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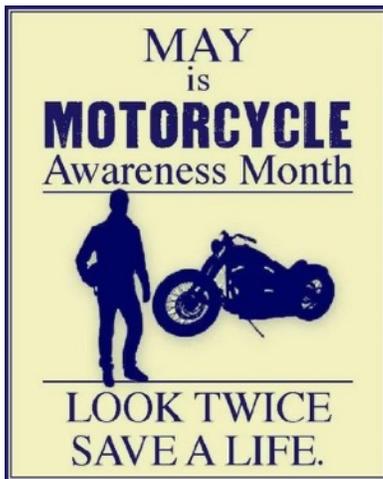
IMRG 2040



San Diego Chapter

SD Crew Welcomes A New Board Member and New Road Captain

Morgan Smario is the newest Board Member and is a Road Captain. He is active Navy for 19 years, Father of 2 and specializes in Cyber Security. Morgan is an avid adventure seeker and always looks for the next memory. He's eager to learn more about the group and become a better rider and wants to help the group become bigger and better.



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. With warmer weather, it's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn't stop them from using caution.

Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. Checking blind spots, mirrors and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing. Distracted driving has been on the rise, too.

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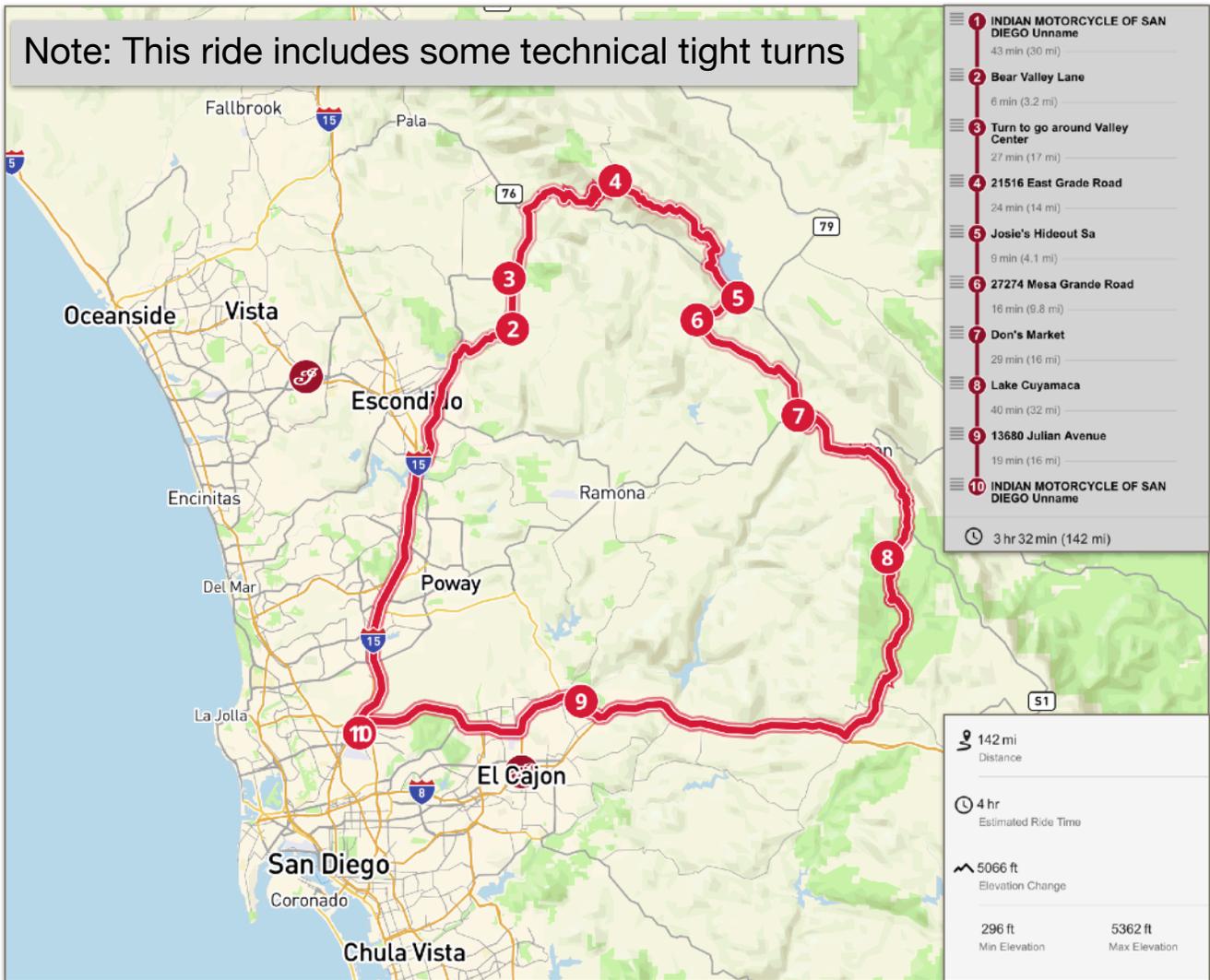
Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcyclist or not when preparing to change lanes. Don't let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions as well. Take a defensive driving course, wear protective gear and keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions.

Most of all, enjoy your ride and make it home again! For more information visit www.nhtsa.gov/safety/motorcycles.

Next Months SD Crew Ride

June 5th: Palomar Mountain riding up South Grade and down East Grade with a lunch stop at Josie's Hideout - KSU 9:30 am at IMSD Tanks full and Bladders Empty



Upcoming SD Crew Rides

July 3rd - Backroads in East County and Coronado with a lunch stop

August 7th - Bates Nut Farm with a lunch stop

September 4th - Idyllwild with a lunch stop

Have a ride idea? Send your suggestions to: rmalasek@indianofsd.com



Rides Can Change Without Notice



There is difficulty in finding words to describe yesterday (May 1st). It was one of you-had-to-be-there kind of things. We are nothing short of completely amazed by the amount of people who participated in the #MMIW Medicine Wheel Ride to honor missing and murdered indigenous women and celebrate #internationalfemalerideday. We could never have imagined a day filled with so much love, understanding, and appreciation for one another. To everyone who worked their butts off to make this happen and raise awareness for this issue, thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. - Repost from Indian of San Diego on Instagram

I'm not sure what the exact count of bikes were but it was in the neighborhood of 150-175. What an amazing turnout and beginning of what should be a special year of riding and events.





Factory Demo Rides, April 13th - 14th

Professor led 12 rides on April 13th and 10 rides on April 14th. The route was 12 miles and included city streets and freeway. We had some showers in the first morning but that did not deter the rides. Banner stopped by to visit. We had 3 new 2022 Chiefs and they are a blast to ride. Zori loved the new Chief too. Selena from IMRG OC came down to help both days. One rider took his dog in his backpack for numerous rides. See the enclosed picture. Pat, as always, did a great job with the event. He takes the bikes around the Western US.



Ramona Backcountry Run, April 17th

Professor led SD Crew on this charity ride for Ramona school scholarships. It included 140 miles with 6 stops to pick up raffle tickets. Phil and Cory were raffle prize winners. Banner helped with parking and Robert Morgan with the Indian display.



Border to Border in 36 Hours!



The weekend of April 3rd is going to be weekend to remember for a couple of friends and SD Crew member Luis Ramirez. When we completed the Saddle Sore 1000 last October, to forget a little bit of the unprecedented times we were all going through, we immediately asked ourselves “ok, what’s the next challenge?”. It wasn’t even a conversation accompanied by alcohol, it was the excitement of being part of “The World’s Toughest Riders” club.

As we looked into the different challenges with the Iron Butt Association, the Border-to-Border series really caught our attention. Being a group of friends that grew up between the San Diego and Tijuana border, and proud of our dual-nationalities, we believed we could proudly wear the United States and Mexican flags (and Canada’s) on the series patch. And that’s how the ride was planned.

On April 3rd we left home at just before 4 AM. We crossed the border to Tijuana to get gas and get that stamped receipt. Less than 5 minutes later we were riding on the freeway 5 north that 34 hours later would take us all the way to Canada border.

The ride was full of new sceneries for us. Fun fact, while California wasn’t as exciting (at least on the 5 Fwy), we need to thank First Lady,

Lady Bird Johnson for launching the Highway Beautification Act in 1965. Otherwise all the way until Shasta would have been somewhat boring. Now Shasta on the other hand, was nothing but beautiful with trees, snow topped mountains, lakes and exciting long curves along the way to safely throttle up and trick the mind and body to forget we had been riding for 13 hours.

We took a 6 hour nap at Halsey, OR after completing over a thousand miles in a little over 19 hours (4 hrs quicker than last time). It was really cold!

The next morning we rode through Portland, Seattle and all the way to the Canada border, 34 hours later since we all left home. We were “detained” for about 40 minutes at Canada’s Customs secondary inspection. Unfortunately they didn’t let us in since completing the ride wasn’t a good reason for essential traveling. For us it totally was! Regardless, the customs officers were awesome and polite! They happily signed and completed a “Return to the US Order Form” for us, and of course, after explaining for 20 minutes the purpose of our ride, more custom officials, who were also bikers, came by to say “Hi” and appreciate the rides, and customary to the appreciation the ‘19 Indian Scout Bobber was getting at gas stations and the freeway, it was no exception at the Canada Border.

Since we were not able to appreciate Canada’s beautiful sceneries, we went back on the 5 Fwy to start driving back home.

In terms of weather, we had been really lucky to have clear skies along the entire ride, but that ended when we approached Olympia, WA. For a little over an hour we drove under the rain, but we kept it together and made it safe to the next gas station where we thought it was a good idea to stop for dinner and get warm for a bit hoping the weather would get better. It did. However, the night had beat us, and the weather started to drop to low 40s. We stopped at a gas station in Portland and 15-20 minutes

later, I still couldn't stop shaking. We made the smart decision of spending the night there. I took a hot bath and a cup of scotch whiskey, I slept another 6 hours but this time like a baby. We started riding the next morning a little after 5AM. It was 31 degrees! At the first gas stop a friend and I bought an extra-large pair of gloves to wear them on top of the liner and leather gloves we were already wearing. Fun but not fun!

Long story short, we could have completed the 72 hour Insanity Mexico-Canada back-to-back challenge but we stopped saving our receipts after barely making the Bun Burner 1500

challenge. I was home 71 hours later, extremely exhausted, but safe back home with my family.

My ride, a '19 Indian Scout Bobber, what a beauty, while still a beauty, I'll think about it twice next time there's a new long ride on whether I want to take it or not. My friends were riding a '14 BMW GS 1200 and a '21 Kawasaki Vulcan 1700 Voyager. Their buttocks really appreciated it, mine not so much. Besides that, my soul and my pride were really happy and stronger than ever!

The next challenge is coast-to-coast in less than 50 hours. Ride safe everyone!



Horseshoe Run, May 8th

KSU 7:30 AM from Starbucks, 3675 Murphy Canyon Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
 This charity ride supports fallen police officer's families 384 miles including Idyllwild, Big Bear and Dana Point for dinner [Registration](#)

May Ride, May 15th

KSU 9:00 AM at IMSD to ride together to the event at Bigg's HD
 All proceeds go to the Armed Services YMCA [Registration](#)



MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO BENEFIT
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Ride For Alzheimer's, July 10th

SD Crew to ride together on this day. TBD
[Please Register with SDCREW IMRG](#)

Motorcycling Tips

We tend to watch the rider directly ahead of us instead of the road when riding in a group, whether in a staggered or straight line formation. The issues with this are:

1. If the rider in front of you crosses the center line into oncoming traffic or goes off of the road to the right you most likely will follow them.
2. If you are watching the rider ahead of you, you are not able to see traffic conditions and road hazards up ahead.



Good to see Mike, GQ back the bike after his snowboarding accident. Liking the stylist riding boot.



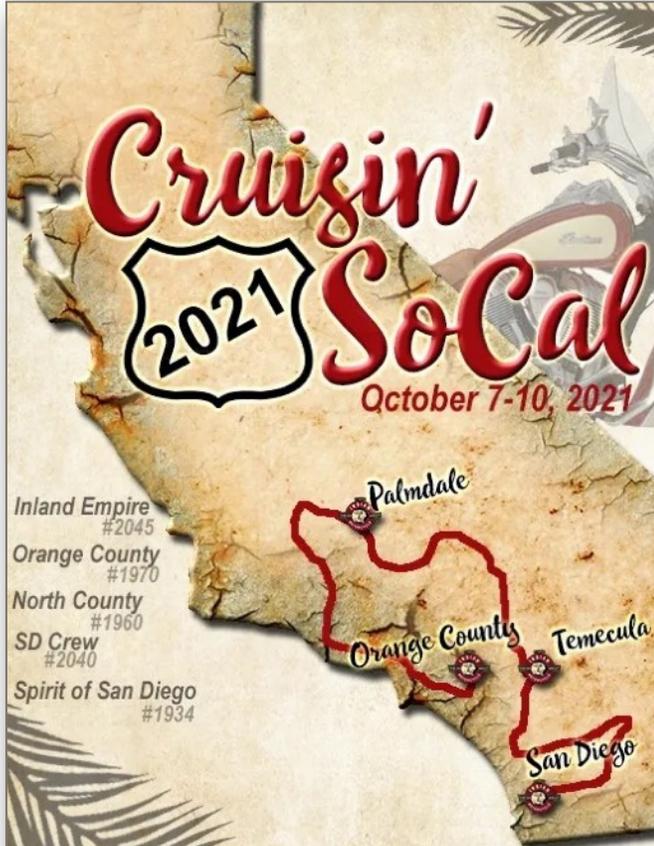
Banner Cleans Bike

New SD Crew Patches Now Available

The patches are now available for purchase at IMSD. One small patch is free. The large patch is \$30. One 2021 patches and SD Crew rockers are available at no charge through Robert aka Banner.

Patches are only available to SD Crew Members





Cruisin' SoCal 3 Day Region Ride

October 7th-10th

Hosted by the 5 Southern California
IMRG Chapters

All Bikes Welcome

[Information, Registration, Hotels](#)

We will be Cruisin' through scenic routes winding through Southern California with views of the mountains, desert, valleys, and coast.

A final note from you editor:

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since I sat down in front of the computer and assembled a newsletter for the SD Crew. In my absence Dave Timmons, aka The Professor, has been doing double and I'm sure sometimes even triple duty.

So much has changed, all for the better, since I stepped aside. It's been a tough year but I can say that I couldn't be happier to be back riding and enjoying the company and hard work that everyone puts in for this group. If there is anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter or if you have ideas on how to improve it just let me or any other board member know. This belongs to you and it is my honor to be in the company of so many wonderful people.

~ Gil



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