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Top News

GirlClutch is now sponsored by NKB Motorcycles/
CyclePirates (see page 3)!!!

Off the Chain

October's ride was epic! Girls from San Diego to Los Angeles met in Dana Point for a ride, networking, photos and lunch! From Suzuki to Harley, sportbike to cruiser, THIRTY girls and bikes came out for the October ride!!! Organized, planned and routed by Monica of Huntington Beach, we rode up the Pacific Coast Highway from Dana Point, to "The Top of the World" in Newport Beach for a photo op, including a video/photos by Krystal, wife of Super Streetbike Editor-In-Chief, Dave Sonsky (we even caught a glimpse of Troy Lee while we were up there!). We continued up PCH to Long Beach, where we had lunch at Tequila Jack's,



talked, laughed and were merry! After another photo op with the Queen Mary in the background, Oki (the founder of GirlClutch) gave away shirts to the girl who traveled the furthest to Dana Point

(Jessica Mercado of Valencia), the newest rider (Lizi Swibel of Long Beach, who has only been riding ONE WEEK!) and the girl with the oldest bike (April Trestick of Los Angeles, and her 2004 Ducati Monster). Congratulations to the three of you!

It was an awesome turn out, the girls had a blast, and none of us can wait to do it again!!!



November Ride

11-14-2010: Palomar Ride (advanced/experienced riders only) and Santa Ysabel Ride (every girl welcome!) Both groups will rendezvous in Santa Ysabel and have lunch in Julian. Visit www.GirlClutch.com for more details!!



Know some girls who may be interested in what's going on with GirlClutch?
Ask to be put on our list! ClutchReport@gmail.com

THUNDER ALLEY

by Rachael Westfall

What a great month October was! I attended my first GirlClutch group ride and met an amazing, diverse congregation of women riders. I'm always in awe of the power of motorcycling and how the passion for riding can bring women from different walks of life together. It doesn't matter if you're a college student, a bad girl, a mom or a business mogul, you're a rider because you love it and that's all that matters.

And what a jaw-dropping sight you all were riding down Pacific Coast Highway on your motorcycles - laughing, clapping and hollering as if you were part of a parade! We attracted so much attention that a bystander in an SUV couldn't help but ask, "Is this a chick-bike thing?" Yes! That's exactly what it is!

After enjoying the camaraderie and the positive atmosphere during the October ride, I rode home thinking about how we, as riders, could play a part in helping more women to experience this inspiring sport that creates such resolve and independence. I remember talking my fiancé's sister, Veronica, and she told me a story about how she was sitting in her van after picking up her kids from school when she saw a woman motorcyclist ride by. The woman's raven black pony tail whipped in the wind freely and the pulse of her motorcycle's engine nearly shook the windows of the van as she rode by. Veronica's eyes lit up when she told me this and she said she wished so badly she could be like that woman rider.

This month, I urge each and every one of you to become a mentor to each other and new riders. When women ask you about riding, it's okay to be realistic about the risks involved, but let them

know the rewards of pursuing a life as a motorcyclist. Encourage new riders to get training and let them know we're there for them in the future. Let them know they don't have to be afraid because we'll be here to guide them when they ride on the street for the first time.

This next month marks the launch of the Progressive Motorcycle Shows tour. This is where you'll usually find women who are prospective buyers and are tentatively finding out about motorcycling. I've witnessed many women defeat themselves before they ever get started, just as soon as they try to swing a leg over a bike on display and can't reach the ground on the other side.

If you happen to get the chance to talk to them, don't be afraid to offer advice or mention riding communities like GirlClutch. If you see them wearily swinging a leg over the seat, let them know they can do it and offer help or instruction if they'll accept it. If not, let them know there is a community out there eagerly waiting for them to join. This is often all it takes to change someone's life. Ride easy ya'll!

Parting shot: Ahnay, five years old, lounges on the seat of the ATV after a long ride up the trail. Future rider maybe?



[Email Rachael at thundercat@girlclutch.com.]

Clutch Sponsors

NKB Motorcycles/Cycle Pirates would like to extend a 10-25% discount on parts, accessories and apparel (total discount depends on item. Tires/labor not included).



How do you get the discount? It's as simple as just telling them GirlClutch sent you and get 10% off of your purchase!! EVERY girl who rides a motorcycle and mentions GirlClutch is eligible for this discount!

We also have a special VIP Discount for 15-25% off your purchase for girls who come out and participate in support GirlClutch. To be eligible for this VIP Discount, all you have to do is come out to a monthly GirlClutch ride and you will be included on the VIP list until the next month's ride.

In summary, whether you come out to ride or not, you are eligible for a discount when you mention GirlClutch. To get the bigger discount, you must attend a GirlClutch ride and that eligibility is good until the following month's ride (so you can "renew" your VIP status by attending another GirlClutch ride).

To get information on monthly specials, email your name, year/make/model of your bike, and cell phone number to: Becki@nkbmotorcycles.com to be on her text distribution list (she won't spam your phone!).

For information on inventory and prices, contact our girl Becki at (858) 271-6240!

As always, for more information, feel free to contact us at info@girlclutch.com

November Birthdays

- Nov 01 Pamela Summers (SC)
- Nov 05 Lisa Curl (CA)
Brooke Bailey (UT)
- Nov 11 Monica Cheek (CA)
- Nov 14 Stacie London (CA)
- Nov 17 Lynne Villegas (CA)
- Nov 19 Tanya Reed (NM)
- Nov 20 Nettie Wakefield (CA)
Monica Schebesch (Canada)
Weber Aniko (Hungary)
- Nov 22 Breanne O'Connor (CA)
- Nov 23 Yvonne Becker-Merkle (CO)
- Nov 25 Destiny Chhea (CA)
Rene Ruiz (CA)
- Nov 27 Lisa Fisher (CA)
- Nov 29 Kristina Koch (FL)
- Nov 30 Renee Richman (CA)

Happy birthday, ladies!!!

Clutch Swag

GirlClutch shirts are still available but going fast! The Standard and Signature shirts can be purchased for \$20 +S/H (where applicable). Get them in time for the next ride!!!

GIRLCLUTCH STICKERS are now available in our store for \$1.00 each!!

Want to save on shipping? Order your shirt up to a day before the monthly ride or booth event, and pick up your shirt in person!! Contact info@girlclutch.com or visit www.girlclutch.com/clutch-swag to order your shirts today!



Have an event you'd like to submit a review on?
Just type it up in an email or document and send it to ClutchReport@gmail.com

In the Spotlight

Tis the season! This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Toy Ride!



The Toy Ride is an annual charity event and ride for foster children.

The ride starts under the big "A" at Angels Stadium in Anaheim, and ends at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Pre-registration is open now until November 17, and registration on the day of the event will be \$15 per rider. Registration fees include:

- A discounted ticket to the IMS Motorcycle Show in Long Beach
- Catered lunch
- Wristband to participate in contests, raffles and events

Bring an unwrapped toy to the collections point at Angels Stadium. Additional raffle tickets will be sold in \$10 increments:

- \$10 toy = 1 ticket
- \$20 toy = 2 tickets, etc.

GirlClutch wants to take this opportunity to make a statement. We will be meeting for a pre-ride at The Block in Orange, CA at 8:00am, KSU at 8:30am SHARP. We will ride to the Toy Ride together as a group.

Those traveling from further distances who don't want to weather 30+ miles in the cold, we will be riding up Saturday November 20th and checking

into a hotel in Anaheim and riding to the ride the next morning. Please contact oki@girlclutch.com for information on sharing a hotel room for the ride.



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GirlClutch is not a club; there are no fees, no dues, no obligations. Come out and meet other women who share your passion!

Get Involved

Want to join us on a ride/event? Check out www.GirlClutch.com to see what's going on and come out, don't be shy!!!

Do you have an idea for a ride? A shirt or hoodie design idea? Do you have skills or knowledge you'd like to share with the female riding community? Get involved! Contact info@girlclutch.com and share your ideas!

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Rider of the Month

Name: Christin Voros, 26
Location: Oceanside, CA
Ride: 2008 Honda CBR600RR

Christin had always wanted a motorcycle, but it wasn't until 2006 when someone lit a fire under her butt to get her permit and license. She received her motor-



cycle permit in the fall of 2006, and passed the MSF Basic Riders Course in November 2006 and earned her motorcycle endorsement. But it wasn't until 2007 that she was able to ride on a regular basis. Christin was able to borrow a crashed 2004 Kawasaki ZX6R in May of 2007 and made repairs; swapping out the forks, mounting new plastics and having it painted and looking kind-of like new. Being her first bike, she had it lowered to help her maintain balance while starting and stopping at intersections.

In October 2008, Christin rode her brand new, zero-miles silver CBR600RR off the lot of a local dealership and fell deeper into her passion for motorcycle riding and track days.

So motorcycle riding isn't in your blood then?

No, not really. I know of a lot of girls who ride well and aggressively who have motorcycle riding in their blood; their dad rode or their brothers all ride... Not me. My dad does ride, but he's more of the sports-touring, long distance riders (he's got a Kawasaki Concourse and a Honda Goldwing), but I don't think his dad rode. I can't do long-distance rides on a CBR and ride a little more on the aggressive side (track days and canyons).

Who does your maintenance work?

I do. It's kind of empowering to be able to work on my bike myself. If I don't know how to do something, I'll find someone who does, and ask them to look over my shoulder, supervise me and let me do the work on my own bike. Sometimes I need a guy there to lend me some muscle if I can't get a bolt loose (because face it; most guys ARE physically stronger than us women), but other than that, I like getting dirty and taking care of my own. It's a big pet peeve of mine to find someone else's hands on/in her, doing something I'm totally capable of doing myself!

They say there are two types of rides; those who have gone down, and those that will. Which are you?

It depends on how you look at it. I've never crashed my own bike, but I was a passenger in a motorcycle accident where an SUV had cut us off, causing us to T-bone her at about 35mph. If that counts, then yes, I've been down (WEAR YOUR GEAR!!!!).

Would you like to be featured in The Clutch Report?? Send us a short bio about yourself and if chosen, we'll send you some questions for you to answer and publish it in an upcoming Rider of the Month!!! clutchreport@gmail.com

