



## What is Dykes On Bikes® ?

Dykes On Bikes® Portland, Oregon is a chapter of the original San Francisco Dykes On Bikes® Women's Motorcycle Contingent, established in 1976.

Dykes On Bikes® was born in the early 70's when the first few Gay Pride Parades in San Francisco were violent because people protested the parades. The women/dykes on motorcycles were the first to roll down

the street, ahead of the legal parade, creating a safe path through the protesters. In those days, there was much more violence toward the LGBTQ Community and radicalness was a necessity. The crowds fell in love with the "Dykes On Bikes®" and as people softened toward the LGBTQ Community and the Gay Pride Parades soon became a loved part of big-city culture globally, the Dykes On Bikes® stole the show and have become the favored part of the parade for most people.

After a 5-year fight against the government and a sole male opponent, to trademark and own the name "Dykes On Bikes", the San Francisco Mother Chapter began establishing MCs around the globe. Dykes On Bikes® Portland, Oregon is proud of this unique HerStory and became an official chapter in August 2013. You see our Portland Chapter patch above, which we proudly wear, on our cuts, over our heart, pledging allegiance to our MC and to our brothers and sisters who ride.

As members of the LGBTQ Community, each of us has had to fight and struggle—some more than others, to be accepted and loved...and all of us are still fighting for our equal rights that are promised us, under our Nation's Constitution. We are YOUR Sisters and Brothers, who ride and are part of the motorcycle community. Dykes On Bikes® asks for your love, support, and friendship, in the way that only a fellow biker can give.

Dykes On Bikes® Portland, Oregon Chapter is an all-inclusive MC. We believe in creating LGBTQ Visibility and Love one motorcycle ride at a time.