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Clyde Valley

March Newsletter

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Welcome

The new riding season is finally upon us after what feels to me like the longest off season.

I suspect that's a result of coming to the position fairly late in the season.

But to be fair it wasn't the most wintery winter, and like many of you I already have a good few hundred miles under the wheels.

Thanks to all that attended the AGM, the feedback has been very positive.

Also dipping our toes into the Scottish Motorcycle show again after many, many years, was a success, thanks to all that came and helped out and dropped by over the weekend. I think we will be doing it again!

There are a lot of things to look forward to in the 2026 season.

We will very soon be heading off for our season opening weekender at the Buchleuch Arms in Moffat, by all accounts we have filled not only the hotel itself but various other places around the town. It should be a great weekend.

A few weekends after, we have the Tri Chapter event at Ecclefechan, while it isn't formally an overnight event many are staying, as are some Dunedin and Red Rose members. If anyone wants to stay and is of a hardier nature, camping is free in the grounds to the rear of the hotel.

We have a ride in and a band organised for the Saturday and a chance to catch up with fellow HOG members from our sister WCHD chapters.

The rally season will by then be getting into full swing. The Gathering will soon be upon us. I won't say the run up to this years rally hasn't been without its challenges, what with the Cove Holding company that managed Hunters Quay going into Administration, but hopefully it won't have any noticeable impact on our event which is now sold out. There is a possibility that a few tickets will come available later on if proposed new accommodation comes on stream at Hunters Quay, so if you have left it too late to get tickets, join the wait list so we can notify you when and if additional space comes available. The rally will be the same event you have come to know and love but with some twists to mix it up a bit.

We have somewhere in the high 20's of members either flying or riding to the European Rally in CasCais this year. There are some epic adventures ahead for many! As long as there is petrol!

We also have many members attending Wake the Lakes, Hog n Bog, The Bagger racing at MotoGP, Rally in the Valley and many others far and wide. And of course we still have a few other events in the planning stage so keep an eye on the Ride outs and Events channels on our Whats App Community. It should be a laugh and in the end, that is all it should be about, eh?

Finally, Bike Nights are going on tour, much as we did to great success with the Big Breakfasts. We are going to try moving it around to open it up to more members who now spread from a much wider area than what might traditionally be considered our "catchment". Will it work? If you don't try, you will never know, so what is there to lose? There might even be the odd chippy run thrown in on the odd weeks! Who doesn't like chips!? (has to have brown chippy sauce though #eastcoaster).

Hopefully you all have a happy, healthy 2026 season, ride hard, stay safe and see you on the road. Reach out to me or any of the Chapter officers if there is anything you want to suggest, ask, or just offer an opinion on.

Kenny
Director

Road Crew Update

New Captains on the Block

New year, new leaders, same questionable weather forecasts.

I'm thrilled (and slightly relieved to have survived the process) to announce our latest recruits to the Road Captain roster for 2026: Nicole Tanzabel, Chris Anderson, Scott Sinclair, and ... well, myself.

The four of us have officially navigated the gauntlet of training and are now fully qualified to lead a pack of Harleys through the Scottish countryside without losing a single CVH member (we hope).

We've supposedly got some "exciting runs" up our sleeves for the new season, which - let's be honest - is mostly just code for "we found a new cafe that does a cracking square sausage roll."

Huge congrats to Nicole, Chris and Scott - I'll see you at the front of the pack!



Member Minute



Name: Kevin Hewby-Copeland

From: Beattock

Current Bike : Road Glide Special &
Softail Slim

Dream Bike: Knucklehead

Favourite Rally : was TITG now The
Gathering

Favourite Movie: Fast & Furious

Favourite Food: Tattie Scone

What Makes CVH For You: The People ,
The Rideouts, Overnighter and Vikki's
Macaroni

Name: Colin Sutherland

From: Bishopton

Current Bike : Road Glide

Dream Bike: Big Dog K9

Favourite Rally : The Gathering

Favourite Movie: 300

Favourite Food: Salt & Chilli Ribs

What Makes CVH For You: The People
with the same interest and taste in bikes.
Also welcoming to my family (wife & 2
girls)



Message from Director

Mates Rides

A short article on “mates rides”. Clyde Valley HOG are really pleased you want to ride your bikes as often as possible (really , really pleased cos miles mean smiles!), whether that’s on an organised ride out with a road crew in attendance, or off on your own somewhere exploring new roads. Where it gets complicated is mates rides.

HOG have been very clear to Directors that mates rides must be “between mates” and the Chapter can have no involvement. So, while many of you will have, we hope, many *mates* inside Clyde Valley HOG, the Chapter is not to provide a mechanism inside Chapter Social channels (whether those are visible to the public or only members) for you to arrange those rides. As soon as *specifics* of a ride are shared inside a chapter comms channel, it becomes “official” and must be crewed by Road Crew wearing high viz.

If you are a member of the road crew and want to run an *unscheduled* ride where you lead a group, even if just using the buddy system to reach your destination, that’s fine. I would suggest road crew members (this isn’t restricted to road captains), mention it to the HRC before posting it in the Ride Outs Group.

So for example lets say you ride in the road crew, and live near Kilmarnock. You are planning on riding to WCHD to meet up with the Shop Ride Out on a Saturday morning. You can post that you are meeting at a well known point and will lead a ride into the dealership. **But you must perform a briefing and bib up on the ride.** Or it’s a nice day, you have a ride out to recce and want to let anyone come along that’s free...again you can post a meeting point and lead the ride, **just bib up and brief and off you go.**

Obviously some areas will be better served by Road Crew members than others. If being part of the Road Crew is something that interests you, first off you need to be out regularly with the chapter on the organised rides, and make the HRC aware of your interest. Maybe you will be invited to join in the future.

But what if you are not a member of the road crew and none are likely to be in attendance? The best we can offer is a channel in the Community to allow you to let people contact you. **DO NOT POST A MEETING PLACE, DESTINATION OR TIME.** Just post something like” thinking of taking a wee run tomorrow, message me direct for details”.

HOG’s view is if you are mates you can message your mates and go for a run.....

Trust me, it’s not how I would choose this to be but I came away from ROC with singed tail feathers when I questioned just how practical any of this was and why it’s so strict.

Love you all

Kenny

Dealership

Alan MacLeod



To the people who don't know me I'd like to introduce myself. I am Al the new guy at West Coast Harley-Davidson. Well.....nearly new.

My story starts many years ago back in the 1980's when I found a love for motorcycles and Harley-Davidson in particular. There was no internet back then but the placement of the brand within movies, advertising and celebrity circles was enough to attract this young brand ambassador. You see, I always had an issue complying with the mainstream and I think this was part of the appeal for me. Harley-Davidson has always been and will always continue to be a cool ass brand. One of the reasons for this is the lifestyle and non-judgmental way in which everyone is welcome. People are encouraged to be individual and stand out from the crowd so in those years of late 80's and early 90's I was there with my bike boots, highway patrol jacket and retro Harley-Davidson t-shirt whilst my peers were sporting whatever the latest trend of the time was. It's important to remember what we are all part off. A family with members on all corners of the globe where you will be welcomed at any time merely for sharing a love and passion for one legendary brand.

I left school and started a career in Mechanical engineering with turning, milling, welding and fabrication. I then ventured into the motor trade and worked in many roles from Technician to workshop management.

My career with Harley Davidson started in 2010. I joined the Eastern Western motor company with the sole purpose of getting to Edinburgh Harley-Davidson who they owned at the time. I then spent 10 years with them as Service Manager and Dealer Chapter Manager. I always played an integral role within the chapter working closely with officers to aid in the fulfillment of our members Harley-Davidson (HOG) experience. I went on to become Director of Dunedin Chapter which at the time was the largest Chapter in the country with over 660 members.

I live by the Harley Davidson way of life, and I am still as passionate now about the brand as I was all those years ago. I made good friends within this community and always had a great working relationship with the team at West Coast. You can imagine how delighted when I was to be asked to join them in 2021. I felt like part of the family from day one and enjoyed working as part of the award-winning team as Service Manager for many years. I left for a short period of time but was always there and floating about in the shadows. I am now back in the business full time and heading up our Aftersales operations. I am touched by the warm welcome many of you have shown myself and hope we can continue to grow our relationship built on a joint love for the coolest brand on the planet!!!!

Lastly I would just like to ask you all to be patient with any after-sales enquiries right now. We are short of staff in the department at present but will be back up to speed in the not too distant future.

Bike of the Month



1997 Harley Davidson Wide Glide

Rare EVO 80 V-Twin Engine

Fixed Sissy Bar

HD Exhausts

Screamin Eagle Filter

EXTREMELY Low Mileage

HD Grips and Pegs

Iconic raked front end

Original Factory Paint

Forward Controls

Fuel tap and choke

Don't miss out on this fantastic bike! Speak to sales team at WCHD for further information or contact them on sales@westcoastharley.com

The Gathering



That's right !

**All the tickets for The Gathering
have sold out.**

**We have activated a waiting list
incase anyone drops out last
minute.**

**So, if you are still interested and
have missed the general sale, feel
free to join the waiting list via the
website**

**Join the waiting list using this link
www.buytickets.at/clydevalley/1850528**

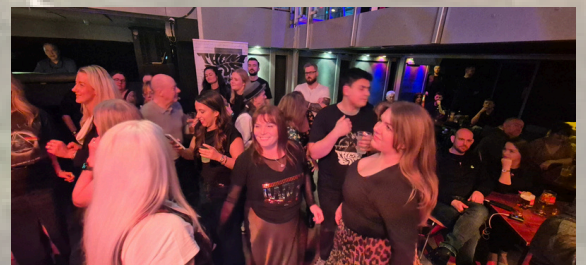
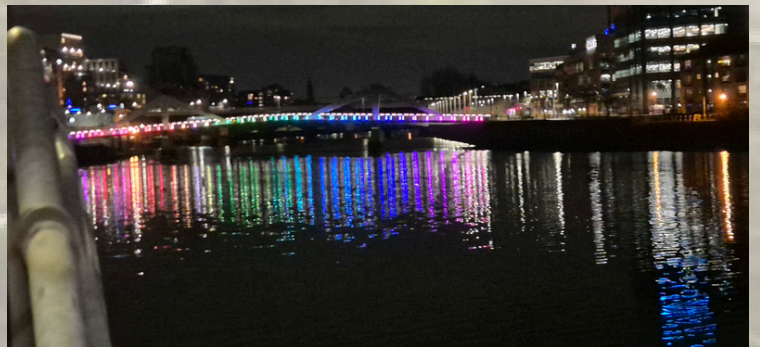
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Feb Social Event

First Social Event of the Year

The first social event of the year took place on Friday 28th February at 'The Ferry' and was attended by 51 members. Guests indulged in a delightful two-course meal, accompanied by fantastic entertainment from the band 'Them & US', a tribute act to Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac.



Something for the Ladies...

Our chapter's talented photographer, Nicole, is organizing a special photoshoot for any woman and her bike as part of the International Female Ride Day exhibition on 2nd May 2026. She has booked a studio in Kinning Park, Glasgow, for the following dates:

Saturday 11th April

Sunday 12th April

Saturday 18th April

Sunday 19th April

Nicole will provide each participating lady with three professional studio photos featuring herself and her bike. This is a fantastic opportunity! If you're interested in getting involved, please check out Nicole's Facebook page or reach out to her via WhatsApp for more details.



Best part, it's completely
FREE OF CHARGE



WOMAN IN THE ATTIC PRODUCTIONS LTD.

WCHD Harley Night



What a night! We recently teamed up with Don and the WCHD team to host a charity BBQ at their Harley Night event, and the response was incredible.

We are so proud to announce that we raised £1,194.17 to support the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support from the WCHD team, who supplied everything we needed, and our dedicated CVH volunteers who gave up their time to keep the grill fired up. To everyone who grabbed a burger and dropped a donation in the bucket: thank you for your incredible generosity!

Upcoming Events...

Wed 1st April - Bike Night , Broadwood Farm ,
Cumbernauld

Sat 4th April - Shop to Shop Ride*

Sun 5th April - Easter Run *

Wed 8th April - Lord of the Isle, Braehead

Sat 11th April - Moffat Rumble (overnight stay @
Buccleuch Arms Hotel)

Wed 15th April - Cotton Mill , Kilmarnock

Sat 18th April - WCHD Season Opener

Sun 19th April - Ride out to Portobello*

Wed 22nd April - Chippy Run, TBA

Sat 25th April - Tri Chapter Event @ Ecclefechan Hotel

Wed 29th April - Harvester, Hillington

Thurs 30th April - WCHD Bike Night

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

High fives all around—you've survived five full editions of this newsletter! At this point, we're basically a literary tradition (or a very persistent habit). I trust this month's installment provided a welcome break from the adrenaline-pumping thrill of checking if your Harley is still technically alive or just a very expensive paperweight attached to an OptiMate.

Got a burning question? A genius suggestion? Reach out at assistant.director@clydevalleyhog.com. I check my inbox religiously, and yes, I keep a close watch on the spam folder just in case your life-changing idea is currently sitting between a "Free Cruise" and an "All-Natural Midges Repellent" advertisement.

With sincere thanks,

Sean Ferguson

Assistant Director CVH #9894