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CLYDE VALLEY

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WELCOME

I would like to wish everyone a happy 2026.

In less than 60 days from now we will be pressing the start buttons for the 2026 Riding Season.

I was surprised when Kenny asked me if I would join the committee as Secretary, while we were sitting on the wall outside the Oaktree Inn at Balmaha last season. I never imagined I would end up on the Clyde Valley Hog committee. I mulled over the idea and had to consider what time and effort was required and if I could manage the commitment. I run my own Engineering business in Dunfermline with forty staff, and that does take up a lot of time and energy.

I passed my bike test in January 2024, and my first Bike was a 2019 Breakout which I had for 10 months then moved on to a 2023 Street Glide Special

Anyway, enough about me, our new membership system is up and running, although there have been a couple of teething issues, it's all working well.

The Membership MoJo system is used by a few other HOG chapters in the UK.

This system gives us peace of mind as member's details are held within a secure database and has the relevant GDPR policies and protection.

Members can amend or update their own details within the system. Each member can access their details by entering their email address, a password will be sent to your email with a link to your details.

One other benefit is we can record member attendance for Clyde Valley ride-out events.

Road Captains or a member of the Road Crew can select the names of the riders taking part in the ride out. The information used is the Riders name and the Emergency Contact name and phone number. We hope never to use that information, but it is available if required.

Members who have asked for their cards and pins to be posted may have received them already, others who have not selected P &P can pick them up from a committee member at West Coast Harley Davidson. I will drop off member cards and pins as they join and leave them in our box held at the shop.

I hope to see as many members as possible on their Harley's enjoying the ride outs and banter that goes with it in the 2026 season.

Remember and get your mileage information to Gilly so we can have as many of you helping Clyde Valley HOG get the rankings, and we may even get an award for our contribution.

I am sure our Head Road Captain is filling up the program for the new season, so watch out for updates in the next month or so.

Many Thanks

Scott



WHATSAPP COMMUNITIES

If you have recently renewed you can't have helped but notice we have moved away from the old WhatsApp Announcement and Chat channels to the all new for 2026 Whats App Community.

Why the change?

The Community should allow us to reach more members without creating lots of unnecessary noise! And it aims to keep things "on topic".

There is nothing worse than random posts about topic z popping up between a couple of posts on topic y then someone randomly posts on topic x.

Also at year end the Community will continue on and members not renewing in a timely fashion (say; one month) will be removed until or if, they rejoin. This means a continuation of information around the year end rather than a break and starting over.

There are three main channels to be aware of

Announcements: We ask that all members, wherever possible join the Community and by extension you are automatically enrolled in the Announcement channel. This channel is limited to a few of the committee and will be used only for important announcements relating to the Chapter.

Events: If you want to know whats happening socially at the chapter then sign up for Events. Any posts relating to social events will appear here first. Again, it should not be "noisy" just solid information on what we are planning and how to get involved.

Ride Outs: Exactly what it says on the tin....if you want to know where we are going, the Ride Out channel will keep you abreast of plans. Initially this was set up exclusively for "riding" members but we have decided to open it to all members.

For the ladies there is the addition of a LoH group for their activities. If you look at the top of the Communities window on WhatsApp you will see a small calendar icon, any events posted at Calendar events in any of the groups will appear under this icon, however you will only see items from channels you subscribed to and will only see items posted after the point in time when you joined.

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Early on this might mean you see we post some items several times in a channel, this is just to ensure as many people as possible catch the post if there are people joining the channel late. Once it settles down there should be less need for this.

In all cases all key dates as far as we know them should appear on the website Event Calendar and if in doubt check there in case you joined a channel late.

Some channels are there for chapter administrative and management functions and access is tightly controlled. Invitation only!

Some channels you should join and use when you have a specific query...the Membership Enquiries Channel for instance, once your query is answered you can feel free to drop off it again lest you be plagued by other members queries about where their badges went or how do they get a membership card etc etc....

As individual Ride Outs and Events come along a new channel may open just to allow you to discuss the plans, ask questions about it and keep informed, maybe even a few post event photo's. But these channels will be transient and will be deleted once their purpose is done.

Participation in these channels is entirely optional, the more you are in then expect more noise. But also be aware that off topic posts will be removed.

Also keep the conversation courteous, try and use the reply function when responding to someone else's post so we all know what you are talking about and try to make it clear what your post is referring to. Any questions, reach out to any of the committee and we will do our best to help, all our contact details are on the website.

Kenny Halley
Director, Clyde Valley HOG #9894

MEMBER MINUTE



Name: Ian Gardiner

From: Leven, Fife

Current Bike : Ultra Limited

Dream Bike: Street Glide CVO

Favourite Rally : Big Rally - Sturgis

Small Rally - 2025 Heart n Soul

Favourite Movie: Wild Hogs

Favourite Food: Fish n Chips

What Makes CVH For You:

Friendliness , Active riding group

Name: Janice Graham

From: Motherwell

Current Bike : 120th Anniversary Heritage

Dream Bike: Softail Slim

Favourite Rally : The Gathering

Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Food: Italian (Pizza, Pasta)

What Makes CVH For You:

Camaraderie



BREAKFAST

Kicking off 2026 in style - our first breakfast meet at The Highland Gate in Stirling was a total hit!



Thirty-nine Clyde Valley HOG members turned out to start the year right, tucking into a fantastic spread that left everyone with happy faces and full bellies. It was the perfect way to reconnect after the festive break and get excited for all the riding adventures coming up this year!



SAFETY OFFICER

Hi everyone!

For those who don't know me, I'm Chris Anderson, Safety Officer for Clyde Valley HOG, and I've worked as a paramedic for the Scottish Ambulance Service for the past 5 years.

As the 2026 season fast approaches, I'm sure you're all looking forward to many miles of fun and good memories!

The new committee have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the new season is going to be one to remember.

From the Safety Officers point of view, I want to ensure that opportunities are available for everyone in the chapter to improve their riding skills (if they wish to do so), and to learn what to do if the worst was to happen when you are on a ride out, or even just out on the bike and you come across an incident.

Towards the end of last season, I attended the Biker Down course run by Scottish Fire and Rescue to network on behalf of CVH and propose a lasting relationship with the course organisers.

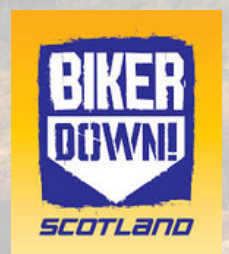
The course itself was a little over 3 hours long and split into 3 modules; "Scene Management & Safety", "First Aid & Trauma", and "Science of Being Seen". The organisers have agreed that, in the new year, (likely in April) a course will be run for the road crew and a further courses will be run later in the season for any remaining member of CVH who wishes to attend. These courses will likely take place at Cowcaddens Fire Station. I hope to help deliver module 2 along with the other volunteers from Scottish Fire and Rescue.

I have also been liaising with Peter Mulkerrins, Road Captain and Safety Officer from Dunedin HOG, who is organising an event run in conjunction with Police Scotland at the Scottish Police College (Tulliallen), and we hope to deliver this event in early March. The event will consist of a first aid course and biker handling skills. Details of available spaces have still to be determined, but I will update everyone in due course.

That's all from me just now, but if you wish to get in touch, I can be contacted via email on safety.officer@clydevalleyhog.com or you can get me, most Saturdays at West Coast Harley Davidson.

Hope to see you all out on the road soon!

Chris



DEALERSHIP

Dear CVHOG,



I'm writing in this month's issue as along with Maggie my esteemed colleague is enjoying some post-Christmas rest and relaxation in the Austrian Tyrol. Hopefully, they both return in one piece...

January is a significant month for us at West Coast H-D, not only is it a time for planning out the year ahead – More of which to follow, it's the time when H-D release their new models for the coming riding season – Please check out the WCHD website for all the detail + some outstanding video content highlighting the new CVO, Touring, Trike and Icon bikes. The 3 Icon models have particularly caught our eye, and as a celebration of the 250th anniversary of US independence they really stand out in what is a stunning range of bikes for 2026. For those 3 wheeled enthusiasts out there the Trike platform now benefits from a completely new chassis and independent rear suspension configuration.

Along with the model launches we also have the HDUK Dealer Awards event coming up this month – Being staged at the Belfry, it's a fitting venue for the brands night of celebration of all the hard work and successes of the Dealer network. We've got everything crossed for West Coast H-D to regain our title from Sykes H-D as the #1 UK Dealer, and as award winners over the past 4 years we're itching to get our title back!

Don is away to Milan to attend the European Dealer Council and meet the new H-D CEO Artie Starrs, and I'll be down to London at the end of January for an extended business lunch with Artie and a number of UK dealers – Since starting in September Artie's been making some very positive moves within the organisation, it'll be great to learn what's coming next.

H-D are digging deep with more Dealer team training in January – Our Service Manager Scott Raworth is off for a 2 day intensive Service Leadership programme, Scott Mair is away to Malaga to ride all the new bikes in the Spanish sunshine, and Terry Hall has just completed his Master Tech training programme at H-D's Technical training centre in Rotterdam.

That's me for now – See you all in the Dealership

David Hackshall
Managing Director

CLYDE VALLEY CRUISERS

It was mentioned to me last season that there are a few older riders who feel they don't wish to ride in our "bigger" weekend ride outs for fear of slowing people up.

All normal rideouts are run to be no faster than the signed speed limit and obviously road conditions might limit this further so no one should be in a position where they feel they need to ride faster than they are comfortable with nor, outwith the law, and at the end of the day each of us should ride our own bikes to the situation that confronts them at any point in time on the road.

But as rides get bigger and the group becomes stretched out, there can be an inclination to try keep in touch with the bikes in front and that can lead to speeds increasing down the group.

With this in mind, we are looking at the possibility of running some midweek ride outs through the summer months. These will be shorter rides, about once a month, weather dependent and for smaller groups, probably no more than 6 bikes plus a 2-bike road crew (lead and sweeper).

They will use the buddy system rather than 2nd rider drop off, so the bike behind should always be in sight, wherever possible will avoid motorways and will leave WCHD or maybe on occasion as the direction of travel dictates, the Showcase at Coatbridge, in the middle of the day probably a Wednesday heading somewhere like Largs, Helensburgh, Linlithgow or the like, with a stop for a coffee and cake all at a relaxed pace.

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If the weather forecast looks rubbish it might be postponed or binned entirely, the focus being on enjoyment rather than simply “enduring” the ride but with the aim is to let those less able or just wanting to enjoy a more sedate pace, get out and enjoy riding their bikes with other like-minded members.

The appeal will be primarily to our older retired members but by no means is it restricted to these members.

Does this sound like something that you might be interested in? If so drop me a line director@clydevalleyhog.com and we will look to make it happen.

In order to control numbers we will need to ask you sign on for the ride, probably via TicketTailor (no cost obviously) or might ask you to email us to confirm. Months will be May, to September....June might be out unless another RC steps in as I will be at CasCais!

Looking forward to seeing you on the road in nice weather!

Kenny Halley
Director, Clyde Valley HOG #9894

MOFFAT RUMBLE



The clubs first overnight trip will be to The Buccleuch Arms Hotel in Moffat on Saturday 11th April 2026.

If you wish to join us for a ride on some spectacular border roads, an overnight stay at this biker friendly hotel (B & B basis) the ticket link will be available in the Events section of the Whatsapp Community from Sunday 1st February 2026.

LADIES OF HARLEY

Here we are at the end of January already. Hopefully not too long until the weather improves and we can get back out on the road.

At the end of November we had our LoH Xmas Lunch in Avant Garde, Glasgow. We had a lovely meal with copious amounts of refreshments and great music throughout the afternoon / evening. We were joined by ladies from both Dunedin and Geordie Chapters. I think we can safely say everyone enjoyed themselves. Plans are already underway for this year's Xmas Lunch. Details will be coming out in the next few months.

This year we have 4 ladies already underway with their motorbike training and I am sure in the not too distant future we will have 4 more lady riding members. There is no pressure ladies, in your own time and we are all behind you 100%. Fingers crossed and good luck to Sharon Halley, Viv Johnston, Lynne Sullivan and Lauren Hewby-Copeland.

Our First Ladies of Harley night out will be on Friday 20th February in Bon Accord 7/7.30pm. This is just a wee get together to meet old friends and new and discuss what we have planned for the year ahead.

Take Care and we will see you all soon

Janice and Karen.
Fine example of our LOH



THE GATHERING

**Gear up for Scotland's ONLY HOG rally of 2026-
The Gathering is coming, tickets are flying off the
shelves!**



**If your looking for an unforgettable
experience to treat a fellow HOG
member(or treat yourself!), this is it. It's
the ultimate chance to hit the road with
kindred spirits, soak in Scotland's
breathtaking landscapes and be part of
something truly special for Harley
Davidson enthusiasts north of the
border.**



**Don't miss out - secure your spot now at
www.buytickets.at/clydevalley/1850528
before they're all gone!**

Or Scan the QR Code >>>>



THE GATHERING....CONT'D



I'm reaching out because we're looking for sponsors for The Gathering, our upcoming rally.

It's a great chance for businesses to get some exposure and connect with a lively community. If you know of any company or individual who might be interested, please let me know on assistant.director@clydevalleyhog.com.

I'd really appreciate any leads or suggestions you might have!

Thanks a bunch for your help!

Cheers,

Sean

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Since all members were appointed their positions by the new Director, Kenny Halley, the committee have been working diligently behind the scenes.

Members have been familiarizing themselves with their roles and responsibilities, implementing necessary adjustments and engaging with the broader membership to ensure that all decisions are made thoughtfully and in close alignment with the principles and practices of Clyde Valley.

Paula Taylor has been an integral part of this development and transformation. Having joined the committee as Activities Officer before progressing to the role of Chapter Treasurer, her contributions have been invaluable. However, after careful consideration, Paula has made the decision to step down from her position due to significant commitments outside of Clyde Valley.

We are pleased to announce that Stephen Maher, a keen and active club member who currently serves as Webmaster, will be taking on the role of Treasurer. We invite all members to join the committee in thanking Paula for her dedicated hard work and commitment, and in wishing her every success for the future. We also extend our congratulations to Stephen on his new appointment and encourage everyone to offer him full support as he takes on this additional responsibility alongside his existing webmaster duties.

I caught up with them both so that they could have their say on the matter.

Sean

So, It's been an amazing couple of years. After moving up to Scotland from Essex in October 2023 and coming from Lakeside Chapter, John and I slipped into CVH life after getting a great welcome.

About a year ago I was honoured to be asked to join the committee by Stevie Trainor. It's been a blast and a privilege "helping oot" but I need to take a step back.

I wish Stephen Mahor all the best as your new Treasurer and would like to thank everyone on the committee, past and present, for their support.

See you on the road, or most likely at Junction 26 cafe!

Paula x



COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Bit of an Unexpected Ride

I've been part of Clyde Valley HOG for a good while now, so when I put my hand up last year to help with the day-to-day website updates, it just felt like a natural way to give something back. I was genuinely buzzing just to be involved behind the scenes, with a longer-term plan to build a fresh new site and add a few exciting features along the way (watch this space 🙄).

That alone would've been more than enough for me - so you can imagine how chuffed I was when Davie, our new Head Road Captain, asked me to be part of the Road Crew this year. Totally unexpected, but a real honour. It's a role I don't take lightly, and at its core it's about what we all love anyway: riding safe, riding smart, and putting miles on the bikes with our Clyde Valley brothers and sisters.

And just when I thought that was my lot... along came another curve in the road.

Kenny asked if I'd be willing to step in as Club Treasurer. Now, I won't pretend spreadsheets and sums are my natural habitat - my first instinct was to wonder if there'd been a clerical error or a serious drop in maths standards! 😊 But jokes aside, I'm genuinely grateful for the trust and more than happy to help the club in whatever way I can.

So here I am, wearing a few different hats this year, all with the same goal: supporting the chapter, keeping things rolling smoothly, and making sure Clyde Valley HOG continues to be the brilliant, welcoming, mile-eating family that it is. It's a privilege to ride alongside you all - here's to a cracking season ahead and plenty of rubber left on the road.



A.G.M

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We are pleased to announce that arrangements are now underway for this year's AGM, with a new venue confirmed for the occasion.

The meeting will be held at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld, on Sunday 1st March at 1pm – coinciding with our final big breakfast event of the season, which we hope makes it even easier for members to attend!

The primary purpose of the AGM is to present a basic financial report for the club. It will also provide a valuable opportunity for committee officers to meet members in person, outline their respective roles, and share plans for the upcoming season. There will also be representatives from West Coast Harley Davidson present to give updates and share any information in regards to the Dealership itself.

We warmly welcome your thoughts and feedback on all aspects of Clyde Valley. Open communication and transparency between the committee and CVH members are fundamental to our club's success, and we will be including a dedicated (time-limited) Q&A session at the end of the meeting to ensure we can address relevant points efficiently and keep proceedings on schedule.

Further details will be circulated via the events WhatsApp group and emailed directly to all members in due course. In the meantime, we encourage you to keep the date free and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

WAKE THE LAKES

2026

Friendship, Riding & Socialising

2nd—5th July 2026

Quick reminder that the
“Early Bird” discount is due
to finish this month!

We’ve just about confirmed the
weekend’s entertainment

Watch this space for details.....

To book tickets, the TryBooking link is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFYG>

THE RALLY THAT LOVES TO RIDE!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Sunday 1st February - Tickets will be released for
The Moffat Rumble**

Sunday 8th February - Breakfast

Harvester , East Kilbride 10am

Friday 20th February - LoH Night

Bon Accord , Glasgow - 7/7:30pm

Friday 27th February - Feb Social Night

**The Ferry for 2 course Dinner and Fleetwood Mac and
Pink Floyd Tribute Them & Us**

Thank you for taking the time to peruse this month's edition of our newsletter – we hope these regular updates are proving to be both informative and marginally more entertaining than watching paint dry on a shed (though we're confident we've already outdone that benchmark).

We wholeheartedly encourage you to share any thoughts, suggestions, or inspired concepts you may have for future issues. After all, this is your club and your newsletter – we're just the enthusiastic scribes tasked with putting your brilliant ideas to paper (or pixels, as it were).

Should you wish to get in touch, please do not hesitate to contact myself at assistant.director@clydevalleyhog.com. I promise to read every message with the utmost attention – and yes, I even check my spam folder, just in case your genius idea gets mistaken for a "once-in-a-lifetime offer" on novelty garden gnomes.

With sincere thanks,
Sean Ferguson
Assistant Director CVH #9894