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## Top News

WELCOME to our new regular columnist; Rachael Westfall!!!

## Off the Chain

September's ride took us down the coast of San Diego. We met in Oceanside's Starbucks off of the 5 freeway and Oceanside Blvd and chat and laughed and shared stories. We then got on the bikes and headed down the coast, along with some photo ops! We rode over the Coronado Bridge and enjoyed a BBQ picnic on Coronado Island, sharing more stories, laughing, and even planning out October's ride!! Heading home, girls took PCH back north, enjoying the cool, but sun shiny day!



## October Ride

10/10/10!! Long Beach by way of PCH Orange County! Check out our Announcements page on GirlClutch.com for more information!!

Do you have any ideas/suggestions for a ride? Contact [info@girlclutch.com](mailto:info@girlclutch.com) or post it up on our forums!!

## Upcoming Event

October 23... 3rd Annual SCS Picnic! GirlClutch will be setting up a booth at SCS's annual picnic selling shirts and desserts! Come out and grub out on BBQ, watch the free stunt show, enter into all the cool raffles going on, and come by the booth to say hello! Check out GirlClutch's events calendar for more information!

## October Birthdays

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| Oct 03 | Malia Pierce (CA)<br>Shannon Simpson       |
| Oct 07 | Kristina Miller (NC)                       |
| Oct 08 | Karen Soety Genovese (PA)                  |
| Oct 09 | Jessica Lu (GA)                            |
| Oct 11 | Irene Rivero (CA)<br>Lisa Malachowsky (AZ) |
| Oct 20 | Ashleigh Neyhart (FL)                      |
| Oct 22 | Felicia Aguilar (CA)                       |
| Oct 28 | Kelly Simpson (DC)                         |

Happy birthday, ladies!!!

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



# THUNDER ALLEY

by Rachael Westfall

I was recently invited by GirlClutch to write a column for the monthly newsletter. Accepting this honor was a no-brainer because a) I love to write and b) I love to be a voice for women who ride! I'm here for you and I hope that if you have any questions or ideas for topics you'd like to see discussed, you'll let me know.

Before I introduce myself, let me preface by saying I'm just a girl on a bike. Yes, I'm a devout enthusiast obsessed with a two-wheeled habit, but no, I am by no means above or better than any other human being who rides. I'm not one of those girls. I'm just a girl. I stress this to you before we formally know each other because I remember what it was like to be a new rider trying to talk to one of those girls. For some women, the feeling of empowerment that comes from riding a motorcycle seems to be inflated and overbore to the point of becoming a flaw. I admit, with as much attention as we get, it's difficult to remain humble. Riding a motorcycle turns you into a celebrity overnight, especially amongst the male population. However, I promised myself early on that I'd never be the intimidating, unapproachable snob. I want other women to feel comfortable talking to me and telling me about what riding is like for them. Life is lonely when you think you know everything! That's not me. I love to hear what you have to say and I love to learn new things!

I think my fervor for motorcycles must be genetic. I've been around bikes since I was four years old, and the passion took hold as soon as dad sat me down on the gas tank of his Yamaha V-Max and took me for a ride down the street. I got my first dirt bike when I was nine, and my first street bike

when I was 19, which was a Buell Blast (because I could touch the ground). I rode that thundering little beast until I built up my confidence, then I moved up to sport bikes, which I've been riding ever since (because all that power always puts a smile on my face!).

I currently work at Kawasaki Motors Corp, U.S.A., in the Technical Services department as an Administrative Assistant. I'm a certified motorcycle technician and an MSF instructor. I also do freelance writing for Accelerate-online, and for Advanstar's community websites - sportbikeclub.com and community.motorcycleshows.com. I love to do track days, ride in the dirt (when I can borrow a bike) and go on long distance trips. I love girl rides, weekend canyon rides, bike nights, and basically anything that involves riding between two destinations with a big gap in between!

So that's me – a general lover of all things motorcycle. I look forward to writing more columns and hearing more of your stories! Ride easy ya'll! Until next time...



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## 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!!! Contact [info@girlclutch.com](mailto:info@girlclutch.com) or visit [girlclutch.com/clutch-swap](http://girlclutch.com/clutch-swap) to order your shirts today!



## Get Involved

Want to join us on a ride/event? Check out [www.GirlClutch.com](http://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](mailto:info@girlclutch.com) and share your ideas!



## In the Spotlight

After 7 years of riding, having 2 more kids - 5 total (15, 10, 4 and 9 month old twins), my husband and I took a leap of faith and opened M1 Sportriders -- your best source for aftermarket parts and apparel.

Located in La Habra, California, we continually strive to carry products that you cannot find anywhere else. Open 7 days a week with in stock items from Arlen Ness, Throttle Rocker, ABS Fairings and access to full vinyl bike wraps. Also stocking HJC, Hotbodies and Stomp Grip. Street riding, stunt-ing or racing, if you need it, we can get it for you cheaper than you would find anywhere else. Drop Shipment also available.

Balancing the family, owning a business and the occasional track days, life gets crazy sometimes, but we wouldn't change anything. Our passion for motorcycles has given us an opportunity to be here for all other riders and their needs. We are very involved in the motorcycle community, attending most professional events, bike nights and being "The Official" TOYRIDE store. (see [toyride.org](http://toyride.org) for info)

Ride Safe and if you're in the area, stop by and check out M1 Sportriders.

Find us on the following pages:  
Facebook, Myspace and [www.m1sportriders.com](http://www.m1sportriders.com)

R.O.K. -- Jenn Jaynes



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