



# Change is good

A famous Greek philosopher once said, "Change is the only constant in life." In the motorcycle industry that saying definitely holds true and one look at the bikes reviewed in this issue confirms this. Whether it is the styling and performance of Ducati's Diavel 1260 S, the fact that Kawasaki can include ABS on a motorcycle that retails for less than \$6,000 or the ability to adjust fuel mapping and ignition timing on the Yamaha WR450F with your smartphone, the industry is evolving right in front of us.

Another thing that is changing is the types of motorcycles that are being ridden. Spending time with *IM* readers at motorcycle shows and other events, more and more we are hearing about the dual-sport and off-road motorcycles that are now sharing space with street bikes in your garages. This trend is echoed in statistics published by the Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council (MMIC), which indicate that retail sales volumes of street motorcycles in the first quarter of 2019 once again fell compared to a year ago, while sales of dual-sport and off-road motorcycles grew.

In addition to removing the risks associated with riding on the street, off-road is an activity that every family member can take part in, whether they are old enough to have a driver's licence or not. Add in the fact that we live in a country where less than 40 percent of the roads are paved and the attraction of adding a motorcycle with off-road capabilities makes perfect sense.

With so many of our readers now riding both on- and off-road, the publisher and editorial teams at *Inside Motorcycles* and *MX and Off-Road* decided that it made sense for us to follow suit and make some changes of our own. Starting with this issue, *MX and Off-Road* will be amalgamating into *Inside Motorcycles* to provide a more complete and timely look at the motorcycle industry as a whole.

What does this mean for our readers? In addition to all of the content that you have come to expect from *IM*, you will also see additional features and columns dedicated to off-road activities. In this regard, Mark Dzikowski, long-time contributor and test rider for both *Inside Motorcycles* and *MX and Off-Road*, will be joining the team as a regular columnist and our off-road editor. Mark's passion for everything on two-wheels and his experience competing here at home and as a member of Team Canada at two International Six Days Enduro competitions will be a great addition to an already outstanding group of columnists.

New features, such as Suzanne Pelletier's look in this issue at goal setting for the upcoming season will provide content that is relevant to everyone whether you ride on asphalt or dirt. In the coming months we will introduce you to other contributors such as Shelby Turner and Lee Martin, both of whom are among the top off-road riders in North America.

All of us at *Inside Motorcycles* are sincerely excited about the potential of this expanded content and our expanded family of readers. We look forward to continuing to be a part of your two-wheeled adventures. **IM**



Inside Track Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 370, Brights Grove, ON N0N 1C0  
416-962-RACE (7223) • Fax: 416-962-7208  
www.insidemotorcycles.com

## EDIT

**EDITOR**  
Patrick Lambie,  
patrick@insidemotorcycles.com

**SENIOR EDITORS**  
Colin Fraser,  
colin@csbk.ca

Warren Thaxter,  
warrenthaxter@gmail.com

Jason Thorpe,  
jason@insidemotorcycles.com

Andrew Trevitt,  
andrew.trevitt@gmail.com

Frank Wood,  
motor\_mouth43@hotmail.com

**GENERAL MANAGER**  
David Weber,  
david@insidemotorcycles.com

**TECHNICAL EDITOR**  
John Sharrard,  
acceltech@sympatico.ca

**OFF-ROAD EDITOR**  
Mark Dzikowski,  
mark.dzik.moto@gmail.com

**COPY EDITORS**  
Andrew Trevitt  
Elisa Ward

**SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHERS**  
Ed Gätner  
Ben Quinn

## SALES/MARKETING

### ADVERTISING SALES

Derek Rockel,  
derek@insidemotorcycles.com

David Weber,  
david@insidemotorcycles.com

Rob Morton,  
rob@insidemotorcycles.com

Brad Hulton,  
brad@insidemotorcycles.com

## ART/PRODUCTION

**PRODUCTION MANAGER**  
James Neilson

**DESIGN & PRODUCTION**  
Dawn McClintock  
Grace Kang

## CIRCULATION/OFFICE

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**  
Isabel Weber,  
isabel@insidemotorcycles.com

Ethan Weber  
admin@insidemotorcycles.com

Lindsey Broad,  
lindsey@insidemotorcycles.com

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
Grace Kang,  
subscriptions@insidemotorcycles.com

**SUBSCRIPTION INQUIRIES**  
IM@publicationpartners.com

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES (CANADA)**  
One Year: \$24.99 • Two Years: \$39.99 •  
Three Years: \$49.99

**SUBSCRIBE ONLINE**  
insidemotorcycles.mysub.ca

### WHERE TO FIND

Inside Motorcycles is mailed to Canadian motorcycle enthusiasts from coast to coast. You can also find Inside Motorcycles at finer newsstand outlets like Chapters/Indigo, Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart and Loblaws. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy at your favourite motorcycle retailer or visit us online at [www.insidemotorcycles.com](http://www.insidemotorcycles.com).

## PUBLISHER

Inside Motorcycles is published 10 times a year by Inside Track Communications, Inc.

**PRESIDENT:** John Hopkins,  
john@insidemotorcycles.com

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Greg MacPherson,  
greg@insidemotorcycles.com

**TREASURER:** David Weber,  
david@insidemotorcycles.com

**SECRETARY:** Rob Morton,  
rob@insidemotorcycles.com

### CONTRIBUTORS

Graham Clayton, Zac Kurylyk, Steve Hoffarth, Bruce Thomas, Toni Sharpless, Todd Vallee, Lee Martin, Shelby Turner, Suzanne Pelletier, Brett McCormick

### CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Graham Clayton, Richard Coburn, Don Empey, Shelley Gamm, Les Kalman, Rob MacLennan, Tim McGill, Bill Murphy, Outlaw Productions, Paolo Pedicelli, Karolina Pelc, Bill Petro, Bob Szoke, John R. Walker, John Meaney

### COPYRIGHT

All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without prior written permission of Inside Track Communications Inc. is prohibited.

### EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Editorial contributions should be preceded by a query letter. Unsolicited material must be accompanied by self-addressed stamped envelope. Inside Motorcycles assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to materials. Letters to the Editor are considered "for publication" unless otherwise indicated and may be condensed as space dictates. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the position of Inside Track Communications, Inc.

### RIDE SAFE

All riders pictured and contributing to Inside Motorcycles are trained riders, riding in safe conditions. Please take care in riding and wear all safety equipment.

### DISCLAIMER

All content within this magazine is provided for general information, educational and resource purposes only. Inside Motorcycles is not responsible or liable for any action that a reader takes in connection with the demonstrated exercises, instructions and riding advice provided in this magazine. Please note that certain activities described in this magazine may be dangerous, especially if proper safety equipment and clothing is not used.

### MAIL PREFERENCES

Occasionally we may make our mailing list available to other carefully screened organizations that want to let you know about a product or service that might be of interest to you. The material to be sent to you is reviewed by us before our mailing list is released to ensure the company is reputable and their materials are appropriate. If you would prefer for us NOT to share your information, simply write to Privacy, c/o Inside Track Communications, PO Box 370, Brights Grove, ON, N0N 1C0 or email [privacy@insidetracknews.com](mailto:privacy@insidetracknews.com). Please include your full name and mailing address.

PUBLICATIONS MAIL AGREEMENT NO. 40023793  
RETURN UNDELIVERABLE CANADIAN ADDRESSES TO:  
CIRCULATION DEPT., PO BOX 370,  
BRIGHTS GROVE, ON, N0N 1C0  
Email: [admin@insidemotorcycles.com](mailto:admin@insidemotorcycles.com)  
ISSN 1480-426X