

## President's Message

By Robert Meyers

Hello Gold Country!

It's been a busy summer, and I would like to drop a line to say Hello to those of you I haven't seen in a while and recap what's been going on.

June started off with a meeting at C&E then a ride to meet up with four other IMRG groups in Placerville where we joined them for Robert's Ride to Sutter Creek. This was a ride put together by the Battle Born IMRG out of Reno to honor their member Robert Rollins. Robert was fatally injured in a tragic accident when the Battle Born group was heading home from this year's Tucson 'Rundezvous'. Thank you to all who showed up and rode that day! Robert's daughter and son, who both were in attendance, were honored and moved to see the support and turnout for their dad. Between the 5 IMRG groups that attended, there were more than 45 bikes rumbling from Placerville to Sutter Creek.

Group shot below.



July is the month we typically don't plan a meeting due to the Fourth of July holiday, and the hotness that descends on northern California. This was a quiet month for the group overall.

August started off with having to cancel our August meeting. Andy LaMar and Gene Walker did get out and take a ride to Sutter Creek for lunch that day, it's great to see that. Later in the month we had also planned our second overnight trip up to Chester California and Lassen National Park. Unfortunately, the 'Park Fire' was threatening the Chester and Lassen area right up until the week before the ride. For precautionary reasons, we canceled the ride. We had planned a replacement ride on Saturday August 24, the day the overnight ride was scheduled to leave, but as luck would have it Mother Nature threw us another curve ball in the form of a late August rainstorm. A few of us showed up despite the unstable weather. We ended up having a pretty descent ride from El Dorado Hills up to Ham's Station on Hwy 88. It threatened, but we really didn't get rain while we were on the mountain. Thank you to the brave souls who came out and rode with me that day!

September has arrived, and we started the month with our very own Gold Country 49er Poker Run. As president I would like to take moment to give a massive Thank You! to Larry Ernst who volunteered to lead the effort to plan and execute the 49er Run. This is no small undertaking, and Larry knocked it out of the park! I would also like to thank Marc Moehlman, and Gene Walker who stepped up to assist Larry in getting the event off the ground. Not least of all, thank you to all who showed up last Saturday to help at the event! I would also like to thank C&E, our sponsoring dealership for all the support they gave us for this event and the continued support they provide us throughout the year. This is our event, and we are supporting two great causes! Please see Larry's write up for some great info on this year's event!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at C&E. Note, this has been revised from the schedule we published at the beginning of this year. A ride will follow the meeting, route and destination TBD. Be on the lookout for that Evite!

**Upcoming event in the Southwest Region:** The Hollister and San Jose IMRG chapters are hosting an overnight ride to the central coast at the end of October. They are also using the Spooktacular Rally as a fund raiser for Hope Rally. I've included the invitation from them below. Please take a look, and if it looks interesting, make your reservations and go ride. Also, note that special rates on the reservations will close October 1, 2024.

## message continued

I hope to see you all soon as we get into our fall riding schedule!

Cheers!  
Bob Myers  
President  
GCIMRG #1950

### Hollister/San Jose IMRG Spooktacular Rally

**Web Page:** <https://imrg-spooktacular.com/>

Hollister 1942 and San Jose 1927 invite: IMRG Spooktacular Rally held October 25-26-27 California Central Coast, Cambria, King City & San Simeon. IMRG Southwest Spooktacular Rally main events are:

- ◆ The Wildhorse Poker Run Saturday October 26 (<https://imrg-spooktacular.com/poker-run>). Great riding through the mountains of the Central Coast, awesome BBQ for lunch and great fellowship.
- ◆ Pizza Party at the Pool (also on Saturday October 26) at our hotel located in San Simeon across Pacific Coast Highway from the beach, followed, for those who desire, by an afterparty on the beach.

Discounted rate at the Coast Riders Inn for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night so that you can come as early as Friday, October 25 and leave as late as Monday October 28 to enjoy the best the region has to offer: Other activities include (1) Paso Robles wineries tours; (2) Cambria Scarecrow Festival (It's Halloween weekend!); (3) Hearst Castle; (4) Elephant Seals rookeries on the beach; and (5) riding PCH north of Cambria, one of the most beautiful road in the world (open at least to Lucia, CalTrans says Big Sur might be re-open by late October).

### Important registration info and deadlines:

Event	Cost	Cut-Off Date	More Info
<b>Rally Registration</b> , including Pizza Party by the Pool on Saturday evening	\$30 rider \$20 passenger	10/20/24	<a href="https://imrg-spooktacular.com/register">https://imrg-spooktacular.com/register</a>
<b>Hotel Reservations</b> (by phone only; discount code IMRG)	Starts at \$119/night	10/01/24	<a href="https://imrg-spooktacular.com/">https://imrg-spooktacular.com/</a>
<b>Poker Run Registration</b> , including BBQ, T-Shirt, raffle tickets and poker hand done on-site at the Wildhorse Café on Saturday 8-	\$40 rider \$30 passenger	10/26/24	<a href="https://imrg-spooktacular.com/poker-run">https://imrg-spooktacular.com/poker-run</a>
<b>Rally T-Shirts</b> (fund-raiser for the Hope Motorcycle Rally)	\$30 T-shirts \$35 Long-sleeve T \$45 Hoodies	10/01/24	<a href="https://imrg-spooktacular.com/apparel">https://imrg-spooktacular.com/apparel</a>

Please note this event is also a fund-raiser benefiting the Hope Motorcycle Rally.

More specifically, if you cannot attend, but nevertheless want to support the Hope Motorcycle Rally, please note that you can still purchase the shirts from our fundraiser page (<https://imrg-spooktacular.com/apparel>): they can be shipped to your address directly.

## 49er Poker Run

By Larry Ernst

September 7<sup>th</sup> has come and gone and so has our fundraiser - 49er poker run. Most of you remember that we have done several of these in the past with great success. The effort is always to help raise funds for our membership and our charities, and this year was no different.

On Saturday morning we set up the parking lot at C&E Auburn Indian and V-Twin and the first guests began to arrive before 9:00 AM. With the help of many of our chapter members, who we are grateful for, we had a plethora of raffle prizes. This obviously generated the purchase of raffle tickets by the event riders, which helped in our effort to raise funds for our charities. Gene Walker, Mike Riley and Jim Ketcherside staffed the raffle table. The weather was perfect, and registrants received their poker score-sheet, map, ride-pin and raffle ticket at the registration tables. They were dealt their first card inside the store by Jerry Lucas and Steve Acuff. The riders mingled and met new and old friends and when they were ready, took off on our scenic gold country route. We had 75 registered riders.



This year's route took them north on CA-49 to Combie Rd, where Doug Williams and Monirith Min dealt out their second card at Subway Sandwiches. They continued along Dog Bar Road, up through Grass Valley and Nevada City. At Peterson's Corner (49 and Pleasant Valley Road) they stopped for their third card draw with Fred Carey and Tom Morris. From there, riders traveled south on Pleasant Valley Rd to the shopping area at the 76-gas station near Highway 20 where Doug and Sharon Cummings dealt out their 4<sup>th</sup> card. Their final journey took them back through Penn Valley, Lime Kiln Road and back south on highway 49 to the dealership where they received their fifth and final card.

Marc Moehlman and Dennis Gunter were our 'combat chefs' and served up burgers and dogs for riders and staff. Rey Sotelo and Tim Westmoreland from the Hope Motorcycle Rally were on hand with the prized Indian Scout to offer raffle tickets to win the bike. As the final event riders turned in their score sheets, the poker hands were tallied, and the winning hand went to Toney Byington with a full house hand 'A-A-A-2-2.' She received the \$300 cash prize.

We raised slightly over \$2,000 which will greatly benefit our two charities: cancer research with the Hope Motorcycle Rally and our Gold Country Toy Run. Cancer hit our Auburn Chapter and Hollister Chapter hard this year with the loss of our friends and members Melanie Riley and Dave Tozer; so this event meant even more to many of us. The Hollister and San Jose chapters rode up to support our event and many of us will be attending the Hope Rally at the end of the month.

Big – Big thanks to Carlo and Emma for helping host and sponsor our event – you two are champions of the motorcycle world. Special thanks

to Gene Walker and Marc Moehlman for stepping up at the planning stage. Gene organized and managed the raffles and Marc organized and managed the BBQ. Many thanks go out to our members, already mentioned above, as well as the rest of the group helpers for putting this event on. This includes Bob Myers, Andrew Lamar, Christine Ernst, Linda Rothman, Kevin Crozier, and David Kirk. Without the support of all our volunteers, it would be impossible to sponsor events like this; so 'Thank You'. And to all of you who donated raffle prizes, 'Thank you.'

