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Clyde Valley

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Welcome

Hello!



It's hard to believe spring is already here. We often hear phrases like "live for the moment" or "live, laugh, love". Most people mean them when they say them - but far fewer actually live by them.

That's what makes the HOG lifestyle, and the 'wee gem' that is Clyde Valley, so special. It gives us the chance to truly live in those moments - to laugh while we're there, to love the ride, and to appreciate the people sharing the road beside us.

We've got a packed itinerary ahead, and from everything we've seen so far, it's clear the excitement is building and everyone is ready to go. The Gathering has officially sold out and is already being fine-tuned to make sure it's one to remember. Behind the scenes, the committee are working hard to keep the calendar full and give us all something to look forward to.

Thank you for continuing to support CVH and for helping make this chapter what it is. At the end of the day, this is your chapter - and you'll always get out of it what you put in.

Anyway, I couldn't rope anyone else in to write this month's intro...so you're stuck with me this time!

Enjoy!

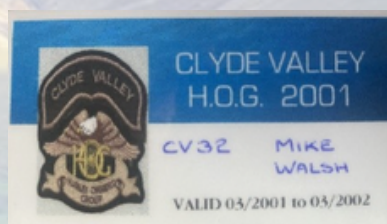
Historian's Introduction

By Mike Walsh



My name is Mike Walsh, and some of you will already know me, while others might only recognise the face.

I first joined H.O.G. back in 2000 — my original card is shown below — and a year later I became part of Clyde Valley, with my first chapter card (also shown below) handwritten in the way things were done back then. I was Member No. 32, and although life took me in different directions for a while, the chapter has always been part of my story.



Like many of us, I've had periods where the bike barely left the garage. For a couple of years my annual mileage was little more than the MOT run and back. I knew I needed something to pull me out of that rut, and rejoining the chapter in 2023 did exactly that. The welcome was immediate and genuine. Nobody asked what I did for a living or what I drove — just where I'd been and how I was getting on. That sense of belonging is what makes Clyde Valley special.

I've always had an interest in history and in keeping things organised, so when the Historian role came up, it felt like the right time to step forward. My aim is simple: to preserve the story of this chapter — the people, the places, the rides, the memories — and make sure nothing important gets lost along the way. Already, members past and present have been incredibly generous. Photo boards from the early years, stacks of Vibes magazines, old membership cards, photo albums... all of it now digitised and safely stored. These things could easily have disappeared if we hadn't started the conversation. I'm also fascinated by the wider Scottish Harley story — who brought the brand here, how the dealerships evolved, and how the early chapters formed. It's all part of our identity, and I'm keen to build a clear, accurate record for the future.

Through all of this, one constant has been the bike. I've had the same black FLHR Road King since 2000 — pictured above — and we've grown old together. That bike has carried me through friendships, miles, and memories, and it's still going strong. Maybe a bit slower, but then so am I.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you, hearing your stories, and adding your photos and memories to the archive. If you have anything from your time in the chapter — whether it's a picture, a patch, a tale from a rally, or even just a name you think should be remembered — I'd love to hear from you.

See you on the road, Mike

Member Minute

Pillion Edition



Name: Lauren Hewby-Copeland

From: Beattock

Current Bike : Pillion and learning on my Keeway Superlight 125

Dream Bike: Road King

Favourite Rally : The Gathering

Favourite Movie: Moulin Rouge

Favourite Food: My Mums Lasagne

What Makes CVH For You: The moment the engines fire up at a rideout. The support and smiles.

Name: Hazel Kinghorn

From: Edinburgh

Current Bike : Pillion

Dream Bike: Heritage

Favourite Rally : Magic Bike - Rudensheim

Favourite Movie: Easy Rider

Favourite Food: Steak

What Makes CVH For You: The friendly people and rides from the dealership and of course The Gathering



Ride 365 & Mileage

Hi Folks,

As you should be aware (if I have done my job right) Clyde Valley is taking part in the Ride 365 HOG challenge this year, with the aim of winning it, in our first full year of taking part. The aim of the challenge is to get people out riding their bikes, which not only give the pleasure that we all get when riding our Harley's but also increases the presence of the brand.

Our friends over at Dunedin have been really good at putting the miles in and won the challenge in 2025, and I believe this is displayed beside the cafe in WCHD. We would like to have this years trophy displayed in our cabinet.

All you need to do to take part is send a photo of your VIN, (which can be found on the front frame) and your Odometer reading to mileage@clydevalleyhog.com and we will get it logged onto the HOG site.

As an incentive I will be posting the league table at the end of each month for the various categories such as Members, Ladies of Harley and Road Crew, just to provide a bit of competition amongst us.

So finally, get riding your bike, send your miles in and lets all have a great year!

Gilly



Dealership

Ross Walker



I have been with West Coast for a few years now, It will be 8 years in October. I started on 24th October 2018, Eric put on Facebook that WCHD needed someone to cover the cafe for a couple of weeks, so I called in and they asked if I could get in within the hour. I arrived and introduced myself, started making coffees and by the end of the day they offered me the cafe job, 2 weeks later they offered me the cafe manager's job, and that was that! 3 and a half years later the sales executive position came up and I thought... why not, I applied and still had to go through the whole interview process, obviously I skipped the 'where have you been working the last few years' section!! Sales was a bit of a different road for me after 18 years of Hospitality, but one that I'm glad I went down!! I was previously a customer of West Coast when I bought my first Harley a couple of years prior to starting, a 2012 Dyna Wide Glide. I've had a few different ones since then but very happy with my current Softail Lowrider-S...as long as they have big apes or T-bars I'm happy!! I have been Chapter Manager for Clyde Valley and WCHD for nearly as long as I have worked there. I think the bosses gave me a few months to settle in before they offered me the position. It has been great being part of the HOG family!! I love the people, the rallies, the big family feel and the ride outs...If only I could get some time off for more!!

Bikes of the Month



2025 Breakout

Custom one of a kind Paintwork - Whitesnake Pearl
Cobra 'Speedster' 909 Exhaust
Chrome Heavy Breather Air Filter
Dynojet Stage 1 tune

2024 Lowrider - S

Custom one of a kind Paintwork - Blacksnake Pearl
Cobra 'Speedster' Pipes
Forward Controls
Dynojet Stage 1 tune

Don't miss out on one of these fantastic bikes! Speak to the sales team at WCHD for further information or contact them on sales@westcoastharley.com

Moffat Rumble

First overnight stay of the year

The first overnight event of the year took place on Saturday 11th April. 34 bikes left WCHD to head down to Moffat. We had a rather wet and windy ride down. Upon arrival we were greeted by the owner of the Buccleuch Arms Hotel and shown all the amenities. We all gathered in the hotel for some light refreshments before having a delicious meal. The evening was spent catching up with old friends and getting to know some new ones better.



Something for the Ladies...

International Female Riders Day takes place on
Saturday 2nd May 2026!

Join us at West Coast Harley Davidson from 9am - 5pm, where our very own talented Nicole will be showcasing her stunning photography exhibition celebrating female riders.

We will also be hosting a female-only ride out, departing from the shop at 10:30am. The LOH officers have opened this ride to members who are just beginning their two-wheeled journey, so 125 riders are very welcome to join.

This will be a short, shop-to-shop ride - perfect for building confidence and enjoying the road together!

Chippy Night



Our first chippy night was on Wednesday 22nd April - and it might go down in history as the shortest ride ever at a whopping 7.8 miles! We made the epic journey to McMonaigles in Clydebank, clearly pacing ourselves for the main event. Once everyone had secured their suppers, we braved the great outdoors to sit and eat. It was a bit chilly, but nothing was getting between us and our chips... and to be fair, the weather behaved itself!



WCHD Bike Night

We're pleased to announce that WCHD monthly bike nights are returning on Thursday 30th April.

We'll also be introducing a New Member's Area, giving new members a chance to introduce themselves, ask questions, and get to know the group, so feel free to come say Hi.

Colin is currently looking for volunteers to help manage the car park over the coming months. If you are planning to attend and can spare an hour or so to lend a hand, please let him know - it would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all there!



Upcoming Events...

Sat 2nd May - Ladies Ride for International Riders Day*

Sun 3rd May - Ride out to Rothesay*

**Wed 6th May - Bike Night , Broadwood Farm ,
Cumbernauld**

Sat 9th May - Ride Out TBC*

Wed 13th May - Lord of the Isle, Braehead

Sun 17th May - Ride out to Oban*

Wed 20th May - Cotton Mill , Kilmarnock

Sat 23rd May - Ride out to Drovers*

Wed 27th May - Harvester, Hillington

Thurs 28th May - WCHD Bike Night

*** Keep an eye on Ride Outs group in Community for
further details and timings**

Thank you for joining us for this sixth edition of our newsletter. The season is officially in full swing, and I am incredibly energized by how well everything is shaping up. It's been a fantastic ride so far, and looking forward to what we have lined up for the coming months, the best is definitely yet to come.

As always, if you want to get in touch, feel free to drop me a line at assistant.director@clydevalleyhog.com. I make a point of reading every message - even the ones that look suspiciously like spam- because I'd hate to miss a brilliant idea or a heads-up on a great route just because my filters thought you were selling me a "miracle" engine polish.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the road!

Sean Ferguson

Assistant Director CVH #9894