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Indian Scout 100th Anniversary



about choosing to stand out. About having fun. The FTR is the epitome of that.

This is, no exaggeration, a dream job for me. I'm lucky to be a part of Indian Motorcycle, and I hope you feel that way, too. I get to work with the best motorcycle brand in the world—and with the best motorcycle riders in the world.

You all made a choice when you bought an Indian Motorcycle—to escape conformity by joining a legendary brand and a group of riders who make their own rules. We're proud to share your passion. That's why we announced updates to IMRG in 2020 to make it easier for you—and for us—to interact with, learn from, and ride alongside the 36,000 IMRG members around the world. And we continue to make improvements on the way we communicate with and engage all owners moving forward.

2020 is already a big year for Indian Motorcycle. We have some amazing new bikes, including the recently announced Challenger, FTR Rally, and Scout Bobber Sixty (see page 8-9 for more). And it's going to get even bigger.

I'm glad you're all with me to experience it, and I can't wait to ride with you in the future.

*Mike Dougherty*

# The Right Choice

Maybe you noticed, but I'm new to Indian Motorcycle. I started as president in December 2019, but I've been with Polaris, Indian Motorcycle's parent company, since 1998. Not coincidentally, that was the year I got my motorcycle license. The company had just launched Victory, and I wanted to experience it. Right away, I was hooked. I've been on a bike ever since, riding some of the greatest routes in the world, from Highway 1 in California to the Great Ocean Road in Australia to the fjords of Norway.

For a long time, I rode a Victory Hammer. But then in 2015, when we relaunched the Scout, there was no way I wasn't buying one. I got mine in a matte black finish. It's the seventh Scout off of the production line, which means it has an amazing serial number: 007. I use it mostly for commuting or cruising around the lakes on the west side of the Twin Cities with my son. Last year I picked up an FTR, and now that's the bike I ride more than any other. I like the style and the aggressive stance. For me, bikes are

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## FOUR RIDERS, FOUR SCOUTS

Last November, a four-day ride was organized in the southern US for four remarkable female riders, taking them from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to El Paso on the Mexican border. The group consisted of stuntwoman Jolene Van Vugt, artist Darwin Longfellow, gallery owner Ash Rolshoven and actor Lee Dawn Hershey – each of them riding a Scout. They'd never met before they set off, but soon fell into easy companionship as their ride took them along Lake Abiquiu and across White Sands National Park. Follow their adventures in 5 video episodes on YouTube: Scouting America – Indian Motorcycle. You'll also find pictures of the ride on our Instagram page (@IndianMotorcycle).

Photographs by Scott Toepfer for *Iron and Air Magazine*





*From left: Jolene Van Vugt, Ash Rolshoven, Darwin Longfellow, and Lee Dawn Hershey.*



# FTR CARBON

• ENGINE	LIQUID-COOLED 1203CC V-TWIN
• HORSEPOWER	93 KW
• TORQUE	120 NM

## AVAILABLE NOW

The 2020 FTR Carbon is a premium addition to the FTR line up. This machine enhances the desirability of the highly innovative model by featuring exquisite carbon fibre bodywork with a low-mount black Akrapovič exhaust. Inspired by the Indian FTR750, which has dominated Flat Track Racing with three Grand National Titles in a row, it is clear to see the FTR Carbon has racing in its DNA.

Adding to a host of premium features and riding technologies, the 2020 FTR Carbon is enriched highquality carbon fibre bodywork including a passenger seat cowl, 'FTR Carbon' branded centre console plate and an Akrapovič low-mount exhaust in black.

The FTR Carbon comes fully-loaded with cruise control, dual disc Brembo ABS brakes, traction control, full LED lighting for better visibility, and a 4.3" LED touchscreen dashboard featuring a USB fast-charge port and Bluetooth compatibility for charging and controlling mobile devices.

Providing a perfect balance of comfort, control and agility, the FTR Carbon combines long travel (150mm) fully adjustable suspension with a commanding, upright riding position for predictable, precise cornering and city manoeuvrability.

The smooth, liquid-cooled 1203cc V-twin engine, developing 93 kW of power and 120 Nm of torque, has an impressively flat torque curve and strong acceleration throughout the RPM range. Progressive, predictable power delivery and plenty of flexible low-end punch make for an exhilarating riding experience whether commuting, slicing through the city, or escaping to the countryside. For improved confidence and control, lean-angle sensitive stability control, ABS, traction control, and wheelie mitigation control can be modified by three Ride Modes (Sport, Standard, Rain) providing unique throttle responses and traction control intervention levels.

The 2020 FTR Carbon is compatible with the extensive range of 40+ accessories specifically developed for the FTR platform, giving riders the ability to further customise their FTR with an almost endless combination of stylish and practical options.



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# # INDIAN TESTRIDE 2020 NEW MODELS



SCOUT BOBBER SIXTY



**FTR1200 RALLY**



**CHIEFTAIN LIMITED**

TEST & RIDE - There's no better time for you and your friends to visit your local Indian Motorcycle dealer and test ride the many new models for 2020. Indian's varied range is expanding all the time, with the very affordable Scout Bobber Sixty 1000cc the latest member of the family. Then there's the Challenger, with its surprisingly muscular engine – or if it's comfort you're after, you'll appreciate the Chieftain Limited and its premium finishes. The magnificent Roadmaster Elite – the queen of touring bikes – will blow you away with its stylish design, great features and incredible riding comfort. The more distinguished FTR-1200 Carbon, S and Rally models channel a roadster vibe – riding them, you'll feel the thrill of their origins in the world of America's flat track racing, which Indian has been dominating for the last three years.

Enjoy all this and enter the competition – you could win a weekend away on one of them!



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**SPRINGFIELD DARK HORSE**

**CHALLENGER**

# MRS & HERMAN GROEN

**2018 SPRINGFIELD  
NETHERLANDS**

**In 1977 I came across a book that would change the way I looked at many things, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig. After reading that book, I decided that one day I'd ride a motorbike through the Rocky Mountains in America. In 2016 I found my dream motorbike online: an Indian Springfield Indian Red. I began trying to convince my wife that we had to buy that bike. It took a while, but she did eventually agree. The next step was to buy one in the US, so that I could do what I'd promised myself in '77.**

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# WHY WE RIDE

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There are as many reasons to ride a motorcycle as there are roads to ride. Maybe you're a speed nut, or a corner hound, an AC/DC-blasting city slow roller. Maybe your weekends feel wasted if they're not spent on a massive touring trip. You might be a "Hop on, we're going for a ride," or a "Buzz off, I need some time to myself," kind of person. It doesn't matter. We're all individuals, but we also chose to be a part of a larger group: Indian Motorcycle riders. We wanted to know just how Indian Motorcycle riders were using and loving their bikes. So we asked. Here are the stories of european riders, all of whom share one immediate connection: the constant pull to be behind the handlebars.

<< I found a dealership in Lynnwood, north of Seattle. One of the guys there, David, really got me – he understood the dream I’d been harbouring for so long. In 2017 my wife and I found ourselves in Seattle on my Springfield, after a warm welcome and superb service from David and his colleagues at Indian in Lynnwood. We were setting off on the road trip that I’d been dreaming of for 40 years. The next day we were in Vancouver, and then we headed up into the Canadian Rockies. After a week we turned back to the US and made for the Pacific coast before taking off into the heart of the West to check out all the

amazing things there are to see there. We got to ride through sunshine, rain, even snow – but our Indian never protested! She became our “Lady in Red”. After our grand tour, we flew out of Denver back to the Netherlands, leaving our Springfield behind and safely stored. 2018 saw us back in the States to complete the second part of our adventure. After we’d had our Lady in Red serviced by the fantastic team at G-Force Powersports in Lakewood, we headed north to the Black Hills and from there we set out on an epic journey through South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and the Great Lakes. Our end point was Toronto.



Then we brought our Lady in Red back to Amsterdam with us, where she’s settled in at our house, and is always up for an outing. Our local dealership, Motoport Hengelo, takes great care of her. I’m absolutely sure that Robert Pirsig would have loved this motorbike. He took a great interest in the quality of a motorcycle, and wrote a lot about it – and our Lady in Red perfectly epitomizes that quality.

**Herman Groen** - Netherlands

# PATRICK BRAINDOT

**SPRINGFIELD  
FRANCE**

**By the time I'd reached fifty,** I’d given up motorbikes for the comfort and practicality of a scooter, but I never really got into it, I always felt something was missing...

One beautiful sunny day in Corsica, I decided to go back to my first love and get back on a motorbike. I’d just hit 65, so I needed comfort and torque. My closest friend works as a salesman in an American motorcycle showroom, so I called him to ask for advice on choosing a machine. He instantly said: “You want a great bike? Go to Indian!... Here, we’ve lost our soul...” I’ll admit I hadn’t heard of Indian, but as far as bikes go, I trusted him completely. I went online, read some reviews, learned about the brand and its history – and got totally hooked. When I called the dealership in Toulon, on the mainland, they told me they had a used Scout Sixty. A good choice for returning to motorcycling, very beautiful – black and grey – and I had to have



it. So two weeks later, I rediscovered the joy of riding a motorbike. After another nine months, though, I got fired up with the idea of travelling further afield, going away for several days with my girlfriend... I rang the dealer in Toulon again, telling him I wanted to upgrade. He happened to have a Springfield demonstration model in, and again, I fell in love with it. So I went over on my Scout and returned home with my new Springfield. I’ve come to feel a real connection

with it, as we ride along the roads of Corsica together every day. My girlfriend and I have loads of trips planned on this bike. I’m 67 years old, but I feel 40 years younger when I ride my Springfield!! I bought both of my “Indians” sight unseen, just on blind faith, and they both brought me huge happiness.

**Patrick Braindot**



# BRIGHT NELUFHANGANI

**SCOUT BOBBER**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Good Day.** Attached is a picture taken in South Africa Mpumalanga province on an open freedom ride to the beautiful hills of Nelspruit, low veld. The best first ride 1 month after collecting my Indian scout bobber from Indian Motorcycles Melrose Arch. Regards

**Fhatuwani,**

# REMUS POENARU

**1200 SCOUT**  
**ITALY**

**I fell in love with my Scout** as soon as I set eyes on it. It's so confidence-inspiring in corners and extremely comfortable. It's a real treat. This photo shows us on our way to the Indian Riders Fest in Budweis in the Czech Republic.

**Remus**



# PANOS KAZIS

**CHIEFTAIN**  
**GREECE**

**I was riding my Harley** through the streets of Athens when suddenly, on my right, I spotted some Indians in the window of the new dealership. I couldn't believe my eyes. I said to myself, "Panos, you're going to walk into that store and you're not coming out again until you've also bought yourself an Indian!"

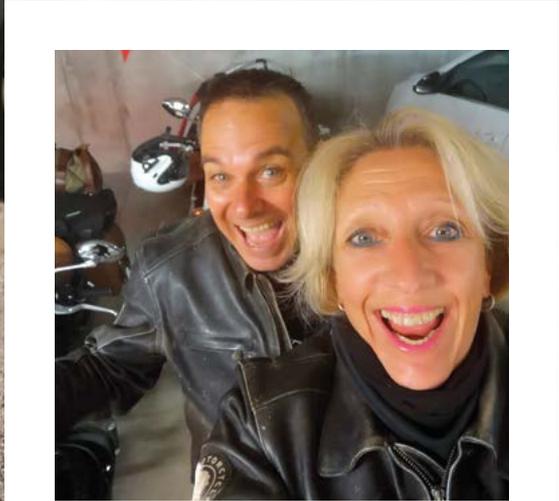
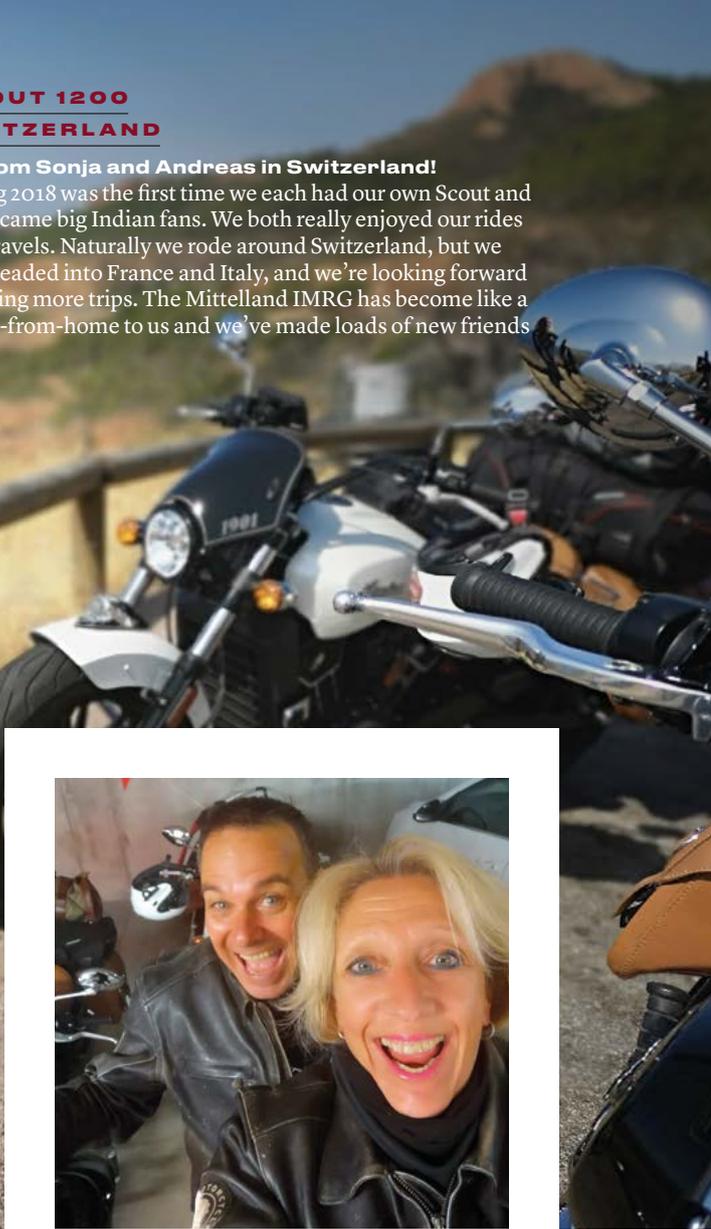
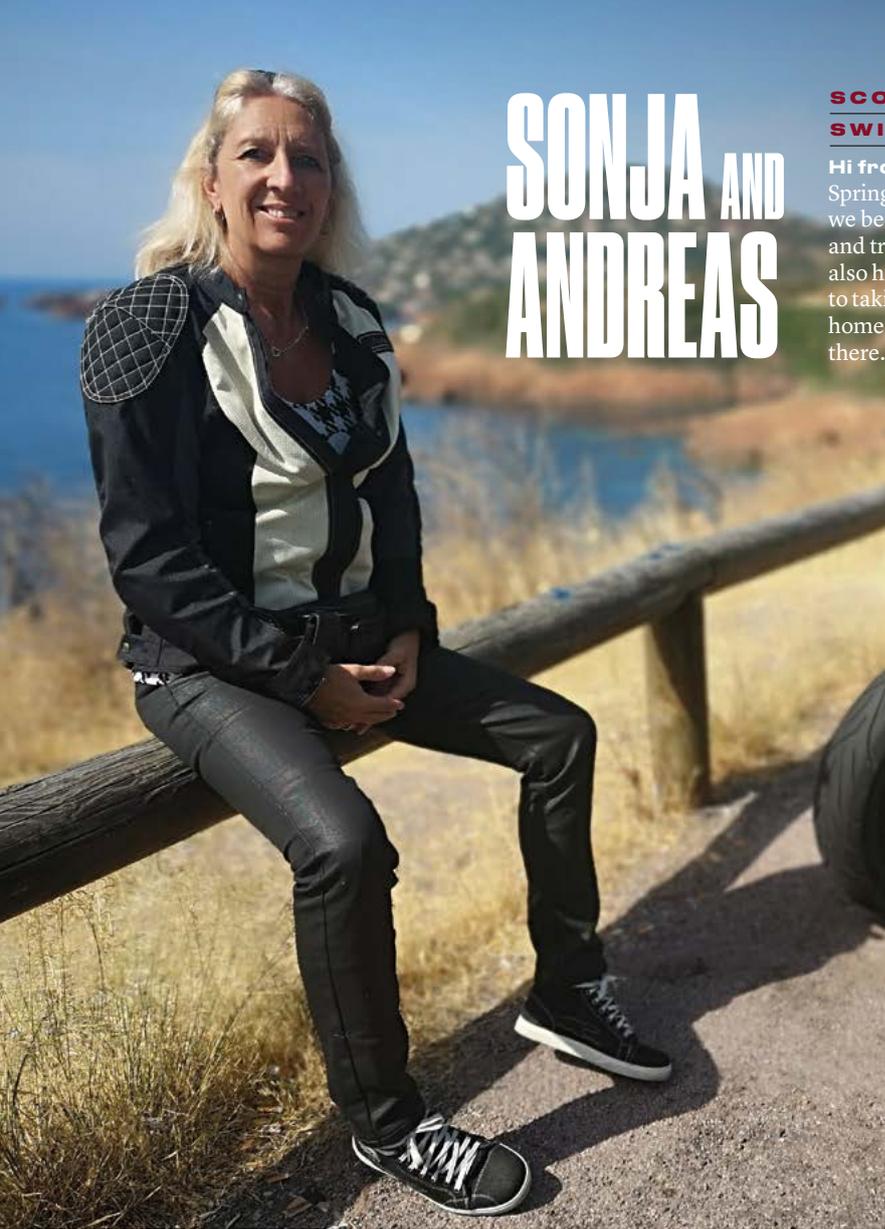
**Panos**

# SONJA AND ANDREAS

**SCOUT 1200  
SWITZERLAND**

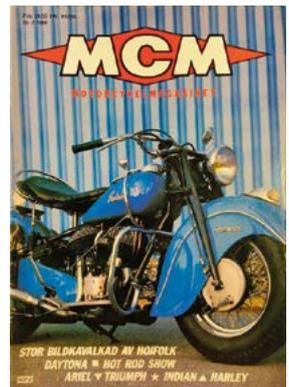
**Hi from Sonja and Andreas in Switzerland!**

Spring 2018 was the first time we each had our own Scout and we became big Indian fans. We both really enjoyed our rides and travels. Naturally we rode around Switzerland, but we also headed into France and Italy, and we're looking forward to taking more trips. The Mittelland IMRG has become like a home-from-home to us and we've made loads of new friends there.



# BOBO FRANSÉN

**1947 BIG CHIEF  
2016 CHIEF  
VINTAGE  
SWEDEN**



**Hi!** I live in Sweden and there are not that many old Indians here. I found and bought my first Indian (1947 Big Chief) in a basket case back in 1979. The Chief was restored during some 4-5 years and I rode it until the early nineties. The years after the Chief I had a few Harleys but nothing compared with my Chief -47. Have had my Chief Vintage (2016) a year now and I will never part from this bike. It's the most amazing motorcycle I've ever ridden. I love it.

**Bobo Fransén**



# SANDRA RIERA

**SCOUT BOBBER**  
**SPAIN**

**This was the first time I'd ever ridden an Indian.** I'd already ordered my Bobber Scout but I couldn't wait to try it out. I'd fallen in love instantly, but to hear the engine and to ride it was like committing myself to it completely. I'd been riding on motorbikes behind my dad since I was six, but imagine how excited I was when the dealer delivered my own bike in October 2019 and I got behind the handlebars to ride my first hundred metres or so. I felt an amazing sensation of freedom. A kind of liberty that was all mine.

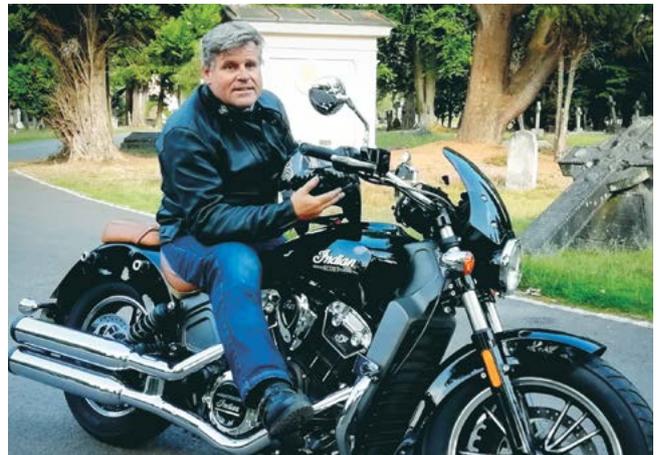
**Sandra Riera** - IMRG Barcelona, Spain

# JESS NELSON

**1200 SCOUT**  
**ENGLAND**

**After passing my motorcycle test late in life at 56,** my first ever motorcycle was an Indian Scout in thunder Black. August 2019, off to Newquay to for a fantastic camping weekend at Cornwall motofest. Sponsored by Thor and Indian motorcycles who put on a fantastic show, obviously spending a lot of time and effort making it so enjoyable for all involved. After just over a year, having covered some 15, 000 miles all over Europe. I am still in love with my Indian.

**Jess Nelson** - Woking Surrey - England



# WILFRIED LIST

**ROADMASTER**  
**GERMANY**

**Hi, Indian!** I first started riding a Chief Vintage in 2016. My wife, who'd never ridden with me before, came on a two-week road trip through Scotland, which was fantastic. In 2018 I changed to a Roadmaster. In this 2018 photo, I was riding through the Alps. It was just amazing!

**Wilfried List**





# *The* **ESSENTIALS**

**This spring, improve your ride with shirts, hats, and jackets that reflect your personality almost as much as the bike you sit on. You can find this new gear and more at [indianmotorcycle.com](http://indianmotorcycle.com) or your local dealership.**



#### **BURT JACKET**

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*A soft and casual twill-weave jacket with a quilted lining and subtle monochromatic branding on the back. (this page)*

#### **GETAWAY JACKET**

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*This leather riding jacket has classic styling with modern features, like ventilation zips to keep you cool in warmer temperatures, and a subtle contrast-suede logo on the back. The low-profile protectors are slim and lightweight. They're practically imperceptible. (opposite page, top left)*

#### **HEADRESS HOODIE**

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*Soft, comfortable, and proud, with Indian Motorcycle graphics on the front and back. (opposite, top right)*

#### **SOFTSHELL CASUAL JACKET**

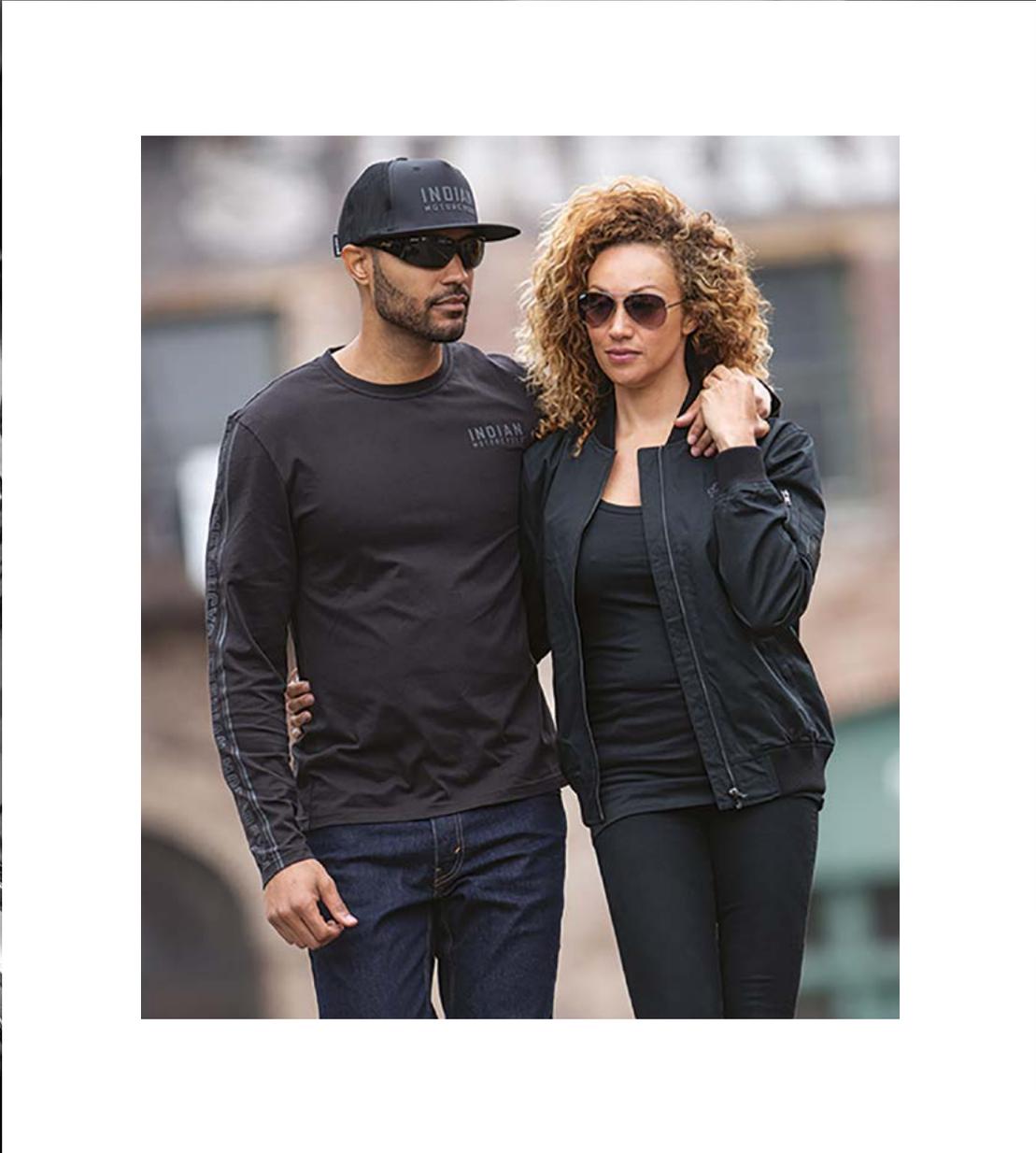
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*A hooded jacket with a fleece interior provides both warmth and wind resistance on cooler days. (opposite, lower left)*

#### **MOTOCROSS TEE**

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*A bold, classic tee made of 60% cotton and 40% polyester slub. (opposite, lower right)*



**CHARLOTTE CASUAL  
JACKET**

*This universally flattering black leather jacket has decorative braided detail on the front and back, and bold red contrast branding across the shoulder blades. (this page)*

**PRINTED SLEEVE TEE**

*A long-sleeve from the Rogue Collection, with blacked-out attitude and style. (left, on him)*

**BOMBER JACKET**

*Lightweight and casual, with bold branding on the back. (left, on her)*



# BAIKAL CHALLENGE

Having never been to Russia before or somewhere so cold, we had no idea what to expect. The journey alone was an adventure; 15 hours of flights and a 5-hour coach journey through the wilds of Siberia just to get to the lake. We were really tired when we arrived, but the draw of seeing one of the biggest lakes in the world kept us going for the final 1km walk. Trudging through the snow, just as I started to see the ice through the trees, I remember thinking “Wow! I’m in Siberia”.



**DATE : MARCH 2020**

**LOCATION : LAKE BAIKAL - SIBERIA**

**AREA : LAKE OVER 600KM LONG AND 80 KM WIDE**

**TEMPERATURE: -25C°**

**RIDER : SÉBASTIEN LORENTZZ**

**MOTORCYCLE : INDIANXWORKHORSE  
APPALOOSA V2.00**

**RUN DISTANCE : 1 MILE**

**MAXIMUM SPEED REACHED  
ON ICE : 180KM/H**

**TEAM CREW : BRICE HENNEBERT  
AND DORSAN "DJ PEETA SELECTA"**



**The Baikal Mile event set-up** looked like a tiny collection of children's toys on the huge white sheet of Lake Baikal ice with the beautiful mountains providing a spectacular backdrop on the far, far side of the lake. You can read about how big this lake is, but you can only really understand when you see it.

To be at such a unique event in just its second year, in such an outstanding location was an amazing experience. We were all made to feel really welcome, despite not being able to speak each other's languages, all enjoying the love of engineering and fast vehicles. Everyone was keen to help us make it the best possible experience for the whole team, from the food, the friendship and advice on how to overcome the extreme challenges facing Appaloosa, Seb and Brice to reach their top speed. Thank you to the organisers, all of the competitors and the ever-enthusiastic crowd.

*Ian Austin - Indian Reporter*



# 2021 SAVE THE DATES

## INDIAN RIDERS FEST

June 11-13 2021  
IMRG International Meeting  
Budweis - Czech Republic

## IMRG FRENCH RALLY

May 28-30 2021  
Riom - Auvergne



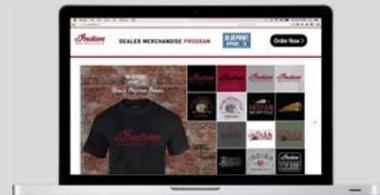
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**FIND YOUR LOCAL RIDERS GROUP.** Are you looking to join an Indian Riders Group to share good times with other Indian enthusiasts and go on rides together? Check the list at

<https://imrgmember.eu/en/riders-group/>



## PRAGUE HELP

### THANKS TO IMRG FIRST CZECH

Prague Help organization got in touch with First Czech IMRG to ask for their help in southern Bohemia. They wanted to distribute hygiene products during the tough times that their country was suffering during the spring, along with so many others.

First Czech members lent a hand over four days, riding around on their Indians to distribute 1,200 handmade masks and 250 litres of

hand-sanitizing gel to more than 28 establishments housing elderly and often isolated people.

Each of them covered distances ranging from 300 to 1,000 km - all stepping up to generously give of their time and show solidarity by coming to the aid of these vulnerable people.

# INDIAN *Rental*



INDIAN RENTAL is your top choice when planning a trip far from home.

Enjoy the best service from a selection of Indian dealerships and partners who can provide you with models from the Indian range as you set off for new horizons, giving you the freedom to organize your itinerary and your stay however you like.

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- Indian Motorcycle Rentals of San Diego  
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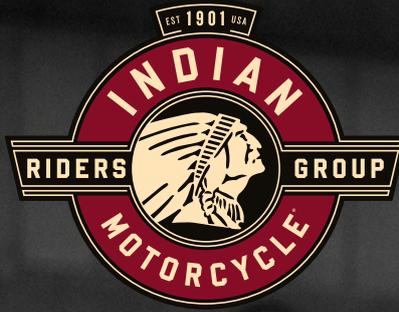
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Marousi, 15124 (Athens)

## IMRG FRANCE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

MORE THAN TWENTY PRESIDENTS of French Riders' Groups got together in Lyon for an official meeting last March. Mixing business with pleasure, they chose the city as it played host to France's biggest to France's biggest



motorbike show, the Salon du 2-Roues. The meeting afforded a chance for people to get to know each other, to rekindle existing bonds, and above all to update each other on what's happening in each regional Riders Group. From now on these get-togethers are to be held annually, consolidating ties and promoting awareness of the IMRG within France, in the same way as the network is growing in other European countries.



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