

Parkes Rally 2011 report by Robert Gosper

This year was the 35th year the Parkes Antique Motorcycle Club has run its rally at Parkes, home of 'The Dish'. This year being 110 years since the first Indian Motorcycle was produced, it was decided to celebrate this occasion. In the Parkes Motor Museum there was a static display of nine Indian Motorcycles from different eras of Indian production history from a 1912 Factory Boardtrack Racer owned by John McDonald to a 2010 Chief Delux owned by Robert Gosper.

The Indian collection was brought together by Indian enthusiasts all round NSW and Victoria from The Iron Indian Riders Association, The Indian Harley Club of Sydney and the IMCA. Altogether the rally had 70 entries. The Indians were admired by all rally entrants including residents and visitors to Parkes for the weekend.

All rally entrants had access to the Parkes Museum including a display of Elvis memorabilia owned by Greg Page (former "Wiggle" member). This Display is valued at over \$2 million includes the last Cadillac Elvis ever owned and drove.

Other displays in the museum as well as the bikes and cars include antique clothing and home-wares, dinner sets and furniture. Out the back in the antique machinery display, several of the large tractors and headers were started to the delight of the spectators.

Saturday evening a dinner held by Bob and Anne Steel brought together the rally entrants for some hearty food, conversation and good company. All in all it was a very successful rally. The Indian mob have already booked their accommodation for next year! We look forward to 2012 October long weekend rally. See you there!

For a run down on the rally itself, see Harry Cutt's letter below. Harry is a member of The Indian Harley Club of Sydney.