



EASTERN CANADA

Motor Maids Inc.

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A message from the District Director

MAY YOUR BIKE SLEEP SAFE & SOUND THROUGHOUT THE WINTER WITH VISIONS OF GOOD SUMMER RIDING AHEAD!

District Director:

Dora C. Cook, Lanark 2008

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Laurie Esseltine, Kingston 2007
Sue Proctor, Ottawa 2005
Corey Pullman, Wingham 2006
Heidi Roy, Golden Horseshoe 2004
Dale Smillie, GTA 2008

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Nancy Maloney, 2001-2005
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Audrey Stargratt, 1995-2002
Connie Ray, 1992-1994
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Lise Sculland, 1996 – 1999

Advisory Editor:

Lynn Cox, 2008

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Bev Hannington, 2008

Historian:

Linda (Williams) Harris 1987-1995
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Cdn. Hall of Fame Inductee

Audrey Alexandre 2008

Happy New Years everyone! Well 2008 is now a happy memory and we are all busy with plans to make 2009 even better! Everyone I ask are filling their calendars for some great riding events and it looks like we have a good contingent going to the AMA Women's Motorcycle Conference in Keystone, Colorado in August. I am hopeful that everyone will put the Motor Maid Convention in Lewiston, Maine on their agenda. It would be wonderful to have a high number of us from of Eastern Canada. We do stand out as a "happy group". Some of the ladies have suggested we have a Canadian hospitality room, but, I'm not sure how we are going to stock the bar with Canadian beer, but, I'm sure we'll think of something.



If you haven't already checked it out, please visit our new website at www.ecnmotormaids.ca and tell potential new members about the site too. We will be updating this on a regular basis with our newsletter and calendar of events. We also have a forum for Motor Maids only for the purpose of discussing Motor Maid business. Simply go to the calendar section and register to gain access to the forum. Bev Hannington is taking the lead on this so be sure to email Bev with any comments.



Eastern Canada started 2009 with a booth at the Toronto International Bike Show. The response was great and I believe that this event gives us some really good exposure not to mention a great place to shop for motorcycling deals! I would like to thank Joan Armstrong and Bonnie Smith for setting up and working the booth on Friday morning and Joan Douglas and Marjorie Neilson for working and taking it down on Sunday. Also, my thanks go out to Valerie Carl, Sheila Royer, Connie Ray, Kelly Bastarche, Susan Duncan, Sue Bools, Laurie Esseltine, Michele Murray, Shannon Murray, Deb Benn, Kathy Tinney, Lynn Cox, Chris Burns, Dale Smillie, Lesli Forrester, Marybeth MacDonald, Nancy Hooper, JC, Rose DeLottinvale

and Sandra Hinksman. Hopefully, we will have more Motor Maids helping out at the show. We can certainly use more help!

We have a lot of great events planned for 2009 and I hope you will be able to attend as many as you can.

Oh yes, Dan and I treated ourselves to high speed internet from Storm Internet Services. My new email address is dora.cook@hotmail.com.

Here's wishing dry roads ahead and for an Early Spring!
Ride safe everyone everyone ride safe!

Sincerely,

Dora C. Cook, Lanark, Ontario

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New Members

Please join me in welcoming Hillary Watson and Sheila Royer from the Kingston area. A big thank you to Laurie Esseltine who introduced them to our organization.

If you know of anyone interested in the 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 7-9, 2009, Lewiston, Maine

The official new Uniform shall consist of royal blue mock turtleneck (tucked in) with the words, "Motor Maids, Inc" on the neck, white cotton vest with the following embroidered on it: Large Motor Maid Emblem on the centre back with the province above the emblem; On the front of the vest upper right hand side, small Motor Maid emblem; On the upper left hand side – first name optional; The vest will remain clean, crisp with no other patches or pins; Jet-black slacks/not faded; White gloves for parading; Clean, black footwear. To purchase one, contact our supply officer Shirley Thacker, 2779 Deerfield Valley Rd. Deerfield, VA 24432. Email: monte4u@mgwnet.com or call her at (540) 939-4504. An order form is available from www.motormaids.org. Hotel is Ramada Conference Center Lewiston/Auburn, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, ME, 04240 US Call1-800-272-6232.

ECN District T-Shirts

The t-shirt is a good quality white round neck style with the winning design on the front. Each shirt is \$25 (including taxes) for S – XL; and \$27 (including taxes) for XXL & up. To order yours contact Sue Bools at Suevstar650@yahoo.com stating quantity and size and forward your money to her at 70 Benlark Rd. Nepean, On K2J 2L4.

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

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 yourself.

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2009 ECN Motor Maid Events

Dorothy's Potluck/ Spring Meeting ~ Saturday, March 21, 2009 – 2pm - 777 Wyldewood Road, Sherkston, Ontario. How to get there: 777 Wyldewood Road, Sherkston, Ontario. Directions: QE South to the 406 (Welland and Port Colborne) continue to the end at E.Main Street Welland, left turn (East) under the tunnel and follow the 140S to the end watch for Tim Horton's Left (East) on #3 highway to Ft.Erie go through Gasline (it's on the map) Watch for Cedar Bay on right Silver Bay on right then Wyldewood Road on right Right turn house is on the left #777 and park in the back. Meeting Agenda, Financial Report, Membership and Dues, Ottawa Bike Show Sign Up, Convention Lewiston, Maine, 2009 Riding Events, 2010 Planning, New Business

Mother's Day Brunch – Saturday, May 9th, 2009 – The Southern Ontario Motor Maids will be hosting this event. Details to follow.

Ottawa Bike Show, Motor Maid Booth, June 6 -7, 2009 – email dora.cook@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Just when everyone thought the bike show season ended along comes the **Ottawa Valley Bike Show**. Everyone can ride in to this showcase of motorcycle shops, dealers, vendors, artists, and riders. Directions: From the south (Kingston, Belleville, Toronto) Take Hwy 401 East Hwy 416 (exit 721A). North on Hwy 416 to Hwy 16 (exit 57). Turn Right on Bankfield Rd. Turn left on Prince of Wales. Follow Prince of Wales (becomes the Parkway) to Lansdowne Park. From the east (Montreal, Hawkesbury) Take Hwy 417 west to Riverside Dr. (exit 117). Turn left on Riverside Dr. Turn right on Bank St. Follow Bank St. north to Lansdowne Park.

Dot Robinson Tribute Ride, June 13, 2009 – The Golden Horseshoe Group will be planning a ride for us. Details to follow.

Eastern Canada and Atlantic Canada Motor Maid Rally, August 7-8, 2008

Join your fellow Motor Maids at the 2nd Annual Eastern Canada and Atlantic Canada Motor Maid Rally for a weekend of shopping, site seeing, riding and good food. Room rates are \$125 plus tax for a 2 double bed room per night. **Quality Suites** 1600 rue Bouvier , Quebec, QC, CA, G2K 1N8 | Phone: (418) 622-4244. 5 rooms for 4 have been reserved under Dora Cook. Arrival Friday, August 7th with group dinner at 8 pm. Saturday, August 8 group photo at 9am, 2 hour Walking tour of Quebec City by Voir Quebec at 10 am (approx. cost is \$17.95 per person); 12noon lunch on your own; 2 pm ride around Ile d'Orleans & Beaupre shore (121 kms); 7 pm group dinner. Sunday, August 9th breakfast and departure.

Fall Meeting ~ Bay of Quinte, September 12-13, 2009.

Sue Bools to organize. Details to follow.

Winter Meeting ~ Christmas Dinner, Stouffville, Saturday, November 28, 2009. Details to follow.

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Other great events to look into:

Repatriation Memorial Drive and Rally, May 31, 2008

<http://www.redfridays.ca>

Ottawa Ride for Dad May 31, 2008

<http://www.ridefordad.com>

Americade, June 1-6, 2009

<http://www.tourexpo.com>

Biker's Reunion, New Liskeard, Ontario, July 3-5, 2009

www.bikersreunion.ca

Canada's 911 Ride – August 22-23, Woodbine Race Track (Please wear your vests during the ride and MM uniforms to dinner).

<http://www.canadas911.com>

AMA International Women & Motorcycle Conference – August 19-22, Keystone, Colorado.

www.womenandmotorcycling.com

York Bike Night, York, Pennsylvania, September 26, 2009. There is a block of rooms already on hold for Bike Night. Call 717-848-1111 and tell them you are with the Motor Maids.



Birthday wishes go out to:

January

Lynn Cox, Audrey Alexandre, Debbie Davis, Joanne Gagnon, Maureen Johnson, Jay Ritskes, Mariyln Schiestel, Lise Sculland and Gina Tottle!

Please note that birthdays are obtained from the Motor Maid directory. If you would like your name included in the monthly newsletter Birthday wishes, please contact dora.cook@sympatico.ca.

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This Month's Feature Motor Maid, Julia Donaldson

This former West Coast girl first experienced a motorcycle ride on the back of a Honda 650 that belonged to the best friend of her college boyfriend. The ride itself happened during a typical fall day in Nanaimo, BC - cold and wet. The boyfriend and his buddy with the bike are now a part of history, but the seed was planted...

Fast forward over a decade and Julia found herself on the back of a much larger, louder and comfortable bike ridden by Peter, her (now) husband. With his enthusiastic encouragement, that seed, planted long ago, took root - and flourished. Next came a series of things - the motorcycle course, the searching for and purchasing of the bike (bright red Suzuki Boulevard C50 SE), and that terrifying first run on the 417. Then it was getting comfortable in heavy traffic, at night, starting on a hill, passing rigs, and so on.

The first real test came in the early summer of 2006 - the journey south to Myrtle Beach, SC for a honeymoon. With the bags packed, bikes checked, and a general idea of how to get to their destination, Julia and Peter were off! Through the chill of the Adirondacks, to the blazing humidity of the Carolinas, to the wild Atlantic storms blasting against the Outer Banks region of North Carolina, the bikes and the riders made a full 3,500 kilometre round trip. (Yes, just a nice little jaunt to many Motor Maids out there!)



One day, while they were out riding together, Peter told his wife it was time. "Time for what?" she asked. "Time for you to try something bigger. I want you to take my bike for a ride".

It didn't take much for her to realize the significance of his statement...he trusted her and believed in her ability to ride a bigger bike. HIS bike. With her stomach in her throat, she rode his bike - a Yamaha Road Star Millennium Edition - for the last 40 minutes of their ride home. Nerves aside, there was something more visceral, more emotive in riding that bike. For the first time, she "got" what riding meant to so many others in the saddle.

After a few more rides on the Road Star, the great wheels of the cosmos clicked together in Julia's favour to have her own Road Star. And not just any Road Star. A Millennium. Only 1,500 of these particular bikes were made by Yamaha. None have been made since. One was found for a good price, in excellent shape, with low miles...well, nothing more needed to be said. A deal was made with the seller.

The bike was imported from Miami, Florida - a journey that took two weeks to arrive at the pick up point (Sovey's Harley Davidson in Pottsdam, NY). Motor Maids may remember Julia's article written for one of the newsletters (in early 2008) about the necessary steps in importing a bike.

It was Boxing Day 2007, and with the bike safely imported into their garage, Peter got to work reassembling the newest addition. (This was due to the bike having to be disassembled at Sovey's in order to fit into the bag of a friend's minivan.) Newly christened "Pearl", this big beauty was ready to ride - and did! - that very night. The conditions were just warm and dry enough to take her for one five-minute blast down the road and back.

Since that time, Pearl has over 7,000 miles (as this is a US bike) - nearly half of the original mileage - and just raring for more. As Pearl patiently sits next to her sister in the Donaldson garage, and Old Man Winter gives our region one frigid swat after another, one thing is for certain...Riding Season WILL come. With Spring comes those first days where the sun warms the earth, and the area we all know and love so well comes into life with a vengeance, with more roads to travel and memories to make. And it will be then that you'll hear Pearl making her presence known, with Julia in the saddle, eager for that next highway adventure. Let's ride!

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Letters to: "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!

Local Area Scheduled Events – Everyone Welcome!

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

After the Christmas celebration was over, and organized calm settled in, but not for long, in a few days 2009 arrived in a Flurry of activities. The Toronto Bike Show, Birthdays and Breakfast meet plans were to be confirmed. As always the Toronto Bike Show was a success, but reflected the current economic position. Even though the trend seems to keep us close to home this year, it did not deter the enthusiasm to ride. Five interested women riders connected with the Motor Maids and we have responded with an invitation for our Breakfast Meet January 18th, Frankie's.

January 10th, was a very special day for the Golden Horseshoe Riders. We acknowledged one of the January Birthdays of our members with a party. Audrey reached her 80th year! In the circle of ten good friends and a great Pot Luck Lunch, we celebrated her riding years with old photos, good stories, and a special phone call from the Ottawa group wishing Audrey all the best on her day. Our New York guest Ty, played her guitar while we were together quiet beautifully and led us in a rousing Happy Birthday.....and yes Audrey blew all her candles out. This party is to be continued January 18th, at Frankie's where Audrey will receive her birthday mail of over thirty cards from Ontario and the U.S.

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

Winter location is at Frankie's Bar & Grill - Nov. To April at 10 a.m. - Mount Hope, On L0R 1W0 12965 Homestead Dr.905-679-3778

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

Call Dale Smillie or e-mail her at chrisanddale@can.rogers.com. You can meet up with Dale every month at the Dutch Oven Restaurant, Hwy 115 just north of the 401 on the 4th Sunday every month at 11 am. See you there! Call Barb Bird, Deb Benn, or Dale Smillie for details.

Corey Pullman, A.D.D (Wingham & Area)

Corey's group meet regularly throughout the year, times, dates and locations to be determined.

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

Kingston Motor Maids meet every third Sunday of the month at 11 am for a brunch. Location varies. Please contact Laurie at bikerbabe22@sympatico.ca or call 613-329-5559 for more information.

Sue Bools, A.D.D. (Ottawa)

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Happy New Year everyone! We had a great skate with Laurie and Michele in Kingston in December and I am hoping that we can have a great skate on February 14th on the canal in Ottawa. Weather permitting we will meet at 10 AM at Dow's Lake and then return to my house for chilli. Joan is hosting the January meeting and including a swap meet for clothes and gear. Great idea, Joan. Billiards night on December 28th was very fun and Tuesday night Billiard's at Bev's continues until spring. Contact me if you need details. Stay warm.

The Ottawa area meets the second Saturday of the month. "In winter we take turns going to each others' homes and bring potluck, that way we can praise each other on our marvellous cooking and no one notices how many plates we fill. It's a blast. We also play pool at Dooly's or go skating on the canal in the winter months.

For more details contact Sue Bools at suevstar650@yahoo.com.

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