



# Why Do You Ride

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Ladies of Harley

**W**hy do you ride? Whether it's for freedom, adventure, spiritual experience, confidence, independence, or community, women are taking to motorcycles with increased numbers. Motorcycle clubs are not just "Boys Only Clubs" nowadays. Women do not just have to be an "Associate Member" why not be a Bike Owner. Companies are directing their marketing plans towards women and women rides. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council's 2015 Motorcycle Owner Survey, women riders accounted for 14 percent of the total motorcycle riding population in the United States. You don't have to hitch a ride or be a passenger, you could be the pretty lady riding next to the hot biker (LOL).

Why did I learn how to ride? Well to be honest it came down to two options.

*Option 1*) Find someone to tag along with every ride, be constantly begging to go.

*Option 2*) Learn how to ride and buy my own bike.

If you don't know, I chose *Option 2*. I conquered my fears and signed up for the Harley New Riders course and with

the help of great classmates and a huge group of supportive people I got my license to ride. I'll be honest, I did not pass the road course the first time. I had several issues with my hands being small and having difficulty controlling the clutch. I decided to retake the road course and was able to have one on one coaching and a stress free retest. I highly recommend taking the Harley New Rider Course and trust me they will do everything possible to help you learn and succeed in riding.

Why do I ride? The ride gives me freedom and confidence that I conquered a fear. I am very happy to say that

I'm proud to be a Lady Rider. Also, I am happy to know that my dad can say that his daughter is a Harley Owner too. Try and think about not only the members in the Boardtracker Chapter, but also your fellow bikers, count how many Daddy/ Daughter riders there are. I don't want to get in trouble so also think about Mommy/Daughter, Husband/Wife, and so on and so forth. Now I am rambling on and on. The point is no matter why you ride, there are plenty riders out there just like you.

Brother and Sisters unite on the open highway. 🏍️

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