



EASTERN CANADA

Motor Maids Inc.

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District Director:

Dora C. Cook, Lanark 2008

Assistant District Directors:

Laurie Esseltine, Kingston 2007
Nancy Andrussek, Ottawa 2010
Bonnie Jacklin, Wingham 2010
Heidi Roy, Golden Horseshoe 2004
Dale Smilie, GTA 2008

Safety Officer:

Jean Hutcheon 2008

Past Ass't Directors:

Sue Bools- 2005-2009
Corey Pullman 2004-2009
Nancy Maloney, 2001-2005
Joan Appleton, 2000-2004

Past District Directors:

Lynn Cox, 2003-2007
Audrey Stargratt, 1995-2002
Connie Ray, 1992-1994
Sandra Clarke, 1990-1992

Past Provincial Director:

Linda Harris, 1981-1988

Past State Director:

Audrey Alexander, 1949 -1953

**Motor Maid National Executive
Directors:**

Vice President
Dorothy Seabourne, 2005- 2006
Lise Sculland, 1996 – 1999

Advisory Editor:

Lynn Cox, 2008

ECN Web Editor:

Bev Hannington, 2008-2009

Historian:

Linda (Williams) Harris 1987-1995
Dorothy Seabourne 1996

Cdn. Hall of Fame Inductee:

Audrey Alexandre 2008

A message from the District Director



Happy New Year Eastern Canada Motor Maids! Another year of memories has gone by and we're set to start a new year of wonderful times and riding together!

The newsletter will be cut down to every other month due to time constraints. I will do my part in updating you of area events and national news via email and the ecnmotormaid website.

We started the year at the Toronto International Motorcycle Show. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping with the booth. There was overwhelming interest and hopefully there will be new Motor Maids joining our group this year.

Our hearts and thoughts are with Ruth Ethgrave who is battling with cancer and Audrey Alexandre who is recovering from a fall. Ladies we are with you and love you. Warm thoughts also are out to Sabrina Connor who has been taking care of her ailing mother. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts.

I am happy to announce that we have two new Assistant Directors this year. Nancy Andrussek from Ottawa will be taking over from Sue Bools. We look forward to our new adventure with No No Nancy!

Bonnie Jacklin will be leading the girls in South-western Ontario. Bonnie takes over from Corey Pullman. Bonnie will get her 'storm riders' in full swing as the weather begins to change from snow to rain. LOL

This year, we have some incredible rides. Please take note of them down below and participate in as many as you can! The Spring Meeting is just around the corner and it will be held at Dorothy Seabourne's home in Sherkston. Please let Dorothy know if you are planning to attend.

Also, I expect we will be participating in the International Women Riders Congress Festival August 11-15th, 2010. Check out their website at <http://www.motorcycling.ca>.

Sincerely,
Dora C. Cook, District Director, Motor Maids

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New Members

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Motor Maid, please have them contact myself at dora.cook@hotmail.com for more information and an application form. Every member that signs a new member receives a Motor Maid charm.

Upcoming Convention July 5th – 8th, 2010 Cody, Wyoming

Book your room today. Call the Buffalo Bill Village Resort in Cody, Wyoming has something to offer for everyone. You have a choice of Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn or Buffalo Bill Cabin Village. You can reserve your room by calling our toll free number 1-800-527-5544 or visit their website at <http://www.blairhotels.com>.

News from the National Office

Make sure your *dues* are up-to-date. Your *dues* are payable on your anniversary date of joining and are to be sent directly to the treasurer Patti Kientz. You will not receive any notice of this so check your membership card for the expiry date. Don't let it slip by; you can always pay in advance. Keep your membership in good standing and get this little task done and out of the way today! **New Address** for Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Motor Maids, Inc. PO Box 1654 Toccoa, GA 30577 Please send all new member applications and all dues payments to this address. LuAnn Boger, Membership Secretary and Patti Kientz, Treasurer

Membership dues may now be paid through PayPal. Log onto www.motormaids.org and register.

Cdn. Motor Maids – www.ECNMOTORMAIDS.CA

This ECN Website is designed to enable communication among the Eastern Canadian Motor Maids. The site can be used as a forum to post messages, events, photos and necessary information for all members of the ECN Motor Maids. Please keep messages to Motor Maid business only. In order to join you must be a Motor Maid in Eastern Canada. To sign up for the forum enter the calendar and create a password for you.

2010 ECN Motor Maid Events- stay tuned for details

Spring Planning Meeting, March 20th, Sherkston
International Female Ride Day, Friday, May 7th, 2010
Mothers Day Brunch, May 8th, Perth, Ontario
Ride for Dad, May 29, 2010 Ottawa
Ride for Dad, May 30th Kingston
Dot Robinson Ride, June 13th
Annual Convention, Cody, Wyoming July 6-8th

Eastern Canada and Atlantic Canada Rally, Civic Holiday, July 30 – Aug 1st
Int'l Women's Riders Congress, Huntsville, Ontario Aug 11-15
Dale Smillie's, BBQ August 14th,
Canada 911 Ride, August 21
Fall Meeting, September 11th
York Bike Night, September 24th
Winter Meeting, November 27th

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Feature Article of the Month- History of Kingston

By: Laurie Esseltine

During a warm damp Wednesday evening in July of 2006, Michele M. and I were riding around Kingston, as we often did after supper. We rode by the Ambassador Hotel and saw the lot was full of bikes. We cancelled the Tim's run and did a u-turn and pulled in to take a look. We then discovered that the bikes belonged to women motorcyclists. The sight of all the bikes and then to find out they belonged to women from all over North America caused unexplainable giddiness. Michele recalled seeing something in the local paper about the Motor Maids being in town. We knew we had just found them but didn't really understand the magnitude of the discovery at that point. We found out later that a few other locals stopped in that night as well.

It was Kingston Convention 2006, and we spoke to Lynn C. and a few others. I saw Lynn's Nomad, which was what I ride, and they were the same colour, Motor Maid silver and blue. I knew I had found my peeps (people)!! I remember Patti K. saying to me something like I was meant to be a Motor Maid because my bike was the club colours. Everyone was so warm and friendly. I would no longer be part of the Apple Fritter gang, hanging at Tim Horton's. Apparently, I didn't sleep for 3 nights after that, as I was so excited. We both skipped work, uh, I mean had the day off that Thursday morning and went to watch the parade down Princess Street. What a sight! Parades with you ladies still give me goose bumps!

My membership application beat Luann B. back to California. Not bad for Canada Post!



Bath ON, Canada's oldest parade - 2009



we took home the hardware

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From my recollection, Kingston's first members were Annette L. Pat U. Jackie A. Laurel M. Kris D. and I. Norma C. and Michele M joined in shortly after and the rest is history. In 2007, Norma and I rode to our first Convention in Post Falls Idaho. What a trip! Shortly after our return, I was asked to be ADD of the Kingston area by then DD Lynn C. We now have 12 members and many others friends who are riding with us that are interested in joining. We'll keep working on them. ☺

Some charity events we participate in or volunteer at are; The Ride for Dad, 911 Ride, Breast Cancer Action Kingston Share the Care Ride, K-Town Triathlon transporting race marshalls and the Kingston Community Living Bonspiel. Oh and we always love a parade! We've been in the Kingston Santa parade, and the Bath Village Canada Day parade. We even took home the best bicycle float award this year. We have a fun group of ladies here all very willing to get involved in the community. I am very proud of them all! Thank goodness we weren't afraid of the rain and found the Motor Maids that night!!



Some of the original members on a ride to Picton – Oct. 2006



Letters to: “Dear Motor Mouth Mama”

Dear Motor Mouth Mama?

Please send your questions to ecnmotormouthmama@yahoo.ca and Motor Mouth Mama will be happy to answer all your motorcycle etiquette questions. Until next time Ride safe!

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This Month's Feature Motor Maid, Kathy Tinney

The journey to becoming a Motor Maid, little did I realize what awaited me in the future and the experiences I was going to have.

My first ride was as a passenger on a 350 Honda. I fell in love with the bike as well as the driver.

During the early 70's we purchased a Harley Sportster with a king & queen seat. We took a trip to Quebec City, again as a passenger, I decided that was enough; I had to be the driver.

1976 was the year I purchased a 125 Can Am and got my license.

Raising a family put my riding on hold until 1986 when I purchased a 250 CBX Honda on a whim. It was a "wanna be" crotch rocket and not really the bike for me. In 2003 I located a 1996 Yamaha 535 Virago and purchased it. Traveling back & forth to work and the back roads around my hometown fuelled my love for motorcycling again. I joined the Southern Cruisers Club and rode with them for a couple of years. The drivers were almost all men and the women were happy being passengers. I felt I was missing something. In 2007 I moved up to an 1100 Vstar custom.



In the fall of 2007, at a local dealers' garage sale I noticed the MM decal on a couple of bikes in the parking lot. My interest was piqued and I checked out the website and was directed to Heidi R., Golden Horseshoe ADD. She invited me to a couple of breakfast meets at Frankie's. Receiving a warm welcome from the maids and listening to their experiences on the various rides I was hooked. February 2008 was when I became a member of the Motor Maids.

Coming from a small town where you have to drive at least an hour to find a major highway I suddenly found myself on the thruway passing transports heading for my first convention in Columbus Indiana. But along the way we were blessed by nuns as Sandra H., Rose D. & Grace S. will attest to.

My second convention to Lewiston Maine found us traveling home in a torrential downpour, water up to the floorboards. Only 3 hours from the border, Dorothy S., Lynn C. and I decided to stay over, what a great way to get to know each other better and enjoy a movie & Chinese supper.

On our trip to Erie Pennsylvania we were minding our own business, maybe speeding a little when a policeman passed 3 of us to catch the leaders. Heidi R., Sandra H. & I pulled over to the shoulder and stayed back a fair distance from where Dorothy S. & Maureen J. were conversing with the police officer. He motioned for us to join them. He just wanted to meet the Blue Knights from Dunnville and knew he had to stop the leader.

2009 was the year I again changed motorcycles. This time I purchased an 1100 Vstar Classic and am busy customizing this ride with help and suggestions from sister Motor Maids both Canadian and American.

Looking forward to new adventures, experiences and various restaurants along the way as a Motor Maid.

Remember 4 wheels move the body and 2 wheels move the soul.

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Local Area Scheduled Events – Everyone Welcome!

Dale Smillie A.D.D. (Greater Toronto Area)

You can meet up with Dale every month for breakfast at the **Buttertarts'n'more Family Restaurant** west of Lindsay on Hwy # 7 on the 4th Sunday of the month starting the 28th Feb at 10:00. Call Dale Smillie or e-mail her at dalesmillie@can.rogers.com

Bonnie Jacklin A.D.D. (Wingham & Area)

The Western Ontario area group meets regularly. For more details contact Bonnie Jacklin at mikbon@bmts.com

Nancy Andrusek A.D.D. (Ottawa)

The Ottawa area meets the second Saturday of the month. For more details contact Nancy Andrusek at nancy_nanski@yahoo.ca

Laurie Esseltine, A.D.D. (Kingston)

Kingston Motor Maids meet every third Sunday of the month at 11am for brunch. Location varies. Please contact Laurie at laurie@ecnmotormaids.ca or call 613-329-5559 for more information.

Heidi Roy, A.D.D. (Golden Horseshoe)

The Golden Horseshoe gang meets every 3rd Sunday. Summer location is at Barangas on the Beach - May to October at 9 a.m. - 380 Van Wagner's Beach Rd., Confederation Park, Hamilton, ON 905-544-7122 www.barangas.ca



Belated Happy Birthday Wishes for January:

January

Barb Bird, Lynn Cox, Debbie Davis, Lorraine Dolan, Johanne Gagnon,
Tammy Gibson, Maureen Johnson, Jay Ritskes, Marilyn Schiestel,
Lise Sculland, Gina Tottle

Birthday Wishes for February

Julia Donaldson, Marie Rondeau, Bonnie Smith,
Wendy Tudge, Kim Van Deven

Please let us know if we forgot anyone!

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