

# Clyde Valley Vibes

April 11





If you have any energy left during the day there will be the Loch Lomond National Park rideout setting off on Saturday morning followed by the

are nearly sold out and I would hate for you to miss out.

I have set up a competition this year



inter chapter games (with a difference) in the afternoon. This will be followed by the ever popular 'Ride in Bike Show'. Sunday is a wind down

for the Best Photograph to appear in Vibes and The Best Article to appear in Vibes. Both categories will receive a prize which will be awarded at the

## From The Editor

Well the rally is nearly upon us and what a fantastic response we have had for the tickets and accommodation. As of writing nearly all of the accommodation is sold out and tickets are still selling. It looks like this years rally will be a sell out! And good reason to, a fantastic location with superb amenities for you to use over the weekend, not to mention the fantastic band line up.

On Friday night we have 'The Ballroom Gitz' the best glam rock band in

Scotland playing hits from the seventies and on Saturday night the superb rock cover band 'The Racketeers' with an amazing fireworks display during the intermission. And don't forget that this year you get a third night with a surprise guest band.

day but we will be having a beach bar-b-que in the afternoon with the Guest band in the evening. Wow, now that's a full weekend, so if you haven't bought your ticket yet, you had better be quick, because as I said earlier we

end of the season at the Winterfest.

So make sure that you have your cameras with you when you are out on your bikes and start scribbling some notes on the rideout. All entries must appear in Vibes to be in the competition - If you're not in it - yer can't win it!

*Martin*





## From your Director

We had a great year last year attending so many varied events including HOG Chapter rallies such as Wake the Lakes, Circus Maximus, Hog in the Bog & Thunder in the Glens.

Many fun events including fundraising events were organised and participated in with other HOG Chapters and we will again this year support as many events as is practicable to attend.

Clyde Valley Chapter started off our season again this year with our A.G.M. on February 20th at Lochinch S.P.R.A. set within the grounds at Pollock Country Park in Glasgow. I was extremely pleased to see such a high turnout of our chapter members on the day. There was hardly a seat available, It must have been the offer of an early morning Tea/Coffee and a light lunch. Minutes of the A.G.M. are available within Clyde Valley Chapter website at the following address [www.clydevalleyhog.net](http://www.clydevalleyhog.net) (Members Area), Username: MEMBER & Password: CVH999 all in upper case.

Ready Steady Go! As a new Harley-Davidson riding season is almost

upon us with the usual build up in readiness for getting the Harley out of the garage, Its February and the visit to our local M.O.T. station and subsequent visit to Post Office for the Road Tax.

The weather always makes an effort for a couple of days and as my anticipation to ride my bike rises to a crescendo of satisfaction for two days riding to nowhere in particular then, Old Mother Nature {Has a Go} Its cold wet & icy then a fluttering of snow, followed by Arctic conditions, bang goes my enthusiasm its back in the garage awaiting first ride in March. Then a few days before our Ride out its back to nature again with more snow.

On our checking the weather reports daily in anticipation of a fine day for our first ride of 2011 and the Mad March Ride out, Sunday 20th is looking good, let's get ready to ride on a little 60 mile route returning to an old favourite of Clyde Valley Chapter - The Bon Accord.

We have a full program of events available again this year with the addition of a few new locations for Ride outs along with a couple of Old Favourites namely The Portpatrick ride which for whatever reason has always delivered us with fine weather on the day.

Whether you may be a long standing Clyde Valley Chapter member or a new member, it's your club and as such if you have any suggestions for events that you and your fellow H.O.G. member may wish to attend then please let your chapter officers know. We like nothing more that to occupy lots of our Harley-Davidson riding time with events to attend. If you have an opportunity to take a photo whilst out riding or have a tale to pass on to your fellow HOG buddies then our Newsletter editor Martin Aldridge is always on the hunt for an interesting tale to publish, There may well be

a prize this year for best editorial and best Photo this year so get snapping,

The Gathering 2011, has moved to a New Location set within Loch Lomond National Park at Drimsynie Lochgoilhead. You are invited to take the virtual tour available at [www.argyllgolidays.com](http://www.argyllgolidays.com) click on Lochgoilhead although by the time you read this Director Ramblings update you may find that all Lodge accommodation will likely be fully booked in advance of The Gathering 03rd - 06th June,

An opportunity to book accommodation on site may still be possible at this time although if you are planning to attend at Lochgoilhead may I suggest you book your rally tickets at soonest or risk disappointment.

Purchase of a rally ticket for The Gathering 2011 does not guarantee accommodation.

Willie C

Clyde Valley HOG  
Director

## First Rideout 2011

The first official rideout of 2011 took place on a gloriously sunny day 17th April.

And what a turnout, members had travelled from east and west north

Blackwood down the old road by the motorway and on to Moffat our final destination. With plenty of room in the carpark



of the An n a n d a l e Arms Hotel we filed in for our soup and sandwiches. And what a great choice, 3 different

soups and plenty of sandwiches teas and coffees. One of the best lunches we have had, well done to the Activities crew of Brian and Stuart. A big thanks also to Ross and all of the Road Crew on an excellent safe Rideout. Next rideout is to Spittal of Glen-shee on the 15th May. Full details on the web site [www.clydevalleyhog.net](http://www.clydevalleyhog.net)

and south to converge at the Harvester carpark in Hillington. Ross Munro kept us all up to speed on the new regulations and advice from HOG, marshalls ( or should we give them their new title "Road Crew") were fully briefed and we were off.

What a sight and sound as 60 gleaming Harley-Davidsons' took to the streets in convoy. We made our way across Glasgow through East Kilbride, Strathaven and on to the first fuel and rest stop. From there through



## Chapter Officers Role

At the back of the magazine you will see a list of Chapter officers and what position they hold on the committee. You may have wondered what do these chapter officers do? Do they get paid? Can I become a Chapter Officer?

To answer these questions I am going to run articles on the Chapter Officers starting this edition with the Membership Officer Rob Emery aka "Wee English Bob"

What does the membership Officer do?

Following receipt of your membership application form, the details are copied onto the 2011 Membership List.

The HOG national membership is then checked online with HOG UK.

If everything is up to date the 2011 Membership card is written with your name and CVH number on it.

The Membership Card & 2011 Clyde Valley pin are bagged, stamped and taken to the Royal Mail to do their stuff.

Your Text information is sent to our Text Service for inclusion in all future texts from CVH.

Periodic checks are made of all CVH membership's against HOG's data-

base and reminders are sent out to the membership to ensure Clyde Valley HOG are compliant with HOG.

Finally, it's a trip to the Bank of Scotland with your money.

And remember this is done for all members - about 140 people!

On top of the club membership, Rob handles all the applications for The Gathering.



Following receipt of your application your details are included on the Gathering spreadsheet, including T-Shirt size.

Application forms are amended to include ticket numbers, Drimsynie Booking Reference and contact de-

tails. The rally application form is then scanned and emailed back to the rally goer.

If SAE is included, a copy is sent out. The Gathering Spreadsheet is sent to Leslyanne at Drimsynie to await bookings from rally goers.

Then, it's the Bank of Scotland again with your money. And again, this is done for the 400 people applying for tickets.

In addition to the membership applications Rob as a Chapter Officer is always on hand to help at Club functions such as bar-b-ques, social evenings and of course the rally.

Do Chapter Officers get paid? No, we do it to support the Chapter, to ride and have fun. If you are interested in supporting the chapter by becoming a Chapter Officer speak to any of the current Chapter Officers.

The Clyde Valley membership year runs from the 1st March to the end of February the following year.

Membership of HOG is mandatory to be a member of Clyde Valley, please ensure your HOG Membership is current. If your HOG membership runs out during the year, so does your Clyde Valley membership.

## West Coast Harley-Davidson Easter Weekend

Open days at West Coast Harley -Davidson Easter Weekend. The shop

will be open Saturday and Sunday with plenty of fun and games in-store with fund raising for 'Breast way round'



cial visit of the Easter Bunny - one not to be missed!



Clyde Valley HOG Chapter will be attending the open weekend with a bar-b-que on both days, so come along and support your chapter, money raised from the bar-b-que will be donated to a local charity.



chance to join in the easter parade (Hat parade, that is!) Ladies of Harley are having an Easter Bonnet competition, this is open to Ladies (and Gents!) and children from the Chapter.

So get creative we want to see the most outrageous and beautiful bonnets, naturally prizes will be awarded to the best on show.

Fantastic deals on Harley-Davidson motorclothes over both days. Saturday afternoon will see a spe-



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If you want to contact any of the Chapter Officers you can either go on to the web site click on their picture and it will generate an email window for you or just type in to your email program any of the addresses listed below

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## Tattoo Day

Ever fancy a Tattoo?

On Saturday 11th June there will be a Tattoo artist giving a live demonstration at West Coast Harley-Davidson all day.

There will be second Tattoo artist available if you would like to get a tattoo on the day. They will only be producing small tattoos on the day (about business card size) and the cost is likely to be in the region of £20

If you fancy getting a tattoo on the day I suggest that you get there early.



## - STOP PRESS -

**URGENT - URGENT - URGENT - URGENT**

We are nearly **SOLD OUT** for The Gathering if you have not got a ticket yet, get one quick. We will be closing ticket sales very soon. There will be **NO TICKET SALES ON THE DOOR!**

If you are sharing accommodation and the accommodation is booked you will still need a ticket to get in. **NO TICKET, NO ENTRY!**

If you need a ticket apply on line or speak to any Chapter Officer

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