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I just returned from Ohio's [American Motorcyclist Association's \(AMA\) Hall of Fame Days](#) where, among other activities, I met women Hall of Famers while rubbing elbows with some of motorcycling's greatest legends. The weekend was filled with riding, bike nights, a "Motorcycle Mary" film screening, racing, and important industry meetings. Women motorcyclists were represented in all these areas.



Some of my favorite legends and leaders in attendance included: Rita Coombs (HOF 2023), a leading voice in motorcycle racing; Mary McGee (HOF 2019), all-around superstar; Delvene Manning, owner of Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials; BJ Hessler, founder/owner of DC Dirt Camp; Karen Umphress, off-highway advocacy and management expert; Cyndi Brandt, long-time promoter of the Mid-Atlantic Women Motorcycle Rally (MAWMR); and WRN's Sarah Schilke. The incredible Debbie Matthews was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her lifetime of racing and promoting women's motocross.

To top it off, a future female legend made history. Six-year-old Sofia Huffman of Team Sophia MX took 1st place in the very first AMA Pit Bike Hare Scrambles, racing the boys. Her hero Debbie Matthews took notice and spent some time with the youngster. You go girls!

Who are your motorcycle "sheros?" We'd love to know about them. Consider sending us [your story](#) to share. [Find out how to submit here](#) and have your story on WRN.

Ride On!

Maggie McNally, Director of Outreach | WomenRidersNow.com



~ New Motorcycle Review ~

Honda SCL500

Nimble, lightweight, and budget-friendly for new riders



A fun and easy-to-ride streetbike, the Honda SCL500 is based on the popular Rebel 500. But its high-mount exhaust, wide front tire, flat two-up seat, and small tapered tank define the off-road scrambler style and make it a fun ride for both new and experienced riders. Check out our review of this zippy lightweight bike—you'll want to jump on the SCL500 and go exploring on it, too!

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~ Special Feature ~

AMA Hall of Fame Inductee, Debbie Matthews

Three women recognized in the Class of 2024



Each year the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) nominates and inducts new honorees into its storied Hall of Fame. This year three women received nominations. Motocross legend and advocate for women racers, Debbie Matthews was inducted, receiving her Hall of Fame ring and golden jacket presented by fellow legend, Mary McGee. [**MEET THE LEGENDS**](#)



~ Gear Review ~

Alpinestars Stella Tech 3 Boots

Pro level off-road protection and comfort for women



Known for consistent high quality and great fit, Alpinestars Stella Tech 3 dirt boots don't disappoint. Loaded with features, these fit-for-women boots are comfortable for riding or walking the course. [READ REVIEW](#)

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~ Reader Story ~

Confronting and Overcoming Fear

One woman's account of self-discovery and accomplishment



Many of us experience a sudden tense experience of anxiety while riding. For some it's seeing a deer, or running a little wide in a turn, or, as in Claudia's case, realizing an intense fear of heights while riding high up on narrow mountain roads with no guardrails! She bravely connects with nature and other riders around her to ride through her discomfort. [READ HER STORY](#)



[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:

[Babes In The Dirt](#) | November 15-17, 2024 | Johnson Valley, California

[Athena Ride for Women](#) | July 30–August 2, 2025 | Athens, Ohio

[17th Annual Biker Belles Celebration](#) | August 5, 2025 | Sturgis Buffalo Chip

[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.

“Just get out there and ride.”

— The Legendary Mary McGee

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