with insurance, the reality involves a tedious, many months-long process of paperwork and financial loss that rarely reflects the true value of your bike and accessories. The solution isn't luck, it's a strategic approach to deterrence.

### The Strategy: Layered Defense

The goal is simple. Make your bike the least appealing target on the block. Thieves look for speed and minimal resistance. By layering your security measures, you turn a quick, easy score into a high-risk, time-consuming effort most criminals will choose to avoid.

### The Physical Barrier

- **Park with Purpose:** If you have a garage, use it. If you're on the road, choose well-lit, high-visibility areas, ideally near security cameras or high foot traffic.
- **Lock Down, Don't Just Lock Up:** A simple steering lock won't stop a professional. Invest in a heavy-duty chain to secure your frame to an immovable object (like a ground anchor or heavy pole). Use a disc lock with a built-in alarm to ensure any movement triggers an immediate, loud response.
- **Cover Your Assets:** An inexpensive cover does more than protect against weather; it hides your bike's identity and makes it a "mystery target" that thieves are less likely to gamble on.

### Electronic Deterrents

- **Audible Alarms:** A 120 dB siren is your best friend when you're grabbing a coffee or sleeping in a motel. It draws immediate attention to the thief, which is the last thing they want.
- **GPS Tracking:** If your bike is taken, technology is your best chance at recovery. Hide a battery-powered GPS tracker deep within the bike's bodywork—somewhere inaccessible without tools. Consider using multiple units: one visible to act as a deterrent, and another hidden as a fail-safe.

### Forensic Identification

Think of forensic marking (such as Datatag or similar systems) as a digital fingerprint for your bike. By applying microscopic markers and UV-reactive identification to components like your frame, engine, and fairings, you make the motorcycle "toxic" to chop shops. If the bike is dismantled, every part can be traced back to you, making the machine nearly impossible to sell legally.



### Digital Vigilance

The best security measures are useless if you're actively broadcasting your bike's location to thieves.

- **Mind Your Social Media:** Avoid tagging your precise location or posting photos showing your home address or favorite parking spots in real-time.
- **Wait to Post:** Don't unintentionally give your unattended bike's location away. Share your ride photos after the fact, and not while you're there.
- **Keep it Discreet:** Avoid leaving expensive gear, like helmets or jackets, unattended on your bike. It doesn't just invite theft, it signals that your motorcycle is likely worth the effort for a thief.

### The Bottom Line

There is no single magical safeguard for motorcycle theft. The most effective approach is stacking these defenses. By combining physical locks, electronic alarms, GPS tracking, and using smart online habits, you transform your motorcycle from an easy target into a hardened, high-risk proposition.

Take the extra two minutes to chain your frame and set your alarm. It's a small price to pay to ensure that when you head back to your bike, it's exactly where you left it.

*Have you implemented a security strategy that works for you, or have you had to learn the hard way?*

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*Ride, Seek, and Explore!*



**Northern Colorado IRMG #2036**  
**2026 Calendar of Events (Updated 6/18/2026)**  
 For the latest updates visit: [nocoimrg.org/events](http://nocoimrg.org/events)

January	
Sat 1/17	Chapter Membership Meeting
February	
Sat 2/14	2026 Ride Planning Meeting
Sat 2/21	Chapter Membership Meeting
March	
Sat 3/21	Chapter Membership Meeting
April	
Sat 4/18	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post-Meeting Ride
Thr 4/23	Dinner Ride (6 pm)
Sat 4/25	Road Officer Training (9 am) & Ride Ready Skills Practice (11 am) - Timberline Church
May	
Sat 5/2	International Female Ride Day ride ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFemaleRideDay">https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFemaleRideDay</a> )
Sat 5/16	Chapter Membership Meeting (10 am) & Ride Ready Skills Practice - Timberline Church
Thr 5/21	Bikes & Bites Dinner Ride (6 pm)
Sat 5/23	Cinnamon Roll & Peak-to-Peak Ride
June	
Mon 6/8 to Sun 6/14	Durango Rendezvous - Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, CO Chapter group departing Wed 6/10 to Sun 6/14
Sat 6/20	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post-Meeting Ride
Thr 6/25	Dinner Ride (6 pm)
Sat 6/27	Cameron Pass Ride Brown bag lunch (and maybe a pie stop...)
July	
Sat 7/18	Chapter Membership Meeting & Indian Motorcycle Great Outdoors Cookout
Thr 7/23	Dinner Ride (6 pm)
Sat 7/25	Granby Loop Ride
August	
Sat 8/8	Pikes Peak Mountain Ride
Sat 8/15	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride
Fri 8/21 to Sat 8/22	Demo Days (Tentative)
September	
Sat 9/5	Ride Ready Skills Practice
Wed 9/9 to Sun 9/13	IMRG South Region Roundup
Sat 9/19	Chapter Membership Meeting & Folds of Honor Charity Ride
Thr 9/24	Dinner Ride (6 pm)
October	
Sat 10/17	Chapter Membership Meeting & Post Meeting Ride
Thr 10/22	Dinner Ride (6 pm)
November	
Sat 11/21	Chapter Membership Meeting
December	
Sat 12/12	Wreaths Across America
Sat 12/12	Annual NoCo IMRG Chapter Christmas Celebration
Board meets first Thursday of every month in 2026	



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