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Hello and happy winter holiday time. We hope you enjoy this newsletter, our way of sharing articles and news recently posted on [WomenRidersNow.com](https://www.WomenRidersNow.com) (WRN).

Have you been on a fun trip and fallen ill? I recently suffered a full-blown medical emergency, on a trip, just after attending the EICMA international motorcycle show in Italy. I spent a week in the hospital in Germany (thankfully I am fairly fluent in the language) and a week recovering at a colleague's home. I cautiously flew home the day after Thanksgiving (airplane turkey) for continued recovery at home. As isolated as it felt going through that experience alone in a foreign country, I was buoyed by the inpouring of healing wishes and messages from friends around the world I've met through motorcycling.



Late night show host, Colbert, amusingly recounts suffering from the same emergency just days after I was released from the hospital. He mentions how grateful he is for the well-wishes of world leaders. This is how I feel about the motorcyclists who reached out to me.

The experience left me with a long list of gratitude and silver linings that I continue to reflect on as we enter winter holiday celebrations. I'm excited for time with the family while I recoup and make plans to get back on two wheels. I can't wait!

I'm already dreaming about new adventures, like WRN's [Ladies First Portugal/Spain tour](#) and maybe even adding a new bike to the stable like the [Honda Transalp](#) to fulfill my 2024 Backcountry Discovery Route ambitions. What big plans are you dreaming up for the new year?

Enjoy the holidays. We'll see you next year!

Sarah Schilke | Co-Chairwoman, [WomenRidersNow.com](http://WomenRidersNow.com)



~ New Motorcycle ~

## **Indian Motorcycle Pursuit Limited**

*Cruise and tour in pure riding comfort*



Check out Editor Tricia's long-term roundup of Indian's luxury bagger. Aboard the top-of-the-line Indian Pursuit Limited Premium Icon, Trish found it pretty easy to stack up miles quickly on the 1768cc V-twin. With comfort features like a plush heated seat, a seemingly endless amount of storage, an amazing sound system, and easy-to-use navigation, it is hard not to take the long way.

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~ Pioneer Profile ~

## **Elsbeth Beard**

*First British woman to circumnavigate the world on a bike*



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In 1982, at just 23 years old, Elspeth Beard set off on a 2-1/2 year, 35,000-mile solo adventure around the world on her 1974 BMW R60/6 motorcycle. With almost no money, but a voracious appetite to experience faraway cultures by way of two wheels, she became the first British woman to accomplish such a feat. Read more about this incredible motorcycling pioneer and come [ride with her in Portugal!](#) **LEARN MORE**



## **WOMEN'S ADVENTURE AND DIRT BIKE TOURS**

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~ Riding Right ~

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~ Gear Review ~

## [\*\*AGV Tourmodular Helmet\*\*](#)

*Premium modular helmet for touring and adventure*



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Kirsten Midura is “flipping her lid” over the AGV Tourmodular helmet. Built with lightweight materials, aerodynamics, and safety in the forefront, the Tourmodular is designed for commuters, tourers, and adventure riders. With features like a Pinlock fog-free shield insert, internal sun visor, and an optional integrated communication system, this premium helmet from one of the industry’s top-notch manufacturers is a worthy contender in the modular market. [READ REVIEW](#)

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**[Tour Spain & Portugal with Women Riders Now](#)**  
***Iberian Peninsula’s exciting roads, amazing scenery,  
and 4-star hospitality***



Join [WRN's Tricia Szulewski, Sarah Schilke, and Erin Sills](#) with special guest [Elsbeth Beard](#) on our “Ladies First” Tour of Portugal and Western Spain September 27–October 4, 2024. The tour, which is a collaboration between WRN and Blue Strada Tours, will offer six days of riding with 4-star hospitality and food, a wine tasting and tour, and a support vehicle that will transport luggage and souvenirs, and more. BMW, Honda, and Royal Enfield standard and ADV motorcycles are available from 500cc to 1250cc. This tour is open to women and those who accompany a woman. Prices start at \$4,400 (not including airfare) and there is very limited participation, so sign up today! [MORE INFO](#)



## [WRN Calendar of Women's Motorcycling Events](#)

Check out our [full events listing](#) and mark your calendars!

Here are a few to get your motors running:

[AIMExpo Powersports Trade Show](#) February 6–8, 2024 | Las Vegas, Nevada

[International Female Ride Day](#) May 4, 2024 | Worldwide

[Babes Ride Out East](#) June 7–9, 2024 | Narrowsburg, New York

[AMCA Riveter's Ride: Chix at the Crossroads\\*](#) June 15–29, 2024 | Southern U.S.

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## More Great Resources on WRN

### ~Beginner's Guide~

No matter where you are in the process of learning to ride a motorcycle, our Beginner's Guide covers everything you need to know. Learn where to start, how to choose a motorcycle, and more. Share with your friends who are considering motorcycling too!

### ~Women's Riding Groups~

Find some new riding friends by joining a riding club. WRN has the largest listing of all-female motorcycle riding groups—and adding more all the time. Got a group that isn't listed? Shoot us an email with the details at [Info@WomenRidersNow.com](mailto:Info@WomenRidersNow.com).

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— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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