

Indian Motorcycle Raffles Support Indian Education

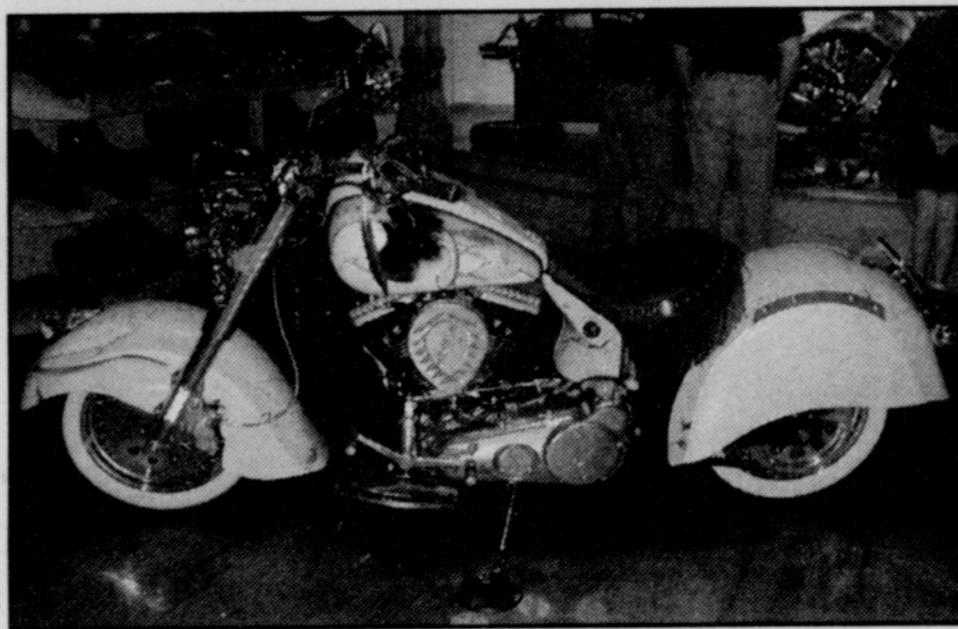
RESERVE, Wis. – Ever want to own an Indian motorcycle? This may be your chance and in the process, you can support Indian education training and scholarships.

Both the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow of Albuquerque, N.M., and Native American Educational Technologies of Reserve, Wis., are recipients of a custom-painted 2003 Indian Chief motorcycle that will be raffled off Dec. 31, 2003, during a live Internet drawing at www.gatheringofnations.com.

The funds raised by selling raffle tickets will support both educational

scholarships and training programs of GON and NAET. Both groups have supported Indian education projects for several years through their non-profit organizations.

A maximum of 4,000 tickets will be sold during this raffle. By purchasing a tax-deductible \$25 ticket, you'll not only support Native scholarship programs, but you may win a \$28,000 Indian Chief motorcycle, donated by



the Indian Motorcycle Corporation.

Go to www.gatheringofnations.com for on-line ticket sales and to see the bike. For more information, call Paul or Kim at 715-634-5226.

Loans Available for Native American Veterans

VA direct home loans are available to eligible Native American veterans to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. They may be used to simultaneously purchase and improve a home.

Direct loans also are available to reduce the interest rate on existing loans obtained under this program. VA direct

loans may be limited to the cost of the home or \$80,000, whichever is less.

A funding fee must be paid to the VA. The fee is 1.25 percent for loans to purchase, construct, or improve a home. For loans to refinance an existing loan, the fee is 0.5 percent of the loan amount.

Veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disability are not

required to pay the funding fee. The funding fee may be paid in cash or included in the loan.

The following may not be included in the loan: VA appraisal, credit report, loan processing fee, title search, title insurance, recoding fees, transfer taxes, survey charges, or hazard insurance.

Schools, Community Groups Urged to Apply for After-School Program Grants

SALEM, Ore. – State Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo has announced another opportunity for communities to begin or expand out-of-school-time programs through a competition for \$1.5 million in 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grants.

The program provides grants for communities and schools to offer academic and enrichment programs during out-of-school time along with family literacy opportunities for family members of participating children.

School districts, education service districts, and community-based and

faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. The program, which is Title IV B of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), is targeted toward high-poverty communities to help children achieve academically and provide quality out-of-school programming. Schools and community organizations are encouraged to apply in partnership.

The application is available at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/iasa/21stcent/index.htm>. It has been revised since the previous competition. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 18, 2003, or delivered to ODE by 5 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2003, to be eligible.

Energy Fairs Coming Up

Communities are being energized through four free energy fairs where children can learn about energy safety and enter a coloring contest. Adults can learn from the hands-on workshops or topics of solar, bio-mass/agricultural

applications, and geo-thermal.

These and other topics will be discussed during each fair. Energy awareness through community outreach is the event's goal. It should be fun, too!

These fairs are open 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Contact Scott Hansen toll-free at 1-866-744-9300 for more details.

Downtown Bend on Oct. 4-5
North Medford H.S. on Oct. 11
Tribal Hall, Coos Bay on Oct. 18
Tillamook Air Museum on Nov. 1

Tenas Illahee's Prekindergarten Room would like to thank Wylie Eddings for his great hospitality! We were going for a walk one day and stopped to talk to Wylie. He showed us his wonderful (yummy) garden and his beautiful (great-smelling) flowerbeds.

He let us taste-test strawberries, huckleberries, and raspberries. We also got to smell an assortment of flowers, thyme, rosemary, basil, and even brought some back to the center so we could study them.

We want to let Wylie know that he is a great guy and a great gardener too! It was an awesome experience.

Thank you, Wylie!

The Prekindergarten Class at Tenas Illahee Child Care Center

Happy Belated Birthday to my little cuz, Lincoln Lewelling, on Sept. 25. Our birthday just isn't the same without you. I love you and miss you very much, and can't wait until you get home.

Love, Felicia

Happy Birthday to our beautiful grandma, Terri Brown, on Oct. 3. We love you, Gams, and we didn't forget about you.

Love all your grandkids, Felicia, Lincoln, Jason, Jared, Corey, Justin, Clinton, Clarinda, lil' Felisha, Apolinar, and baby Joshley

Happy Belated Birthday, Elton Don. Hope you had a good one.

Love, Felicia and Carlos

Happy Belated Birthday to Elton. You're the best son and brother ever!

Love, Mom, Papa, Natasha, and Shantel

Last Chance for Weatherization

Save energy and save money. October is Energy Awareness Month, so please take a few minutes to apply for your free energy audit available for all income groups from your local utility.

For more information, visit the American Indian Energy Information Site at www.aiei.info or contact Scott Hansen toll-free at 1-866-744-9300.