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Who's Who?

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Dame**Welcome to the Dames!**
Billings-Patti Baldwin

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Helena-

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Missoula- Victoria Griffith

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The Enfamous Reflection Letter; How We Started.

"It all started with the realization there were other women like myself that had a beginning. They rode harder and faster than my comfort zone, and as a beginner, I became intimidated with riding. With the combination of limited experience and owning a bike not suited for the type of riding I wanted to endure, I nearly threw in the towel and thought I would never be strong enough to ride. After two riding seasons, only totaling 800 miles, I sold my bike and decided to be a passenger. The following summer, I decided riding two-up was no longer an option for me, and I wanted to ride on my own once again. I ordered my second bike, 2012 Harley Dyna Switchback.

I watched my bike come off the delivery truck and jumped on it the second it hit the pavement. I instantly fell in LOVE with my new bike! After installing some modifications to my bike, I took off for my first weekend and rode 1,000 miles. Three things I learned after riding my new bike: 1) women ride differently than men. Men have upper body strength and for women, ours is in our legs. 2) your bike needs to fit you and be the right bike for your type of riding. 3) I can out ride most men and now I do

it all the time, so can you! I later then approached my friend, Colette Haun, and discussed the need for women to find each other and ride. Due to the lack of women clubs in Montana, I asked Colette about starting a women's club. In April of 2013, we put our plan to action and the Tenacious Dames were born. Tenacious stands for stubborn, strong, persistent, etc... Our patch symbolizes all of us riders, the strength as women. By the start of 2015, we had 50 members. By the end, we grew to 110 members and could be found in seven cities across Montana. My dream for women to find each other, friendships, strengths, and empowerment had been reached. What happened, was and is, more than that; it's way more. I have found a place for women to heal old wounds, to trust again, build friendships, believe in themselves once more, and to ultimately become stronger. We are all here for our own reasons and the common interest that brings us together is the riding."

Julie Fink, President/Founder
Tenacious Dames RC

Appreciation Letter for the Vice Presidents

Dear Vice Presidents of the
Tenacious Dames,

Thank you all for your
temendous help planning and
executing the 2022 Winter
Getaway. Without your diligence,
hard work, and several late
nights and early mornings, we
would not have been able to host
another fantastic event!

Your hard work has been
noticed, and on behalf of the
Tenacious Dames, we would like
to express our deepest gratitude
to each and every one of you.

With Love,

Tenacious Dames National and
State Position Holders

Happy Retirement Ladies!

The Tenacious Dames would like to
wish both "Little Linda" and "Nibbles"
for their outstanding commitment to
this Club. Building incredible
friendships, sisterhood, and
memories. We wish you both the
very best in life!



2022 Winter Getaway.

Recap to an amazing
weekend with sisters,
families, and bitch-N times!

Winter Get-Away 2022:

Each year the
Tenacious Dames RC
puts on a Winter Get-
Away for its members
and supporters.

This year's event was hosted by the
Vice Presidents from each chapter
with a successful theme of "Channel
the Flannel". Over 90 Dames and
supporters attended this year's event
which turned out to be one of our
most successful. Hot Springs met its
match when the Dames rolled into
town. Symes Hotel and Grill was the
base for the gathering. The goal of
this year's event was to spend time
reconnecting with members and
getting to know new members as
well. Not to forget about our
supporters, this allowed them to also
reconnect.



Previous years the WG has
scheduled activities, however this
year the VP's wanted to leave time
open for Sisterhood. The only activity
planned was dinner on Saturday
night leaving the weekend open to
enjoy each other's company.



At Saturday's main event
presentation of Annual Mileage
Contest Winner went to the Billings
Chapter with over 30,000 miles road
as a chapter and Miles City coming in
second with just about 20,000.
Dames Retirement was present to
Linda Backen of Havre and Laurie
Shafer of Billings with each of these
ladies having 7 years of continued
membership as a Tenacious Dame.

A moment of silence for the Dames
we've lost over the last year and a
celebration of the announcement of a
new chapter in Sidney rounded out
the announcements.

Dinner and dancing took place along
with games, raffle basket and
DIXXON gift cards drawings. All and
all this was a fabulous event to kick-
off the 2022 riding season.





Chapter Community Reach-Billings

The love of riding motorcycles brought us together, but our love for each other and our community keeps us together. 2021 may have been the second year of the COVID pandemic, but our chapter had nearly doubled in membership and we had the 'women'-power to manage two large fundraisers.

Our first event was the Billings Chapter Spring Opener Meet and Greet. Beartooth Harley-Davidson hosted us while we hired a photographer to capture the memories. We arranged for food trucks, raffle items, baskets, taco bar, and live music. At the end, we presented

the YWCA Gateway House with a donation of \$2,500!

The second fundraiser we participated in grew much larger than we had anticipated in a very short amount of time! We teamed up with Dog Tag Buddies and the Yellowstone American Legion Riders to host the Iron Butt Ride (1,000 miles in 24 hours), as well as, 300 and 500 mile "Solstice" rides in order to raise awareness and "add miles to the conversation" about suicide and suicide prevention. Our First Annual Ride for Tomorrow brought in over 50 riders from across Montana, North Dakota, and even a rider from California, all while

bringing the suicide prevention conversation to each of the communities we visited with along the way. Our riders rode 52,518 total miles ... in ONE day! It was absolutely amazing.

This year (2022) is going to be even bigger. We added another co-hosting organizer – the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley – and we have additional community sponsorship. Finally, we have also added the Bun Burner ride (1,500 miles in 36 hours).

Find more information: <https://dogtagbuddies.org/ridefortomorrow.com>

This Month's Motorcycle G-Wiz

Q: Should you warm up your engine in the winter?

A: If you own a bike prior to the 90s, meaning, it is carbureted, then the answer is yes! Carbureted motors require a few minutes to warm up because the vaporized gas condenses on cold engines, thus, leaning out the fuel mixture which causes the engine to stumble. Those of us who now own fuel injected motorcycles, the answer is no. The reason for this is because our bikes have ECU monitors engine temperature as well as other sensors. Now, lets look at oil

flow. Modern multi weight oil are designed to flow at cold temperatures before coming to engine temperature. In fact, 10w-40 (common for street bikes) is designed to pump even at -10 degrees! Ultimately, you do want to allow for a little bit of time for oil pressure to develop and be distributed. This actually occurs at start up with fuel injected bikes...hence why you see your oil and check engine light light up before shutting off.



Road Dames Your First Motorcycle Spring Outing!

It is that time of year where we all have cabin fever and all we want to do is jump on our motorcycle and ride. Sometimes we are all so ready to ride that we become blinded by excitement of wind therapy that we forget or skip over some of the important safety that we should think about. Doing a T-CLOC is very important not only on your bike but help your windsisters with theirs.

T- Tires & wheels make sure the proper air is in your tires and the tread is good.

C- Controls (Handlebars, cables, levers, hoses, throttle)

L- Lights and electrics (lights, battery, turn signals, etc)

O- Oil and other fluids (leaks, fluid levels)

C- Chassis

S- Stands

Remember that we are coming out of winter where the highway and interstate has been coated with sand for the last few months, which leaves a rider susceptible to little pings in the face of sand and pebbles along with making the corners and edges a little sketchier. Be aware of the road conditions and the corners that you will be traveling. Use the SEE system:

S- Search around you for any potential hazards

E- Evaluate any possible hazards, such as turning cars, railroad tracks, debris in the highway, potholes, etc.

E- Execute the proper action needed to avoid the hazard and to be able to give warning to the bikes behind you.

Always be looking ahead, to the side, in your mirrors. Look over your shoulders. Anticipate the oncoming, left-turning driver, the reckless fool coming up behind you, the car poking its nose out of the driveway, the guy beside and a little behind you who's moving across the lane divider. Never let your eyes fix on an object for more than two seconds and be ready to react!



Words for the Road

Here today, gone tomorrow.

Tell your sister you love them. Let her know that she is appreciated. Give her the benefit of the doubt. She may not be here next time you are looking for her.

Upcoming Club/Chapter Events

- **May**

- 🏳️ **International Female Ride Day- 7**
- 🏳️ **Miles City Bucking Horse- 20-22**
- 🏳️ **Havre MT Wounded Warrior Poker Run- 28**

- **June**

- 🏳️ **Billings Dames Spring Opener Bingo Run- 4**
- 🏳️ **Red Boot Run- 18**
- 🏳️ **MT Ride to Remember (Iron Butt)- 25**

- **July**

- 🏳️ **Lincoln Bike Rally- 8-10**
- 🏳️ **Tuffy's Biker Bash- 22-24**

- **Mark Your Calendars for the FUTURE:**

- 🏳️ **Winter Getaway 2023- Feb 24-26**
- 🏳️ **Tenacious Dames 10 year Birthday Party- Apr 28-29 2023**

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