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A Sale of Important Motorcars, Motorcycles and Memorabilia

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To sum up one of television's most celebrated and popular series, one where the audience actually had to pay attention to the dialogue, *The West Wing* was a show about a fictional United States presidential administration, set mainly in the West Wing of the White House. The program ran from 1999-2006. In it Martin Sheen played the President Josiah Bartlett. To this day many wish he would actually run for the office. Stranger things have happened, are happening.

The *West Wing* characters, all pretty bright people, could throw a whomping on cutting edge, and often cutting, social and political commentary for which the program was known. For example:

**Leo McGarry (presidential advisor):** We spent millions of dollars developing a pen that could write in space. Do you know what the Russians did?

**Josh Lyman (presidential assistant):** Used a pencil?

**McGarry:** Used a pencil.

In the case of this one-off 2002 Indian "Police Bike Chief" dressed in "presidential white" and complete with all the bells and whistles... and sirens...the *West Wing* cast used not a pencil but a permanent marker to sign their autographs to the factory custom designed and built specifically for use on the TV series. The list of *West Wing* stars whose names appear on the bike include Martin Sheen (President Bartlett), Allison Janney (CJ), Richard Schiff (Toby), Janel Moloney (Donna), John Spencer (Leo), Brandley Whitford (Josh), Rob Lowe (Sam), Stockard Channing (Abby), Kathryn Joosten (Dolores) and Oliver Platt (White House Counsel) as well as the series director and writer.

The bike was built by the Gilroy Indian Motorcycle company who resurrected the famous motorcycle brand in 1999, building their vision of the legendary Indian at their Gilroy, CA facility until financial dilemmas caused the enterprise to cease production in 2003. Sometimes known as the "Gilroy Indian" motorcycles, the bikes were initially powered by S&S engines as seen here. The bikes were based around a newer version of the classic Indian Chief and models and wore the traditional Indian fully valenced fenders. This special Police Bike Chief also wears the graphics of the Washington D.C. metropolitan police and is equipped with standard police accessories. A dramatic homage to Indian's long and historic association with American police departments, this one-off special also is a direct link to one of television's most influential and talented productions. All in all a highly collectible and high profile machine standing by for the final winning "vote."

