



Editorial - The power of worldwide cooperation!

In the last 2013 CFM newsletter I wrote "Let's make 2014 an amazing year for the whole motorcycling world!" Well the year truly has started amazingly! In February the CFM organised a Road Racing training camp for women together with BMW and Bike Promotion. Like the first CFM training camp, this one was also a big success and it was great to see the participants enjoying themselves so much while also learning a lot! We knew that these camps would have a big impact on women's Road Racing but we didn't expect that just a few months after the first camp some of the participants would continue our work and organise women's riding days themselves! Also one of our participants Janine Davies from South Africa enjoyed the S1000 RR bike that she used at the Albacete camp so much that she changed brand and started to compete with BMW. Soon after this she made history by becoming the first woman on the podium of South African National Championship!



Also, some girls have found new opportunities to compete in different championships and countries just by getting to know each other. Networking - one of the most important aspects in life that is often underrated - is an added bonus of our camps. International Women's Day was also a great example of networking and connections. The CFM encouraged riders and organisers to recognise this day by welcoming women into the motorcycling world. In addition to a huge number of pictures with the CFM logo that riders also shared in the

social media, the MotoGP riders joined our campaign in Qatar during their official tests and the FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators did the same in Assen during the World Championship race.



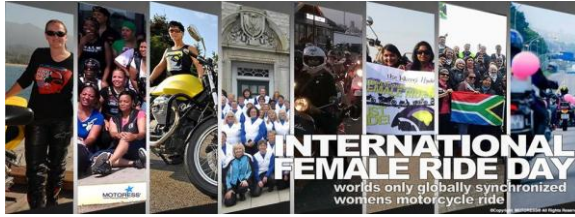
The highlight of the day was naturally the fact that we got a female SnowCross World Cup winner when Elina Öhman won the history's first ever Women's Cup in her home country. Many other events were also organised for women worldwide. I am overwhelmed by the activity and interest shown by riders, organisations and federations and want to thank them all for highlighting the importance of women in motorcycling! It seems that the world really is changing!

Another good example is Qatar where our commission visited recently to see the women's Motocross World Championship event. We were truly impressed to see how this country is investing to develop women's motorsport. What was also great to see is how women's motocross has grown significantly lately. Both the level and number of participants has increased a lot and for example at the Arco di Trento MXGP there were 46 participants on the entry list!

The coming months will also be really interesting and full of activities. Numerous training camps dedicated to women will be organised in several disciplines (get more information on the last page of this newsletter). I hope you enjoy our latest issue and wish you a great spring full of motorcycling activities!

By Nita Korhonen, CFM Director

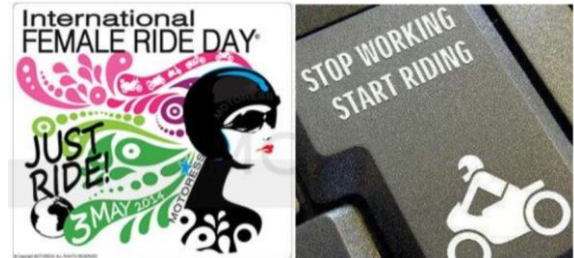
INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY® - 3 MAY 2014



International Female Ride Day® the world's only synchronised women's motorcycle "Just Ride" day, will take place on Saturday 3 May.

The combined objectives of International Female Ride Day® are to profile and highlight women riders and maximise people's awareness of all the women who enjoy motorcycling on a day-to-day basis. International Female Ride Day® makes one simple request of women - "Just Ride".

Get on your bikes, be out there and be visible. All manufacturers of two wheelers, three-wheelers, and scooters - on road, off-road or track - will take part in this day that highlights the enjoyment and camaraderie women share through the activity of motorcycling and motor sport.



Source: Motoress

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UKRAINIAN WOMAN ON A MOTORCYCLE

Her name is Anna Grechishkina and she comes from Kiev, Ukraine.

She is currently on a world trip on her KTM Adventure 1190. Anna is the first woman in Ukraine to attempt a solo world trip on a motorcycle.

She has been on the road for 5.5 months already and has almost 1.5 years ahead of her! During this incredible journey she will cross all the continents except Antarctica and will cover around a hundred thousand kms altogether.

For instance she has already crossed all Russia as far as Vladivostok, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore and is about to ship her bike to Australia. Anna's journey is named "I Have A Dream". One of her missions during this trip is to perform charity-social activities like visiting orphanages, homes for the elderly, motivation talks to students at schools and universities, etc. Her goal is to encourage people who may need support in life to chase their dreams

and believe in their potential no matter who they are and what resources they initially have.



Source: Anna Grechishkina

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AUSTRALIA - LEIGH HUTTON



Leigh Hutton is a journalist, public relations professional, author, show jumper, mother of three and also a former Canadian Ice-racing and Enduro champion.

Now living in Queensland (Australia) with her husband, five-time Australian Enduro Champion Kirk

Hutton, she has completed the first of a series of young adult novels called The Go Girls Chronicles, closely based on her experiences racing motorcycles on the ice. The first Go Girls Chronicles are aimed at young adult readers of all ages and both genders. The launch event in Brisbane on May 24 will feature demonstration rides by some of the country's top female riders and racers, including Kristie McKinnon, who will attempt a backflip on a trials bike, and Jemma Wilson who is an ambassador for Leigh Hutton's first novel 'Rev Girl'.



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Source: YouMotorcycle

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MARIA HERRERA & FABIO QUARTARARO DIVIDE UP THE VICTORIES

The Jerez Circuit hosted the first round of the FIM Repsol CEV Road Racing International Championship, where Maria Herrera and Fabio Quartararo divided the first and second positions among themselves in the two races of the Moto3 class with one win for each.



With this result, the two riders leave the Andalusian track as leaders of the overall standings, tied with 45 points. Maria Herrera and Fabio Quartararo each did their best in the double race that took place in Jerez. The two riders did not leave any options for their rivals and got out in front quite easily from the beginning in both races. In their fight for victory, Fabio had the upper hand the first time after setting a searing pace in the last laps. In the second race, it was Maria's turn and after overtaking her team mate in the finishing straight, she passed the chequered flag in first place. The rider from Galicia Gabriel Rodrigo and Italy's Andrea Migno took turns on the last step of the podium. After their wins, Herrera and Quartararo will go into the next round in France on 18 May tied in the first position of the Moto3 overall standings. Congratulations Maria!



Source: FIM

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SHELL ADVANCE ASIA TALENT CUP



The Shell Advance Asia Talent Cup is a new competition for 2014 that will act as a feeder series for the world of motorcycle racing. This project aims at giving riders from the Asian region a formal path into competitive road racing. The competition will see Asia's stars of the future participate in an eight-race series (in 6 events) in 2014 on Honda NSF250R Moto3 machines. The 22 talents, including the female rider from Thailand Ms Muklada Sarapuech (19), will race in Qatar, Indonesia (Sentul), China, Japan (Motegi) and Malaysia (Sepang), on MotoGP™ or SBK race weekends or in independent events. So let us keep an eye on Muklada.

Source: Asia Talent Cup

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The third round of Qatar Superbike (QSBK) and fourth round of Qatar Challenge (QCH) took place at Losail International Circuit in February.

The leader of the championship, Alex Cudlin riding a Kawasaki ZX-10R, has as his team mate Nina Prinz, currently in third place. "I am very excited to take part in this round. I hope to compete more closely with Alex at the front", Nina commented. Together with the QSBK, there was a round of the Losail Asia Road Racing Series (LARRS). The leader of the LARRS is the female rider from Serbia, Manca Katrasnik, with 70 points. For this second round, three more female riders joined the series: Hannah Bader from Lebanon who already participated in the first round, Victoria Kis from Hungary and the American rider Shelina Moreda. Mr. Nasser Khalifa Al Attiya, Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation (QMMF) President and LIC General Manager highlighted that the QMMF strongly supports women in Motorsport and is delighted to host events in which they can take an active part.

Source: QMMF

RR newcomers

LAURA#99 - A RIDER, A TALENT TO WATCH



At just 14 years old, Laura Rodriguez alias Laura #99, a Hispano-Swiss rider from Yverdon (CH), is bursting with enthusiasm and passion for motorcycling sport. She has been riding bikes from a tender age and since then her motorcycling story has run on and on.

She started to compete at the end of 2007 in the Swiss Pocketbike Championship and in 2012 she was runner up. In 2013 Laura graduated to the Swiss Honda NSF 100 Minibike Cup where she took a 5th place and in September she took part in the last rounds of the Copa Honda CBR 250 R of the Mediterranean Championship in Spain. She set the tone immediately by marking points in her first participation at Montmelo and finished the season as Women's champion in this Cup series.



She was part of the round of the Copa Honda CBR 250 R organised during the last Moto GP event in Valencia and was invited into the pit box of champion Ana Carrasco, the first women to win points in the World Championship Moto3 class. At just 14 years old, a great example to follow! This year Laura is engaged in the Copa Honda CBR 250 R and already accomplished great results at the three first races. The Swiss girl is on her way! A talent to watch and support.



Source: AcidMoto

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MX news

RUTLEDGE REIGNS IN QATAR



Round one of the FIM Women's Motocross World Championship got under way for the first time ever in Qatar at the beautifully floodlit circuit of Losail.

Dominating the first round of 2014, Bud Racing Kawasaki's Meghan Rutledge surprisingly stood head and shoulders above the rest that weekend. The nineteen-year-old Australian took the best start possible by winning two out of two holeshots and went on to control both races from start to finish for her first ever World Championship double race victory. Meanwhile HM Plant KTM UK's Natalie Kane and Team One One Four's Livia Lancelot came home with second and third respectively.

Source: FIM

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FONTANESI WINS IN HER HOME COUNTRY



It was an intense turn of events in Arco di Trento (Italy) at round two of the FIM Women's Motocross World Championship. After a dramatic day on the track, the reigning FIM Women's Motocross World Champion Chiara Fontanesi took her first WMX round win this year with the ex FIM Women's Motocross World Champion Stephanie Laier taking second and UK's Natalie Kane taking third and claimed her first ever FIM Women's Motocross World Championship red plate. Meghan Rutledge drops back to third in the standings, five points off the championship lead.

Source: FIM

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LIVIA LANCELOT MAKES HISTORY



French woman rider Livia Lancelot made history as the first woman to score points in an MX2 world championship race, at the Si Racja track in Thailand on 9 March. She made it in and scored a single point for 20th place in the second race, out of 29 starters. "I knew if I could keep going, there was a chance I could score a point," she said. "The track was so rough - the bumps were square-edged everywhere. And it was so hot. "I'm the first woman to score a point in MX2. Mariani Balbi scored points in MX1 GP in her home GP in Brazil a few years ago, but there were only 22 starters there."

Source: Kawasaki.eu

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FIM WOMEN'S SNOWCROSS WORLD CUP FINAL



The first ever FIM Women's SnowCross World Cup Final took place in Skellefteå (Sweden) last March. Ms Signe Bråten proved to be the keenest rider, snatching the holeshot ahead of the top qualifier Elina Öhman. While Norway's Signe Bråten was yearning for a race win ahead of the hot favourite Elina Öhman, Öhman seized the lead early on in lap one to lead all the way to the finish. Bråten managed to hold on for 2nd with fellow Norwegian Marlene Andersen rounding out the top three.

Source: World Snowcross

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2014 FIM MAXXIS ENDURO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



With perfect weather and close racing on day two at the AMV GP of Catalunya in Solsona, Spain, the 2014 FIM Maxxis Enduro World Championship got off to a thrilling start. Taking to the track in the defence of her title, Spain's Laia SANZ (Honda) won on day two to leave Solsona with maximum points. Behind SANZ, Britain's Jane DANIELS (Husqvarna) secured the runner-up result with Australia's Jessica GARDINER (Sherco) finishing just 13 seconds behind the Brit in third.

Source: FIM

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SUCCESSFUL TRAINING WEEKEND IN FRANCE WITH LUDIVINE PUY



The FFM (French Federation) has recently created a Women's Commission in order to develop "women in motorcycling" activities in France. One of its first initiatives was the organisation of an Enduro women's training camp with the supervision of Ms Ludivine Puy, Enduro World Cup Champion, last March in Monteils. Sixteen riders, aged 13 to 50, took part in the training camp and benefited from the advice and tips of expert Ludivine who was also accompanied by another licenced trainer. The riders participated in various workshops throughout the weekend and were able to increase their knowledge and technical skills. This very positive first camp will be followed by more.



Source: FFMWomensCommission

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FIM AFRICA - MX CHAMPIONSHIP IN UGANDA



The Speedway Motorsports Club (SMOC), an FMU affiliated club, organised the first national motocross championship on Sunday 23 February 2014 at the Uganda Motorsports Arena Basika. The race attracted 49 riders, 5 of whom were female, taking part in different classes.

The 50cc class had 3 female riders and constituted a class of its own. The winner was Esther Mwangala, 2nd was Isabella Blick, 3rd was Zaweede Mayanja.



Sgt Hadija Nanyondo who recently returned from Somalia, where she has been serving in the AMISOM peacekeeping force, also took part in the race. It was her first MX race. "It was a tough event being my first time but as a trained soldier I am not giving up," Nanyondo stated. Nanyondo explained that she started riding on normal bodaboda bikes (a motorcycle taxi) and was not used to the powerful sport bikes, but she will get used to them after continuous training. Member of the Speedway Motorsport Club, she added that she intends to encourage more women into the sport. "Women are always left behind but I'm impressed with the young girls' riding and am going to start mobilising women to join the sport," she stressed.



All the lady riders of the day were awarded certificates and trophies. We also had 7 female officials who took on various roles for the day including two medical personnel.

Source: FIM Africa WIM Commission [Click for more info](#)

INDIA - CONVERSATION WITH INDIA'S YOUNGEST FEMALE STUNT BIKER - ANAM HASHMI



They say you should never judge a book by its cover. The same holds true for Anam Hashim. At 18, the bubbly college girl is India's youngest female stunt biker. Named Anam Stunts when she is riding her Apache RTR 180, she is part of a stunt group called Rubber Smoking Angels (RSA) based in Pune and composed of 3 members. And she is the only girl! Anam mentioned that doing stunts is not easy, especially when you are a young and not too muscular girl, but adds that if you have it in you, irrespective of whether you're tall or thin, you'd still be able to perform stunts equally well.

Very tenacious, Anam sets high standards for herself and hence, when she sees more experienced stunt bikers, she starts critiquing herself for not knowing these stunts and does all she can to increase her level step by step. Most of the people in the industry as well as the fans really appreciate this fierce lady, who always feels amazed whenever someone addresses her as 'India's Youngest Female Stunt Biker'.

When she is asked what are the basics when you want to start to do stunts, she answers "safety first" and underlines that having the right protective gear is crucial. Anam adds that newbies need to find a safe place to practice the stunts. It's not advisable to do the stunts on the open roads; an empty parking lot or a dead-end road with zero traffic would do. Finally she says that it is important to protect the bike too and for example install a crash guard.

When it comes to her future, Anam answers that the XDL Cup is coming to India this year. She'll practice for that but she hopes to participate in an International Championship some day.



Source: Redbull.com

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WOMEN MAKING HISTORY - Theresa Wallach

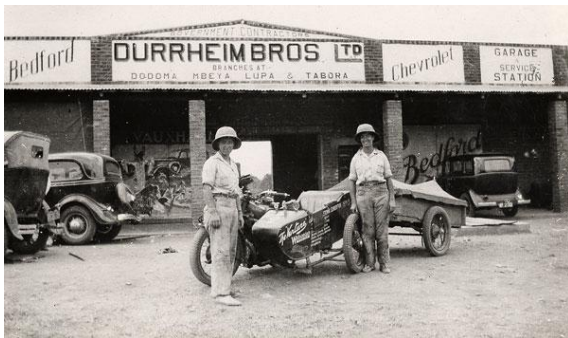
THERESA WALLACH was a pioneering motorcyclist whose lifelong involvement in the sport included being a racer, motorcycle adventurer, military dispatch rider, engineer, author, motorcycle dealer, mechanic and riding school instructor.



Theresa overcame the numerous obstacles that confronted women motorcyclists of her era to become an enduring advocate of the sport. Wallach was in the vanguard of redefining the role of women in motorcycling.

Wallach was born in London, on April 30, 1909. She grew up near the factories that produced the famous British brands of Norton, BSA, Triumph and AJS. She rapidly became a solid rider herself and tried to become a member of a local motorcycle club, but was denied membership because of her gender.

Undaunted, Wallach's began competing in local meets and earned numerous trophies. In 1928, she won a scholarship to study engineering at what is now the City University in London.



In 1935, Wallach and her friend, Florence Blenkiron, embarked on one of the most ambitious motorcycle journeys of the era, riding a 600cc single-cylinder Panther, complete with sidecar and trailer, from London to Cape Town, South Africa. No roads, no back up, just straight across the Sahara through equatorial Africa, and South to the Cape without even a compass! It was quite simply one of the most radical motorcycle journeys ever. Undeterred by nomads, sand drifts, heat, rain, rivers, breakdowns and politics, Wallach and Blenkiron completed an expedition that might well defeat a modern motorcycle. The trip made the women celebrities among motorcyclists in England. Wallach documented the fantastic journey in her book "The Rugged Road."

With her popularity from the Africa trip, Wallach was accepted by the British racing establishment. In 1939, she achieved her greatest racing accomplishment when she won the British Motorcycle Racing Club's coveted Gold Star for circling the famous Brooklands circuit at over 100 mph. She was the first woman to accomplish this feat and she did it on a 350cc single-cylinder Norton. The triple-digit average was very rare for such a small-displacement motorcycle in the 1930s.

Wallach continued to be a pioneering woman motorcyclist in World War II. During the war, she served in the Army Transport Corps, first as a mechanic and later as the first woman motorcycle dispatch rider in the British Army.

After the war, Wallach fulfilled a lifelong dream by touring America on a motorcycle. The tour lasted for two-and-a-half years. In all, Wallach rode 32,000 miles across the United States, Canada and Mexico on the tour. She moved to Chicago and made a living as a motorcycle mechanic and then opened her own motorcycle dealership specialising in British machines.



Her teaching career began unofficially in 1959 when she taught to 3 inexperienced businessmen the fundamentals of riding. She then began devoting more time to instruction. In 1970, Wallach's book "Easy Motorcycle Riding" was published and became a top seller. The success of the book led to TV appearances and newspaper articles on Wallach. In 1973, she sold her shop and moved to Phoenix to open the Easy Riding Academy. Over the years, Wallach successfully taught hundreds of students to become safe and fundamentally sound motorcyclists.

In addition to her school, Wallach was heavily involved in the formation and running of the Women's International Motorcycle Association (WIMA). Having never owned a car, Wallach continued riding until she was 88, when vision problems forced her to give up her license. She died on her 90th birthday in 1999.

Wallach's love affair with motorcycling is summed up in a quote from a 1977 interview with Road Rider Magazine: "When I first saw a motorcycle, I got a message from it," she said. "It was a feeling - the kind of thing that makes a person burst into tears hearing a piece of music or standing awestruck in front of a fine work of art. Motorcycling is a tool with which you can accomplish something meaningful in your life. It is an art."

Source: AMA Hall of Fame [Click for more info](#)

CALENDAR AND EVENTS TO COME

2014 WOMEN'S TRAINING CAMPS

TRIAL	07-09 July 2014	POLAND - Krzeszowice
	09-10 August 2014	GERMANY - Grossheubach
ROAD RACING	1-3 August 2014	USA - Laguna Seca (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
	October 2014	CZECH REPUBLIC - Brno (<i>to be confirmed</i>)

For more information regarding this training please contact us at: women@fim.ch

2014 FIM COMPETITIONS

FIM WOMEN'S MOTOCROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

211/03	04 May 2014	NETHERLANDS - Valkenswaard
211/04	01 June 2014	FRANCE - St Jean d'Angely
211/05	22 June 2014	GERMANY - Teutschenthal
211/06	27 July 2014	CZECH REPUBLIC - Loket

FIM WOMEN'S TRIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

304/01	13 July 2014	BELGIUM - Comblain au Pont
304/02	06-07 September 2014	SPAIN - Arnedo
304/03	12 September 2014	ANDORRA - St Julia

FIM WOMEN'S TRIAL DES NATIONS

312/01	13 September 2014	ANDORRA - St Julia
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MAXXIS FIM WOMEN'S ENDURO WORLD CUP

406/02	07-08 June 2014	FINLAND - Heinola
406/03	14-15 June 2014	SWEDEN - Enköping
406/04	13-14 September 2014	FRANCE - Brioude

FIM INTERNATIONAL SIX DAYS' ENDURO (ISDE)

401/01	03-08 November 2014	ARGENTINA - San Juan
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FIM WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY RALLIES WORLD CUP

810/03	18-25 May 2014	EGYPT - Pharaoh's Rally
810/04	07-12 June 2014	ITALY - Sardegna Rally Race
810/05	21-30 August 2014	BRAZIL - Rallye dos Sertões
810/06	03-09 October 2014	MOROCCO - OiLibya Rally

FIM WOMEN'S BAJAS WORLD CUP

815/02	18-20 July 2014	SPAIN Baja - España Aragon
815/03	14-17 August 2014	HUNGARY - Hungarian Baja
815/04	28-31 August 2014	POLAND - Baja Poland
815/06	12-13 September 2014	PORTUGAL - Baja TT de Idanha-a-Nova
815/05	30-02 Oct./November 2014	MOROCCO - Baja du Maroc

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