

# THE SD CREW

IMRG 2040



San Diego Chapter

## Special Edition:

**Dear IMRG SDCREW Members,**

This is such a rapidly changing and scary time we are living through right now. The safety and wellness of all our members and their families is of the utmost importance to us. To flatten the curve and get a handle on this virus we, as San Diegans, have been asked to take some measures to slow the transmission of COVID-19. One of these is social distancing. To comply with this request and do our part The SDCREW has suspend all general meetings and rides until further notice. In the meantime we will stay in touch via email, Facebook, as well as phone and will advise as to when we will be getting together again. We can promise you your officers will remain in touch and ensure the group is ready and set to go as soon as possible.

We also understand that motorcycle riding is a great way to keep social distance, get some fresh air, relieve stress, and clear your head. They don't call it wind therapy for



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nothing. We also understand our group has formed some very close friendships and we all enjoy getting out to ride. We won't ask you to stop getting together for friendly rides or putting out to the group to join you on yours. However, we would like to make a few recommendations to keep you, your family, and the public safe while still adhering to city, state and federal mandates. Riding a motorcycle may not put anyone at risk of COVID-19 but it's what happens off the motorcycle that could be problematic.

### **TIPS FOR FRIENDLY RIDES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- If you have symptoms (dry cough, sore throat, or fever), been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or returned from out of country in the past 14 days **STAY AT HOME**.
- When meeting for the ride do not greet as usual with handshakes and hugs. Wave and say hi with a great smile.
- Always keep a minimum of 2 meters (6 feet) between you and any other person.
- If you are not experiencing any symptoms it is NOT recommended to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer after touching hard surfaces
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- If you must cough or sneeze, please do so into the crook of your elbow.
- Keep stops to a minimum and short duration.
- During fuel or coffee stops:
  - Pay at the pump if possible.
  - Use paper towel to touch the pump and the nozzle.
  - Pay with debit or credit or app (stop using cash).
  - Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when done.
- After the ride:
  - It's best to peel off from the pack as your destination arrives. A little honk and wave to alert others to your departure is considerate.
  - If you arrive at a common destination before separating remember to keep your 2 meters and forego the handshakes and hugs for a wave and a smile.

We wish all of you and your families the best of health at this very trying time and will see you all soon.

- **Your VP Robert**

## **Ride ideas until we meet again -**

### **Julian Ride** With Hwy 79 or Hwy 80

Hwy 67 and Hwy 78 and Hwy 79 to Julian. Return on Hwy 79 and old Hwy 80

### **Borrego Springs Ride**

Hwy 67 and Hwy 78 and Hwy 79 to Julian. Continue on Hwy 78 through Banner. Turn left on Yaqui Pass Rd. S3. Turn left on Borrego Springs Rd. into Borrego. Return via S22 which turns into Montezuma Valley Rd. Turn right on San Felipe Rd. Turn left on Hwy 79. Turn right on Hwy 78 in Santa Ysabel which turns into Hwy 67

### **Ramona Ride Via Del Dios**

From IMSD, go north on I-15, west on Hwy 56, turn right onto Camino del Sur, turn left on San Dieguito Rd., turn right on El Apajo which turns into Via De Santa Fe, turn right on Paseo Delicias which turns into Del Dios Rd. (S6), turn right on W Via Rancho Pkwy which turns into Bear Valley Pkwy, turn right on San Pasqual Rd., turn right on Hwy 78 (San Pasqual Valley Rd.), turn right on Hwy 67 in Ramona, go west on Hwy 52.

### **Santa Ysabel Ride Via The Coast**

From IMSD, go north on I-15, west on Hwy 56, turn right onto Camino del Sur, turn left on San Dieguito Rd., turn right on El Apajo which turns into Via De Santa Fe, turn left on Paseo Delicias, turn right on La Granada which turns into La Morros, turn left on La Bajada, turn left on Encinitas Blvd., turn right on Hwy 101, turn right on Hwy 76, turn right on Hwy 79, turn left on Hwy 78 in Santa Ysabel, stay straight on to Hwy 67, to west on Hwy 52

### **Temecula Ride Via Warner Springs**

Hwy 67 to Santa Ysabel to Hwy 79 through Warner Springs to Temecula. Return on Old Hwy 395 or I-15

### **Temecula Ride Through Pala**

Hwy 67 to Santa Ysabel to Hwy 79 to Hwy 76 to Pala to Pala Temecula Rd to Temecula. Return Hwy 396 or I-15

Best regards,  
Dave Timmons



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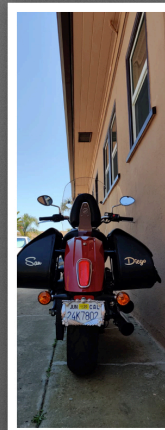
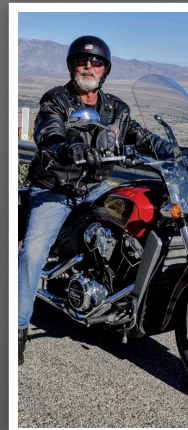
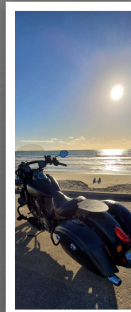
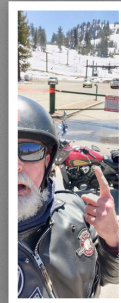
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Some SD CREW photos posted to Facebook showing off some of our social distancing and bike mods over the last month.



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## **Toms Safety Tips**

Whether you left your key on or you've just have an old battery that's struggling to hold a charge, if there isn't enough juice to turn the starter, you're not going anywhere. Bump-starting your bike might work, but modern motorcycles with fuel injection and electronic ignition systems need a fair bit of juice to do their thing, so you're probably gonna need some supplemental electricity.

If you're not in a hurry and your battery is just tired enough that it won't crank the starter, you could just hook your bike up to a battery charger and come back later. But if you need to get going right now, you're going to need a jump-start.

Plenty of car drivers roll around with jumper cables , which will allow you to use the battery in their vehicle to get your bike cranking. Just find yourself a good Samaritan, have 'em pop the hood, and hook up the cables. First, connect to the positive (red) terminals on both vehicles. Then clamp onto the negative terminal of the good battery, but attach the other black clamp to an unpainted chassis part away from your bike's battery. The idea here is that, since the last clamp you connect is going to spark, you want it to happen away from the battery, which could possibly, potentially, be emitting hydrogen gas due to its unhealthy condition. And, as the folks in the Hindenburg found out, hydrogen is flammable. You're not likely to have any issues, especially with modern sealed AGM batteries, but it's easy to minimize the risk to nearly zero by clamping somewhere safe.

If you're jump-starting off a car, there's really no need to have it running since the car's battery has so much more capacity than your bike's battery. And while some people are concerned the car battery might overload your bike's battery or fry some electrical components, that's not likely to happen, especially in the short time it takes to jump-start your bike. So with the cables connected, flip your bike's key, hit the starter, and hopefully it fires up. With the bike running disconnect the cables-negatives first at both ends-but keep your bike going so the battery can charge up.

Jumper cables are a tried-and-true method, but there's another option. Jumper packs, like the Portable Power Pack from Deltran, are small and light enough to stash in your

backpack and work great to keep your phone charged or as a work light while you're plugging a flat tire on the side of the road at night, but where these devices really shine is as a portable jump-starter. It uses a lithium-ion battery that's strong enough to crank a V-8 truck, and while it's pretty expensive at \$90, it's undeniably convenient, especially for motorcyclists.

Once your bike is up and running again, don't assume everything is all good. At your earliest convenience you should hook up to a charger to ensure your battery is properly topped off. Ideally, use a modern multi-stage smart charger that'll charge and recondition your battery. And if you're not sure why your battery died or if you're having issues with your charging system, get it checked out by a competent mechanic.



**SAVE THE DATES**

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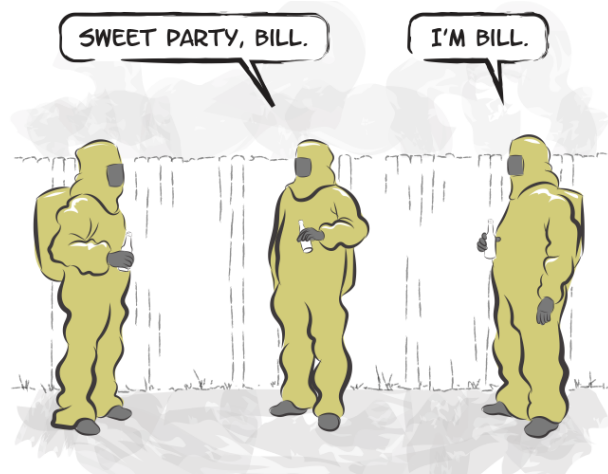
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