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## Manu on her way to Post Falls, Idaho, Motor Maids Convention 2007

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### Biker babe revs up for road trip

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A 33-year old Shelburne woman has hit the road atop of her crayon-blue, Suzuki Savage 650 motorcycle, to join hundreds of other women in what is the oldest women's riding club in North America.

Manu Poiré has been around motorcycles since she was a small child and grew up within a family of motorcycle enthusiasts.

At the age of 24 she purchased her first bike first taking a trip to the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton and then going further and taking a two month long trip across Canada in 2002.

Her enthusiasm for motorcycles led her to join the all female riders group, Motor Maids Inc. in 2003 and was made District Director for the Atlantic Provinces shortly after the group granted the Atlantic area as a District in January 2007.

"I am going to camping on the way and am going to ride by myself as I am the only one going from the Maritimes," said Poiré.

She will be traveling alone the 12,000 km between Shelburne and Post Falls Idaho and will possibly be the award recipient for traveling the furthest of all the members to get to the annual Motor

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16 of the 20 days she will be on her bike, a journey Poiré knows will be challenging.

Poiré explains the convention holds meetings, a banquet and a rally ending the weekend with 200 women dressed in matching uniforms and parading through the town and riding side by side.

"It is very impressive," Poiré exclaimed, "I am looking forward to the parade."

The founding premise of the riding club was to unite women in promoting motorcycle interest.

Her journey takes eight days each way and for that would take her to the convention, Poiré needed to make sure her motorcycle was as ready for the trip as she was.

"Arthur's Auto Repair in Barrington helped me make sure that my bike is ready for the long journey," said Poiré.



Manu Poiré is heading to Idaho to represent the area for Motor Maids Inc., the oldest women's motorcycle riding club in North America. Amy Woolvett Photo