# Honoring the past... riding toward the future



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# HISTORY



#### Motor Maid History

In the late 30s, a young woman motorcycle enthusiast named Linda Dugeau of Providence, Rhode Island, conceived the idea that there might be a number of women who owned their own motorcycles and might be interested in becoming acquainted with one another. Linda wrote to dealers, riders and anyone she thought might know of women motorcycle riders. After this extensive search, she compiled a list from which the Motor Maid organization was founded with 51 Charter members in 1940. The American Motorcycle Association Charter #509 was issued to the club in 1941.

Dot Robinson of Detroit, Michigan, was appointed the first President. She held this position for the next 25 years until she resigned during convention in 1965. Lou Rigsby of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the first Vice President; Linda Dugeau was the first Secretary; Helen Kiss of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was the first Treasurer; and Assistant to the Secretary was Hazel Duckworth of Valley Falls, Rhode Island. Six additional offices have been added: Advisory Editor, Supply Officer, Publicity Director, Historian, Safety Liaison and Web Editor. Recently, the Secretary position was divided into two offices – Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary.

#### **Uniting Women Motorcyclists**

The founding premise of the Motor Maids was to unite women motorcyclists in promoting motorcycle interest. The initial Constitutional Article establishing the requirements for membership has remained the Motor Maid hallmark since the first meeting – membership shall consist of women who legally own and operate their own motorcycle or one belonging to a family member.

Informal meetings and get-togethers were held at various national and district events in many parts of the country. At the 1946 convention, it was decided we needed someone to provide a link between the membership and the Executive Officers. The State Director system was established. State Directors are appointed by the President and are responsible for keeping their area membership active and informed. They are also responsible for hostessing at least one get-together every year. In the early 90's, State Director was changed to District Director as the membership became divided into Districts by State/Province or groups of States/Provinces.



#### **Armed Forces Service**

Nellie Jo Gill, Marion Trow and Arlene Sonnefelt were some of the many members who served in the Armed Forces during the war. During that time, getting together for meets was greatly restricted because of gas rationing. The first formal convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, May 27 & 28, 1944, with Jane Farrow and Jo Folden co-hosting. Formal business was conducted and a banquet dinner was held at the Columbus Steak House. Over Labor Day weekend that same year, the first Regional Meeting was held at Plainfield, New Jersey. Out of this meeting came the club colors – Royal Blue and Silver Gray – and the Motor Maid emblem in the form of a shield. The uniform had its beginnings at this meeting also. Initially the uniforms were tailor–made of silver–gray gabardine with royal blue piping. It evolved into a uniform consisting of gray slacks, royal blue over–blouse with white boots and tie.

In 1941, Howard Foley of Columbus, Ohio, approached the Motor Maids with the idea of parading at the Charity Newsies Race. White gloves soon became a part of the uniform. When they paraded at the Newsies Race, the Motor Maids became known as the "Ladies of the White Gloves". The Motor Maids paraded annually at Charity Newsies through the final year in 1979. Over the years, the Motor Maids have been asked to parade at numerous races across the country and in Canada.

#### **Motor Maids Convention**

The Motor Maids hold a Convention each July in a different part of the country. When a member has attended two conventions and has ten consecutive active years of membership, she may apply for Life Membership. Silver Life Membership requires twenty-five years of active membership and attendance at five conventions. Golden Life Membership is awarded after attendance at ten conventions during fifty years of active membership.

After a twenty-five year tenure, Dot Robinson retired as President. Dorine Hamilton of Wichita, Kansas, became the second President, and Mary Cutright of Chillicothe, Ohio, served as the third. Kathleen Anderson, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, was the fourth President and Jeanne Deak, Chardon, Ohio, the fifth. Jan Barrett, Englewood, Florida, the sixth; Brenda Hickling-Thatcher, of Toledo, Ohio, the 7<sup>th</sup>; Susan Gibson of Goshen, Ohio, the 8th. Kathy, Jeanne and Jan remain active in club business, serving as Executive Counselors.



#### **Atlantic Canada Motor Maid History**

The first Canadian district of Motor Maids was created in 1949. From that time until January, 2007, women from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador who joined Motor Maids were members of the Eastern Canada District. In January, 2007, a new Canadian Motor Maid district was created, Maritime Motor Maids. Members of Maritime Motor Maids requested a district name change through year end letters to the president of Motor Maids. Members felt "Atlantic Canada" was more in keeping with recognized designations of this group of provinces. In October, 2008, the Executive Officers changed the name to Atlantic Canada District.

For approximately two and a half years, Atlantic Canada Motor Maids met for Rendez-vous, monthly meetings, at Windjammer Restaurant in Chester, Nova Scotia. A decision was made after that time to hold the monthly meetings at various locations throughout the Atlantic Provinces, allowing members living in those areas to host the meetings and showcase their area on local rides.

In July, 2009, Atlantic Canada Motor Maids established a website and email: www.acmotormaids.multiply.com acmotormaids@gmail.com

In 2011, Atlantic Canada Motor Maids established a Facebook group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/acmotormaids">www.facebook.com/groups/acmotormaids</a>

In November, 2012, a new website was established. Multiply site was closed. <a href="https://www.acmotormaids.com">www.acmotormaids.com</a>

In July, 2013, Atlantic Canada Motor Maids presented a bid at convention in Bend, Oregon to host the 2015 Motor Maid Convention. ACMM won the vote of the members.

#### Logo

The first Atlantic Canada Motor Maids logo was created in 2008. White T-shirts were printed in 2009 with the logo on front and an image of a lobster in a side car on back.



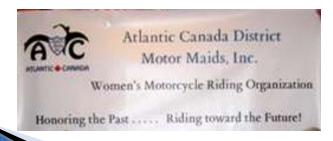


A second Atlantic Canada Motor Maid logo was created in 2010.

Green shirts were ordered in 2011 with the logo and embroidered patches were made. In 2014, black and blue crested shirts were ordered by members.



A banner was purchased in 2011 and an additional one in 2014.





#### **Officers**

#### **District Director:**

Manu Poiré (Shelburne, NS), January, 2007-2009 Anne Weeden (Fall River, NS), September, 2009-2012 Denise Pelrine (Hammonds Plains, NS), November, 2012 -2015 Lynne Campbell (Dartmouth, NS), November 2015

#### **Assistant District Director:**

Amanda Jurgenliemk (Shelburne, NS), January, 2007–2009 Anne Weeden (Fall River, NS), July, 2009–2011 Denise Pelrine (Hammonds Plains, NS), March, 2011–2012 Heather Henderson (Maces Bay, NB), ADD for NB, Aug., 2012 Lynne Campbell (Dartmouth, NS), ADD for NS, Nov., 2012–2015 Kathy Ames (Mactaquac, NB), ADD for NB, Nov., 2013

#### Treasurer:

Lynne Campbell (Dartmouth, NS), July, 2009 –2015 Crystal Cadeau (Glen Margaret, NS), November 2015

#### **Safety Team:**

Peggy Dingle (Halifax, NS) July, 2009 Christine Austin (Greenwood, NS) October, 2011

#### <u>Website Managers:</u>

Coleen Murphy (Windsor, NS), July, 2009–2012 Elizabeth Pass (Prospect, NS), November, 2012 Bev Hannington (Saint John, NB), October, 2014

<u>Ride Coordinators:</u> (This office was discontinued October, 2012) Vicki Gesner (Tantallon, NS) July, 2009–2012 Lynne Campbell (Dartmouth, NS), July, 2009–2012

#### Historian:

Elizabeth Pass (Prospect, NS), July, 2009–2015 Cheryl MacLaggan (Moncton, NB), November 2015

#### **Social Secretary:**

Chris Sprague (Dartmouth, NS), October, 2011

#### **Supply Officer:**

Joyce Bulman (Colpitts Settlement, NB), November, 2013-2015

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Atlantic Canada Motor Maid members participated in and represented ACMM in these events:

#### 2007

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month) Halifax Biker Bash - April, Halifax, NS Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival - June, Moncton, NB Motor Maids Convention - July, Post Falls, Idaho Wrap up & Planning Meeting - November, Truro, NS

#### 2008

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)
Halifax Biker Bash – April, Halifax, NS
Motor Maids Convention – July, Columbus, Indiana
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, North Conway, NH
Wrap up & Planning Meeting – November, Truro, NS

#### 2009

Monthly meetings and rides (4th Sunday of each month)
Halifax Biker Bash - April, Halifax, NS
International Female Ride Day - May 2009
Motor Maids Convention - July, Lewiston, Maine
Wrap up & Planning Meeting - October, Moncton, NB

#### 2010

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)
Halifax Biker Bash – April, Halifax, NS
International Female Ride Day – May, Calais, Maine
Motor Maids Convention – July, Cody, Wyoming
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, St. Andrews, NB
Wrap up & Planning Meeting – September, Scotsburn, NS

#### 2011

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)
Atlantic Motorcycle & ATV Show – February, Moncton, NB
Halifax Biker Bash – April, Halifax, NS
Ride Safe Share the Road – May, Kingston, NS
Biker Blood Drive, – May, Halifax, NS
Motor Maids Convention – July, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Silent Auction Fundraiser – July, Hantsport, NS
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, Bartlett, NH
International Fire Fighters Tribute Rally – September, Newburg and NY, NY
Wrap up & Planning Meeting – October, Moncton, NB
Christmas Daddies – December, Halifax, NS

#### 2012

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)
Atlantic Motorcycle &ATV Show – February, Moncton, NB
Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show – March, Halifax, NS
Valley Shifters Swap Meet – April, New Minas, NS
Biker Blood Drive – May, Halifax, NS
International Female Ride Day – May, Halifax/Truro, NS
Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival – June, Summerside, PEI
Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> – July, Barrington Passage, NS
Rally in the St. Croix Valley/International Border BikeFest, July, St. Stephen, NB
Motor Maids Convention – July, Spartanburg, South Carolina
AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference, July, Carson City, NV
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, Matane, QC
Ride 4 the Cure – September, Cape Breton, NS
Wharf Rat Rally – September, Digby, NS
Wrap up & Planning Meeting – November, Moncton, NB

#### 2013

Monthly meetings and rides (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)
Halifax International Motorcycle Show- February, Halifax, NS
Atlantic Motorcycle & ATV Show - February, Moncton, NB
Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch - Dartmouth, NS
International Female Ride Day - May, Halifax/Truro, NS
Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival - June, Summerside, PEI
Motor Maids Convention - July, Bend, Oregon
Live to Ride Blood Drive, - August, Halifax, NS
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally - August, Jackson, NH
Wharf Rat Rally - September, Digby, NS
Lana Sherwood Memorial Toy Run - September, Saint John, NB
Pam Vickery/911 Memorial Ride - September, Halifax, NS
Toys for Big Boys Run for the Cure Fall Foliage Run - October, Moncton, NB
Year End Weekend & Planning Meeting - October, Moncton, NB

#### 2014

Monthly meetings and rides (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month)
Halifax International Motorcycle Show- February, Halifax, NS
Atlantic Motorcycle & ATV Show - February, Moncton, NB
Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch - Dartmouth, NS
International Female Ride Day - May, Atlantic Canada/Maine
Mathieu Lacombe Ride for a Wish - May, Oromocto, NB
Ride for Dad - June, Moncton, NB
FMC Toy Run - June, Fredericton, NB
Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival - June, Summerside, PEI
Motor Maids Convention - July, Kerrville, Texas
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally - August, Chicoutimi, Quebec Wharf Rat Rally - September, Digby, NS
Lana Sherwood Memorial Toy Run - September, Saint John, NB
Year End Weekend & Planning Meeting - October, Moncton, NB

#### 2015

Monthly meetings and rides (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month)
Atlantic Motorcycle & ATV Show – February, Moncton, NB
Halifax International Motorcycle Show– March, Halifax, NS
Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch – Dartmouth, NS
International Female Ride Day – May, Atlantic Canada/Maine
Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival – June, Summerside, PEI
Motor Maids Convention – July, Moncton, New Brunswick
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, North Conway, New Hampshire
Wharf Rat Rally – September, Digby, NS
Year End Weekend & Planning Meeting – October, Truro, NS

#### 2016

Monthly meetings and rides (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month)
Atlantic Motorcycle & ATV Show – February, Moncton, NB
Halifax International Motorcycle Show– March, Halifax, NS
Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch – Dartmouth, NS
International Female Ride Day – May, Atlantic Canada/Maine
Atlanticade Motorcycle Festival – June, Summerside, PEI
Motor Maids Convention – July, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Atlantic Canada/Eastern Canada Rally – August, Sherbrooke,
Wharf Rat Rally – September, Digby, NS
Tunnels to Towers – September, NB and NS
Toys for Big Boys Annual Fall Foliage Run – October, Moncton, NB
Year End Weekend & Planning Meeting – November, Sussex, NB

#### 2007

High Mileage first place-Gail Neilson
High Mileage second place-Peggy Dingle
Longest Distance to wrap up meeting-Gail Neilson
Vintage bike-Dana MacLennan
Longest MM membership-Gail Neilson
Mascot of the Year-Toby

#### 2008

High Mileage first place-Gail Neilson
High Mileage second place-Peggy Dingle
Longest Distance to wrap up meeting-Gail Neilson
Most Events Attended-Peggy Dingle
Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM) - Elizabeth Pass
Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM) Amanda Jurgenliemk

#### 2009

High Mileage third place-Vicki Gesner
Longest Trip-Gail Neilson
Most Events Attended-Coleen Murphy
OOPS-Peggy Dingle
Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM as DD) Manu Poiré
Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM as ADD) Amanda Jurgenliemk

#### 2010

High Mileage first place- Peggy Dingle

High Mileage second place- Gail Neilson

Highest Mileage new member- Crystal Cadeau

Longest Trip-Elizabeth Pass

Master Chef- Terri Lindsay

Cake- Chris Sprague

CAA- Lisa Hennessey

Hair You Go Award-Cheryl Veinotte

Pimp My Ride-Denise Pelrine

Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM as DD) -

Anne Weeden

#### 2011

High Mileage first place-Peggy Dingle

Highest mileage, new member - Ann Savoy-Mackelvie

High Mileage second place-Christine Austin

Longest Trip-Christine Austin

Shopperholic-Beth Shaw

Most Hats-Lynne Campbell

OOPS-Chris Sprague

Special Thanks-(for leadership of ACMM as DD) -

Anne Weeden

Special Recognition (Appreciation of contributions to ACMM as ADD) – Denise Pelrine

Recognition for Service (treasurer, ride coordinator, awards committee) – Lynne Campbell

Recognition for Service (historian, photographer, awards committee)
Elizabeth Pass

Special Recognition for contributions to ACMM - Anne Weeden, Denise Pelrine, Heather Henderson

The Gail Neilson Motor Maid of the Year Award - Gail Neilson

Highest Mileage - Peggy Dingle

Highest Mileage, New Member - Jo "Eh" Miller

Longest Trip - Christine Austin

Longest One Day Ride - Chris Sprague, Christine Austin

First ACMM Mother/Daughter members - Heather and Holly Henderson

Best Helmet Hair - Shan "Ghost" MacDonald

Most Unique Repair Job (duct tape gas cap) - Denise Murphy

Most Committed Rider (Beat the Heat) - Crystal Cadeau

Leopard Award for Best Dressed - Chris Sprague

Knight in Shining Armour for rescuing a Damsel in Distress - Denise Pelrine

Solo Riders - Elizabeth Pass, Catherine Durrett, Christine Austin, Dianne Barnes, Jo "Eh" Miller

Going Post-al: Most frequent FB posts - Denise, Christine, Elizabeth

Silly Road Signs contest with 41 - Elizabeth Pass

Scavenger Hunt Contest Awards:

Elizabeth Pass who did it first

Crystal Cadeau who did it in the cold

Marie Langdon who did it twice because once was not enough

Ann Savoy- Mackelvie, Sherlock Holmes lost it and found it

Lynne Campbell who just did it

Denise Pelrine, Most Creative Interpretation of sign with your name

#### First Time Awards:

First Time Riding Across Confederation Bridge – Joy Ferguson

First Time Flying a Kite (ever) - Peggy Dingle

#### **OOPS Awards:**

Most frequently broken down on the side of the road – Nicole Smith Most Times dropping her bike – Beth Shaw

#### 2013

Special thank you for contributions to ACMM -Denise Pelrine, Lynne Campbell, Heather Henderson, Elizabeth Pass

The Gail Neilson Motor Maid of the Year Award - Elizabeth Pass

High Mileage First Place- Peggy Dingle

High Mileage Second Place- Nancy Robertson

Longest Trip – Christine Austin

Longest Single Day Trip- Jo Miller

Scavenger Hunt Contest Awards:

Jo Miller who did it first; Chris Sprague, Denise Pelrine, Janet Gallagher, Lynne Campbell

Best Organized Ride of the Year - Ann Savoy-MacKelvie

Pet Peeve Awards:

Who Let the Dogs Out - Chris Sprague

Talk Turkey - Sharon Connors-Turiff

Who's Got Gas Award- Crystal Cadeau

#### 2014

High Mileage First Place- Jo Miller

High Mileage Second Place- Peggy Dingle

Gail Neilson Motor Maid of the Year Award - Cheryl MacLaggan

Interesting Things to See and Do in Atlantic Canada Contest Awards:

1st Place Janet Gallagher; 2nd Place Denise Pelrine

Longest 1 day trip - Janet Gallagher

Ready to Ride at the drop of a Hat - Pearl Lucy

Bed and Breakfast Hostesses with the Mostest :

Cheryl MacLaggan and Catherine Lawrence

#### 2015

The Gail Neilson Motor Maid of the Year Award - Lynne Campbell Additional awards were presented in the categories: Enthusiastic/flexible, Adversity, Rookie, Keener, Social Butterfly, Increase in riding

2016

#### Contests

#### 2010

Most Wanted – Members collect pictures of themselves and their motorcycles in front of post offices. Winner was Gail Neilson.

Polar Bear Riding Challenge – Members collect pictures of themselves and their motorcycles riding every month of the year. Winner was Coleen Murphy.

#### 2011

Size Matters - Members collect pictures of themselves and their motorcycles with object that are larger than life. Winner was Christine Austin.

Fabulous Food Finds - Members collect pictures of themselves and their motorcycles at exceptional eating establishments. Winner was Denise Pelrine.

#### 2012

Funny Signs - Members collect pictures of themselves and their bikes with funny signs - can be a road sign, sign for a business, etc. Winner was Elizabeth Pass.

Scavenger Hunt - Members collect pictures of themselves and their bikes with as many items as possible on the scavenger hunt list. Winner for completing the list first was Elizabeth Pass. See the list of Annual Awards 2012 for other scavenger hunt awards.

#### 2013

I Spy with my Biker's Eye - Members collect as many of the 50 items on the I Spy list as possible, while on a bike ride. Winner for completing the list first was Jo Miller. Others finding all items were Chris Sprague, Denise Pelrine, Janet Gallagher and Lynne Campbell. Scalli, Janet's dog, also submitted photos.

#### 2014

Interesting things to SEE and DO in Atlantic Canada. See something in Atlantic Canada everyone should see? Take a picture of your find with you and/or your bike. 1st Prize & bragging rights to the one with the most photos.

Winner was Janet Gallagher. Runner up was Denise Pelrine.

#### Contests

#### 2015

Silver Fox Hunt – Members were challenged with finding 50 specific items during the riding season, while on a motorcycle ride. Congratulations to winners Chris Sprague, Denise Pelrine, Janet Gallagher, Jo Miller and Suzanne Steeves. Runners up were Cheryl MacLaggan, Kathy Ames, Catherine Lawrence, Nancy Robertson, Pam Whitters, Soph Doiron and Dawn Coates. Honourable mention goes to Scalli.

#### 2016

Old Barns - While out on their bikes, members take pictures of old barns that fall into 5 categories chosen by the judges, Nancy and Lise.

And the winners are:

Red Roof -

Most Colorful -

Most Dilapidated -

Barns with Farm Animals -

Unique Barn Doors -

#### **Year End Statistics**

#### 2009

8 of 19 members reported mileage = 122,235 km

#### 2011

11 of 25 members reported mileage = 196,714 km

#### 2012

17 of 29 members reported mileage = 275,253 km

#### 2013

28 of 55 members reported mileage = 347,525 km

#### **Year End Meetings**

#### 2007

The Year End Meeting was held November 17-18 at the Glengarry Best Western Motel in Truro, Nova Scotia.

#### 2008

The Year End Meeting was held November 1-2 at the Glengarry Best Western Motel in Truro, Nova Scotia.

#### 2009

The Year End Meeting was held October 17–18 at the Rodd Park House Inn in Moncton, New Brunswick.

#### 2010

The Year End Meeting was held September 25-26 at Stonehame Lodge in Scotsburn, Nova Scotia.

#### 2011

The Year End Meeting was held October 29-30 at Delta Beausejour, Moncton, New Brunswick.

#### 2012

The Year End Meeting was held November 24-25 at the Community Room of the Dieppe Superstore, Dieppe, New Brunswick. Members stayed overnight at Super 8

#### 2013

The Year End Meeting was held October 24-25 at Holiday Inn, Truro, Nova Scotia.

#### 2014

The Year End Meeting was held October 24-25 at Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB

#### 2015

The Year End Meeting was held October 24-25 at Holiday Inn, Truro, Nova Scotia.

## CONVENTIONS

#### **67th ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION**

JULY 10-12, 2007

POST FALLS, IDAHO



Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Manu Poiré





#### Historic Motor Maids Club Rolls Past Stateline

by Seth Sands

POST FALLS, Idaho -- Over 120 members from the all female Motor Maids motorcycle club rolled through Stateline Stadium Speedway Wednesday night part of the Motor Maids 3-day convention in Post Falls, Idaho.

Dressed in royal blue and white uniforms, women of the club formed during the late 1930's, paraded their <u>motorcycles</u> around the track during pre race festivities of Wednesday Night Fever.

Representing various states across the country and Canada the contingent saluted the crowd wowed by the enormous turnout of riders.

Honorary guests for the evening included Post Falls resident and long-time Stateline Speedway employee Norma Starr, Early Stock driver Lori Ann Wilson, and Motor Maids Northwest District Director Sue Frasier.

Starr a member of the Motor Maids for many years is legendary at the track for her addicting cheeseburgers and secret sauce know as the "Norma Burger".

Wilson and Frasier helped organize the event.

The American Motorcycle Association sanctioned the Motor Maids in 1940. Members must be women riders driving their own or a family member's <a href="mailto:bike">bike</a>. The group holds an annual 3-day national convention in July. This year the event was held in the Inland Northwest.

The club is the oldest organized women's riding club in the nation. For more information on the Motor Maids, visit their website at www.motormaids.org.



Women riders of the Motor Maids parade around Stateline Speedway Wednesday night.

#### 68th ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

JULY 8-10, 2008

COLUMBUS, INDIANA



#### Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Lynne Campbell, Peggy Dingle, Gail Neilson Elizabeth Pass, Manu Poiré, Cheryl Veinotte





Columbus' Vera Griffin, right, is a founding member of Motor Maids.

## Motor Maids revvi

By Chrissy Alspaugh calspaugh @ therepublic.com

Columbus will host the 68th annual Motor Maids Inc. annual convention Tuesday through Thursday.

More than from across attend the which each nual convention June travels throughout the country settled in Co-

ter members in 1940, and Griffin from to a family member. Columbus was one of them." said Jana Griner, southern

#### women Motor Maids Inc.

WHAT: The first mothe U.S. and torcycling organization for Canada plan women in North America.

WHERE: In Columbus event, this week for the 68th an-

ESTABLISHED: In

LOCAL FOUNDER: and for the Vera Griffin of Columbus first time has was among the 51 charter members

MEMBERSHIP RE-" There QUIREMENTS: Memwere 51 char- bership shall consist of women who legally own and operate their own mothe late Vera torcycle or one belonging

> INFORMATION: motormaids.org.

Indiana's assistant director. "We chose to hold the convention in Columbus to honor Vera.

#### MAIDS\_

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Motor Maids Inc. boasts more than 900 members who share a love for motorcycles.

On the Web Link to Motor Maids video on

therepublic.com

Griner said group sets itself apart in its annual convention by

requiring that all participating attendees arrive on their bikes.

"Whether you've been a member for one year or 60, everybody has to ride," she said.

"Even if you live in California or Florida, you can't trailer it."

Riders, all wearing white gloves, will parade through Columbus on their motorcycles beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday morning, the women will compete in Dot Robinson Road Run, a road course with checkpoints and speed checks. Each participant aims to follow a written route at an overall average speed of 30 mph.

At its inception, Motor Maids Inc. drew a crowd of female motorcycle couriers during WWII.

Today, the group still aims to unite women motorcyclists in promoting motorcycle interest. Members must own and operate a motorcycle.

Pamela Jewell, convention public relations director, said the members share a bond through the spirit of adventure.

"This is just a group of ladies who love motorcycling," she said. "I think while we want people to have a respect for that, we want people to simply have a respect for all motorcyclists.

"Not just women."

#### 69th ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

JULY 7-9, 2009

LEWISTON, MAINE



#### Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Lynne Campbell, Peggy Dingle, Vicki Gesner, Amanda Jurgenliemk, Coleen Murphy, Gail Neilson, Elizabeth Pass, Anne Weeden







# 69th Convention, Lewiston, Maine, 2009



## 69<sup>th</sup> Convention Lewiston, Maine, 2009

#### MAIDS ON PARADE

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009



AMBER WATERMAN/SUN JOURNAL

A parade of Motor Maids bikers winds its way down Lisbon Street in Lewiston on Wednesday evening. More than 270 women, from as far away as California and Canada, were in town for the 69th annual convention. The all-female motorcycle group is known for its uniform of blue shirt, white vest and gloves. It was the largest convention in the group's history, New England district spokeswoman Melanie Jandreau said.

#### 70th ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

JULY 6-9, 2010

CODY, WYOMING

#### Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Lynne Campbell, Gail Neilson, Elizabeth Pass











## **Motor Maids Convention 2010**

**Cody, Wyoming** 



### Motor Maids celebrate 70 years

By SALLY ANN SHURMUR Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER, Wyo. — Ruth "OR" Morrow used to ride on the back of her husband's motorcycle.

"He got tired of me thumping him on the head, so I went to the front," she said.

Now, the just-turned-60 rurse from Panama City, Fla., is in Wyoming, both for pleasure and to work. She will attend the 70th annual Motor Maids convention, which starts today in Cody. On July 12, she'll begin a traveling nurse, stint at Wyoming Medical Center, where she plans to stay until October.

And if the snow flies?
"I guess I'm going to put snow chains on "she said.

chains on," she said.

Morrow left Panama City last
Monday and rode 1,840 miles to
Casper, arriving late Thursday, She
met two other Motor Maids in
Orlando and rode most of the way
with them.

"We took it kind of slow, We'd ride from 6 or 7 in the morning and stop about 3 to try to beat the heat," she said.

On this trip, Morrow is riding her Yamaha V-Star, although there are two Harley-Davidsons back home.

Morrow belongs to Motor Maids, the oldest women's riding organization in the country. She also has found friendship as deep as family. Morrow's husband, who was 23

Morrow's husband, who was 23 years older, died five years ago. "They have been my family, especially since then," she said.

Her nickname, "OR," refers not to her occupation but stands for "Other Ruth," she said. "And that's from Motor Maids, too,"

She retired last year after working full-time for 24 ½ years at Panama City's Bay Medical Center.

After her retirement, she visited her native Newport, R.I., attended the Motor Maids convention in Lewiston, Maine, and then beat the snow back to Florida.

Although she has been in Wyoming previously, she has not visited Cody and is looking forward to riding the area.

One of the highlights of the threeday convention is a parade through downtown Cody on Wednesday, with more than 200 convention attendees from throughout the United States and Canada expected to participate.

The group was founded in 1940 and has as its theme, "Honoring the past — while riding toward the future."

Membership is open to any woman who owns and rides her own motorcycle or a motorcycle owned by a family member.

Members must ride their motorcycles to the convention in order to be a voting member. In other words, "I trailered mine," doesn't cut it with these gals.

these gals.

And while they wear leather, it's white instead of the black so often

#### PEOPLE



Motor Maids planning the July convention in Cody include (front, from left) Ester Weis, Terry Harvey, Ev Straight, Golden Life member Dianna Rissinger, (back) Cindy Black, Mary England, Debi Herichs, Brenda Cox, Dottie West and Phyllis Stone. (Courtesy photo)

#### **MOTOR MAIDS**

(from page D-1)

will be the Dot Robinson Road Run requiring riders to stay on a planned course within the Cody/Powell area, meet all checkpoints and

be on time.

"The Motor
Maids convention is unlike most other motor-cycle events in that we require members to ride their motorcycle to the convention to qualify as a voting member."

The Motor Maids will ride in a parade in downtown Cody on Wednesday, July 7, wearing their required uniforms of white vests and white gloves.

"The parade is an awesome sight," Black added. "To see 200-plus women

in uniform riding
two abreast on
their motorcycles
around town
is spectacular,
one most people
never forget,
including the
new Motor
Maids."

During a five-day stay in Cody, the 250-plus motorcycle riders are expected to provide Park County and surrounding areas with an economic benefit of \$336,250.

"This is a conservative estimate and does not include incidentals tied to individual needs for recreational hobbies, needs of motorcycle maintenance or anything of unexpected nature of long travel itineraries," the convention literature stated.

Cody Custom Cycle donated a set of motorcycle tires as a prize for convention attendees.

The organization's mission and vision states: "Motor Maids Inc. is a diverse group of women motorcyclists united through a passion for riding, while fostering a positive image and promoting safe riding skills."

The women ride with the motto, "Honoring the past. Riding toward the future."

#### 71st ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

JULY 5-7, 2011

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Christine Austin, Dianne Barnes, Crystal Cadeau, Lynne Campbell, Peggy Dingle, Gail Neilson, Elizabeth Pass, Denise Pelrine, Beth Shaw, Chris Sprague, Cheryl Veinotte, Anne Weeden









#### 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

JULY 10-12, 2012

#### SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA



#### Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending:

Christine Austin, Crystal Cadeau, Lynne Campbell, Peggy Dingle, Catherine Durrett, Coleen Murphy, Elizabeth Pass, Denise Pelrine, Anne Weeden





Motor Maids, Inc 72nd Annual National Convention July 9-12, 2012 Spartanburg, South Carolina

## **MOTOR MAID CONVENTION**

**CELEBRATING** 

**73** YEARS

JULY 9-11, 2013 BEND, OREGAN



Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending: Lynne Campbell, Christine Fernie



ACMM presented a bid this year to host the 2015 convention. As a result of a membership vote, ACMM was awarded the convention.



# MOTOR MAID CONVENTION 2013 BEND, OREGON



## **MOTOR MAID CONVENTION**

**CELEBRATING** 

**74** YEARS

JULY 8-10, 2014 KERRVILLE, TEXAS



Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attending: Lynne Campbell, Christine Fernie, Janet Gallagher, Kathy Gallant, Catherine Lawrence, Elizabeth Pass, Denise Pelrine









## MOTOR MAID CONVENTION

**CELEBRATING** 

75 YEARS



JULY 7-9, 2015 MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Sixty Atlantic Canada Motor Maids attended the convention and hosted over four hundred other Motor Maids and their guests in Moncton.





# **FUNDRAISING**

# **DONATIONS**

# Fundraising for Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation 2008



Calendar sales at Biker Bash and Motor Maid Convention



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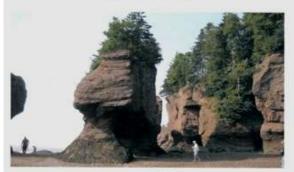
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HOWARD DILL'S GIANT PUMPKIN - WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA



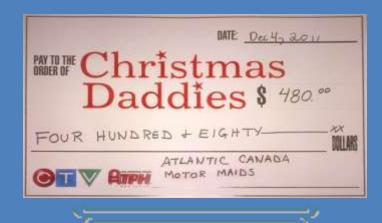
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SUNSET ON ANOTHER YEAR

# Donation and Fundraising for Mitch Murphy 2011

Mitch Murphy, son of an Atlantic Canada Motor Maid, was severely injured in a fall on June 4, 2011. His treatment and rehabilitation are extensive and ongoing. ACMM made a donation to the family to assist in this, and participated in a silent auction fundraiser.

#### **Donation to Christmas Daddies**



#### **Christmas Daddies Telethon**

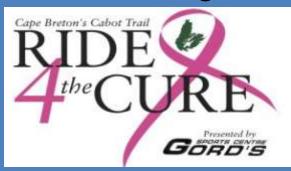
On a cold November night in 1964, Jim Hill Sr. and the late Jack Dalton sat in the Derby Tavern on Gottingen Street. In stumbled a small boy, no more than eight years old. His toes were sticking out of his shoes, and he shivered from the cold. The young panhandler began to circle the room, only to be removed by the bouncers. Moments later he returned, but was removed again. On his third return, Jack insisted they find out what was behind the child's tenacity.

A young mother and baby sister were at the boy's home, desperately in need of bread and milk. The boy was determined to get enough money to bring these necessities. A hat was passed and the patrons raised \$15. While the boy left happy, Jack and Jim couldn't help but wonder what the child's family would do for Christmas. As Jack worked at the most popular local radio station and Jim at the television equivalent, surely together they could do something to help.

After discussions with the president of CJCH television and radio, Jim and Jack were sent away to iron out the details. They came back with plans for a telethon, and the president graciously donated use of the station and airtime. The men approached CJCH staff for their time and abilities. Inspired by a similar radio telethon in Boston, Halifax's Christmas Daddies was born.

The staff of CTV are proud to continue the Maritime tradition of Christmas Daddies, held each year on the first Sunday in December. Christmas Daddies' mandate is to provide less fortunate children, at Christmas, toys, gifts and clothing. Christmas Daddies funds are distributed through The Salvation Army.

## Fundraising for



#### September 7-8, 2012



Six Atlantic Canada Motor Maids and four friends joined more than 800 other motorcyclists who rode the Cabot Trail September 8. Through registration fees, pledges, raffle ticket purchases and awards ceremony purchases, we contributed to the \$80,225 raised for the cancer centre at Cape Breton Regional Hospital and the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. Gord's Ride 4 the Cure (organized by Gord and Mary MacDonald) has raised \$515,225 over nine years.

# Donation to Project WALK for Mitch Murphy February 2012

On June 4, 2011, Mitch fell 25 feet and suffered a traumatic brain injury and a spinal cord injury. Since that time, he has not been able to walk independently, but with incredible motivation and intense rehabilitation, he is determined to be on two feet again. Project WALK is a major part of Mitch's rehab, and with the continued support of his incredible family, our support through donations to his account at Project WALK, a tremendous cheering section and his sheer determination, we'll see him back on all 2!

# Atlantic Canada Motor Maids made a donation in memory of Martha Holster

to

Bikers Down Society
June, 2013

Martha, a Motor Maid from Sanford, North Carolina, was involved in a fatal motorcycle accident June 10, 2013 in West Portsmouth, Ohio.

Highway Patrol say she was riding south when she was hit by a car that failed to yield when making a left turn. She is survived by her husband, Edwin, stepson, Timothy and four grandchildren.

# Atlantic Canada Motor Maids made a donation in memory of Chris Taylor, fiancé of Josie Bucco

to
Bikers Down Society
February, 2013

Josie Bucco (AL) a new member of Motor Maids, lost her fiancé to a motorcycle accident January 28th. He lost control one street from home and died at the scene. Chris leaves behind a 10 year old daughter (her mother died 2 years ago) and Josie. Josie says she plans to go to all the Motor Maid events she and Chris talked about.

# Atlantic Canada Motor Maids made a donation in memory of Pam Vickery

To Bikers Down Society July, 2013

Pam rode to Laconia this year and when she returned home to Nova Scotia, hit a diesel leak in a parking lot and broke her ankle. She died as a result of complications related to her injuries.

Pam was a motorcycle safety instructor and founding member of Bikers Down Society. Its purpose is to help motorcyclists who have been injured, and may not have enough money to get by following the incident.

She is survived by two children and three grandchildren.

# Moncton Telus Ride for Dad June, 2014



Atlantic Canada Motor Maids met in Moncton in June to support the Ride for Dad, and pay respects to fallen RCMP heroes.

Funds raised through pledges, donations and purchases during the event go toward research and support for ending Prostate Cancer.

Our own Catherine Lawrence won an award for third highest amount of pledges.

# Atlantic Canada Motor Maids made a donation in memory of Audrey Alexandre

Heart and Stroke Foundation

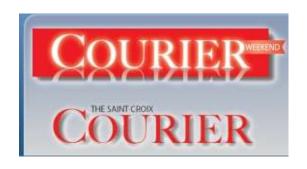
July, 2014

Audrey Alexandre began riding motorcycles at the age of 17. She was the first Canadian member of Motor Maids, joining in 1949, and became a Golden Life member in July, 1999 celebrating 50 years as a member. In 2008, she was the first woman inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

Audrey's greatest advice to her friends was, "Never turn around, no matter what.", meaning never give up; the ride ahead is worth it.

Audrey passed away on July 9, 2014 in her 86th year, in Welland, Ontario.

# EVENTS





#### Motor Maids arrived in force - May. 11, 2010 International Female Ride Day

By John Gardner/Courier

**CALAIS** – They came from all over the Atlantic seaboard for a roaring good time.

Nearly 50 Motor Maids from as far away as Nova Scotia and Florida converged on the city on Friday to celebrate International Women's Ride Day, internationally.

Established in 1940, the Motor Maids are the oldest female bike-riding club in North America. The women formed two lines with the Canadian and American flags flying from the lead bikes. "The day was beautiful for the flag exchange," said Lil Charron who rode in on her 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage softail classic. Charron is the district director of the Motor Maids in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Harley Davidsons and BMWs dominated the pack, but there was one woman who arrived on a scooter. Charron said they gave her a patch that said "Scooter Maid."

The group, along with a crowd of spectators gathered at Centennial Park to exchange flags. Participants came from far and away: St. Stephen councillor Barb Donovan arrived on her BMW, while 78-year-old Doris Byrd came from Deland, Florida.

Terri Seymour, who works for Seacoast Harley Davidson, has been riding for three months, while Kerry Sullivan, a computer programmer from Raymond, Maine has been riding for 13 years.

"I just got my 200,000-mile patch," said Sullivan.

Gail Neilson of Gagetown carried the flag for Canada, while Barbara McGill of North Monmouth, Maine carried the American flag.

After the commemorations, the party rode to Perry Maine, led by Calais Police Chief David Randall on his Kawasaki Z1000. Randall wore a "Mr. Motor Maid" T-shirt presented to him by the Motor Maids.

"It is nice that they would look at Calais-St. Stephen to come to our area," said Calais mayor Vinton Cassidy.

"These kind of events are good for the community. They help the economy. The more folks that visit here, the more folks that will come back later. I am really pleased that they chose us." Expect more motorcycle enthusiasts to be in the area this summer as Atlanticade hits St.

Andrews June 30 to July 4. Many of the women mentioned their intention to return for this major gathering of motorbikes.

Cassidy is hopeful the Motor Maids will make this an annual event.

"I spoke to Mayor (Jed) Purcell that perhaps next year we could do this on the Canadian side and still have the whole international flair to the thing."

#### The Daily Gleaner

Local biker, 71, to carry flag in 9-11 parade in N.Y.

Published Tuesday August 23rd, 2011

# Senior | Gail Neilson started riding a motorcycle when she was 48 years old

By TARA CHISLETT chislett.taralynn@dailygleaner.com

After travelling back roads and stopping at small diners across North America for more than 20 years with Motor Maids, Gail Neilson said she's not surprised by the reaction she receives when she parks her motorcycle and pulls off her helmet.



"Someone will come over and say, 'You're riding those big bikes out there?' " she said. "They say, 'Well, you don't look like a biker.' Well no, I just shaved my beard."

Motor Maids Inc. is a motorcycle association for women. It was established in 1940 and has about 1,200 member in Canada and the United States.

Cole Burston/The Daily Gleaner

Gail Neilson of the Village of Gagetown is a member of Motor Maids and will be carrying the Canadian flag in the 9-11 memorial parade in New York City

At 71 years of age, the Gagetown woman said she knows she doesn't fit the biker stereotype. But on Sept. 11, her blue shirt, black pants and white gloves will fit the biker dress code perfectly as she heads to New York to carry the Canadian flag as Motor Maids escort firefighters to Ground Zero for the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. About 12 women from Canada are taking part in the event.

Nelson, who started driving a motorcycle at 48 years old, said she's had the chance to do a lot of different things through her involvement with the Motor Maids. However, the rally is the most important event she's attended as part of the group. She said she was surprised when she was asked to carry the Canadian flag.

#### The Daily Gleaner (continued)

"I got a call from the district director (of Motor Maids) in Maine asking if I would carry the Canadian flag," she said. "I've carried it before in small parades, so I was like, 'Well, yes. I'd be honoured.' "

But getting used to driving with a flag on her bike again wasn't the only thing Neilson had to do to get ready for the trip. As part of their uniform for the ride, Motor Maids were also asked to don helmets borrowed from their local fire departments.

To find the perfect helmet, Neilson turned to the Village of Gagetown Volunteer Fire Department, where she ended up getting a helmet from one of the first female firefighters in New Brunswick.

Linda Sullivan said she joined the Village of Gagetown Volunteer Fire Department more than 30 years ago with a friend.

Like today, the fire department was led by volunteers, meaning when the men were away at work no one could respond to the calls. "I've always needed that little bit of an adrenaline rush to keep going," Sullivan said.

Since moving up to captain in the fire department, she said, she doesn't spend as much time running into burning buildings anymore. She said she was overwhelmed when Neilson asked to wear her helmet to the rally.

"I'm honoured that my helmet is going to be in New York," Sullivan said.

"You don't think of the glory; you're just there to help. You're there in a lot of bad times, and you don't think of anything positive coming out of this, so this is really putting quite a spin on it. And to have a neighbour be the flag-bearer and taking my helmet, it's really quite an honour." When Neilson returns from the rally, Sullivan said, the helmet will be retired.

But while she's excited to represent New Brunswick at the rally and share the ride with her fellow Motor Maids - she calls them her sisters - Neilson said she's starting to get nervous as the date draws closer.

"In my opinion, this could be one of the biggest deals," she said.

"You're centred in front of everybody, on national TV, and you don't want to drop your flag. You don't want to do something stupid."



# **Bound for Ground Zero**

- O Thousands of motorcyclists have signed up for the Always Remember Never Forget 9-11 Tribute Rally
- O Motor Maids Inc. is a socially oriented group of women riders 'promoting a positive image and safe riding skills'



The roar of more than 5,000 motocycles won't be able to drown out the memories of the Twin Towers collapsing into dust.

But three motorcyclists from Halifax, will be there on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks to represent a city that helped out so generously that day.

Denise Pelrine, Ann Savoy MacKelvle and Elizabeth Pass are HEM residents and members of Motor Maids, a women's only motorcycling club that dates back to 1940. Their club was asked to escort members of the International Associations of Firefighters Motorcycle Group from Newburgh, N.Y., to Ground Zero on the 10th anniversary of the attacks on Sunday.

"We're very proud to be asked to escort them in. It's awe-inspiring," said Pelrine, who will carry the Nova Scotia flag on her bike.

In total, 12 Canadian Motor Maids will participate in the rally: Three from Nova Scotia, two from "I don't think anybody is unaffected by it.... These are the things that you can't forget."

Outario. They'll all be wearing donated belimets from firefighters in their hometowns.

"The Americans recognize Canada as a real sister, a support in what happened," said MacKelvie

Like overyone, the three women easily recall where they were on Sept. 11, 2001, and the feelings that washed over them as the news bit.

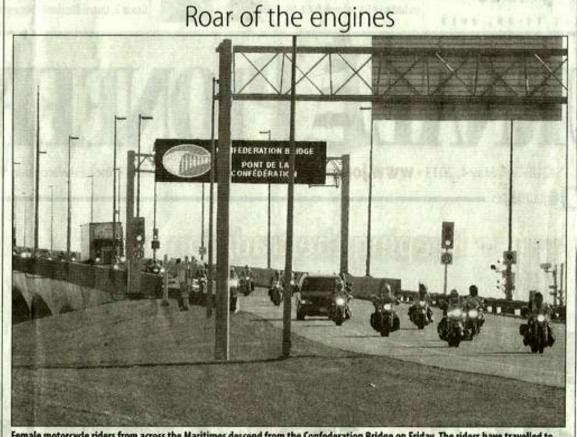
"Everyone was so blown apart by what was going on. I remember calling to offer my home (for stranded passengers)," said Pass.

So many other Haligonians had stepped up to open their homes to the thousands of airline passengers who were stranded by the nofly zone that Pass's offer wasn't needed.

"It's a sin and a tragedy when it happens but it's great to see people respond like that. It shows the Nova Scotia spirit for sure," Pel-



# International Female Ride Day 2013 NS & NB Meet PEI



Female motorcycle riders from across the Maritimes descend from the Confederation Bridge on Friday. The riders have travelled to the Island as part of the celebrations around International Female Riders Day. COLIN MACLEAR/FOREER

## International Female Ride Day May, 2013

## Motorcycle enthusiasts celebrate freedom of the road



Sylvia Robichaud of Saint John shows off her motorcycle style yesterday at Atlantic Motoplex in Dieppe during activities celebrating International Female Ride Day. The occasion saw large groups of female motorcycle riders stop in as they enjoyed the open road.

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## **Audrey Alexandre**

In 1999, Audrey Alexandre was recognized by Harley-Davidson, Inc., for her 50 continuous years of owning and riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. For a woman who began riding in 1946 it was quite an accomplishment. Born and raised in Welland, Ont., Audrey started riding when womens rights were not clearly established. Many didnot even drive cars, but the Second World War was the catalyst that liberated them.



Audrey's love of all things motorcycle began with riding as a passenger with her dad. By age 17 she had her own bike, a 1942 Harley 45 cubic inch ex-army machine. Also in 1949, she joined the newly formed Skyhawks Motorcycle Club after a unanimous vote to allow women as members; she immediately took on the role of treasurer. At the request of her father, she restricted her Harley to no more than 45 mph so always assumed the rear guard position on club rides. Audrey remained a club member of the Skyhawks, later to become the Welland County Motorcycle Club, for over 50 years.

Although Audrey was fortunate to have the support of her family, she yearned for the camaraderie of other women riders. She soon discovered the American-based Motor Maids, formed in 1940 and conceived by Linda Dugeau. Because she was the best known woman rider at that time, Dot Robinson of Detroit was first president. Informal meetings and gettogethers were held at various events across the country, even though during wartime travel was greatly restricted because of gas rationing. The founding premise of the Motor Maids was to unite women in promoting interest in motorcycling. The clubs very rigid rules make it an honour and a privilege to belong.

Audrey Alexandre was probably the first Canadian female member, joining in 1949 and becoming the national Canadian director in 1955. National conventions are held each year and Motor Maids may only attend on a motorcycle. Audreys first convention was at Freeport, Illinois in 1951. In 1956, Audrey hosted the first Motor Maid Canadian convention in St. Catharines. She says the best convention was at Indianapolis because she was able to ride on the race track; the most fun was New Orleans and the farthest, Yakima, Wash. Her last convention was in Kingston, Ont., in 2006

With her years of riding experience Audrey no longer rode at the back of the pack; she was often found at the front. She liked to plan the route and researched it thoroughly to ensure that her fellow riders would have a safe and comfortable journey. One of her most memorable rides was the cross-country trek to Yakima, a journey of more than 7,300 km. She also assisted honorary Motor Maid Janet Harpwood with the Bob Harpwood memorial races in Welland; the Motor Maids were invited each year to parade, coming from all over and many camping in her yard.

In July 1999, Audrey celebrated her 50th year as member of the Motor Maids. One of the key philosophies of the Motor Maids is, Just because you ride a motorcycle doesnot mean you cannot be a lady. In all her years, riding and witnessing the great changes in motorcycling, the two changes that she truly appreciates today are the electric starter and the increase in women riders.

Audrey married Conrad Alexandre in 1959 and has two sons. Her husband, who also rode a motorcycle but gave it up before they were married, supported her love of the sport. Conrad has passed on but her sons live near her. She also has two grandchildren and one great grandchild. In 2004, Audrey finally parked her - best friend - , her motorcycle.

Audreys friend Dorothy Seabourne writes, There are those who win the awards and wave the flags, getting all the attention, but then there are those who are not in the limelight. It is those few who leave an impression. They are true leaders. Without their image and the passion they exude, many of us would not have learned what real riding was all about. The endurance they showed on roads less than perfect, wisdom to handle themselves and their rides with grace and with learned knowledge, having the dignity to do it quietly, gives the strong image of a Motor Maid one can be proud of. This I have seen riding with my friend Audrey. I proudly followed her for 25 years and learned. Congrats to you Audrey. Many of us wish we could accomplish what you have and you did it with class just because you wanted to ride. Dorothy Seabourne.

Audreys greatest advice to her friend Dora Cook was, You must never turn around, no matter what, meaning never give up, the ride ahead is worth it.



## Linda Dugeau

**INDUCTED: 2004** 

Pioneer and Founder of the Motor Maids of America, the oldest motorcycling organization for women in North America. Motorcycle rider and enthusiast throughout her life.

Linda Dugeau was a pioneering motorcyclist who founded the Motor Maids, the oldest motorcycling organization for women in North America, in 1940. Dugeau was an avid motorcycle rider most of her adult life. She worked as a motorcycle courier and had a reputation as one of the best female off-road riders in the 1950s.

Dugeau was born in Cape Cod, Massachusetts on May 15, 1913. Her boyfriend, Bud, who would later become her husband, taught Dugeau to ride on an old Harley-Davidson JD when she was a 19-year-old Wellesley College student. After graduating from college, Dugeau worked in Boston and commuted daily across town on the narrow downtown Boston streets.

In the 1930s, very few women in America rode motorcycles. Dugeau started corresponding with other female riders she read about in magazines. One fellow rider she keep in touch with was Carol DuPont. DuPont told Dugeau of an organization of female flyers called the Ninety-Nine Club. Dugeau decided there should be a similar club for women riders. She began writing to motorcycle dealerships, AMA clubs and fellow riders to find all the female riders she could to see if there was an interest in forming a women's motorcycling organization.

In the late 1930s, Dugeau met Dot Robinson, a well-known competition rider from Michigan. Together, the two embarked on an extensive search. It took three years to locate 50 female riders so they could form the Motor Maids. The Motor Maids were founded in 1940 with 51 charter members. The following year, the club received its charter from the AMA. Robinson served as the organization's first president and Dugeau the secretary.

The Motor Maids was created to unite women riders in promoting interest in motorcycling. The new organization grew rapidly and became highly visible when club members were asked to parade at various AMA national races in the 1940s. The Motor Maids became known for their distinctive riding uniforms that always featured white gloves.

Dugeau became an avid touring rider. One summer she took a trip that covered 3,500 miles in two weeks. During the trip she visited the Harley-Davidson factory and was a guest of Bill Davidson, visited her mother in Michigan and rode to the World's Fair in New York City with members of the Empire Motorcycle Club, all for under \$40. On another solo trip she toured the wilds of Canada on nearly impassable roads in uninhabited areas.

In the 1950s, Dugeau moved to the Los Angles area, primarily so she could ride year round. She became a motorcycle courier and often hosted tours of Southern California that featured off-road riding in the mountains and the then-undeveloped San Fernando Valley.

Dugeau died on February 17, 2000. She was 86. She will always be remembered as a pioneer in motorcycling in America. Her legacy was living a life that showed that motorcycling was for women as well as men.



#### DOROTHY "DOT" ROBINSON

Ask any motorcycle history buff to name some of the most enthusiastic and active women in motorcycling in the last century and chances are, the first person they will name will be Dorothy "Dot" Robinson.

Dot was born Dorothy Goulding, the daughter of sidecar manufacturer and Saginaw, MI Harley-Davidson dealer Jim Goulding, on April 22, 1912. Working in the dealership at age 16, she met her future husband (and future Harley-Davidson dealer) Earl Robinson. They married in 1931, bought the franchise from her father, and moved it to Detroit. The five feet two inches tall Dot spent many weekends through the 1930's competing in endurance runs in the Great Lakes region of the United States. Her first victory was in a 100-mile endurance run, in which she earned a perfect score. Even more impressive was her second place finish in the brutal two-day "Jack Pine" enduro in 1937. Less than half the entrants even finished the contest that year. In 1940, Robinson returned to win the contest.

In addition to competing, Dot Robinson acted as co-owner of the Detroit dealership, managing its financial books. To add to those responsibilities, she worked as a motorcycle courier for a private defense contractor during World War II. In tandem with Motor Maids founder Linda Allen Dugeau, Robinson spearheaded the expansion of the membership growth of the club, and was elected its first president, a position she held for over 25 years.







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Written on the back of the original photo-"This was taken at the Laconia Gypsy Tour in June
1940. Dot Smith, San Francisco, Harley 61 / Linda
Degeau, Providence, Harley 45 / Dot Robinson,
Saginaw, Harley 74."

In her time with the Motor Maids, Dot Robinson logged up to 50,000 miles a year to help increase the visibility of the club and motorcycling in general. Near the end of her riding days, she estimated having logged over 1.5 million total miles on motorcycles in her lifetime! It might be said that few women have done as much for motorcycling as Dot Robinson. In 1998, she was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame.

Dot Robinson passed away in Orlando, Florida on October 8, 1999, at the age of 87. Her impressive accomplishments had earned her the nickname "The First Lady of Motorcycling." More information can be found about her life on the Motor Maids website.



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1947 photo of Dot Robinson and an unidentified rider on their motorcycles, wearing their Motor Maids club uniforms. Black and white photo with uniforms colorized.

#### **Margaret Wilson**

#### **Motorcycle Hall of Fame Inductee**

Margaret Wilson is one of the first of a generation of female motorcyclists in post-World War II America who took up the sport and began changing the image of the motorcycling as an exclusive domain of men. This "golden gal" of motorcycling has ridden her bikes over 550,000 miles! She is a tremendous motorcycle supporter, an enthusiastic promoter and a great guide. Margaret was awarded a Golden Life membership in the Motor Maids, Inc. club for her years of active participation and dedication to their cause.

Wilson was born in Wisconsin in 1920. Her love of motorcycling began in 1946, when her husband, Mike, returned from duty in World War II and bought her a new Harley-Davidson. The 45-cubic-inch Harley had a high buddy seat, windshield and safety guard and was so high off the ground Margaret could not touch the ground. Her husband, sitting behind her, would put his feet on the ground when Margaret came to a stop to hold the bike upright. After several hundred miles with Mike on the passenger seat giving her instructions, Margaret finally took her first solo ride and she was off and on her own, instantly an avid rider.

Beginning in 1950 and for the next 25 years, Margaret and Mike also were business partners in Wilson's Motorcycle Sales of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Over 50 years of active involvement, leadership and excellence in motorcycling. Recipient of the AMA Bessie Stringfield award, Golden Life Member of the Motor Maids, AMHE Board Member

Margaret Wilson at the 2003 Motorcycle Hall of Fame inductions.



Wilson accepts the AMA Bessie Stringfield Award from AMA Pres. Robert Rasor (left) and husband Mike.







She's a Golden Life Member of the Motor Maids, having joined this renowned national women's motorcycle organization in 1951, and she helped form the Corn State Riders Motorcycle Club in the early 1950s. Over the years, she served as secretary and road captain. She was also the only female rider on the club's organized motorcycle Drill Team. Putting safety first, she and Mike were among the first to wear helmets and protective clothing, encouraging others to do the same.

One of her proudest moments came in the spring of 1959 when Margaret was voted America's Most Popular and Typical Girl Rider for 1958 by all the clubs in the AMA. She keeps the large trophy on display in her house.

Over the years she has assisted with many motorcycle races and events, and has logged more than 555,000 miles throughout the United States and Canada. In one year alone, she traveled all 48 contiguous states and visited nine Canadian provinces. On another road trip through Canada, she went to the northern tip of Newfoundland. Margaret and Mike both served on the Board of Directors of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum and were among the Museum's principal benefactors.

"There may be no better role model for women, whether or not they ride motorcycles, than Margaret Wilson," said Robert Rasor, President of the AMA, when Wilson was awarded the AMA Bessie Stringfield Award in 2003. "Her personal energy and passion, as well as her inestimable contribution to motorcycling over nearly six decades, makes her most deserving of the AMA Bessie Stringfield Award."



#### Wheelin' in the years

Meet Gloria Tramontin Struck, greatgrandmother, true spitfire and Harley enthusiast since 1950:

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And her riding career is still going strong. Today, Gloria's kids are proud riders, too.

Rides to Daytons

Her first visit was in 1951, when Bike Week was only on Main Street. Back then her motel room cost

\$3 per night.

Hartey bikes 58 years after her first one. Gloria is the proud owner of a 2004 Heritage Softail\* Classic.

#### A Proud Tradition

# Pioneers on two wheels

Women have been a proud part of our tradition since Harley-Davidson began. Five in particular prove that riding has always been an empowering experience.

IT WAS THE EARLY 1900S, and women all over America were gathering around motorcycles to organize a few leisurely Sunday afternoon motorcycle rides and even plan long-distance trips. The pages of Harley-Davidson's Enthusiast' magazine included the story of mother-daughter team Avis and Effie Hotchkiss, who in 1915 rode a motorcycle from their home in Brooklyn, N.Y., all the way to California—and back again. Before the age of the automobile, it was the time for riding.

#### "The Enthusiast Girl"

IN 1929, Enthusiast MAGAZINE PEATURED Vivian Bales, a young woman who'd decided, with the extra money she'd made as a dance instructor burning a hole in her pocket, to buy a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and see what she could of America.

She was 5 foot 2 inches tall, 95 pounds, and ready for whatever the road was going to give her. Bales' first trip was a 300-mile trek to St. Petersburg, Fla., with her friend Josephine Johnson. But that was just a warm-up for her 1929 trip, when, with the blessing of Enthusiast, she traveled north from Florida on a 45 Twin D. Taking the scenic route, she traveled for 78 days and covered nearly 5,000 miles. No wonder she was the magazine's cover girl.

#### "The First Lady of Motorcycling"

A LEGEND AMONG WIMEN RIDERS and motorcyclists in general, Dorothy "Dot" Robinson began working in her father's Harley dealership in 1912. She married, bought the dealership, and moved it to Detroit by the early 1930s. She was winning rough-and-tumble endurance races by the end of the decade. She won Michigan's Jack Pine Enduro in 1937, then came back to win it again three years later. Robinson was also a founding member of the Motor Maids, an organization which to this day is dedicated to uniting women who own and ride motorcycles.

#### "The Motorcycle Queen of Miami"

RNOWN AS "THE MOTORCYCLE QUEEN OF MIAML," Besaie Stringfield was the first African-American woman to complete a solo, cross-country ride. Just 19 at the time, Stringfield went on to ride through the lower 48 states, and later to Europe, Brazil and Haiti,







"THE ENTHLISIAST GIRL," VIVIAN BALES, HOLDS A TROPHY COMMEMORATING HER \$,900 MLE U.S. TOUR ?2 DOT ROBIN-SON, FAR RIGHT, WAS "THE FIRST LADY OF MOTORCYCLING." 3 IN 1906, BESSIE STRINGFIELD BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO RIDE SOLO ACROSS THE U.S.

It wasn't easy for Stringfield. "If you had black skin, you couldn't get a place to stay," she once told a reporter. But she persevered, and during World War II she joined a motorcycle dispatch unit, traveling back and forth across the country carrying classified army documents. Like her fellow women riders from history, Bessie Stringfield's story is one of pride, curiosity and the desire to break the mold. They were all pioneers on two wheels.

## Gloria Struck in 2008

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