



HI, I'M KAY KESSEL

I BOUGHT MY FIRST BIKE IN 1992. IT WAS A 1990 XLH, 1200 SPORTSTER. I BOUGHT IT WITHOUT EVER HAVING RIDDEN A MOTORCYCLE BEFORE. SO, I PARKED THE BIKE IN A GARAGE, FOUND A FRIEND THAT HAD A LITTLE 450 HONDA THAT LET ME COME OVER AND PRACTICE. I COULD RIDE PRETTY GOOD, GO AND STOP. IT WAS THE TURNS THAT HAD ME GOING FOR AWHILE. WHEN I GOT PRETTY GOOD AT THAT I TOOK OUT THE SPORTY AND TRIED MY LUCK AT THAT. WELL, IT DIDN'T HANDLE AT ALL LIKE THE HONDA SO I WAS BACK TO LEARNING HOW TO TURN AGAIN. BIG TURNS WERE OK, IT WAS THOSE SMALL FIGURE 8'S I HAD TO DO OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT TOOK ME OVER THREE MONTHS TO GET IT DOWN SO I COULD TAKE MY TEST AND GET MY LICENSE (THIS WAS CA). I GOT MORE AND MORE CONFIDENT AS I RODE, BUT THE CORNERS AND CURVES STILL HAD ME A LITTLE NERVOUS.

I BECAME THE LOH OFFICER IN MY CHAPTER IN CA AND AFTER ABOUT 2 YRS, I MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO. LET ME TELL YOU, YOU BETTER LEARN TO RIDE IN THAT CITY, OR YOU'LL BE EITHER WITHOUT A BIKE OR STRANDED WITH YOUR BIKE!

THEN IN 1994, I GOT MARRIED TO A MAN THAT HATES MOTORCYCLES, BUT HE HAD TO ACCEPT MINE BECAUSE IT CAME WITH ME AND I MOVED TO UTAH FOR 4 YEARS THEN TO GREAT FALLS. I WAS LOH OFFICER FOR TWO YEARS, SECRETARY FOR ONE YEAR AND EDITOR FOR ONE YEAR. NOW, I'M JUST HAVING FUN. IN 2002, I MADE MY FIRST RIDE TO STURGIS AND LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. IN 2003 A FRIEND OF MINE AND HER COUSIN AND I RODE OUR BIKES FROM GF TO MILWAUKEE FOR THE 100TH H-D ANNIVERSARY AND BACK. WHAT A BLAST THAT WAS!

IN 2004, WHILE IN CA, MY SPORTY WAS STOLEN (BUT LATER FOUND IN A CHOP SHOP) SO I WENT FROM 2004 TO 2007 WITHOUT A BIKE. IN MARCH OF 2007 A FRIEND SOLD ME HIS 1998, 95TH ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE SPRINGER SOFTTAIL. I RODE IT TO THE STATE RALLY LAST YEAR IN BOZEMAN. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ENJOY A BIKE MORE THAN MY SPORTY, BUT I'M REALLY ENJOYING THIS ONE. I'M REALLY GETTING TO KNOW MORE GIRLS THAT RIDE BY THEMSELVES AND THAT GIVES ME MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUT AND RIDE. I HOPE MORE GIRLS COME TO JOIN LOH AND ENJOY THE FUN TOO. THAT'S WHAT LOH IS ALL ABOUT. RIDE, EAT, SHOP & VISIT. OH, YEAH, AND HAVE FUN WITH THE OTHER HALVES TOO.