

# 1913 INDIAN MOTORCYCLE



## Owners Ed and Betty Jeffers

To the best of our knowledge this 1913 Indian motorcycle has been in the Driver family dating back prior to 1917. Carlton R. Driver (my wife's grandfather) a resident of Glassboro, N. J. owned this Indian motorcycle Serial No. 41E-346, hence it's early history begins in Glassboro. Documented history shows Carlton Driver as the owner in 1917 (registration Plate # C-6440). Carlton married, Erma Chew of Glassboro, and moved to Paulsboro, N. J. Carlton worked at Socony Vacuum Oil Co in Paulsboro, N. J. Prior to living in Paulsboro Carlton commuted to work on this Indian from Glassboro to Paulsboro, this was his only vehicle. In 1922, Carlton purchased a 1915 Indian from his brother's estate for the grand sum of One dollar. The 1915 Indian was a more modern motorcycle( it had a kick starter, no need to pedal to start anymore), hence, he began to ride the 1915 Indian on a regular basis. About the time of the Great Depression (about 1930) the 1913 Indian was taken apart and stored in the garage attic. Carlton passed away in 1973, he rode the 1915 Indian until 1969. The 1913 Indian remained in the garage attic until 1980. At that time my wife's family decided to clean out the garage attic and gave me all of the Indian parts, baskets and baskets of parts. I began to restore the Indian in 1983, however money, time, and interest delayed progress. It wasn't until my father-in-law said one day 3 years ago that "I won't live long enough to ever see the Indian together"-that statement generated enough incentive to proceed with the restoration. I contacted a friend of mine and he agreed to complete the restoration and final assembly. 15 months later Indian # 41E-346 emerged looking like it did when it left the factory in Springfield, Mass. This truly is a family heirloom that will remain in the family forever!!!!

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