

WHERE THE GIRLS ARE

FEMMOTO IS COMING

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Free at last! Out of the house, rollin' down the road with a van full of sportbikes, dropping work-day worries behind. Pulling up to the race-track in Parhump, Nevada, just after dusk the night before the track day, we're finally here. There's the usual commotion—unloading bikes, staking out pit areas, dragging generators and toolboxes around, and of course scoping out the competition. A quick walk through the pit has us looking for friends and trick bikes, but wait—something's different. Those guys over there cussing while they wrestle with that EZ-Up? They're wearing ... skirts?! Hey, those guys are ... girls!

Say hello to Femmoto, the largest women's-only combined track- and demo-bike day in the U.S. Founded in 2001 and run by

Bonnie Strawser and Monte Lutz of Sportbike Track Time, the Femmoto event has become so popular it's sold out each year. Provided with sport and standard demo bikes from Aprilia, Moto Guzzi and Kawasaki, 100 women take to the track to try out new models, hone their riding skills and righteously roast some stock rubber.

"Aprilia sponsored the first Femmoto three years ago, and the event was more successful than our wildest imagination," said Michael Orr, director of marketing for Aprilia. "It was a privilege for us to be among the first to facilitate the track experience to the women's market." The Femmoto weekend track experience is the first of its kind. Saturday is ladies-only and is divided into

three skill-level groups, with tech seminars running between sessions. Sunday is run similarly but is open to men and women, and you have the choice of riding your own bike.

Femmoto riders come in all skill ranges, from beginners to experts who run with the fast guys at local roadraces around the country. If the girl of your dreams is one who can kick your butt on a motorcycle, then this is the event for you. As my husband said: "Femmoto is a weekend full of warm sunshine, tight curves and fast women!" Ya gotta like that.

See www.femmoto.com for more info on the next Femmoto event, which is scheduled for Las Vegas Motor Speedway on October 1, 2005.



AFM racer Karolyn Bachelor (above) gets some seat time aboard her FZR400, while a group of ladies (left) blast off aboard a range of Kawasaki streetbikes.