



Motor Maids, Inc.

General Information

Becoming a Member

After sending in your application to the Motor Maids Membership Secretary, she contacts the District Director in your area letting her know that you have applied for membership and sends out your new membership packet and your application check is forwarded to our Treasurer who then deposits it. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for your welcome packet to be arrive. Your District Director or someone whom she appoints will contact you to introduce themselves and welcome you to the Motor Maids. At the end of three months, we will send you a questionnaire, asking that you fill it out and send it back. This will help in the process of greeting and welcoming new members.

Districts

Motor Maids, Inc. is divided into districts, much like the AMA. No matter where you live in the US or Canada, you fall within a Motor Maids district. How can that impact you? First of all, you have a network of members across North America to call upon when travelling. I haven't met a Motor Maid yet who isn't willing to help out another member. Additionally, should you move out of your state or province to another state or province, guess what, you would have a new Motor Maids family to get to know and to ride with!

Owning and Riding Your Own Motorcycle

With the exception of our Silver Life and Golden Life members, every Motor Maid is required to legally own and operate her own motorcycle or that of a family member. If for some reason you have to give up your motorcycle, contact the President with details and she can grant you have a grace period of one year to get another motorcycle before being dropped from our membership.

The above two paragraphs illustrate how our priorities are centered on our members being active motorcycle owners and riders.

Dues

Concerning dues (no one likes to talk about money) - effective Nov. 1, 2008 our dues are \$30 per year and due on your Motor Maids anniversary date. To keep our dues low, we don't send out reminder notices. It is up to our members to remember their anniversary date and send their dues to the Treasurer. Your expiration date is noted on your membership card. What happens if you don't pay your dues? If a member's due are more than 2 years in arrears, the member is dropped from the membership list.

Motor Maids Year End Letter

In October of each year, the president sends out our Year End Letter. Returning this letter to the President each year keeps your status active within the Motor Maids (not your dues). On this letter, you verify that the information we have for you is correct (address, phone, etc.); you verify that your motorcycle information is correct, and you list the current odometer reading on your motorcycle(s). Not sending in your Year-End letter by the due date results in your status being changed to Inactive. If we do not receive your year-end letter 2 years in a row, you're dropped from our membership. This information is used to create our membership book.

Our Membership List

Our membership list is published once per year, usually in January at our Executive Board meetings. One source of pride for us is that our membership list is kept to those members who are active within the Motor Maids. We trim

the 2-year inactive members off the membership list each year. Our membership list is for members only and not allowed to be published, sold, or used for non-Motor Maid related mailings or solicitation.

Membership Status

You'll hear us mention different member statuses. We have four type of membership: Regular, Life, Silver Life and Golden Life. All members start out their membership in the Motor Maids as a "regular" member. We then award the other statuses, based on length of membership and attendance at National conventions as a member becomes eligible. Life status requires 10 consecutive years of active riding membership with no years inactive, dues continually kept current and attendance at two Annual Conventions. A Silver Life status requires 25 consecutive years of active riding membership with no years inactive, dues continually kept current, and she attendance at five Annual Conventions. Finally the pinnacle, is Golden Life status requiring 50 consecutive years of active riding membership with no years inactive, dues continually kept current and attendance at 10 Annual Conventions. Out of respect for their accomplishments, Silver Life members are not required to own a motorcycle, but if they give up riding, they cannot achieve Golden Life status.

Motor Maids Uniform

We have a dress uniform that is required for participation in sanctioned parades and at Convention for the parade, formal group picture, and banquet. Our Constitution and By-Laws list the specifics of this outfit: royal blue mock turtleneck and white cotton vest, jet-black slacks (not faded), clean black footwear, and for parades, white gloves. Our uniform mock turtleneck and vest are only available through our Supply Officer, who also stocks white gloves. At District rides, however, most members wear their Motor Maids casual shirts and jackets as well as their usual riding gear. The supply officer is the source for all sorts of Motor Maid apparel, accessories, and jewelry.

Motor Maids Convention

Finally, regarding Motor Maids, Inc., we have an annual Convention each July. This convention is held in a different part North America each year, hosted by a different district. We rotate sites yearly across North America by zones; Eastern, Central and Mountain/Pacific. Sites are chosen by membership vote at Convention each year. If a district wishes to host the Convention, a representative of the district will place a bid and give a short presentation at the Convention 2 years prior to the year they wish to host. This gives each host district two years to plan and prepare for their Convention.

When traveling to our Conventions, please note that according to our Constitution and By-Laws. "It shall be illegal to pull your motorcycle on a trailer to or from a Motor Maid sponsored event." In order to participate as a member at Convention all Regular, Life and Silver Life members must ride to convention on a motorcycle they operate. This allows them to attend all meetings, count their mileage and have a voice and a vote. If a Regular or Life member arrives by another means of transportation, she must register as a guest. If this happens, Regular members may attend the Welcoming meeting only while Life members may attend both the Welcoming and Business meetings, but without either voice or vote. Silver Life members not riding may attend all meetings and have a voice, but no vote. Golden Life members do not have to ride their motorcycle to Convention and may attend all meetings with a voice and a vote. Members not residing on the North American continent shall have their mileage count from the point of motorcycle acquisition.

Our Convention is the only time that we have our membership gathered together for a vote. Thus, any changes in our Constitution and ByLaws or other Motor Maids situations that require a membership vote are decided at our Convention.

Our Convention is a very special time as you get to meet other Motor Maids from all over North America. Typically, you'll meet ladies with whom you'll strike a lifetime friendship and look forward to seeing them at each following Convention. It is the highlight of the Motor Maid year.

