New Sturgis Parking Ordinance

The City of Sturgis/Sturgis City Council has just passed a new parking/storage ordinance that may effect you or someone you know during the Sturgis Rally. Ordinance 16.05.11 "prohibits parking or storage of any trailer, recreational vehicle, implement, vehicle or other personal property on any public right-of-way." It includes:

- A) leaving any car, pick up, motorcycle, camper or RV in any public right of way for more than five (5) consecutive days;
- B) Leaving any farm tractor, implement, trailer, truck or truck tractor in any public right of way for more than twenty-four (24) hours; or
- C) During the period of July 20-August 15, leaving any RV or camper in any public right of way for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

"Items being stored in violation of this ordinance will be subject to fines and the vehicle will be towed by the police department. Special permission for temporary storage needs may be granted in advance form the PD. For further info call Sturgis PD 605.347.5070" From <u>Bikernet.com</u>

Paul Chedid Automotive Group named Exclusive Indian Motorcycle Importer--

Indian Motorcycle announced the appointment of its first exclusive importer / distributor. Paul Chedid Automotive Group has formed Indian Motorcycle France to promote and sell the 2009 Indian Chief, Indian Motorcycle accessories, and Indian Motorcycle apparel at Indian Motorcycle France in Paris. As the Indian Motorcycle business develops Indian Motorcycle France plans to establish a dealer network throughout France. For over twenty years, the Chedid Automotive group has imported many prestigious American automotive brands including Cadillac, Hummer and Corvette. Indian Motorcycle France will provide European motorcycle enthusiasts with the complete selection of 2009 Indian Chiefs. The Chief model range includes: the Chief Standard, Chief Deluxe, Chief Roadmaster and Chief Vintage. Chedid's future plans include expanding European

distribution throughout France, and to Monaco, Luxembourg, and Belgium.

The re-launch of Indian Motorcycle has been under the supervision of Chairman Stephen Julius and President Steve Heese. Mr. Heese commented "We're very excited to deliver Indian Motorcycles back to the world stage and to be partnering with Paul Chedid. Paul has a demonstrated track record of success in building a sales and service organization for luxury automotive products."

"I have always wanted to be involved with a true motorcycle, manufactured in the USA" says Paul Chedid. "When the opportunity presented itself to help bring the Indian brand back on the International stage I jumped at the chance. The style, presence and outstanding build quality of each motorcycle makes me proud to have the opportunity to display the Indian bikes in our Paris showroom and in other dealerships throughout Europe."

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Smog Checks May Include Motorcycles

SB 435, introduced by California State Senator Fran Pavely (D-Beverly Hills), would include motorcycles in the state's Smog Check Program. In a review of the Smog Check Program, the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee's recommendations included "implement a non-loaded mode biennial Smog Check inspection on motorcycles."

In a brief explanation of their strategy, the report states:

"Inspection of Motorcycles: Include motorcycle inspections as part of Smog Check. Studies indicate that motorcycles are subject to high rates of exhaust system tampering which subsequently increases the vehicle emissions."

Existing law exempts motorcycles from inspection "until the department implements test procedures applicable to motorcycles," which the legislation seeks to accomplish. If passed the new emissions law would require motorcycle owners in California to get Smog checks for their motorcycles once every two years. The law would take effect January 1, 2012 and cover all on-highway motorcycles model year 2000 or newer.

Opponents say the bill is simply a thinly veiled attempt to levy yet another fee to offset the states record budget deficit and point to a recent raid of the OHV trust fund of \$90 million dollars for non-OHV related expenditures. The bikes potentially affected are in fact the cleanest in the nation, having already been required to meet the stricter California CARB emissions standards years prior to similar requirements being adopted nationally by the federal EPA.

For a long time the Golden State has been granted special waivers from the Environmental Protection Agency to enact stiffer emissions regulations for autos and motorcycles. During the Bush administration, a dozen other states requested EPA waivers to increase their own regulations to match California's, but were denied. It is expected that the new Obama administration will reverse this decision, which may lead to variable emissions rules from state to state for automobiles, and potentially for motorcycles. www.ON-A-BIKE.com



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