



Femmoto 2005

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...

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I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FALL IN LOVE IN LAS Vegas. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, and never follows you home like a stray puppy, right? At best, Vegas is a weekend fling, a trifle, a good story to tell your coworkers when you return. But Vegas is never true love.

Of course, I broke the rules. I fell in love out there in the desert — with the track, with the women, with the power of prancing around in full leathers while searching out lemon-lime Gatorade in 100-degree heat. I fell in love with the bikes and, most of all, with Femmoto.

The brainchild of Bonnie Strawser and Monte Lutz, owners of Sportbike Track Time, Femmoto began as a 50-woman event in 2002. This year,

over 150 women attended, and the event shows no signs of slowing down. "I never give up," says Bonnie. Future Femmoto events will include new ideas for on-track and classroom instruction, along with participation from more big-name manufacturers. When not coordinating national events for women riders, Bonnie takes her BMW F650S on roads all over the country, and off-road on dirt fire trails. Her track weapons of choice are a Yamaha YZF-R6 and an Aprilia RS 250.

Me, I'd never ridden on a track in my life. I've been to the track, to watch Duhamel, Mladin, and a bunch of other racers who make it look easy. I've cheered as they swooped around turns and wiggled through chicanes, and I always thought "I can do



