

Enthusiast



YOUR ROAD STARTS HERE

Many female motorcyclists say they thought about riding for years before encouragement from a friend or family member finally helped them get started. Do you know a woman who's been thinking about riding — your favorite passenger, a friend, family member or co-worker? Share this insert with her along with your encouragement. **Help her ignite the spark for motorcycling, because now is the time to ride.**

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DETAILS ON BACK

I rode on the back of my dad's motorcycles when I was young. Unfortunately, he sold all his bikes when I was 16, and then I had to ask for rides from family and friends.

About a year ago I met Terry, a man with a Harley-Davidson® who got me interested in riding again. He gave me rides on the back and took me to the local Harley® shop to look at all the bikes. He knew I was interested in riding, and he encouraged me to someday check out their new rider course. I loved hearing about his road trips, but that just was not enough; I wanted this adventure for me.

I took the Rider's Edge® New Rider Course, passed and got my license. I had been saving money for something I really wanted, so I purchased a 2003 Softail® Standard. I will never forget that first ride home. There is such an adventure and feeling of freedom each time I get on my bike.

— MARIA WATTS, MONROE, MICH.



I rode on the back with my husband Ray for a couple of years. It was tough seeing the other women riding their own bikes, and I kept bugging him for my own. My youngest kids were in their senior year of high school, and I wanted a motorcycle as a gift to myself.

He surprised me with a 2003 Sportster® 1200 Custom last fall. Soon afterward, I took the motorcycle safety course and passed. I love sharing the passion of riding free with him.

— AMBER TAULLI, DURANGO, COLO.

My grandpa planted the “seeds of interest” in motorcycling for me.

He said it was impossible to describe the freedom that you feel when you're riding a motorcycle. I remember seeing the excitement in his eyes and I thought, “one day...”

Through the years I became a full-time wife, mother and worker. As circumstances would have it, I became divorced and was ready to start again. One day I heard the roar of a bike above all of the commotion in the restaurant where I worked. Looking out the front window, I saw a silver-haired man on a magnificent bike. All I could say was, “one day...”

As fate would have it, my day finally arrived when that man took me for a ride on his 1999 Heritage Softail®. Oliver and I were never apart after that and eventually married. I learned to ride that bike and now ride alongside him and his 2002 Heritage Softail.

My hope is to pass on my love of riding to my children and grandchildren as my grandpa did for me.

— VICKI FARROW, MOUNT STERLING, KY.



Choose Your Bike

You're ready to ride, but what bike is right for you?

When deciding which motorcycle to buy, make sure it is comfortable when you are sitting on and riding it. Everyone's confidence level and stature is different, so go to a dealer and try out a few different models before making your final decision. A variety of Harley-Davidson Genuine Motor Parts and Accessories® are available to help the bike fit you better, such as lowering kits, different handlebars or footpegs.

Many riders buy Harley-Davidson motorcycles because they love the classic style and comfortable riding position. With 25 Harley-Davidson models to choose from, it's easy to find one that suits your riding style and needs.

There's more to learn and chances are you have many questions. You'll find the answers at your local Harley-Davidson dealer and at harley-davidson.com.

>SPORTSTER®: Sportster models, part of the Harley-Davidson family since 1957, have a narrow profile and two engine options (883cc and 1200cc).

>DYNA GLIDE™: With a low, laid-back look, Dyna Glide models are often called “factory customs.”

>SOFTAIL®: Softtail models look like the classic hardtail Harley-Davidson motorcycles of the 1930s, but with modern comfort and control.

>TOURING: With ample storage space, the Touring models are built for comfort on the long haul.

>VRSC™: The V-Rod® models are the “muscle bikes” in the Harley-Davidson family — power cruisers with hot rod styling.

Easy to Own

The Sportster 883 starts at just \$6,495 (U.S. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price), and the Buell® Blast® retails for \$4,595 (U.S. MSRP). Harley-Davidson Financial Services makes purchasing a new or used Harley-Davidson or Buell easy. With a variety of options, it's simple to arrange financing with low monthly payments at your local dealer.

Financing options can include Harley-Davidson parts, clothing and accessories, as well as Harley-Davidson Insurance and an extended service option.

Quality Used Motorcycles

Many quality, pre-owned motorcycles are available for purchase as well. To find one that's right for you, stop by your dealer or search through the list at www.harley-davidson.com/usedbikes.



What to Look For When Buying a Bike:

- Make sure you're comfortable with the weight and size of the bike.
- A low seat height instills confidence, especially during stops and starts.
- Motorcycles with a low center-of-gravity are easier to maneuver.

Buell motorcycles have excellent handling and incredible torque.

Five models are available, including the Lightning® Low XB9S option, which has a 28.6-in. seat height versus the standard 30.1-in. on other Lightning models. Learn more about Buell motorcycles at your Buell dealer and at buell.com.

>BLAST®: The Blast is easy to handle and has an upright riding position. It also has two seat height options (25.5-in. or 27.5-in.) and smooth power delivery from its 492cc engine.

>LIGHTNING®: The Lightning has superb handling, lots of torque and a comfortable, upright riding position.

>FIREBOLT®: The Firebolt is the best choice for riders who want racetrack-like handling and performance in a street bike.

My friend Jody convinced me to sign up to take the motorcycle safety course with her this summer. I've always dreamed of owning a Harley-Davidson, but never thought I could afford one. That changed when I went to the local auto show and learned that a Sportster 883 costs less than \$6,500.

Just a few days later, I went to a dealership and bought a 2004 Sportster 883C Custom. My payments are only \$169 a month, even with the accessories and the extended service plan I added to the loan. My nine-year-old son Dallas and customers at the flower shop I own think it's so cool that I ride.

—TRACY KINSKI, SULLIVAN, WIS.



I rode with my husband Mark but was afraid of riding on my own. He kept encouraging me to learn to ride, so I took the safety course, which eliminated most of my fears. Riding has given me more confidence in other new experiences, such as riding ATVs.

I own a 2002 Softail Standard that I had lowered because I'm only 5'1". I feel more comfortable having both feet on the ground, so I wear higher boots when I ride.

—LINDA WEESE, WHEELING, W.VA



Learn the Skills

Riding a motorcycle as a passenger is fun, but I've always wanted to be in the front seat and experience all the things that make motorcycling great — like hitting the throttle, rolling into a curve and feeling the wind.

I finally got up the nerve and took the Rider's Edge New Rider Course to prove to myself that I could accomplish this goal.

With equal parts nervousness and excitement, I enrolled in the course through my local dealer. There were 11 people in the class, mostly women, who ranged from 19 to 50-something, from hairdressers to police officers. Everyone was there because they wanted to learn how to ride the right way and to hopefully get their motorcycle license endorsement.

The four-day course was more involved than I'd anticipated, but the pace was good and I never felt overwhelmed or rushed. The first two days were in the classroom, where a combination of demonstrations, videos and instruction familiarized us with safe riding techniques and the motorcycles' controls.

The last two days we actually rode the Buell Blast motorcycles on a parking lot course, which was nice because it was free of cars and traffic. We started with basic



exercises before progressing to more difficult maneuvers, each skill preparing us for the next until we were braking, shifting and cornering with ease.

Our two instructors were awesome as they guided us through each step with patience and understanding.

I never felt unsafe, even while learning to swerve or ride over 2x4s! We practiced so much that operating the throttle, brakes and clutch became second nature and I started to relax. That's when the riding really became fun and I finally felt like I was a motorcyclist.

Despite feeling confident in my newfound skills, I was pretty nervous leading up to the riding test on the afternoon of the last day. I shouldn't have worried so much, because I passed and earned my motorcycle endorsement. In fact, everyone in our class passed!

I loved the camaraderie of the people in the class nearly as much as learning to ride, which was a benefit I never thought about when I originally enrolled.

Completing the class and earning my endorsement made me feel like I could accomplish anything, which is still how I feel every time I ride a motorcycle.

— KATE SANDBERG, PRIOR LAKE, MINN.

Rider's Edge New Rider Courses are taught by Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and Harley-Davidson certified instructors, and are available only at participating Harley-Davidson and Buell dealers.

Rider's Edge also offers the Skilled Rider Course for experienced riders and a Group Riding Course. Visit ridersedge.com for more information. If Rider's Edge courses aren't available near you, look for an MSF course in your area (msf-usa.org).



After 25 years of raising children and 21 years of owning a business with my husband Jerry, I decided it



was time to do something for myself and buy a motorcycle. I love the freedom of riding and being in control. I like my 2003 Sportster 883 Hugger® because of its riding position, especially the seat height and how the handlebars come back to me.

— PAM WILSON, MT. VIEW, ARK.

I bought a 2003 Fat Boy® last summer, but didn't ride it until I took the motorcycle safety course in the fall. Just a month after



I got my license, my husband Lee and I took a 2,250-mile trip. I was scared at first but it was good experience, since I had to deal with all the "elements." My seven grandkids think I'm the coolest grandmother. Taking them on rides has made my dream come true.

— DONNA AYERS, ANTLERS, OKLA.

When I told my husband Dick that I wanted to ride my own motorcycle, he insisted I take the MSF course, but I had already signed up for it. I passed the course and purchased an 883 XLH Sportster. By taking the course, I gained a lot of knowledge and confidence in my abilities as a new rider. If anyone says to me that they think they would like to ride but don't think they can, I tell them to get their permit, take the course and then decide.



— KIM BUDESHEIM, COLUMBIA, PA.