

Painting: Indian Sign

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Media: Acrylic

Size: W 30" X H 15" X 1.5"

A Short Story of the Indian Motorcycle.

Indian is an America's brand of motorcycles originally produced from 1901 to 1953 in Springfield, Massachusetts, United States. ... Indian's most popular models were the Scout, made from 1920 to 1946, and the Chief, made from 1922 until 1953, when the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company went bankrupt.

In 1955, Brockhouse Engineering purchased the rights to the Indian Motorcycle name and sold imported Royal Enfield models branded as Indian Motorcycle models until 1960.

Legendary motorcycle racer, dealer, distributor, magazine publisher, race promoter, author, and motorcycle manufacturer Floyd Clymer had been working to revive the defunct Indian Motorcycle brand since 1963.

Clymer died of a heart attack in 1970 and his attorney, Alan Newman, acquired the Indian Motorcycle trademark. Newman continued to sell small bikes carrying the Indian brand name. Most of these bikes were produced in Taiwan and had displacements between 50cc and 175cc.

Other units were rebranded Italian mini-bikes. Sales declined throughout the 1970s and operations ceased in 1977.

Brand-exclusive production of Indian Motorcycle models resumed in 1998. A merger of nine companies formed the Indian Motorcycle Company of America (IMCA), which opened a production facility in Gilroy, CA. The IMCA produced Chief, Scout, and Spirit models powered by engines acquired from S&S Cycle, Inc.

In 2003, Indian Motorcycle Company of America went bankrupt and ended production. The future of America's first motorcycle company was uncertain.

Things started to turn around for Indian Motorcycle in 2008, when Stellican Ltd., a London-based private equity firm, purchased the Indian Motorcycle assets and established an Indian Motorcycle Company manufacturing facility in Kings Mountain, NC. A modest number of Indian Chief bikes with 105-ci V-twin engines were produced between 2008-2011. In 2011, Stellican sold Indian Motorcycle to Polaris Industries.

Since 2011, Polaris Industries has designed and produced high quality line up of motorcycle models that rival Harley Davidson.



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