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This months updates

Now that Boris has set his road map out with the earliest dates we will be able to do things we can now start to put plans in place instead of having ideas of what we would like to do. The days are getting longer and we won't be suffering from PMS (parked Motorcycle syndrome) for much longer.

I have appointed Neil Walmsley as Safety officer following his fantastic job last year coordinating the rides, he will again be ride coordinator this season and he has already brought many great ideas to the table. I will continue as temporary Head Road Captain until the end of this riding season.

I would like to thank Graham Walker for bringing Facebook to the chapter and his time managing and updating the

group however he has decided to step down and I have appointed Nicola Jolly Waller as Facebook moderator.

There has been a restructure of the Road Captains and remaining are

Neil Walmsley
Phil MacDonald
Rob Hammerton
Phil Hannam
Andrew Fairhurst
Steve Cirrell
Mick Pierce
Andy Dorsett
Andie Hannam
Returning is Andy Waller
New R/C's once trained are
Mick Crossland
Gary Holroyd
Hamid Ghadamian

We are going to be using 2nd man drop off on all AV rides going forward, this is going to be introduced by way of training/coaching on the small ride outs similar to last year. We have protocols in place for anyone unsure of positioning etc to ensure that everyone is confident on ride outs. Following feedback we are also going to introduce the wearing of yellow high vis jackets for riders, this will be a personal choice however we will have a small supply of sleeveless jackets or you can wear a H-D one. The lead rider and back marker will be wearing orange jackets.

Once we allowed to ride in bigger groups we will introduce 2 back markers and if required have a coaching RC to drop off riders.

Road Map out of Covid

As one of our members Andrew Waller works in H&S we have sought his advise on the stages and he has looked in depth at what the legislation says and the first step is the 29 March when groups of 6 or 2 families can meet, however they can go no further than 5 miles from where they live. This means that we cannot start the small ride outs as soon as we thought.

We can though start to have coaching/ training sessions in small groups within a 5 mile radius of home. Neil has his work cut out to organize this.

Watch out on Facebook for updates as this is where Neil will be communicating with you all about when we can have planned rides.

Having looked at the dates on Boris's road map the committee have taken the very sad decision to again cancel the rally this year as it is too close to the ideal date of the 21 June and we felt it just wasn't viable. We have booked for the same dates next year 24—26 June. We will again carry over any tickets from last year.

Reasons
to
Ride
as if
we
need
one.

This is a HOG mileage recognition programme that is broken down into 3 parts.

LIFETIME RECOGNITION

Keep track of your lifetime mileage, because the miles count. If you aren't enrolled in the Lifetime mileage program, see your dealer to enroll. Miles shown reflect miles earned and entered by a dealer since enrollment into the H.O.G.® mileage program and might not reflect all miles ridden. This is where you get the patches 1k—100k etc.

Ride 365

ANNUAL RECOGNITION

This is for miles ridden in one year and is digital. See LHD to make sure you are properly enrolled in the yearly programme.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The Chapter Challenge makes things even more interesting by adding a competitive element among H.O.G.® chapters. At the end of the year, chapters with the highest total mileage and highest average mileage per member will be victorious.

For all 3 parts you must register your mileage with LHD twice a year at the beginning and end of the season.

Mark is happy to receive these on email showing a pic



Put a competitive edge on your riding season while making unforgettable memories. Win prizes for piling up the points by documenting your rides. Earn points for towns and cities from A-Z, H-D® dealerships, National Parks, and more.

You get a patch and a pin for registering.

Upload your pictures on hog.com. To do this, login or create your account, go to the "Membership" section, "View all your benefits" and "Learn More" about the ABCs of Touring contest.

Join in the chapter ride outs

Aire Valley
Hip Flask



We are running an incentive this year to encourage everyone to join in the official chapter ride outs. This will entail a point system for each ride out that you participate in and the top 6 will get a Aire Valley UK hip flask.

Neil will be collating who's on the rides and at the meeting in November they will be awarded.

A to Z

Chapter Challenge









A TO Z

Rules

Each Chapter to have their own Chapter coordinator who will collate all the individual info.

1. Plan a route. This may include one or more stops to gain points in the Challenge.
2. At each of your destinations, take a photograph with you, your bike and a copy of the Enthusiast magazine in it and send it to
3. Make a note of what you have visited for example (Fountains Abby)
4. Use the Scrabble calculator to work out your score score 23

<https://thekatespanos.com/scrabble-score-calculator/>

A = 1 / B = 3 / C = 3 / D = 2 / E = 1 / F = 4 / G = 2 / H = 4 / I = 1 / J = 8 / K = 5 / L = 1 / M = 3 /

N = 1 / O = 1 / P = 3 / Q = 10 / R = 1 / S = 1 / T = 1 / U = 1 / V = 4 / W = 4 / X = 8 / Y = 4 / Z = 10

In cases such as the GREEN TELEPHONE BOX /SOME THING THAT'S JET PROPELLED Please name the location, eg Green Telephone Box (Ingleby Barwick) =31 points
SOMETHING THAT'S JET PROPELLED (Raf Leaming) =16 points. THE GOLD POST BOX who it's dedicated to eg Ben Ainslie = 12 points. The location of the OBELISK.

Send the photograph taken at each location visited to your Chapter's Challenge Coordinator with a brief description.

At the end of the event Each Chapter will have an overall winner.

The winner's scores of each Chapter will be sent to the H.O.G. coordinator.

The event will run from the 1st of January to the 30th of September.









This A-Z challenge can be done at any time this year up until end of October so the results can be announced at the November meeting. The other sheet for scoring and what to look for are on the AV Facebook page. Any questions ask Rob Hammerton as he is the coordinator for this.

Enthusiast Magazine

Thanks for all your responses as to whether you have received the mags last year. I and the other Directors have fed this back to HOG customer services and they have assured us that they have been sent out and it's a problem with the post ??????

We have this as an agenda item tonight on the Directors call and I'll let you know what is said.

The next magazine is due out in March so watch out for it and if you don't receive it by the end of the month get onto customer services.

Problems with delivery of membership packs

- 2021 Renewal packs for Life Members and Annual renew members who have renewed in January and the first week of February.
- There has been a delay in the production of the 2021 pins which are included in the 2021 renewal pack. The stock is expected to arrive at the fulfilment company on the 12th of February and all the waiting orders are expected to be in the postal system by the 28th of February. We can realistically expect to see members receiving their packs in the first weeks of March, postal services dependent. You may also hear reports of members having already received their 2021 renewal packs. This is because at the end of December last year 2000 units were delivered. These have been used primarily for our members in the UK & Ireland.
- 2021 L.O.H. pins
2021 L.O.H. pins will not be included within the Life Members Renewal packs. They will be dispatched in a second order and will likely arrive with our members within the same period as their 2021 renewal packs.
- Welcome Packs for our Dealerships
○ You'll be aware that at the end of last year there was a stock shortage of some of the materials included in our Welcome packs which caused a delay in being able to fulfil the orders which our Dealers were placing. The good news here is that we now have plenty of stock, the negative is that Brexit has caused a big complication with regards to get the Welcome Packs past customs and out to our dealerships. The fulfilment company and H-D are working on solution.

FROM HOG Member Care Team Leader Andrew Macleod

Hello all, If I've never had the pleasure of talking with you then please allow me to introduce myself, I'm Andrew and I'm the Senior Team Lead of the H.O.G. Member Care Centre for the EMEA. In a recent discussion I took part in with a number of Chapter Directors for the UK & Ireland the topic of members not receiving the H.O.G. Insider came up along with some other aspects of general ease of navigating the Harley-Davidson .

We have created a step-by-step guide which we believe will assist many of our members who may be having difficulty in either creating or accessing their online profile. The process of successfully creating an online profile and linking it with a H.O.G. subscription will ensure that you will be able to manage your membership online by being able to update address/contact details, renew memberships, upgrade memberships and also advise as to whether you would like to receive email communication from Harley-Davidson or not.

This is an important point as the H.O.G. Insider, the digital magazine, is included within this area of communication. If you decide to Opt-out of receiving emails from Harley-Davidson (it's really hard to imagine, I know) you will not receive the digital magazine. Of course, there can always be instances where the system does not seem to work as expected and we recommend to everybody to get in touch with us via phone or email as soon as they have a question so that we will be able to look further into their issue and advise fully. The contact details for the team can be found at the bottom of the step-by-step guide.

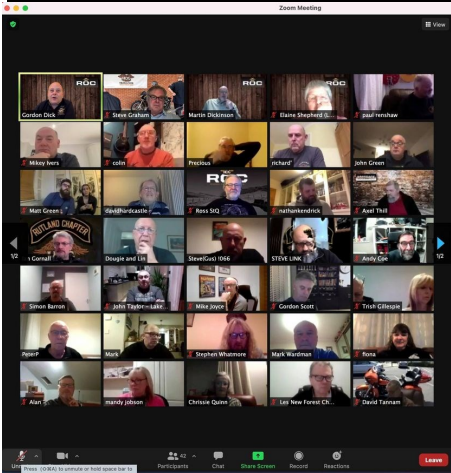
How to access your online H.O.G. benefits 1: Create an H-D online Profile Go to H-D.com Click EXPERIENCE H-D Scroll down and click HARLEY OWNERS GROUP A new page will open, click on SIGN IN If you already have an existing H-D online profile, sign in with your email and password. If you have forgotten your password or it is not recognised, click FORGOT PASSWORD If you do not yet have an existing H-D online profile, click CREATE ACCOUNT and follow the steps

2: Linking your active H.O.G. membership to your H-D online profile Now that you have an H-D online profile, you need to link it to your active H.O.G. membership: click on OWNERS and H.O.G. Scroll down to MANAGE MY MEMBERSHIP and follow the steps to enter you H.O.G. ID You will then be prompted to verify either your email or telephone number. These are taken from the contact information saved at the point of your membership being created. If the details shown are incorrect or need to be added/amended, please contact the Member Care Centre who will be able to adjust your membership details so you can complete the verification.

3: Accessing your H.O.G. membership benefits Once logged in to your H-D profile that is linked to an active H.O.G. membership, the exclusive member benefits will be available to you. Scroll down to MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS/LEARN MORE ABOUT BENEFITS where you can view and access all of your benefits Scroll down further to MANAGE MY MEMBERSHIP in order to view your membership details, renew, opt in to receive email communications such as the H.O.G. Insider

For any additional support, please don't hesitate to contact the Member Care Centre 00800 1111 2223 customerservices@hog-europe.com

ROC (Regional Officer Connections)



I'm sure some of you have seen the posts about ROC zoom courses and wondered what they are. They are a replacement for HOT training which stands for Hog Officer Training, which for obvious reasons could not take place last year and probably this year. They are on a first come basis and unfortunately we have only managed to get on a few as the uptake was large and the availability was small. Lucky for us they have

The best places to ride a motorcycle in Europe

Gary France, of Harley-Davidson motorcycle tour operator Tour1, has ridden all over Europe and he shares here what are his favourite places to ride in Europe, and why.

There are few things that make me happier than riding a motorcycle. Riding in new places that combine dramatic scenery, fantastic roads and experiencing new cultures really hits the mark, especially under clear blue sunny skies. I am very fortunate to have been able to go riding in many places, and especially within Europe.

Here are my top places to ride a motorcycle in Europe along with a short explanation as to why. They are in no particular order:

Ireland. The west coast of Ireland, known as the Wild Atlantic Way, is one of those places that is so close to home, every rider should experience it at least once. Combined with the magnificent scenery in the south west of the country, plus the very friendly nature of the people who live there, a road trip in Ireland is pretty much unforgettable.

Anyone remember where this was taken and who these people are?



What about this picture what was the event and who are these characters?