

**Name:** Sarah Gamm

**Born:** December 22 1983 - Port Colborne, Ontario

**Voted in to the WCMC:** October 6, 2021

**First Bike:** 1983 Honda XR100

**First Street Bike:** 1986 Yamaha Radian

**Current Bike:** 2007 Honda Shadow Spirit



I've been around Welland County since she was a kid; in some senses, I feel like I grew up at the club. Many members have known me since I was a kid and honestly feel like an extended family. I was born into a family of motorcyclists. My uncles Greg and Ron are both lifetime members of the club. My mum Karen Gamm met my dad Rick Coutu (also a lifetime member) at the motorcycle club in the 90's. It was my mum's involvement in the races that led me and my identical twin Shelley to also become involved.



I remember coming out to the club for potluck Sundays in the winter. The adults would watch the NASCAR race while the kids would play in "the hills" in the snow. I met my best friend at the club when we were kids.

I didn't get my first dirt bike until I was about 12 years old - a 1983 Honda XR 100. We rode it at the Robin Hood quarry and participated in many of Welland County's Field days in the last 90's and early 2000's.

In the early- to mid-90's, I remember coming out to the races with my Grandpa to watch my uncle Greg race. Not long after that, I started volunteering at Welland County's races.

1996 was the first summer. Over the years,

I've worked in most positions at the races. I started out as a "runner", running lap scoring paperwork and race lineups. I handed out race line-ups in the stands to the fans. I've sold 50/50 ticket and helped selling programs. In the early 2000's, I started working in registration; first selling pit passes and then registering racers. I've also helped with lap scoring and heats/finals set up over the years.



In the early 2000's, I also started unofficially assisting on the start line of the race track, assisting with the starting procedures. I remember asking the referees at the time lots of questions. Why'd you re-start that race? Why'd you penalize him? Why'd you only penalize one person when 2 people fell? What do you do when they protest? I want to understand the rules. In 2008, I became a referee with the Canadian Motorcycle Association. In 2015, I became a referee with Flat Track Canada. For the last few years, I've refereed all of the Welland races with the assistance of Shelley.



Aside from racing, I've also enjoyed attending and participating in many club events over the years, some of which are no longer being held. The spring and fall Trials were an annual event that the whole Gamm family attended at the Robin Hood Quarry. When I was younger, I spectated. The last 4-5 years that the event

was held by the club, I checked a section. I always wanted one of the harder sections because it was much more interesting and impressive to watch.

At Mud Runs in the early 2000's, my sister and I were at the Buckner Rd checkpoint for the hundreds of ATV and motorcycles that enjoyed that event.

For many years, I assisted with registration and the checkpoints for the annual Poki-Barbi-Dan. Once I got my own motorcycle, I started to participate in them. In 2015, I won the first Poki-Barbi-Dan I ever rode in and the first Lime Run I participated in. Beginner's luck :). In 2022 (my first club ride as a member), I got 3rd (Shelley got 1st).



I've attended and participated in the annual Trap Shots over the years. I try to attend any club rides that I can, including the Poki-Barbi-Dan, Lime Run, the "World Championship" Hare and Hound and the Fallen Member's Ride. From 2011-2019, my sister and I have also enjoyed organizing the Club's annual awards banquet in the fall.



In April 2013, before I even had my M1, I bought my 1st bike: a 1986 Radian. That Wednesday, I applied for membership at the club for the first time. April 2014, I sold the Radian and bought a 2007 Honda Shadow Spirit, which is the bike that I ride today. In true twin fashion, my sister and I have matching bikes with matching twin license plates (TWN A and TWN B).



I haven't yet traveled outside of Ontario or New York, but I did ride into the Blue Ridge Mountains and rode the Tail of the Dragon in 2019. A work trip had me in South Carolina for a month, so I rented a Harley for the day and enjoyed the views, while also fulfilling my mom's wishes to have a piece of her left at the Tail of the Dragon. Shelley and I plan on getting back there one day together.

In 2001, I received my first non-member Appreciation Award. In approximately 2007, my sister and I were voted as Honourary Members at the club. In 2015 and 2021, I received the honour of being given the Karen Gamm Memorial award, which was an award created in memory of my mother who passed away in 2010. Her dedication to the club is what got me involved, so it is an honour to follow in her footsteps.



On Oct 6, 2021, my sister and I were both voted in as members of the Welland County Motorcycle Club.

