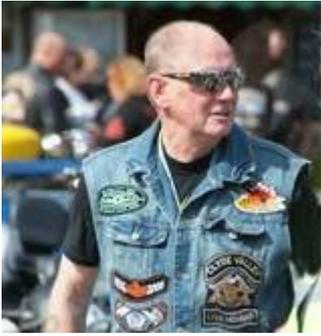


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**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
CLYDE VALLEY**



# Editor's bit

Hi folks, happy new year to you all. I thought we could all do with a reminder of good things to come, I'm starting to write this on Mon 22nd Jan, known as the most depressing Monday of the year, we've left the festive season behind us and still loads of winter ahead of us, another working week in front UGH !

It's a short version/issue this time as there's not a lot to report. I thought we could all do with something to remind us of what's to come.

I've taken photos from the website and made sure they're all good weather images cos that's what to look forward to in the coming biking year.

**Rallies** : - I hope you're all looking at the HOG Chapter Rallies and planning which ones you're going to. Camping (not for me ! ) hotels, routes, booking time off from work etc. Dunedin's TTIG, Chester's Circus Maximus, Provincewide's Hog 'n Bog, Preston's Wake the Lakes. All within easy striking distance of Scotland. There's lots of other UK HOG rallies and events so check the HOG website.

Please see our Director's column in the following pages, and correspondence sent to him from Breca Chapter and WMB Logistics. Interesting stuff.

Do you know about the new legislation regarding new riders getting licences. What a discouraging move by our politicians. So a keen 16 year old would have to take nine (that's right 9 ) tests and it could cost £1500.00 to get his/her licence by the time they are 21. Brilliant .



## THE CLYDE VALLEY RALLY

Our rally at Lochgoilhead in the Scottish Highlands. The Gathering Planning Team have been beavering away to make sure it's another massive success. Tickets are going fast as is the accommodation. I'm all booked up; are you ?



2013  
Rally pin

The cost of accommodation at Drimsynie is going to increase very soon, so please book as soon as possible. Bands are booked, chapter games are being organised, Ross is working on the ride-out logistics. The core team of Rob, Cath and Martin are working really hard to ensure it's another fantastic success.

**A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY : -  
CLYDE VALLEY AGM 24th March 2013**

# Director's Column

I'd like to start this Director's column by wishing each and every member of CVH a Happy New Year. I hope 2013 will bring health, wealth and happiness to you all.

I also fervently hope that 2013 shows a massive improvement in the weather, from that which we experienced in 2012.

Back in early December the Chapter held a Christmas party at the Garfield House hotel in Stepps. Only a limited number of Chapter members attended but those who were present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. A couple of our colleagues stayed overnight after the evenings festivities and told me that the accommodation and breakfast were excellent. This is a venue that we may well use again for future events.



As you will all be aware, our AGM is normally scheduled for mid February. However, the Committee has decided that, in order to align us with the end of the financial year, our AGM in 2013 will be held between mid to late March. The actual date for the meeting will be set in the near future and we'll let you know as soon as it has been agreed. In practical and financial terms this means that all members will effectively have received 13 months membership for the price of 12....every little helps!

Speaking of new venues, we have been looking for somewhere more accessible for both our AGM and Octoberfest events. In previous years we have staged these two outings in the Strathclyde Police Sports building in Pollok Park. Although this has served the purpose, it is not an easy venue either to get to, but more importantly, to get home from, after the events. Taxi drivers do not want to pick up from inside the park late at night. This has caused many of our members problems over the years.

We are currently in contact and negotiating with an excellent venue which is within a couple of miles of Pollok park and which has excellent motorway connections off the M74 – M8 corridor.

I'm sorry if this all sounds a bit 'Cloak and Dagger' at the moment but, once again, we'll let you all know the name and location of this venue once negotiations are complete.

It is hoped that our AGM will be the first event to be held there. This will give the entire membership an opportunity to see the facility and to give the committee feedback on what they think of it as a venue for future events.

John McLean, our Deputy Director, has just returned from a Director's meeting and training event which was held in Stratford upon Avon.

Peter Gittins, our Vibes editor will shortly be attending a Road Captains training course in Lancashire.

In May there is a week long training event arranged by HD head office in Milwaukee, U.S.A. This will be quite intensive training centred around the financial aspects of running a Chapter and the social, rally organising side of Chapter life. Don Ruthford, our Dealer Principal has asked the Chapter to send attendees to this event. Given the input subjects, the committee has decided that both John McLean and Kevin Rooney (Finance Officer) will attend and represent Clyde Valley at this training session.

Ticket sales for the Gathering are going very well. We have sold just over half the total number and we still have in excess of 5 months left to go. However, if you have not yet bought your ticket(s) we would strongly urge you to do so in the near future. Accommodation costs at Drimsynie are set to rise in February. Get in now and save yourselves any additional expense.

As I write this the snow is falling outside. However, I console myself with the thought that in a little under 2 months I will be taking the cover off the bike, unplugging the battery tender and getting my leg over once again!

Happy days will be here again soon! Ride safe, have fun and spread the joy.

Brendan , Director, Clyde Valley H.O.G.

Please see letter below to Brendan from Brescia Chapter : -

Dear Brendan,

We wish to introduce you CHRONO ALPS 500, the first endurance race for Harley-Davidson owners (HOG members) organized by Brescia Chapter and conceived by Harley-Davidson Brescia.

The event will take place in two legs leaving on Friday 12/07/2013 from Harley-Davidson Brescia dealer and arriving on Saturday night 13/07/2013 always at the dealer's with a prize-giving ceremony and a party.

Heading north on the first day riding up Lake Garda while on the second day from Trentino down to Brescia passing through the Alps.

This event has born with the aim to mix together two identifying elements: passion for Harleys and competitiveness, this in order to create a unique involving and entertaining time off among people sharing the same passion.

Please find attached the detailed CHRONO ALPS 500's press release, describing the exceptional prizes, our sponsors, participation fee and registration conditions and all the latest news.

Visit our website and Facebook and Twitter pages to find more:

<http://www.chronoalps500.com>  
<http://www.facebook.com/chrono.alps>  
<https://twitter.co/ChronoAlps500>

Hoping to receive your registration and to spend an incredible weekend with you!

**Please contact us** for any further information you may need.

Very best regards  
Staff  
Chrono Alps 500

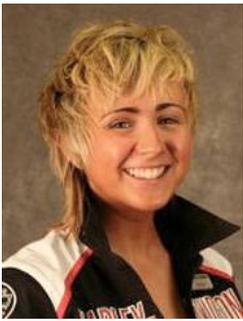
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## Merchandise

Cath is busy working with the Gathering Rally Team. She will be buying commemorative pins, T-shirts and other goodies for sale at the rally.

Meanwhile have a look at the website, Cath has Chapter merchandise for sale



## Activities

Nuala is pulling together a list of Chapter and HOG events that will be available for all members, so that we'll all be aware of what's organised. If you know of any events that you think the Chapter ought to be involved with, speak to Nuala. WCHD and the Chapter would like members to consider attending Ride to the Wall in October this year.



## Deputy's News

John has recently attended a HOG officer's meeting at HOG heaven on our behalf. It was mainly an information session explaining how the HIGH HEID HOGS want chapters to organise their finances, bylaws etc



## Head Road Captain

Ross is working on our 2013 ride-outs and how they are marshalled. The second-man drop-off system introduced last year worked well, so the requirement for Marshalls and Captains has changed. This years AGM will be preceded by the first ride-out of 2013



## HQ's High Heid News

I want to share this "recently released" with you. A very rare picture of Marj cleaning a bike. It was photographed at Kilarney 2010 A senior HOG official at the rally remarked that this was a one-off, he'd never seen the likes before !



# Membership

Kevin will be collecting membership cash around the time of the AGM, late March this year. Please see Brendan's comments in Director's Column

That's Kev collecting membership subs

I'll take a cheque or cash, no IOUs

Fist ??



Nuala dressed for ride home from Portpatrick !

Hi Brendan

Please excuse this email approach, but I'm not sure whether the news of what we offer to HOG members is filtering through to the Clyde Valley Chapter.

You may have seen our trucks at various Harley-Davidson events and rallies. We work as the transport company for Harley Davidson UK and Europe, providing the logistics support for all the events in the UK and the European events and rallies undertaken by Oxford head office.

Back in Lake Garda I was talking to Marj Rae \* and she asked me to look at offering a service to HOG members, transporting their bikes to and from the rallies in Europe, which we have been doing ever since.

The idea of this service is to enable Members of the UK Chapters to have their own bike at the various events and enable them to experience some of the fantastic riding available around these locations- but without having to ride there!

People do this for a number of different reasons.

·They may not have the time to ride. Adding the extra days that the ride takes may take up too much of their annual holiday or their job may mean that they can't afford the riding days off.

·They may have never ridden abroad before and be wary of a long journey on the "wrong" side of the road.

·Their bike is not suitable for a long journey. We transport bikes that go into the Custom Bike Show for instance. Or they don't fancy riding an 883 for such a distance- although I know that people do!

·Their bike may have been damaged during an event.

·Etc etc.

The service we offer starts from your local dealership. We collect the bike, strap it into a cradle specifically designed for transporting bikes, we load it onto one of our trucks and transport it to the Rally site. Our customers then collect the bikes from us and enjoy the freedom of using their own bike, return it to us at the end of the event and we return it to their local dealership.

If you would like to see how we load bikes there is a short time-lapse video on our website ([www.wmblogistics.co.uk](http://www.wmblogistics.co.uk))

As we are based within the rally site collecting and dropping off the bike is always easy. We will also take a bag and two helmets with each bike to save the owner having to fly with them.

The big question is "How much does all this cost??"

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Round trip (there and back) £699.00

One way (there or back) £499.00

Rome (13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June)

Round trip (there and back) £750.00

One way (there or back) £525.00

Faaker See-European Bike Week in Austria (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September)

Round trip (there and back) £699.00

One way (there or back) £499.00

The only additional cost is insurance which we charge individually. This works out at £40 for a £10,000 bike.

Please let me know if you, or any of your members, would like any further information.

We look forward to speaking to you soon.

Kind regards

**Paul Lusty**

WMB

# Sad News for Biking

Those of us that read MCN will already know about the sad loss of Kevin Ash. Killed recently in South Africa while on assignment at the launch of the new BMW R1200GS. Details of the incident are unclear as yet.

Kevin was a brilliant journalist with an amazing knowledge of bikes, biking and bikers. Not afraid to ruffle the feathers of politicians or bike manufacturers when he felt they'd got it wrong. He is regarded as one of the very best motor bike journalist in the industry.

He has recently highlighted the shambles of the new motor bike licence laws. These new laws are going to deter younger riders from getting into biking.

Kevin was an inspiration for those that ride and those that are thinking about getting "back into biking".



Kevin Ash  
1959 to 2013

Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

## IAM Anyone ?

Anyone thinking about improving their riding skills, their confidence or even getting confirmation that they're as pure dead brilliant and as safe a rider as they know (or think !! ) they are. Having a look at what the IAM has to offer. I'm certain that it helps all riders increase their safety awareness and enjoyment. If you're interested, look at the [www.iam.org.uk](http://www.iam.org.uk) website. Or have an informal chat with our Head Road Captain Ross Munro. You've nothing to lose and a lot to gain. Counter-steering ? What's that ?

## Chapter Members Enjoyment/Participation and Fun

Our Chapter officers are very keen that our members get the maximum out of the chapter activities. So we need feedback from you regarding ride-outs and any other activities you'd like the chapter to take part in. So if you've got a good idea, get in touch with a chapter officer please.

## HOG Membership Benefits

If you log into the HOG website and then the Gallery, then "Benefits" there are discounts for HOG members, have a look

## 1st Ride-out 2013

The first ride-out is planned for 1030 for a 1100 departure from West Coast H-D followed by the AGM, planned for 1400. Venue to be confirmed.

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