







# Since 1999, the #1 Motorcycling Magazine for Women and the Men Who Ride With Them

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Welcome new subscribers and regular readers! Thank you for signing up. This newsletter is our way of alerting you to recent stories posted on our website, WomenRidersNow.com (WRN).

Writing a welcome to you on behalf of Women Riders Now is such an honor to me that I dug out my original copy of the 20-year-old premier issue of the magazine



that was the predecessor to WRN, Woman Rider. This is particularly special to me because I'm pictured in the magazine. WRN's founder, Genevieve Schmitt, had interviewed me for the article, which you can read here, after I met her at a women's motorcycle get-together shortly after moving to California from my hometown of Portland, Oregon.

This chance meeting led to now two decades of admiring Genevieve and the work she's done to promote women in motorcycling. She tells us to record our stories because we are all pioneers in motorcycling, and now that I have been named Co-Chairwoman of the WRN Leadership Board, I feel as if all of this history is coming full circle. I'm thrilled to be carrying on Genevieve's legacy, and doing this in partnership with another accomplished woman rider and racer, Erin Sills, and the rest of the WRN team and you, our readers and fans. Together, we are set to rev up for the new year!

Enjoy the new articles this month. I wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and lots of epic motorcycle adventures in 2020.

Keep it safe and have fun!

#### **SHARE ON**





# **Learning to Ride and Immediately Racing**

Ashley Woodford: Shemoto Award winner



With years of experience riding only as a passenger, Ashley Woodford got her motorcycle endorsement and raced straight to her own land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats! But it wasn't all puppies and rainbows. **READ HER STORY** 





It's not too late to put something special under the tree or in a stocking...even your own! Get your hands on some great WRN deals for all the riders and soon-to-be riders on your holiday shopping list. **LEARN MORE** 



### 7 Great Books To Inspire Past, Present, and Future Motorcyclists

Recently released motorcycle books from female authors



WRN put together a collection of some of our favorite moto-reads from the last few years. From self-help, how-to, memoirs, fiction, and an illustrated children's storybook, there's something for



# **Last Minute Holiday Gifts for Your Motorcycling Friends**

Stocking stuffers for women and men who ride



Have you run out of time with names still not crossed off your holiday gift list? Here are some ideas that will help you stuff those stockings with moto-themed gifts. **BROWSE GIFTS** 





## **Share Your Motorcycle Memories**

WRN Co-Chair Sarah Schilke kicks off new fun series for readers



20 years ago Sarah Schilke was featured in the magazine that was the predecessor to WomenRidersNow.com. In a trip down memory lane, she shares the original story as well as her past and present motorcycles. **READ MORE** 



# Stylish Gear



# <u>UPDATE: The Women Riders World Relay (WRWR) December check-in and exciting news about WRWR Founder, Hayley Bell</u>



December was a BIG month for the Women Riders World Relay. The relay is fast-approaching the 300th day of their year-long journey across the globe and WRWR founder, Hayley Bell, was just

## **Motorcycle Riding Clubs for Women Riders**

Looking for some new friends to talk shop or ride motorcycles with? WRN has the largest listing of all-female motorcycle riding groups—and adding more all the time. From international clubs like The Litas, Motor Maids, and Women in the Wind, to regional clubs such as New York's Miss-Fires, California's Head Turners, and the Torque Wrenches out of Portland, Oregon. We even have a number of international clubs listed from Canada, England, and beyond!

**FIND A GROUP** 

### **More Stories on WRN**

### **Riding Right**

Motorcycle safety tips and advice on how to ride your motorcycle more safely, and how to become a better motorcycle rider.

### **Know Your Motorcycle**

<u>Detailed DIY instructions for changing brakes, checking tires and more!</u>

### **In Memoriam**

It is with heavy hearts that WRN shares the sad news that we have lost one of our own. Managing Editor, Janice Godwin played an integral behind-the-scenes part of Women Riders Now's daily operations for the last several years. While Janice preferred her two-wheeled steeds to include pedals, her vibrancy and



eagerness to learn about all motorcycling is a testament to how she lived her life—fully and with exuberance. While her earthly presence will be sorely missed, her generous and joyful spirit lives on.

"Live your life...all of it. Love your people and take care of them.

Everything else will be just fine."

— Janice Godwin, March 24, 1950 - December 12, 2019

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