

MOTOR MAIDS, INC.



a diverse group of women motorcyclists united through a passion for riding while fostering a positive image and promoting safe riding skills

We believe it is important to **RIDE**, and we are proud to be a riding club.

We believe that we should have **FUN** in what we do.

We believe in the importance of our history and in its **PRESERVATION**.

We believe in our **TRADITIONS**.

We believe that presenting a positive image of women motorcyclists demonstrates our **RESPECT** for each other and for ourselves.

In the late 30's, 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 - the Recording Secretary and the Membership Secretary.

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.

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.

The following story is that of Monie, who runs a small store named appropriately; Biker Monie's, Corner of Highway 30 and Park Road (Highway 284) Pikeville, TN.



Motor Maids at Fall Creek Falls State Park (Tennessee)

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by Monie

For those of you that have never heard of the Motor Maids, (and there are many of you!) allow me to

provide a brief history. In 1940, Linda Dugeau founded the Motor Maids, the first women's motorcycling organization formed in North America. Many of you have heard of the pink lady, Dot Robinson, who was our first president. Motor Maids membership is open to all women who ride their own (or a family member's) motorcycle no matter what brand of motorcycle she rides or the level of her experience. We believe in traditions and are extremely proud of our heritage.

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We strive to present a positive image of women motorcyclists and encourage all women to ride. We are extremely proud of our Golden Life members who have been Motor Maids for over 50 years and most are still riding and some still riding cross-country. Last year, Gloria Struck, who is in her 80's, rode her Harley from New Jersey in November to join the Tennessee Motor Maids as we celebrated Susan Kennedy's 50th birthday in Nashville. Now that is a rider!!! And in July this year, Dot Robinson's daughter, Betty Fauls, 76, rode Dot's pink motorcycle from Florida to our convention in Idaho. The Motor Maids are all about riding!

This October, the Tennessee/North Alabama District of the Motor Maids gathered for the 2nd Annual Motor Maids Campout at Fall Creek Falls State Park in middle Tennessee. Sharing a bunkhouse with many other women, riding to lunch, shopping and trying grilled lamb for the first time - these are some of the wonderful experiences we took in. We had a fantastic time!

Several Motor Maids rode up from Georgia on Friday night, and we thought they were lost in the park as they hadn't shown up by dark at our group lodge/private camp. When one of ours took off to find them, she came back with a married couple instead, also from Georgia, but without the Georgia girls. A little while later the Georgia girls rolled in though, and we all enjoyed a fun-filled reunion. All in all, we had about 25 people in camp including the Mr. Motor Maids. We sat around the campfire eating chili and laughing and talking well into the night.

Saturday brought beautiful weather as we cooked a big breakfast then loaded up for our ride to Crossville, TN. We rode on long scenic back roads to Sparta and on to Crossville. We lunched at Gondolas on great food and then took care of the shopping gene by stopping at RTM Cycles in Crossville on Highway 127. From there several separate groups took off for various rides while some rode to see the highest waterfall east of the Rockies back at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

Later in the evening, back at the park, the games began including a "pin the moustache on Brian" game. Lots of laughs and door prizes resulted. For dinner one of the Mr. Motor Maids cooked us all gourmet lamb burgers that actually tasted pretty good. Then several brave Maids and Mistresses took off for the local Haunted Forest and weren't seen again until the following morning.

Sunday of course brought sad goodbyes that the weekend was over. But at least we had a fantastic weekend with our sisters. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Bikermonies, She-Moto, Thunder Roads Magazine, RTM Cycles, Zogic LLC, Biker Ally Magazine, The Kickstand, BikerWear4Women.com, and Motorcycle Gear Wear.

I have been a Motor Maid for several years and find it to be a wonderful organization where everyone encourages everyone else and we make lifelong friends. I'm very proud to wear my Motor Maids uniform and got goose bumps the first time I put it on. The Motor Maids heritage and traditions make me so proud to be a part of such a unique and important organization. If anyone is interested in more information on the Motor Maids, please visit www.motormaids.org.

If you don't use a computer, you can write to the Motor Maids at:

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