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## THE OPEN ROAD IS AN OPEN DOOR

I love this time of year. Generally it has the best riding weather, but what you can be sure of is seeing H.O.G.® at its best: members riding together, discovering new places, sharing their stories and enjoying the company and camaraderie of fellow riders and friends – old and new.

Great weather and great roads seem to draw us together and riding together creates chemistry and kinship – the glue that binds us. Many lifelong friendships are made on the road and many people ‘discover more’ – not only about the world, but about themselves. The Ladies Of Harley™ are a prime example of those whose shared passion and enthusiasm gives groups and individuals a great sense of pride, accomplishment, community and identity. Read about National Chapter LOH Officer Elaine Shepherd’s great accomplishment on page 12 or Marilyn Knight’s in the June eMag.

So many of us have taken great joy in investigating new routes and countryside as we journey to various events, near and far. And regardless of the event itself, there is always a heart-warming, interesting or funny story to share. In this issue, you’ll find some of those from the 2015 European H.O.G. Rally.

H.O.G. is proud to help support and create opportunities for members to ride and to meet, from rallies to the Ironhog and National Chapter Challenge and online, with Ride Resources. Favourite routes can also be shared online at [greatestrides.eu](http://greatestrides.eu).

H.O.G. gives impetus to ‘Discover More’ through YOU: embracing the spirit of freedom and exploration that riding a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle offers. Whilst Luis Castilla is riding his 10,000 mile epic journey, H.O.G. members around the globe set off on their own adventures every day.

We know the open road = an open door to endless possibilities.

**Marjorie Rae**  
Consumer Experience Manager, UK & Ireland

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UPDATE



HARLEY-DAVIDSON®  
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## ROLLIN' ALL OVER THE WORLD

Thousands of Harley-Davidson® motorcycle riders hit the open road on June 27 and 28 for the 2015 World Ride, logging a jaw-dropping total of 11,966,614 miles, or 19,258,351 kilometres.

Riders from 75 countries and many walks of life came together in spirit to celebrate their passion for freedom and adventure, logging miles solo or in groups to make their contribution to the total.

“The Harley-Davidson World Ride is a real testament to the power of motorcycling to unite people from all cultures and geographies who share a passion for Harley-Davidson and riding,” said Ken Ostermann, Harley-Davidson General Manager of Integrated Marketing Operations.

[h-d.com/worldride](http://h-d.com/worldride)



### What's the story behind this unlikely sight?

Find out in the next issue of *HOG*® magazine...

## KNOW THE SCORE

Issue 2 recounted the exploits of 2014 ABCs of Touring winner Corrie van Rensburg, who was way ahead of the pack for the second year running. Plenty of other entrants also racked up impressive totals, though – here is the top 20:

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Find out more about the ABCs of Touring competition and how to enter at [hog.com](http://hog.com) or in your Membership Guide.



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## MORE NEW DEALERSHIPS

Three more European cities gained a world-class Harley-Davidson® experience with the opening of new dealerships in Tarragona, Reading and Schwarzach.

**Harley-Davidson Tarraco**, in Tarragona, Catalonia, opened on May 11 and offers the full H-D customer experience including customisation. More than 1,000 people and 350 Harleys gathered for the opening party to celebrate the return of H-D to Tarragona. The dealership also has a pretty cool website including a virtual tour.  
[www.harleydavidsonatarraco.com](http://www.harleydavidsonatarraco.com)

**Harley-Davidson Reading** became the fourth UK dealership managed by the Lind Group, a partner of H-D since 2008. The stylish, purpose-built showroom features a wide range of new and used motorcycles, the latest MotorClothes and a state-of-the-art workshop with factory-trained technicians.  
[www.lindh.co.uk](http://www.lindh.co.uk)

**Harley-Davidson Bayerwald** brought the Milwaukee legend to the German town of Schwarzach in Bavaria when it opened its doors for the first time on May 16. The hills and forests around Schwarzach make the area a biker's paradise – and now riders have an easy solution to all their H-D needs, with a 500m<sup>2</sup> showroom, a workshop and a range of merchandise. Harley-Davidson Bayerwald also has its own American Diner, for an even more mouthwatering experience.  
[bavarian-lion.de](http://bavarian-lion.de)



## CHAPTER CATCH UP

### Qatar Chapter

The Qatar Chapter was established in 2006 when Harley-Davidson Doha first opened. Since then, the chapter has gone from strength to strength, with the last year seeing an unprecedented number of new members. It was generally agreed within the chapter that the 2014/15 riding season (which in the MENA region runs from around October to June, since soaring temperatures in the summer months are not conducive to riding!) was its best ever.

Chapter Director Khaled Al Thani, his assistant Elias Dbeis, the LoH Officer Enrica Barbagello and the rest of the committee have worked extremely hard to organise events and establish a strong social media presence. Thanks to their efforts, the chapter has attracted a lot of new riders and encouraged people to realise their 'first Harley®' dream.

Several other H.O.G. chapters from the region have visited, including Riyadh, Dharan and Bahrain, who came to ride out with the chapter and participate in its events.

Memorable highlights of last season include being filmed by Al Jazeera for Doha Film Festival; the first Annual Chili Cook-off, organised by the American Chamber of Commerce in Doha, in which the chapter claimed second place; and numerous charity fundraising events for Qatar Cancer Society, for victims of violence against women, and for Nepal in the wake of the recent earthquakes.

The chapter also organises regular riding skills and safety training sessions, and is particularly proud of its safety record, with no incidents during 2014/15.

The Qatar Chapter will be hosting its first Chapter Rally later this year, from October 22-24. They hope to see you there!

#### SEND US YOUR CHAPTER UPDATES

Are you a new chapter, or have you recently celebrated a milestone event or anniversary? Tell us all about it in no more than 200 words and we'll publish it here.

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# A family affair

UPDATE



**We all love** being a part of the H.O.G.® family. But Kevin Fowler, Road Captain of Black Mountains Chapter, and his grandson Keaton Karnick share a love of all things Harley-Davidson®.

At just seven years old Keaton is a confirmed bike-nut who is crazy about motorcycles and enjoys nothing more than riding his own quad bike. In fact it was Keaton who convinced Kevin, or 'Popsie', to join the world of Harley-Davidson.

"I've been riding bikes since I was 11 but our involvement with Harley-Davidson

started when we attended the opening of Swansea Harley-Davidson® together in April 2013 to take a look at the bikes," says Kevin. "It was a great day out and Keaton was so enthusiastic about the Harleys on display that I couldn't help but treat myself for my 60th birthday. I bought my first Harley®, a new anniversary edition Super Glide!"

Since then both have been firmly bitten by the Harley-Davidson bug. When he's not out and about on his quad bike Keaton gets involved with as much H.O.G. activity

as he can. "He loves coming on the back of the Super Glide with me and is always asking me when we can go out next," says Kevin. "We ride other bikes but the Harley is his favourite – he loves the sound of the engine.

"He's watched me become more involved with the Black Mountains Chapter over the last couple of years and joins me when he can. He enjoys meeting all of my chapter friends and even gets involved with our banter."

As well as spending time with the chapter the pair enjoy their own ride-outs. Recent highlights have included a trip back to Swansea Harley-Davidson for its second birthday celebrations, which involved an hour's ride from their home village of Dinas Powis, and a day at a local car show where Kevin's Super Glide picked up an award.

"It's a great pleasure to be able to spend some quality time together and I'm proud of the way he looks up to me," says Kevin. "He's even taken to copying me, insisting on having his own full Harley waistcoat so that he can really look the part!"

With such enthusiasm it's hardly surprising that Keaton's ambition is to become a H.O.G. member as soon as he can. It's great that the next generation can share their interest with current members. Kevin says that not only does Keaton get to indulge his interest, but spending time with the chapter has helped him to mix with adults and be more confident and respectful with people.

It's good to know that the future of H.O.G. is in such good hands.

## Making TRAX

**On April 25**, Oxford Chapter Ladies Of Harley held a coffee morning in aid of TRAX at Oxford Harley-Davidson®. The charity is one of those nominated for the support of Oxford Chapter for 2015. It aids 11 to 19-year-olds in gaining a qualification which will help them to be an employable person. Without this guidance many kids may go off the rails in society.

The courses include repairing cars/motorcycles/bicycles and chef/cooking skills. Students are rewarded for their input, punctuality and achievement.

Despite threatening weather reports the

day was glorious so there was a great turn-out with many members from Thames Valley also supporting the event.

As well as the ride-out, the ladies made cakes, helped out with the washing up and sold coffees.

Allen and Mel from the Chapter were also present all day – selling raffle tickets and making everybody feel so welcome. There were many surprised customers who also dug deep and donated to the TRAX charity. The day was a great success, raising in excess of a whopping £400 for the charity.

[traxorg.com](http://traxorg.com)  
[oxfordukchapter.co.uk](http://oxfordukchapter.co.uk)





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## Check it out

**A request from Geordie Chapter Director Barry Gillespie**

In 2012 I was diagnosed with localised prostate cancer. Don't worry, this isn't a request for sympathy or charity. But it's not necessarily an easy ask. I'm happy to share my experience to help others.

I am now on a scheme called Watchful Waiting. I have my PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) levels checked four times a year and I have to see a consultant urologist twice a year, to check that all is ok. Many localised cancers (like mine) are not aggressive and grow slowly. They do not cause any problems during your life time – *you die with it, not because of it.*

Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer in men. One in eight men at the age of 50 will suffer from it. All I want you to do is get yourself checked if you're around the 50-year mark. Go and see your doctor. It's just a simple blood test. Catch it quick. It's no good putting it off and finding out you have advanced prostate cancer. Who'll ride your Harley® then?! Stay alive, keep riding. For more information see [prostatecanceruk.org](http://prostatecanceruk.org)

## Get social with H.O.G.®

In the time between editions of HOG® magazine there are plenty of ways to keep in touch and stay in the loop – from [www.hogeuropegallery.co.uk](http://www.hogeuropegallery.co.uk) and the monthly eMag to a variety of social channels.

The HOG Gallery site is a great resource for H.O.G. members and the eMag delivers all the latest news and reports from the world of H.O.G. and H-D® direct to your inbox.

As well as that, you can link in with H.O.G. at [twitter.com/hogeurope](https://twitter.com/hogeurope), [facebook.com/HOG.HarleyOwnersGroup](https://facebook.com/HOG.HarleyOwnersGroup) and by subscribing to [youtube.com/user/HarleyDavidsonEurope](https://youtube.com/user/HarleyDavidsonEurope).

And, as if all that wasn't enough, why not link up with the H.O.G. chapters directly on their Twitter feeds and Facebook pages? They're a great way to get the latest from the chapters, ask questions and see what's going on near you or where you might be going! **Don't miss a thing.**

## Welcome Home Thames Valley Chapter

Thames Valley Chapter has been without a sponsoring dealership for the past five years but that all changed on Monday April 13 when Reading Harley-Davidson® in Berkshire opened its doors.

The store, on Wokingham Road in Reading, is said to be one of the most unique and customer-centric dealerships in the UK. Its new showroom has been designed in the style of a 50s diner and will be the base for Thames Valley Chapter, as well as other bike meets, ride-ins and entertainment.

Since opening it's been a hive of activity, with H.O.G.® owners stopping by to check out the collection of stunning new bikes, the latest Harley® merchandise and a state-of-the-art

workshop with fully trained technicians.

It's been even more important for Thames Valley Chapter, with members agreeing that it's great to have a place that feels like home again. "The new dealership in Reading is a gathering place for like-minded people who enjoy riding bikes, and the camaraderie and the friendly atmosphere that you always feel when we're all together," said Linda Friend, Thames Valley Chapter's LOH photographer.



## New look

Harley-Davidson® in Preston has opened with a new name and new look after a three month refurbishment project. The dealership, on Strand Road, is now known as Bowker Harley-Davidson in line with six other automotive dealerships out of nine owned by Bowker Motor Group.

The overhaul includes exciting design elements inspired by shipping containers and a new mezzanine dining area that serves hot and cold food seven days a week, meaning you can now fuel yourself

for a full day of H.O.G.® shopping!

Greg Lockhart of Bowker Harley-Davidson said: "Harley-Davidson has always been renowned for the social side of motorcycle ownership. The investment in the dealership now gives us premium space for customers old and new to enjoy."

You can still find the same extensive range of new and used bikes as well as a great range of accessories, so if you're in Preston or just out riding then make sure you drop in.

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# A PIECE OF OF HISTORY

## A roof slate from the home of the 19th-century Davidsons has completed its epic journey to Sturgis

**Two pieces of** Harley-Davidson® history were brought together in June when a roof slate from Netherton Cottage, Scotland was presented to the mayor of Sturgis.

The slate had travelled some 4,000 miles: it was flown from Aberdeen, Scotland to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where it was passed to Matt and Brittney Olsen from 20th Century Racing. Matt and Brittney, along with a convoy of riders on Panheads and Knuckleheads, rode with the slate to its final destination.

Netherton Cottage, in the tiny village of Aberlemno in Angus, eastern Scotland, was the home of the Davidson family until they emigrated to the USA in 1857. William C. Davidson – father of William, Walter and Arthur, who founded the Motor Company – lived there as a child. The cottage was bought in 2008 by Mike Sinclair, Maggie Sherrit and Keith Mackintosh, who restored it to the way it would have looked in the 1850s. It is now a place of pilgrimage for H-D® enthusiasts from all over the world. Visitors can stay in the cottage and experience life as it would have been for the Davidson family in the 19th century – although there is a separate block with showers and a modern kitchen for those

who prefer a few 21st-century comforts!

One of the original roof slates has been at the Harley-Davidson Museum™ in Milwaukee since 2010; the new Sturgis Harley-Davidson Plaza seemed a natural place for another. The plaza was officially opened on July 31, for the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The slate bears the Harley-Davidson logo and the inscription: “Roofslate from the Scottish home of William C Davidson. Father of the founders, builder of The Shed, the first home of Harley-Davidson.”

Visitors to the most famous motorcycle rally in the world can now see a reminder of the Motor Company’s humble roots,



and of a family whose quest for a better life led them thousands of miles from home to Milwaukee, where William C. Davidson would build the first ever Harley-Davidson workshop for his three enterprising sons. ■





# DAWN TIL DUSK



At the end of June I had the pleasure of taking part in the Dawn to Dusk One-Day Run, an east-to-west journey across England from Lowestoft to Lands End. Friday afternoon and evening saw the arrival of all the other 'Dawn to Duskers' and the organisers, Graham and Hilary, made sure everyone had been given their 2015 One-Day Run passport and bright green T-shirt. Participating on a Harley-Davidson® is the only prerequisite for this event and of the 33 participants, 12 were Ladies of

Harley™ so it was good to see more rider and non-rider LOH taking part this year. It's 4am on Saturday morning and with my bike loaded up, I sat in eager anticipation as I can hear other Harley-Davidsons leave another hotel just down the road. The excitement gathers as riders congregate at the easterly Ness Point. Our mileage is checked, our passports are stamped, photos are taken, Facebook is updated, the sun rises and then we're off on our chosen route! Spirits are high. I recently upgraded from road numbers on paper stuck to my tank to using satnav and I had prepared a suitable A road route. For me, I choose to simply view the screen as I enjoy the time in the saddle of my Classic Springer, with no 'ear interruption' of GPS directions, music or linked intercom facility – simply a journey of 'helmet space'. With four compulsory passport

checkpoints at Newmarket, Oxford, Bridgwater and Plymouth Harley-Davidson® dealerships, everyone takes their route of choice to see the sunset at Lands End – it's not a race. The early morning's empty roads make for easy and enjoyable riding; the air is crisp and fresh, the sun glistens in the rear-view mirror as it rises in the sky. As each checkpoint, refuelling or food and drink break passes by it feels tiring yet invigorating at the same time. The regular stops make the journey much more manageable. I believe that a totally non-motorway route has not been used before, so a chosen route that takes in glorious scenery, winding roads, historic towns, poppy fields, the Cotswolds and the Mendip Hills is quite an achievement. As such, my husband Ray and fellow riding buddies Neil and Helen enjoy it too.

## National Chapter LOH Officer, UK & Ireland Elaine Shepherd joins the Dawn to Dusk One-Day Run



The hardest part for me is the last part of the A30 dual carriageway, but seeing the signs for Lands End washes away any aches.

The last few miles are exhilarating and the sense of achievement is something to put a smile on my face as I ride through the remaining narrow Cornish roads.

To see Lands End with its whitewashed building and the vast ocean behind it is a 'whoop whoop!' and punch the air moment.

After 472 miles and just over 14 hours riding it was a proud experience to get the last passport stamp and be presented with my One-Day Run patch. I would recommend it to anyone; it is a truly fantastic day out.

Share the Spark! ■

**Elaine Shepherd**  
National Chapter LOH Officer,  
UK & Ireland

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### Marilyn Knight – My super challenge

Around the time of my 61st birthday our local club had a ladies "have a go ride" morning. My first attempt was somewhat thwarted by nearly hitting a wall, but before I knew it my partner Alan had bought me a Honda VT125 and booked me in for my CBT, which I passed. My reward was a Harley® 883 Custom, which Alan described as "a little taster to get you going for when you pass your test". After much practice I passed my modular 1 and modular 2. The following year I spent a great summer riding to my first rally, the Cider Rally, and even abroad to Hardilote. Over the following winter we went to Southampton HD®. Big mistake! On a platform was this beautiful hard candy silver 72 and the next thing I know Alan said "that's yours now and it's being delivered on Wednesday". My very first new bike! Spring brought my first proper overseas trip to Croatia, followed by Thunder in the Glens, the Jersey Rally and Hardilote again before a trip to Dubai in November. I was awarded the 2014 furthest travelled LOH at Nene Valley in my first year of entering. This year I've already done St. Tropez and the Cider Rally. I'm also going to SofER, Thunder in the Glens and Hardilote. This November we are riding from Dubai through the Desert Mountains to Oman for another new adventure. Thanks to ALL those LOH girls from Nene Valley and Oxford for the encouragement, and to all those who think they can't do it or are too old, THINK AGAIN! Safe riding all.

**Marilyn Knight (Blondie) Nene Valley and Oxford Chapters**

### Try a bike!

On Saturday March 21 the St. Leger ladies took part in the 'Try a bike' experience. Nine of us, who ride pillion with our partners or Dads, decided to give it a try and three of our experienced lady riders came along for support.

We all had a go and some managed better than others, with our two youngest taking to it like ducks to water. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all the ladies that came along for the ride.

On behalf of St. Leger LOH I would like to thank Nigel Bickerstaff of ATB Rider Training and his team of instructors for their patience, cheerfulness and enthusiasm shown to us during our time spent with them.

**Lesley Bealby**  
LOH Officer St. Leger Chapter  
HOG Doncaster



### Getting a taste for it

May 10 saw New Forest Chapter LOH enjoying a Taster Day at Southampton Harley-Davidson®.

Everyone had a great day and all the ladies went in the showroom afterwards to pick out the Harleys they wanted after they passed their tests, which hopefully they will all do soon!

Thank you girls for taking part and I hope to be riding on the road with you all soon.

Ride Safe!

**Fiona Gilbert**  
LOH Officer New Forest Chapter

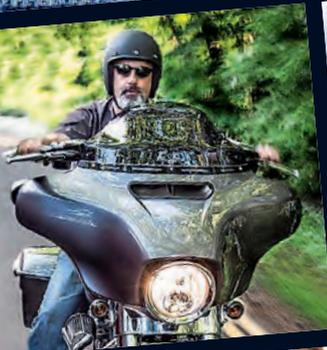




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### CAPE 'EM COMING

Riding into the Arctic Circle had been a dream of ours for a long time, so when the opportunity arose last summer, we jumped at the chance. Three couples on three Electra Glides® set off from Peterborough and took the overnight ferry from Harwich to Esbjerg, Denmark. We rode the 190 miles to our Copenhagen hotel, leaving Denmark the next day via the five-mile-long Øresund Bridge. In Rättvik, we stayed in a log cabin – camping Nordic style!

Another 270 miles took us to the Swedish National H.O.G. Rally in Åre. The scenery was exceptional, with landscapes of greenery and millions of trees, broken by blue lakes and meandering rivers. After three days of hard riding in high temperatures, we used the two days at the rally to relax

and make use of the excellent facilities. Congratulations must go to the Jamtland Chapter for their brilliant choice of site, great organisation and friendliness.

We left Åre early to go on to the Arctic Circle Centre in Krokstrand that evening. Light was not a problem as we were now getting continuous daylight, with the Centre remaining open until 10pm. The thermometer at the Centre was reading an unbelievable 30°C! After the unending trees in Sweden, we were now in a tundra landscape – bleak, but very beautiful in its own way.

We had decided to head west to the coast and ride the Atlanterhavsveien or Atlantic Road, one of the famous Norwegian National Tourist Routes. It is just over five miles long and links a number of islands and skerries with the

mainland using causeways, viaducts and eight bridges, the most spectacular being the Storseisundet Bridge. We made a quick visit to Trondheim Harley-Davidson® before following the E39 (ferry across Halsafjord) and Rv70 to Kristiansund to pick up the Atlantic Road (Rv64).

At the Jotunheimen National Park, we rode another of Norway's National Tourist Routes, the Sognefjellet Road, including the highest pass in northern Europe. Closed in the winter, this 108-kilometre road takes you past everything you could think of in the way of mountain scenery. There were rushing rivers and streams, waterfalls and glaciers on the high mountains; a winter wonderland with summer temperatures! Leaving the pass behind, we descended via several hairpin

bends to run along the beautiful Lustrafjord to our overnight stop at Sandvik Camping.

Our ride back south also took us through the world's longest road tunnel – complete with roundabout! We travelled the coastal route back to see more of rural Denmark before taking the ferry home. What a holiday! Brilliant company, wonderful scenery and fantastic riding for a grand total of 3,083 miles on our trusty Electra Glide.

**Yvonne and Vince Fellows, UK**



#### ▲ GET YOUR HEART IN GEAR

In the Alba Chapter, women are playing an increasingly important role, with the dynamic Tiziana Bosio taking the lead.

Apart from riding, they also try to lend a helping hand to those in need. Recently, this took the form of an awareness day for A.N.D.O.S. (the National Association of Women's Breast Surgery), an organisation that helps women rebuild their lives and their confidence after breast surgery. 'Metti in moto il tuo cuore' ('Get Your Heart in Gear') was held in collaboration with the association 'Metti in moto la vita' based in Alba.

It was a fantastic day: more than 350 bikers attended, with motorcycles of all makes. The ride started at 10.30am with a big parade in Turin city centre, riding through the city's picturesque streets to Piazza Vittorio, with bikes proudly displaying pink flags. It was exciting to see so much solidarity: bright eyes and a few tears, but mostly smiles. Tiziana Bosio said: "We managed to get a little smile out of these women; may they never lose hope and always keep on fighting."

During the ceremony a commemorative plaque was awarded, and the Alba Chapter Ladies collected money and gave a keepsake patch to all bikers who attended the event, with the proceeds donated to the organisation.

Thanks must go to all the institutions and to Dr Mario Airoidi and Dr Fulvia Pedani from the Oncology Department of Molinette Hospital in Turin. Many voices

united in one choir: women, don't ever give up; you can and must go on!

**Alba Chapter, Italy**

#### SNOW FUN

Friday, January 30, 4am. My alarm goes off. My destination is perhaps a little unusual for motorcyclists at this time of year... I'd tried to find a travelling companion, but with no luck. Perhaps I'd make friends when I arrived.

Cities and highways pass quickly: Florence, Bologna, Padua, then Tarvisio, the last town before the Austrian border. As I continue on the motorway, it begins to snow. I slow down to 40kph but soon feel the front of the bike start to vibrate and suddenly find myself on the ground. I get up, I'm fine, two guys get out of their car to help me get the bike up. I get back in the saddle, turn on the engine and the bike starts straight away. Off I go again, more cautiously this time.

But a little way further on, it becomes apparent that all is not well with the bike. When I stop to check the damage, it won't start any more... Thanks to H.O.G. Assistance I arrange for the vehicle to be taken away, and I find a place to spend the night. It's not looking good for my trip.

At Harley-Davidson Pordenone the next day, I'm told my bike is back in working order. I'm at a crossroads. To the right, it's 500km home to Livorno; to the left, 250km to my destination, Tauerntreffen, the annual winter meeting in the Austrian mountains. I turn the wheel to the left. Onwards and upwards!

As darkness falls, at the last town before the foot of the mountain, I stop for the night. I'm a day late, but I'm only 8km from my goal: Tauerntreffen 2015!

It's a long 8km uphill in the snow in the early morning, but I finally see a square where bikes are parked. Bikers from Austria, Germany, Italy, France, even Turkey, hearts and engines united by the love of the road, the will to have fun and be together.

At 10am I already have to start my journey home. Like magic, as I set off the first flakes of snow begin to fall.

**Lorenzo de Felice, Italy**

#### ▼ RALLY ROUND

From its beginnings with only 30 members, the Namibia Chapter has grown to more than 70 today, and is increasingly multicultural. The chapter's first official rally attracted more than 350 registered H-D® owners and passengers from Namibia and all over >



Southern Africa. They even had a Harley® as a raffle prize!

Namibia has 44,500km of roads, but only 6,600km are tarred – the rest are gravel roads. But that doesn't stop the Namibians doing regular ride-outs. En route to the rally site, we left Windhoek, the capital, and did 360km on an almost straight road. First we passed through a bushy area with trees, then savannah, a moon-like region of sand and dunes; and suddenly we were in a 'little Germany', the town of Swakopmund where the rally was held. There are 30,000 Namibians who speak German as their mother tongue; most live the German way of life, sometimes even more traditional than in Germany. Pork knuckle and sauerkraut, egg salad Broetchens, German TV; and when you ask them when they were last in Germany, they may well tell you they have never been there!

Guests enjoyed three days of entertainment and activities including biker games and an impressive mass ride between dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. But the highlight for many was the visit to Hanganeni Primary School in the township of Mondesa, and the handover of food and a cheque to the value of about €2,000 for the school to build its own soup kitchen and dining room.

Namibia is the 34th biggest country in the world and the second most sparsely populated. Of Windhoek's 300,000 inhabitants, 60 per cent live in Katutura, a township 8km north of the capital. Katutura means 'the place where people do not want to live'. It was created in 1961 following the forced removal of Windhoek's black population. Although apartheid was abolished in Namibia in 1975, differences in living standards are still very visible.

Primary schooling in Namibia is compulsory and free, but getting to school is often a challenge: the walk can be long, dangerous and unpleasant since many children do not have proper clothing and often go barefoot. A good reason to come to school is that many offer a meal at least once a day, something that is not a guarantee in every household. These food programmes are funded by charitable donations.

When the children of Hanganeni School sang and danced for us in appreciation, everybody felt proud to be a member of H.O.G.®, an organisation which, with co-ordinated effort, can help others. 'Ride and have fun', absolutely.

But it's even better to help others have some fun too!

### **Sue Nagel, South Africa**

#### **COAST TO COAST**

After hearing the stories from other travellers with the Bar & Shield tattooed on their soul, I had to see it for myself: 3,700 miles coast to coast across the southern United States, all solo.

On arrival in Orlando, FL, I picked up my Street Glide® 103 and headed for Daytona Beach. As I admired the immense blue of the Atlantic, it made me smile to think that at the end of the trip, another ocean would be waiting for me.

As Route 10 opened up before me, I was joined by members of the Tallahassee Chapter, who rode with me to the swamps of Leon County. The human factor always adds to any journey: so many emotions, so many stories. I heard from a chapter member who was a Vietnam veteran, and another who as a soldier had been stationed in Ramstein, Germany, at the time of the 1988 air crash.

New Orleans, the pearl of the Mississippi, was another highlight. In the labyrinthine French quarter, jazz bands improvising on every corner created an atmosphere of yesteryear.

After visits to the NASA Space Center

and the lively city of Austin, I found myself in Fredericksburg. Founded by German settlers centuries ago, this town was a surprise: touristy and full of bikers! Passing through the vast, desolate landscapes of Texas and New Mexico, I reached Albuquerque where I was at last breathing the air of Route 66.

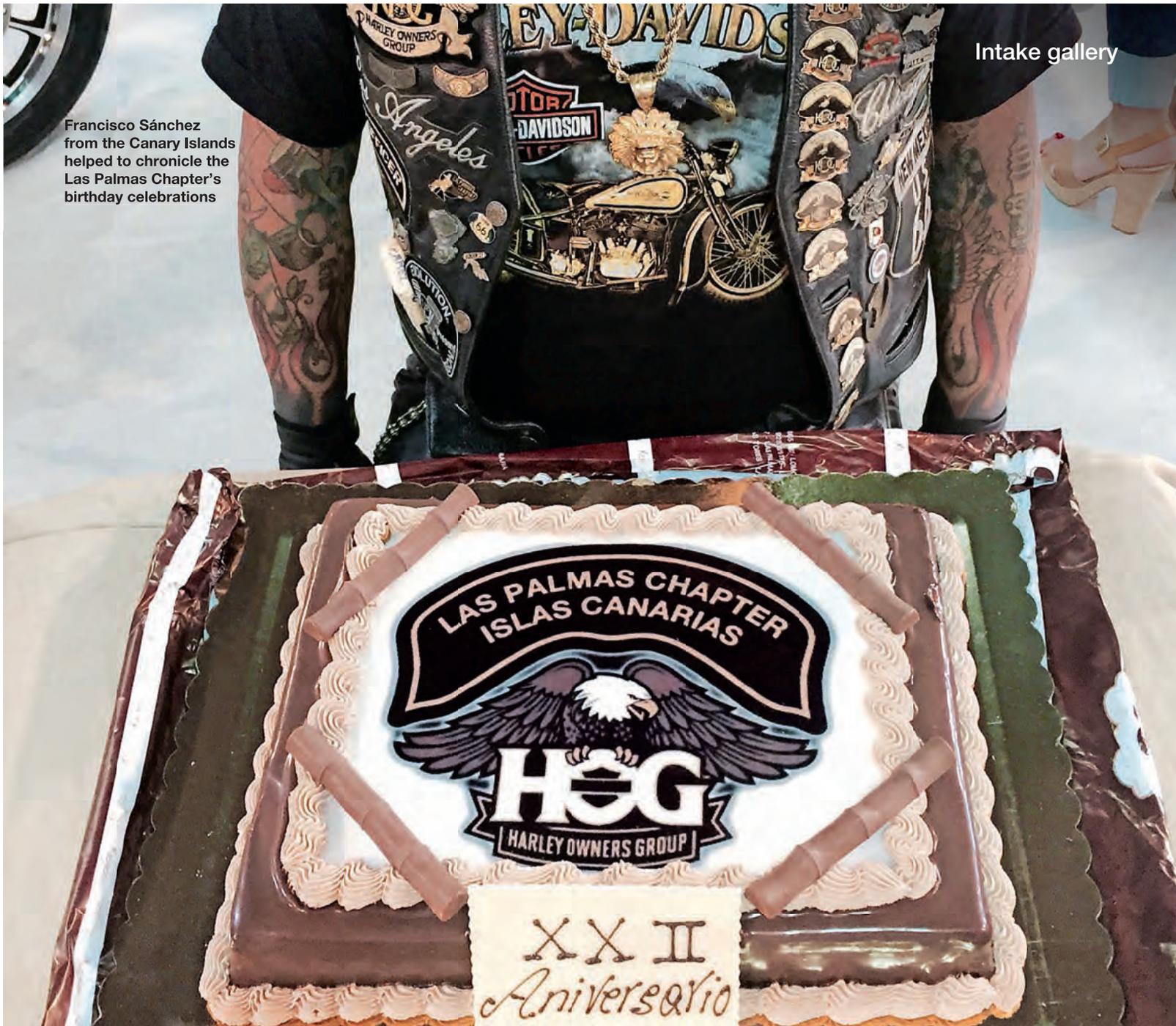
So many world-famous places: the San Francisco Peaks, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas. Approaching Los Angeles, everything changed: lush vegetation, the maze of streets and overpasses, the frenetic rhythms of the motorway. Finally, the vast Pacific Ocean, after 19 days of sensations, colours and scents that will remain forever in the library of my memories.

### **Francesco Galizia**

#### **Roma Chapter, Italy ■**



Francisco Sánchez from the Canary Islands helped to chronicle the Las Palmas Chapter's birthday celebrations



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Left: Georg Goetz from Germany points his Dyna® Super Glide® towards the open road in the Bavarian Forest



Right: All the fun of the fair! Peter Konietzko, a H.O.G.® Life Member from Germany, took this photo in Melbourne, Australia

Right: Neil Rivers from the UK witnessed Evel Knievel's famous Wembley Stadium jump in 1975, and created this homage to Evel's bike from a Sportster® XL1000 (the original was an XR750)



Below: Vineela Medikonda from India is at her happiest on the open road



Left: Jean-François Parent from France chronicled this magic moment near the Gorges du Verdon while riding with the Avignon Chapter

## Intake gallery



Left: Christophe Desarmaux, photographer for the Armeville Chapter in France, captured his riding friends against the backdrop of the Millau Viaduct

Below left: Italian member Luca Cattaneo uses his motorcycle as a mirror at the H-D® Euro Festival

Below: Luca's friend Jonny (pictured) managed to acquire a 2006 CVO™ Fat Boy® the same as his, presenting a rare photo opportunity!



Right: Wayne Lee Cassar from Malta sent us some photographic recollections of a recent road trip to the Amalfi coast



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José Luis Peña López gets up close and personal with his Milwaukee chrome





Above: Howard Wolff,  
South Africa



Above: Nick Wilson, GB

Below: José Luis  
Peña López, Spain



Below: Wayne Lee  
Cassar, Malta





Left: Raffaele Battaglia, Switzerland

Above: Mauro Sesia, Italy



Right: Luca Cattaneo, Italy

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Frank, Germany

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Above: Franco Mantelli, Italy



Above: Bach,



Frank Ude, Germany

Left: Peter Konietzko, Germany

Right: Nicole Hüttner, Germany



Left: Thomas  
Germany

Right: Miguel Ángel  
Infantes Sánchez,  
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Rolf Borner, Switzerland

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Above: Michael Wilkinson, GB

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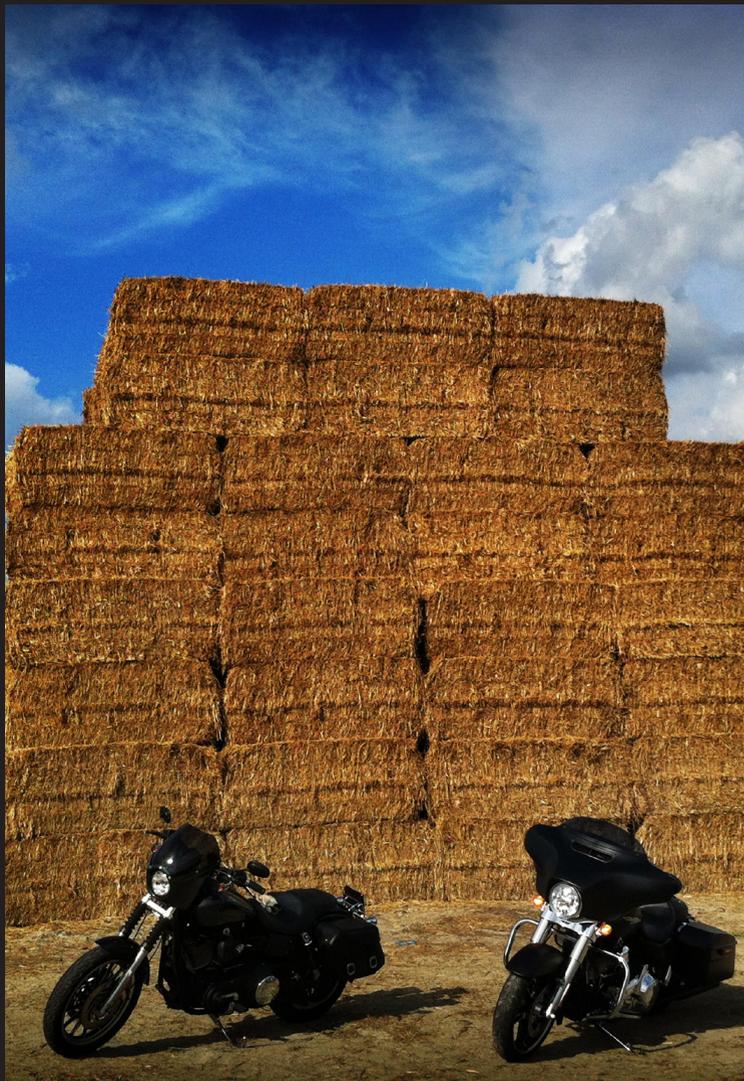


Below: Philippe Audibert, France

Above: Ian Howell, GB



Right: Mirka  
Moscatelli, Italy



Right: Andreas  
Pecoroni, Germany



Left: Jean Mathias,  
Belgium





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18th European Bike Week®  
Faaker See, Austria  
September 8-13, 2015  
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# GROWING UP IN STYLE

Join us in Austria as the annual European Bike Week® comes of age

There's only one way to end the European rally season – with European Bike Week®, arguably the most hotly anticipated event in the biker calendar. This year, for the 18th time, the picturesque Lake Faak in Carinthia, Austria will once again be brought to life with the rumble of Harleys®.

Sending the 2015 season out with a bang, Europe's biggest

open and free motorcycle event attracts around 100,000 visitors, who come to revel among fellow bikers to enjoy six days of music, shopping, ride-outs and terrific camaraderie.

From Tuesday to Sunday the region is bustling with people who love all things Harley-Davidson®. The centre of all this activity is the Harley Village, where you can admire the latest models, visit the Customiser



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Area, pick up that sought-after accessory and check out the various bars and stands – all with something special to catch your eye!

Favourites such as the Custom Bike Show will return, with dozens of masterful mechanics showing off their bespoke creations, as well as the electrifying array of exciting bands and artists performing a wide array of music to keep the party going well into the night. From the main stage to the bars and cafés, there will be plenty of musical variety to keep you entertained.

And don't forget to join in Saturday's Parade, where thousands of bikes will wend their way through the Carinthian countryside – or just find a sunny spot to watch the procession in all its glory.

Some exciting new features are set to make this year's event better than ever, so don't delay – book your accommodation now!

**Keep checking hogueurope gallery.com/ebw and your eMag for more details of the programme. ■**

**LOOK OUT FOR...**

...the guys from the Bahrain Chapter, who are flying all the way to Austria to tell H.O.G. members about the second H.O.G. Bahrain Rally, to be held on November 12-14. Following the success of last year's inaugural event, the organisers are hoping to attract more European riders this year. **Talk to them in Faak to find out more!**

EUROPEAN H.O.G.® RALLY

In blistering sunshine, the 24th annual European H.O.G.® Rally took place in Puerto Sherry, Spain...

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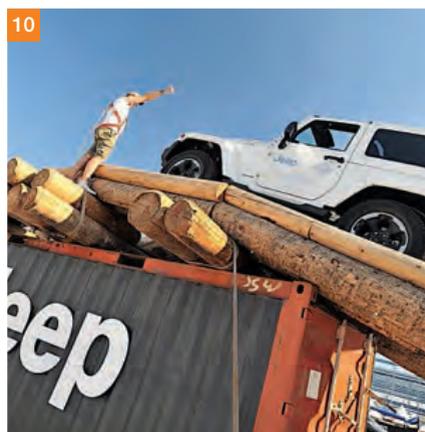
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Pics 1, 2 and 3: The marina in this far south-western corner of Spain provided the backdrop for the event

4 and 5: The roads surrounding Cadiz and the rally site were a draw for riders

6: The H.O.G.® Terrace Bar overlooking the marina

7: There were bright colours and bright sunshine throughout the event

8: Local and international bands played the Main Stage throughout the event

9: Love was in the air at Friday's Custom Bike Show where Cristina Chatti and Joe Sander from Spain took first place in Ladies of Harley™ and Big Twin respectively

10: The event's main sponsor, Jeep®, offered test drives in the main plaza >



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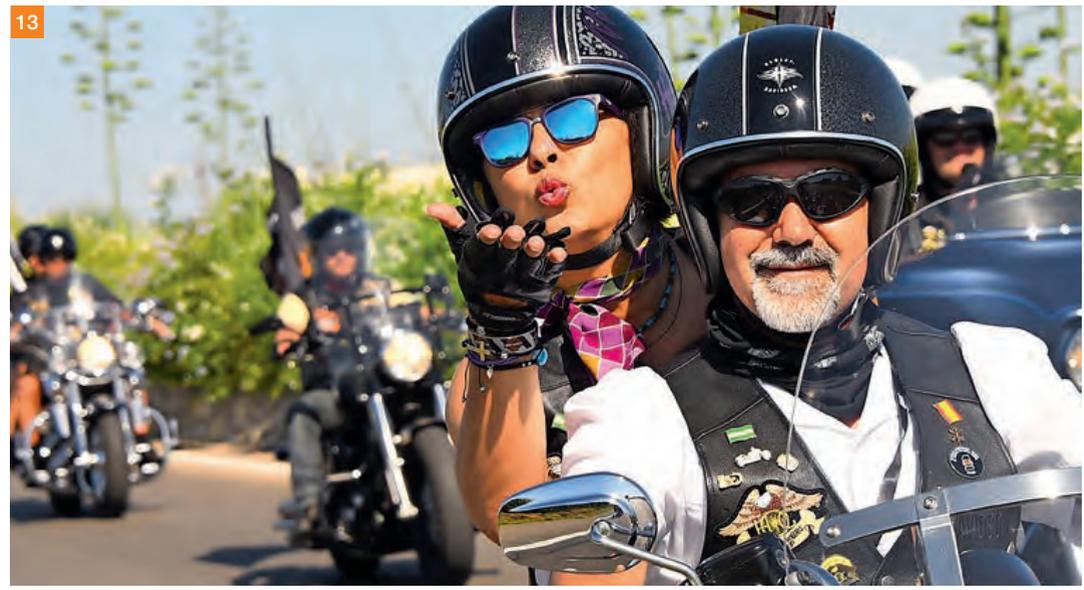


11: Visitors took the opportunity to take the latest Harley-Davidson® motorcycles for a demo ride in the surrounding area

12: Saturday night saw a successful proposal on the Main Stage

13 and 15: Saturday's parade through Cadiz, ending in Jerez, saw more than 2,000 bikes participate

14: H.O.G.® members from across Europe journeyed to Puerto Sherry.



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This year's European H.O.G.® Rally took place from June 18-21 in Puerto Sherry in Spain. Members from many UK

and Ireland Chapters were spotted at the event, including: 1066, Hogsback, St. Leger, Aire Valley, Gaelic, Birmingham, Belfast, Clyde Valley, Dunedin, Wolfruna, Red Rose, Plymouth, Oxford, Thames Valley, Chelsea and Fulham, Great Western, Invicta and Black Mountains. But it was Bridgwater Chapter that captured much of the attention. Answering Chapter Director Gill Mogg's call to show their colours, Bridgwater members created quite a spectacle on the Saturday night and members of other Chapters joined them making a true splash of red, white and blue. In addition and consistent with any event, members had stories to share – of rides to the event, experiences on the road and at the event, and sharing good times with friends – sometimes the best part of a rally! ■

# Brits take Puerto Sherry by storm

Many H.O.G.® members from the UK and Ireland made the trip to Puerto Sherry, Spain for the European H.O.G.® Rally, showed revellers how it's done and shared unique stories



Top: Gaelic Chapter member Dave Johnson celebrates his ride after passing his test just two days before setting off!

Far right, top to bottom: The big splash of Brit colour.

VIP Harley gets a special greeting and his very own wristband.

Bill Davidson re-acquaints himself with 1066 Chapter members.

Right, top to bottom: Birmingham Chapter members arrive en masse, answering the Bridgwater call.

It's always fun and frolics with Bridgwater Chapter members.



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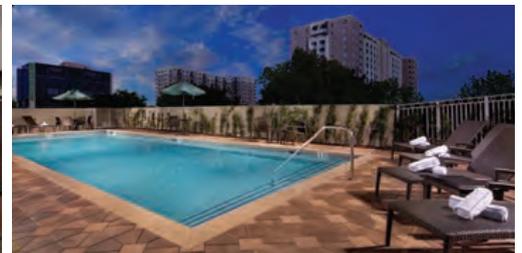
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The curtain rose on the European rally season as more than 20,000 H-D® enthusiasts gathered in the Golfe de St-Tropez for a long weekend of excitement and entertainment, Harley® style



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**HARLEY-DAVIDSON® EURO FESTIVAL**



**A STYLISH START**

As winter turned to spring in the northern hemisphere, all across Europe H.O.G.® members and Harley® riders began planning exhilarating escapades to the south of France to kick off the riding season. With beachfront bungalows nestled among the palm trees and verdant flora of the Prairies de la Mer resort in Port Grimaud, the setting

is perfect for four days of relaxation, great music, a real party atmosphere and, most of all, great riding for the 20,000 attendees.

Come Thursday morning, the site began to fill up with riders from far and wide, and locals who have come to know and love the inclusive and welcoming nature of the annual party. The weather? Warm and sunny, of

course, with a hint of sea breeze and the odd wisp of cloud to offer some respite from the heat.

As ever, the beach was a hive of activity – during the day, the Harley Village offered a wide array of dealer stalls alongside restaurants, bars and other retail outlets, while by night the main stage and Harley Bar took centre stage, providing musical entertainment until the early hours.

The H-D® Expo tent showcased the latest Harley-Davidson® models, as well as housing the Jumpstart™ Experience, where dozens of future riders took their first revolutions towards Harley ownership on the rolling road. The Expo tent also featured Demo Rides – as ever, the opportunity to take a new Harley model out for a spin was extremely popular, with barely a spare slot to be found over the course of the three days – as well as Authorized Rentals, Harley-Davidson Financial Services and H.O.G. Member Services.

The Jeep® Experience also took pride of place alongside the Expo tent: a challenging series of obstacles had been set up to demonstrate the rugged versatility of these off-road legends, while in the Harley Village an information stand gave visitors the opportunity to find out more about this >



year's returning event sponsor. Another focal point in the village was the Battle of the Kings tent, where the public had the opportunity to view some of the best French entrants in this incredible custom competition. Dealerships took a Harley-Davidson® Dark Custom™ motorcycle – in most cases a Street™ 750 – and gave it an exciting new livery to showcase the versatility of Milwaukee's finest.

Just back from the main strip, the shopping village was busier than ever with a bigger range of traders, offering many dozens of stalls selling a huge array of clothing, jewellery, motorcycle accessories and other gifts.

On Friday, a few miles inland in Grimaud village, the main event for custom enthusiasts took place. Almost 100 motorcycles took part across 10 categories, with the standard as high as it has ever been. This pretty, quintessentially French village was even more packed than usual, with hundreds of people enjoying the live music and party atmosphere while placing their votes for the People's Choice award,





which was won by Diane Sarbach of Switzerland. Best in Show was won by the astonishing 1938 'Bari Vecchia' antique Knucklehead created by PDF from Bergamo, Italy. For the full list of winners, visit [hogeuropegallery.com](http://hogeuropegallery.com).

The focus then shifted back to the main event site, where the evening reached its climax with a rip-roaring show from British rock giants The Darkness, who combined their raucous riffs with an eccentric and flamboyant stage show, to the obvious delight of the audience.

As Saturday dawned, bathed in sunshine once again, thoughts inevitably turned to the parade. Chapter flags fluttered in light winds as more than 1,500 motorcycles lined up for the big ride. The locals came out in force to admire the spectacle, as the parade wound through St Tropez, Grimaud, Cogolin, St Maxime and several other sleepy, sun-soaked villages en route.

By the time the parade arrived back at the event site the sun was low in the sky, and thousands of happy Harley® riders descended once more on the beachside strip for food, drink and top-class entertainment. The main stage was headlined by The Stranglers, who are still going strong after more than 40 years in the limelight, and the Harley Bar saw The Freellers entertain the crowds with a rocking set, featuring a spectacular cameo on guitar from none other than French Customer Experience Manager Stéphane Sahakian.

On Sunday, the sun once again beamed down upon the event site as thousands of happy and sated partygoers hit the road to cruise home again. ■



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RALLY ROUNDUP

# SUCCESS SPREADS IN SAUDI



**Saudi Arabia** is becoming very well known for its successful H.O.G.® rallies, with its welcoming hosts and positive energy in the air. The 6th Saudi H.O.G. Rally took place in King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) for the second successive year, and became the most successful ever! The rally was expertly organised by members of Jeddah Chapter and rally co-ordinator Mohannad Al-Kayyali.

KAEC is located on the Red Sea coast, around 100km north of Jeddah. The event centred on the Bay La Sun Hotel and its spectacular seafront villas, in which the events took place. This is the first of many hotels to be built in this brand-new city, and is indicative of the level of hospitality found in the Kingdom.

Most of the participants rode in groups from Jeddah up to the rally location on the first day. Upon arrival many were surprised by the welcoming ceremony around the registration, as a traditional Hejazi band performed a great show (Hejazi is the Arabic dialect spoken in the region). After registering, attendees headed towards

the stage area near the villas to discover what the sponsors had in store for them.

More than 350 bikers and 410 family members participated, coming from all over the Middle East and Africa, as well as from as far afield as Singapore and the US. The rally was sponsored by Harley-Davidson® Saudi Arabia, among many other companies. These included Land Rover and Jaguar, whose representatives fully immersed themselves in the experience, offering gifts and sweets with bright, welcoming smiles.

The second day saw bikers immerse themselves in the always-entertaining Chapter Games, as well as the outstanding Custom Bike Show, where a large array of exquisitely customised bikes competed against one another for sought-after accolades.

Many other bikers chose to ride out of the city and into the mountains on a 250km round trip, stopping at the old village of Al-Barza. This guided ride by the Jeddah

Chapter Road Team led to a rest point at the top of the village, where the villagers and their sheikh welcomed the bikers with open arms, loud cheering and sophisticated poems. The route offered breathtaking scenery and lots of exciting curves, and delivered all bikers back safely to the rally site.

On the final day, the parade took centre stage – all the bikers formed one huge group and rode around the city for about 45 minutes, stopping for photo opportunities en route.

There were plenty of other activities to do, such as bike games, a ‘Top Gun’ riding competition, many kids’ activities, delicious meals, and awesome musical entertainment – ‘Junk’ came all the way from the UK to complement the traditional Hejazi band.

Meanwhile, families and kids enjoyed the swimming pool areas, and the lush green grass for everyone to rest on – something that’s quite a luxury in the hot desert climate! In the evening, the stage was busy with awards and recognitions, which brought down the curtain on this fantastic event.

The event was extremely well organised and adhered closely to the schedule that was included in the impressive rally pack. Harley-Davidson Saudi Arabia would like to offer special thanks to the General Presidency for Youth Welfare of Saudi Arabia and the Economic Cities Authority for their invaluable assistance. ■



# MARVELLOUS MARGATE



**The seventh edition** of Africa Bike Week™, the biggest motorcycle event in Africa presented by Harley-Davidson®, once again landed upon Margate, South Africa in April. Over the four days, more than 15,000 motorcycles attended this great event, which has become a must-do annual extravaganza for Harley-Davidson owners worldwide. Around 60,000 other visitors came to Margate this year to experience the world of Harley-Davidson and soak up its philosophy and lifestyle.

Event visitors had the opportunity to enjoy riding the latest Harley-Davidson motorcycles for free at the Demo Rides area – in excess of 360 rides were enjoyed around outlying areas of Margate. In addition, some 140 people got to experience the feeling of riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the Jumpstart™ riding simulator.

Entertainment value exceeded all previous events, with live performances by 22 bands pounding out good old Harley® rock, rap, originals and cover versions of well-known songs – live shows included Jack Parow, Just Jinjer, the ever-popular Dilana, Shadow Club, Rene Mabotha, Beyond Vocal and many more.

In the Harley-Davidson Expo area the latest Harley-Davidson models, including the new Street™ 750 in several customised options, were admired by young and old. Four official Harley-Davidson dealerships from South Africa

offered Harley-Davidson MotorClothes® and Parts & Accessories in their well-decorated display areas. Additionally, the official Africa Bike Week T-shirt, pin and patch was available for purchase and proved a great souvenir for everybody.

The 'aftermarket' merchandise area was well supported, with 35 vendors offering additional items for bikers and non-bikers to buy. A variety of food vendors were available, including high-quality restaurants in and around Margate for all to enjoy.

H.O.G.® had its best-ever exclusive area for members on the terrace of the Margate Sands Hotel. Free coffee and tea was on offer, and a fully stocked bar ensured an opportunity to relax after visiting the busy official event zone while listening to the music from the main stage, admiring the bikes riding on the main beach road, meeting old friends and creating new relationships.

As in previous years, the Mass Ride was held on the Sunday morning from Shelly Centre through the streets of Margate and Port Shepstone. In excess of 1,200 motorcycles participated in this event and the streets were rammed with excited spectators.

The Ride-in Bike Show, always popular during Africa Bike Week, was enjoyed by Harley-Davidson owners and visitors alike. Attendees chose their favourite bike in the People's Choice category, and there were two winners in each of several categories decided by the appointed judges. The winners were awarded glass Africa Bike Week trophies, which were presented by the rally's Project Manager Carl Frayne.

This event has truly become 'the big one' on the African continent, and we can't wait to come back even bigger and better in 2016! ■

**REVIEW**  
 7th Africa Bike Week™  
 Margate, South Africa  
 April 24-26, 2015  
[africabikeweek.com](http://africabikeweek.com)





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**SCREW IT, LET'S RIDE.**

# THE CHARM OF SHARM



Back in 2010 the effervescent resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh, situated on the Red Sea, hosted the first Egypt H.O.G. Rally. This was the first major rally hosted by H.O.G. in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, and since then the events have continued to grow in size, scope and success. Therefore, this year's H.O.G.® MENA Rally is going back to its roots – back to where everything started.

After check-in and a welcome dinner on Wednesday December 2, on Thursday the fun really begins! There will be an organised ride up the Red Sea coast, heading through Dahab to the resort town of Taba, before heading back to the event site where dinner will be served as a prelude to an evening of excellent entertainment.

Friday's ride is to the stunning Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai, which is one of the oldest functioning Christian monasteries in the world. Riders will have lunch here before returning to Sharm for another evening of excitement with fellow Harley enthusiasts.

On Saturday, the incredible spectacle of sound and colour that is a Harley-Davidson Parade will sweep through Sharm El-Sheikh – make sure you don't miss this undoubted highlight of the event! The rest of the day is set aside for leisure activities, with the evening's entertainment, which includes a closing ceremony, focused on traditional Egyptian folklore.

As well as the aforementioned events programme, there are many other activities on offer including diving, snorkelling, a desert safari and quad bikes, plus a wide array of other nightlife options in the town. ■

To pre-register for the event and book your hotel room for this fantastic event, follow the links available on the website at [hogmenarally.com](http://hogmenarally.com)

## PREVIEW

15th H.O.G.® MENA Rally  
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt  
December 2-6, 2015  
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MENA RALLY



# Events

## AUGUST 2015

**Thunder in the Glens, Aviemore, Scotland**  
August 28-31

## SEPTEMBER

**Prague Harley Days®, Prague, Czech Republic**  
September 4-5

**European Bike Week®, Faaker See, Austria**  
September 8-13

## OCTOBER

**7th Lebanon H.O.G.® Tour, Lebanon**  
October 2-4

**1st Qatar H.O.G.® Rally, Qatar**  
October 22-25

## NOVEMBER

**2nd H.O.G.® Bahrain Rally, Bahrain**  
November 12-14

## DECEMBER

**15th MENA H.O.G.® Rally, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt**  
December 2-6

## JULY 2016

**European Posse Ride**  
July 2-18



# Thunder in the Glens 2015

**Preview** The Highland village of Aviemore is set to rock once again as Thunder in the Glens returns for its 19th anniversary over the August Bank Holiday weekend (August 28-31).

The event, which is hosted by Dunedin Chapter Scotland, promises to be better than ever. There are a number of ride-outs planned for Saturday and Sunday, as well as some special guided tours to the world famous 'cloutie dumpling' restaurant, the Culloden Battlefield, the Moray Motor Museum and last but certainly not least, the Glenfarclas whisky distillery.

And if, after a couple of 'wee drams', you find yourself dreaming of your next new Harley then not to worry. The full Harley-Davidson® demo fleet will be at Thunder in the Glens with a large selection of the latest models to test ride at the new location of the Winking Owl on Aviemore High Street. Adventure beyond two wheels and take an off-road test drive at the Jeep Experience, also in that area. So don't forget to carry your driving licence!

If you've been to Thunder in the Glens before then you'll know that the entertainment is some of the best you'll find at a H.O.G.® event. This year's line-up is as extensive as ever with something for everyone. Those of you wanting to attempt your best highland fling will enjoy the ever popular Celtic Drummers Clanadonia,



while other acts include Dirty Harry, Strange Brew, the Ultimate Motown Show, the Springsteen Sessions and Uncle Red.

A new addition for 2015 is a Saturday night concert featuring Johnny Cash tribute act 'Keep it Cash' in a 650-seat auditorium. If that isn't enough the weekend will be played out in style as the RPJ Band take to the stage in the Osprey Arena.

Away from your bike there's also plenty to see and do. The rally village will host more than 50 tradestands for rally goers to browse and for the first time there will be a pedestrian only area with a catering specific aisle that promises to offer a range of cuisine for all tastes.

There's always a great atmosphere at Thunder in the Glens and the stunning scenery of the Highlands makes for some special rides. Add to that the opportunity to enjoy excellent entertainment, try a selection of local whiskies and find out what a 'cloutie dumpling' is and it's a must-attend summer event.

Early bird arrivals on the Thursday night have the chance to meet the rally crew and join them on the Strathspey Steam Railway for a special TITG journey into the 'land of Monarch of the Glen'. ■

**For more details on this and all other TITG info head to [dunedinhog.com](http://dunedinhog.com)**

# Blazin' Twenties 2015



**Preview** Don't miss out on the last rally of the 2015 season, Blazin' Twenties, organised by New Forest Branch (September 25 to 28).

For 2015 the chapter have something special up their sleeves, as Mark Dobson, Activities Officer and Communications Manager, explains: "This year we are taking a trip back to the 1920s with our Blazin' Twenties theme."

"It's a great starting point to ensure a thrilling weekend, and coupled with the entertainment, rides and the unbeatable camaraderie of all the attending chapters, there are sure to be many fantastic highlights and memories from what is the last UK H.O.G.® rally of the season."

Blazin' Twenties will take place at the popular seaside location of Weymouth, so expect great accommodation, plenty of local attractions and the beautiful beaches of the south coast just a stone's throw away.

Add in the fact that the entire weekend will be full of excellent entertainment and it's clear that New Forest Branch are working hard to make this the best rally yet. "Last year's Blazin' Blazers was a fantastic event with great feedback received from chapters around the UK and further afield," says Mark.

"Although every year the New Forest rally proves to be a great success that's enjoyed

by all, the challenge for the following year to be even better only increases. But we have not failed to please people yet, and this year is no different. With a great line-up of bands, our normal high standard of accommodation and our exciting Grand Parade ride with up to 450 Harleys, it is sure to reach the raised expectations yet again."

Visitors can expect a packed programme that includes the Custom Bike Show, the 1920s theme Party Night, beautiful scenery and the Grand Parade. "The rally may be made up of numerous attending H.O.G. chapters," says Mark, "but the Grand Parade is what I look forward to the most as it's the day that we all ride together as one. Everyone that attends always really enjoys that aspect of the rally."

Being by the coast means there's an excellent choice of accommodation at fantastic value. You can stay in two- or three-bedroom modern holiday homes fitted with everything you'll need over the weekend, including shower room with WC, colour TV, fridge, microwave oven and bed linen. All you need to worry about is having a memorable and great time!

In recent years tickets have been snapped up fast by H.O.G. members across the country, so keep an eye out for early bird discounted tickets and other info at [newforesthog.co.uk](http://newforesthog.co.uk). ■



# BEST IN THE WEST!

Kelvin Barnett details the fun, frolics and fancy dress shenanigans that take place at the annual Cider Rally in Weston-Super-Mare



**Review** The May Day Bank Holiday saw the oldest UK rally in the calendar, the Cider Rally, celebrate its 24th year – a testament to its unique party vibe and the team who strive to put on a great event for all that attend.

With a predictably ambiguous weather forecast for the weekend 800 or so H.O.G.® members headed to the Sandbay Resort in Weston-Super-Mare for three days of hyperactive revelry and vacation chill.

The unmistakable rumble of Harley-Davidson® motorcycles could be heard from early Friday morning until late into the evening, with riders coming to the

picturesque venue from as far away as Belgium.

Friday night's entertainment consisted of two cracking bands, Moose and The Affray, and H.O.G. rally resident DJ Rob, who was celebrating his 2,000th gig!

The Grand Parade that runs through the centre of Weston is a celebration of chrome and community that draws hundreds of people from all over the area. It truly is a sight to behold as a seemingly constant stream of bikes trundles through the town before assembling like a sea of black and chrome beside the sea. People were drawn to the bikes and dozens

spent time wandering among these glorious machines.

Saturday afternoon saw a synchronised swimming competition, followed by the ride-in bike show, which featured some awesome work.

The Cider Rally is famed for its fancy dress and this year to live up to this reputation the theme was 'Skool Daze'. With some outrageous outfits being squeezed into, it promised to be quite a night! The entertainment for Saturday night was JD Experience and Joey The Lips, and, with the dance floor full, they went down a storm.

**MOGGY SAYS:****THANKS!**

"A massive thanks goes to: Riders of Bridgwater, our sponsoring dealer, who do loads in the lead up to the event and, over the weekend of the rally, they really help us. We're really lucky to have them as our sponsoring Dealer.

"Sand Bay and Pontins, they pretty much let us have free rein of the site for the weekend. Nothing was too much trouble for any of the staff who were all very friendly and helpful.

"Lorraine Wotton who looks after the accommodation side of the rally.

"The fantastic Bridgwater committee and everyone that helped to make this rally happen.

"Finally, thank you to everyone who comes to the rally, without you guys we would not even have a rally. Thank you for supporting us over the years and hope that you continue to do so, its always great to see so many old and new faces."

**GREAT CHAPTER**

"This was my 18th Cider Rally and I've helped to organise 16 of them. I still get



the same buzz as the first one – if not more. It just feels great to know that everyone has gone away after having such a great time, it makes all the hard work worthwhile. I'm so proud to be a part of this great chapter.

"We do pride ourselves on getting the best entertainment we can – it's one of the most important parts of any rally – and we want to see everyone dancing and enjoying themselves.

"Come to our big 25th Anniversary Bash next year! Tickets will go on sale on September 1 for all Bridgwater members and October 1 for everyone else."

**LAST ORDERS!**

"On Friday night the fire alarm went off so we all had to go outside. People thought it was part of the entertainment, that we'd done it on purpose like at school, but it had nothing to do with us! It was funny though seeing everyone outside with their pints but the ones who were queuing at the bar definitely weren't laughing!"

**HISTORY**

\* Bridgwater Chapter formed in August 1989

\* The first meeting was held at The Crossways pub, West Huntspill.

\* At one of the early meetings Nigel Villiers was voted as Chapter Director. He became Director of H.O.G. Global Strategy, working in Milwaukee

\* Current Director Gill 'Moggy' Mogg became Director in 2008

\* The first Cider Rally was held at Warren Farm Holiday Park Watchet in 1991

Sunday saw guided ride-outs take in the best of the beautiful West Country. With the odd spot of rain, all but a few ride-outs enjoyed great weather as riders enjoyed the rolling hills and picturesque countryside. There were rides to Paignton Bike Show, Bristol and a ladies ride to Wells.

For those who had over-indulged the

previous evening there was an open-top bus trip into Weston – a firm favourite and a great chance to clear the head with a gentle ride along the coast.

As the weekend drew to a close, Sunday's entertainment saw piano playing comedian Matt Black and his son Chris Payne, who sounded very much like Bon Jovi. The duo were great entertainment

and a perfect way to finish what had been a great weekend.

Next year will see Bridgwater's 25th Cider Rally, which is quite a milestone. To celebrate this momentous occasion there will be raffle tickets available throughout the year with a fantastic prize of a Harley-Davidson to be won. Tickets are £10 each, but what a prize! ■

**LIVIN' ON A PRAYER**

"On September 1 each year, Cider Rally tickets go on sale and the postman spends

the next few months delivering huge piles of mail to the Rally Organiser. Everyone loves the Cider Rally as it's the first rally of the year and they know they are going to get exciting entertainment every night for three nights at an excellent venue and it's all at a good price.

"Within a short space of time, the accommodation is sold and people start to look off-site. However, at the last minute this year, Sandbay managed to get 30 new chalets ready and we were able to make quite a few people very happy, telling them they had a place on site. Sandbay have promised more new accommodation for 2016, just in time for our 25th Cider Rally.

"The Friday morning of the event is spent

getting everything decorated and ready for the first arrivals at noon. The excitement builds – just like Christmas! Next, we hear the first bikes. It's always a big thrill to watch them roll down the drive, one group after another. From then on, we welcome H.O.G. members and watch them shake hands and hug people they haven't seen since last riding season.

"Friday evening's entertainment kicks off with bands and a DJ – and a few pints of local Somerset cider of course!

"The rest of the weekend is taken up with ride-outs, bike shows, more live music, fun and friendship and more cider!"

Lorraine Wotton

# BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!

Garry Stuart reports from a ram-jammed bank holiday weekend of bands, bikes and beautiful scenery at Ireland BikeFest

**Review** Judging by the numerous H.O.G.<sup>®</sup> patches on show from all over Europe, the word is getting out about one of the UK and Ireland's greatest motorcycle events, Ireland BikeFest.

The event began in 2006 when H.O.G. staged their 15th Euro Rally in Killarney in south-west Ireland – its popularity birthing a new event in its own right. Since then, the event has gone from strength to strength, first drawing in riders from around the island, then the rest of the British Isles and, increasingly, from around Europe and further afield – open to all two- and three-wheelers over the Irish Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June.

Harley-Davidson<sup>®</sup> UK and Ireland are big supporters of the event along with Irish authorised Harley-Davidson Dealerships, Waterford and Dublin H-D<sup>®</sup> and their associated Celtic Thunder and Gaelic H.O.G. Chapters.

## DEEP POCKETS

The grounds of the Brehon and Gleneagles Hotels are the centre of festivities where all the music venues, caterers, traders' village and Harley<sup>®</sup> Demo Rides are situated. Admission to the site and all live entertainment, which begins at lunchtime and continues into the early hours, is all totally FREE! You pay for your ferry, food and accommodation and that's it.

The thrum of Harleys riding to and fro, the smell of the hog roast and the hard rockin' rhythms of the bands creates a priceless atmosphere – truly unique to the festival.

## SETTING THE SCENE

There are other compelling reasons to make this your destination next year – those being the astounding natural scenery of mountains, lakes, forests and the wild Atlantic coastline, all within a short ride-out from Killarney.



The town itself is an idyllic traditional Irish locale, where the friendliness of the locals is legendary and the Guinness is just as good as they say.

The Cork and Kerry mountains to the south and west are the highest peaks in Ireland and the roads were made for touring motorcycles. This is the first and biggest National Park in Ireland into which the Gaelic and Celtic Thunder H.O.G. Chapters led ride-outs along a choice of routes. This year the Friday ride-outs were blessed with sunshine and blue skies while on Saturday the mountains were shrouded in mist and drizzle – though no less

enchanting. Harley-Davidson's Demo Ride Team were present with a full range of Harleys to choose from. They ran at capacity for three days solid – exceeding their previous performance for number of demo rides delivered. IBF is open to riders of all marques. Often having never ridden one before, it's great to see riders wearing Yamaha, Honda and BMW logos as they finish their demo rides, smiling like the cat that got the cream.

## MUSIC TO OUR EARS

When the first band took to the outdoor stage in front of the Harley Bar in the warm

afternoon sunshine, all of the outdoor tables and seats were occupied as rally goers took full advantage of the choice of food vendors available and a good range of locally brewed beer.

As the first few chords of the Steve Earle classic *Copperhead Road* echoed around the arena the local band Oracle perfectly set the scene for a weekend of music that ranged from traditional Irish folk and Celtic rock through to pop and heavy metal. The event boasts at least four stages, including the large INEC venue that could and did hold thousands of music fans. Hard to pick a highlight from such consistently great



performances, but personal highlights include Welsh covers band Devious (well-known regulars on the European Harley scene and for good reason) who put on one hell of a show whipping up a frenzy to a packed beer tent. Later on that night, AC/DC tribute band Hells Bells absolutely rocked the fully packed INEC Arena with an ear-splitting head banging non-stop assault of AC/DC classics. They really looked and sounded like the real deal.

### TOP DOGS

Running alongside the BikeFest was the Killarney Tattoo Convention at the Gleneagles Hotel where many international tattoo artists were demonstrating their art, which was a great idea given that bikers are not averse to a tattoo or two! Whoever thought of the Ireland BikeFest Dog Show deserves a medal for outside-the-box thinking; surely a first for a biker event! The show was very popular, especially with the kids.

There were dozens of entrants ranging from a huge St Bernard to a tiny chihuahua. This was also free and open to the public

which, along with all of the other attractions, guaranteed a great range of local people and tourists alike got to enjoy a slice of our lives. Most of the dog owners embraced the BikeFest by raiding the T-shirt vendors for biker neckerchiefs and bandanas to tie around their pooches' necks.

### ON PARADE

Sunday's Grand Parade is always a spectacle to behold as it rumbles through the streets of Killarney. Due to tour the town's streets at 11am, the crowds were already lining the whole route an hour before the bikes were due, in order to get a good position from which to watch. It's plain to see how much the public enjoy seeing so many bikes of various types. Many of the shops in Killarney had prepared motorcycle-themed window displays – further demonstrating how much the locals love the bikers' annual visits.

### CUSTOM BIKE SHOW

The Custom Bike show is always held on the well-manicured lawns of The Brehon Hotel. It is a well-supported show and it was

immediately clear that the standard of custom bikes entered was very high: winning a trophy here really means something. There were many categories to be judged: Streetfighters, Classic British, Best Harley, Radical Chopper, Best Paint and many more all hotly contested. The judges' choice of Best In Show was shared by almost everyone present: a Bobber Harley called Ruby, hand built to exacting standards by local man Patsy McArdle. The quality of the finishing had to be seen to be believed. It is not very often that a Best In Show stands out so much over the many other great custom bikes entered.

### MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IRELAND

As with so many biker events, charities are grateful recipients of monies raised. For Ireland BikeFest, Muscular Dystrophy Ireland was the chosen benefactor. Collections were made all weekend, but the real money-raiser was the raffling of a Harley Sportster Iron. Tickets were only five euros each and the lucky winner was local lad Paudie Mangan of Coolcorcoran. ■



## WHAT THEY SAID



**"This was my first time ever riding a Harley. It was very easy going with nice power delivery up to 100kph and I was surprised at the torque of it. Maybe down the road I will get a Harley, probably a Road King."**

DECLAN VAUGHAN, COUNTY CLARE

**"The best thing for me about IBF is the mountain riding with great views that you can hardly imagine coming from a flat country like Finland."**

TEEMU VALJENTO, FINLAND

**"What I like best about this rally are the people of Killarney and having the 'craic' with them, as they say here. Everyone is so friendly, the pubs are great and best of all is the amount of traditional Irish folk music being played in every bar."**

PETER GITTIN, SCOTLAND

**"There's a very high standard of bikes here at the Custom Bike Show. One bike in particular caught my eye – 'Ruby'. I think it is a real contender for the Best In Show award, the workmanship and finish is top class."**

JOHN O'KEEFE, CORK

**"This is my first time at IBF and my first visit to Ireland. I came on my Honda and my dad came on his Harley-Davidson – which he won't let me ride. This demo is my first time riding a Harley. It was a totally different experience to anything I've ever ridden, really comfortable and really smooth. I came back with a big grin on my face, I really enjoyed it."**

DANIEL SHARPE, LONDON.



# Wake the Lakes Festival 2015

**Review** This year, for the first time, Red Rose Chapter's popular Wake the Lakes Rally became the Wake the Lakes Festival and took over a new venue in the heart of the town of Kendal, Cumbria.

If you missed the full story in the July edition of the eMag, Red Rose Chapter's Editor Martin Wyatt gives us an overview of Wake the Lakes.

"From Thursday July 2, the Brewery Arts Centre rang to the sound of V-twins as it was invaded by over 450 H.O.G.® members from the length and breadth of the UK, with riders coming from London, Scotland and Ireland, and everywhere in between. There were even some riders from Le Touquet, France.

"Wake the Lakes certainly lived up to its name as a riding event, with four ride-outs on Friday and the sun shining as over 100 bikes took to the Lake District roads on the guided tours. Routes included the beautiful Newlands Valley in the north of the county, the lesser-known South Cumbria lanes and

a raid on the formidable Hardknott Pass, the steepest road in England. In addition, the LOH ride took the Windermere ferry to the west shore road and made a welcome lunch stop at the luxurious Swan Hotel at Newby Bridge.

"The entertainment started on Thursday with the rock trio Tin Pan Alley playing at Bootleggers music venue, before continuing through the weekend at the Arts Centre, with its bars, cafés and restaurants. Bands included top female rock group JoanOvArc and a Bruce Springsteen tribute band.

"Saturday's Parade ride saw riders depart from the Art Centre's car park and ride through the middle of Kendal while locals cheered and waved. The ride continued north over Shap Fell, then back via Ullswater, Windermere and Bowness. There were too many bikes on the run to count, but estimates were well over a hundred riders enjoyed the views despite the showery weather. The sight of all those

beautiful machines riding through Bowness-on-Windermere stopped everyone in their tracks.

"The Arts Centre was open to the public during the event, and they mingled with H.O.G. members in the bars and cafés, looked at the bikes and enjoyed the music at the outside stage.

"The custom show saw some spectacular custom bikes, including a bagger with a huge front wheel, and several hard-tail chops, one with some beautiful engraving on the metalwork.

"Red Rose Chapter members helping at the event reported many compliments, particularly about the ride-outs, with one attendee saying it was his best in 20 years! Others commented on the friendliness of Red Rose members and the locals – Kendal really took H.O.G. and Harley-Davidson® to its heart, and many people said how much they'd enjoyed our visit."

We're certainly looking forward to going back next year! ■



# BACK TO THE FOREST

**Preview** Sherwood Chapter present Back To The Forest on August 21-23 in Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire. Party organisers promise 'party night' on Friday and 'rock night' on Saturday. Music on Friday comes from Twenty One Fields, among others, while Saturday features a movie-themed party complete with music from Live And Let Rock. £30 buys you entry and camping is included.

The Sherwood Rally is always popular and all attendees give great reports from this rally in the heart of England. The local area is crammed with historical sites and scenes to visit or enjoy from the saddle. ■ [sherwoodchapter.co.uk](http://sherwoodchapter.co.uk)



# HOGS IN THE HAYFIELDS

**Review** Great Western Chapter's Hogs in the Hayfields 8 was a roaring success, as Tony Yendle, Chapter Historian/ Photographer, explains: "The feedback has been fantastic. Yet again Great Western Chapter has delivered!"

"The weekend started with 'GWC entertains', with a dozen or so chapter members performing to the crowd before a great local band finished off the first day.

"The Rally ride-out this year took us to the amazing, picturesque Caen Hill Locks on the Kennet & Avon Canal system," says Tony. "Saturday evening's entertainment started with the famous GWC Gurzels, who performed a modified, yet fantastic version of Bonnie Tyler's 'I need a Hero (Harley)',

before dancing and drinking into the night with the great Dogs & Demons!

"Three words I hear repeated are 'a resounding success'. What's more it gave us great pleasure to present cheques totalling £3,000 to Mencap, which is our supported charity. We're already looking forward to the next one." ■



# IRON HORSE RALLY

**Review** *The Pirates of Penzance* or the *Pirates of the Caribbean* were nothing compared to the pirates attending the 10th St Leger Chapter Iron Horse Rally over the weekend of May 15-18. 'Pirates' was the theme for this year's rally, held for the second time at the Skirlington Leisure Park in Skipsea on Yorkshire's east coast.

On arrival, rally goers were greeted by the scurvy knaves of the welcoming team, efficiently bagged and tagged and directed to their accommodation. A fantastic full-on weekend of top class entertainment followed with rides, games, music and bizarre activities like the tattoo competition.

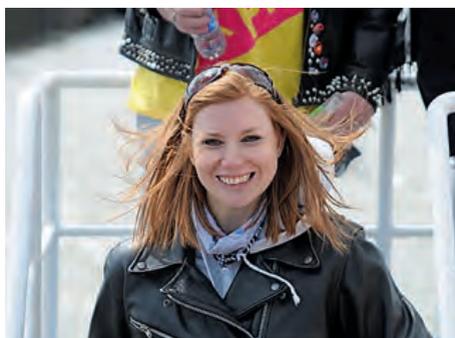
Rock band Thor! Gods of Rock led the

charge while revellers drank, sang along and danced into the early hours.

The rally raised £541 for charity, with an additional £1,294.81 from St Legers Scottish

Puppet Gang members Tim and Aileen Mottram for the chapter's chosen charity, Doncaster's Scarlett Eve. ■

*Rollybrick*





# A taste of Scotland

This year Clyde Valley H.O.G.® Chapter moved their ever popular Gathering to the Hunters Quay resort in Dunoon, Scotland, as Peter Murphy reports



**Review** Hunters Quay is accessed by road through some of the most beautiful mountains and forests in Europe, and also by ferry, whisking you across the southern point of the peninsula.

The change in location from the previous venue in Drymsynie provided the Gathering 2015 with a range of offsite activities and facilities, bringing an added dimension to an already incredibly popular rally.

It was a great choice of location and Hunters Quay were the perfect hosts, from Ben, who was brave enough to manage a

couple of dozen wannabe Hawkeyes through the archery and crossbow activities, to Dawn and her team in the Bar, who kept everyone well hydrated in the long periods of 'not raining' (the Scots don't have a word for this phenomenon, although some of the international guests were using the term sunny or something similar!).

In fact, the Hunters Quay staff were without doubt the 12th man on the team, with the site manager always present and always willing to go the extra mile to ensure everyone had the best possible experience over the weekend.

## FRIDAY

Friday was the perfect start to any rally, providing those in attendance with some of the best 'not raining' weather we've seen this year. The views out over the hills and water were so breathtaking that many of the attendees had to have a few 'medicinal' beverages just to calm down. This gave chapter host Martin McGorry the perfect opportunity to 'host' some of our visitors to within an inch of their lives.

Janice Graham set up a well-attended Ladies of Harley™ meet up, leading to several new friends being made and a few

bottles of prosecco being humely sacrificed (the addition of a fresh strawberry ensured that the ladies were at least being responsible and contributing to their five-a-day).

As evening drew in it was time for entertainment from lil Charlie and the Easy Riders, a great band who were kind enough to let Activities Officer and accomplished musician in his own right, David Henderson, join them onstage to play drums.

## SATURDAY

Saturday was upon us in the blink of an eye and we woke to find the proper Scottish weather had returned. It dampened the leathers but not the spirit as the seven loch ride-out wound its way out of Dunoon. It was a beautiful ride organised by Head Road Captain Ross Munro that gave visitors an amazing taste of the stunning scenery Scotland has to offer.

For those not partaking in the ride-out

due to their 'inability to operate heavy machinery' (and in some cases their own shoes) alternative entertainment was provided in the form of longbow and crossbow shooting, high powered projectile weapons being considered the safer option for those not legally capable of riding a motorcycle!

On Saturday there was plenty of banter in the bar, whisky tasting and kilts as far as the eye could see, all accompanied by the extremely talented Norman Mackay's Ceilidh Experience.

## SUNDAY

Sunday got off with a bang! The 'not raining' returned and the bike show and loudest pipes were both well attended. The chapter games took us through to lunchtime, with slow riding and an obstacle course involving flumps, tennis balls and water balloons all built in by our Secretary Iain Graham. These were so effective that many of us were left wondering if he's also

a part-time member of the A-Team! There was also a short but well attended ride-out to Inverarry later in the day. The weekend ended in style with entertainment from Big Tuna, who banged out the tunes to the packed out dance floor of the big hall.

Clyde Valley Director Stephen Trainor and Assistant Director Raymond Fegan and their team would like to thank everyone for their attendance and once again reinforce the efforts of the venue staff, who made the Gathering 2015 the resounding success it was.

Stephen said: "This was my first rally as director and the highlight of the weekend was the amount of positive feedback we received on the Sunday night and on the Monday as people were leaving! We've already had enquiries for the next year!" ■

Look out for a special follow-up report from Nuala Mooney in next month's eMag.



## CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The 2015 Chapter Challenge is well and truly under way and this year, for the first time, the Gathering was a Chapter Challenge Flag rally.

Extra mileage was up for grabs for all participating chapters by having a photo taken with the Chapter Challenge Flag. By simply having a picture taken containing five chapter members, all showing their chapter patches, it was possible to gain 5,000 miles. Up to five more chapter members in the photo can gain 1,000 miles each, making it possible to gain a total additional 10,000 miles!

As Nuala Mooney, H.O.G.® Chapter Manager at West Coast Harley-Davidson® reports, it certainly added a new dimension to The Gathering. That's if you could find the flag of course...

"The Gathering was a fantastic weekend! The flag was a great visual

addition to the rally. On the Friday night it was stolen by some mischievous men, but funnily enough it turned up safely next to our Chapter Director's bike the next morning! We still don't

know who it was but it was a good laugh and definitely got a lot of people talking about the flag. We managed to get a great picture beside it as well."





# FLYING THE FLAG

This year's Benelux H.O.G.® Rally saw 1,800 H-D® riders and enthusiasts descend on Mons, Belgium, in June – with Brits turning up in full force

**Review** The city of Mons was blessed with fabulous weather for the weekend June 12-14. It was packed with activities, music and, of course, Harleys - making up the Benelux H.O.G.® Rally 2015.

For the first time ever the rally was themed as an urban event, taking place in Mons city centre, just 200 miles from London. Rally participants could choose to go for a bike ride or visit the city centre (Mons was awarded European Capital of Culture 2015) with a guide. In the evening, rally-goers flocked to the Lotto Mons Expo to watch live music and a stunt show by official H-D® stunt rider Rainer Schwartz.

There was a strong British contingent among attendees, with visitors from chapters up and down the UK, including Invicta, Fenlanders, Dunedin, Hogsback and Geordie Chapters. Hundreds of Brits made the short ride across the channel to be a part of the lively Benelux atmosphere

– and they were not disappointed!

On the Saturday evening, a night parade was planned to depart from the Grand Place of Mons and end at Lotto Mons Expo. Hundreds of bikes participated and an impressive rumble arrived just in time to watch the fireworks at 11pm – an overwhelmingly beautiful sight.

The Parade of Flags on the Sunday morning was very well organised with police motorbikes escorting the 400-500 participants. The parade ended at the Grand Place, where the mayor of the city welcomed everyone.

Ladies of Harley™ were not forgotten: a special LOH ride took most of the Saturday and the ladies were spoiled with a very special welcome in the wedding room of the Mons Town Hall, lunch at the dealership and a packed gift bag.

At the end of it all, our chapters journeyed back to the UK with

smiles on their faces and, in the case of the ladies, arms full of goodies!

Special thanks to the hosts – volunteers from the Mons Chapter Hainaut and the Brussels Chapter Belgium and Genevieve Finet, the Rally Coordinator. Thanks also to sponsors and the team at Harley-Davidson® Mons. Keep your eye on [beneluxhogrally.com](http://beneluxhogrally.com) for details of next year's rally. We hope to see as many (or more) UK riders again in Rockanje in 2016! ■



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## Ride Resources

Tips and advice for those heading to Thunder in the Glens or other events and adventures

The Ride Resources page on [hogeuropegallery.co.uk](http://hogeuropegallery.co.uk) is the place to go before you set off. Here you'll find links to information and tips on riding in various places. Recently added: advice from Transport Scotland. Use this as reference to minimise the impact of roadwork on your travel plans.

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**H.O.G.®**

New models

# NEVER STANDING STILL



**Out there somewhere** is your journey. No one can tell you what yours is. You have to find your own road and ride it. Your way. Whoever you are, and

wherever you're going – whether you're heading for the horizon on the wide-open roads, or tearing up the concrete in the urban jungle.

Over the next pages you'll find there are more than a few new additions to the family. Two new brilliant bikes take to the streets with the refreshed

Iron 883™ and Forty-Eight® models, which are full of great new design features and attitude. The latest addition to the Touring family, the



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## ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

### 1. The new Forty-Eight®

Bare-boned and stripped back to the core, the Forty-Eight® has always been about attitude – the bulldog stance, fat ‘cat-crusher’ tyres and the narrow profile. And this year it has been pushed even further. New seat. New mag wheels. New, wider 49mm cartridge-dampened forks that make its shoulders even more muscular and the ride even better. The famous peanut tank now sports 1970s-inspired graphics and a cast tank badge. A floating rotor and blacked out/slotted exhaust add to the fresh new presence. You will find comfort from the new, adjustable suspension, but make no mistake – this is a brawler with attitude dripping from every element of its bones.

### 2. The new Iron 883™

If you thought the Iron 883™ couldn't get any darker, you're mistaken. All-new adjustable rear shocks and front cartridge forks provide stability and comfort. Bullet design detailing, straight cut, dual shorty mufflers, a slammed, drag-style handlebar, front fork gaiters, chopped rear fender and a solo bobber tuck and roll seat. The clues are all here. The Iron 883 is a nimble urban machine that kicks asphalt. ▶

Road Glide® Ultra is a bike to break borders and boundaries in style and comfort. We've also introduced the new S Series with two new models for

2016 – the Fat Boy® Lo S and Softail Slim® S. Each has its own unique style and each has a thumping Twin Cam 110™ engine at its heart.

## New models

# POWER BLACKOUT

### THE NEW 2016 S SERIES

#### 3. Softail Slim® S

We've taken everything that was great about the Softail Slim® and added a little more. For starters, we've added power with a Screamin' Eagle® Twin Cam 110™ engine. We've taken the military theme even further with an awesome olive green paint option and made the rest black to the core. Black triple clamp and riser, gloss black headlamp ring, fork slider covers and lower forks. Black brake levers, mirrors and black over/under shotgun exhaust with slash-cut muffler. Every inch is modern power with old iron attitude.



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#### 4. Fat Boy® Special S

This takes dark to a new level – a powerful one. New gloss black Screamin' Eagle® Twin Cam 110™ engine, gloss black lower forks, axle nut covers, handlebar and riser. Black brake lever and hydraulic clutch assembly. Black over/under shotgun exhaust with slash-cut mufflers. Take our word for it, it is blacked out from front to back and head to toe in attitude.



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## HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO GO?

### 5. Road Glide® Ultra

The model of choice for the riders. The mile-eaters. The ones who like to take the scenic route, who want to pack on serious miles in serious comfort. Thanks to Project

RUSHMORE and listening to our riders, the Road Glide® Ultra has it all. Improved ergonomics, four inches of extra room for passengers, a premium Tour-Pak™ luggage carrier with a luggage rack for

extra travel essentials, superior aerodynamic comfort and an infotainment system to blow your mind – a BOOM! Audio System with 75 watts per channel and a built-in navigation system at your

fingertips. And, at the heart of it all, moving the style along is the High Output Twin Cam 103™ engine and smooth-shifting 6-Speed Cruise Drive™ transmission. ■

These models represent only a small fraction of the 37 bikes that have been introduced or updated for 2016. To get the low-down on the full range, including a refresh of the Heritage Classic and the reintroduction of the Road King®, please visit [harley-davidson.com](http://harley-davidson.com)



# EUROPE GOES



# ELECTRIC

In May, H.O.G.® members in the UK were among the first European riders to get the opportunity to help shape the future of Project LiveWire™, the first electric Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

Passionate riders came together at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire to test ride the electric motorcycle and also contribute some valuable feedback. While not for sale, Project LiveWire is designed to gather insight into what riders expect from an electric motorcycle that is an authentic Harley-Davidson.

“We are thrilled that the Project LiveWire Experience Tour visited the UK as its first stop on the 2015 European Tour,” said Steven Colling, Harley-Davidson UK & Ireland Marketing Manager. “The feedback we received from riders is incredible and will enable us to understand this new market as electric vehicle technology continues to rapidly evolve.”

Visit [projectlivewire.com](http://projectlivewire.com) for further information, as the electric bike's tour of Europe continues throughout the summer. ■





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**Boom!™ Audio Stage II  
6.5" Batwing Fairing  
Speakers.**  
Part no.: 76000524



## Parts & Accessories

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**Set your next adventure to music today and add more rock to your roll. Visit your local dealer for more details.**

### **Boom!™ Audio Stage II Speakers – 6.5"**

**Stage II Fairing Speakers** feature a 6.5" long-throw woofer for low frequencies, a bridge-mounted mid-frequency driver, and a separate tweeter for high frequencies. Like true audiophile components, each speaker is powered by two channels from our 300-watt amplifier – one channel powers the woofer, and another powers the mid/tweeter combo. When powered by separate dedicated bass and high-frequency amplifier channels, you are doubling the power to each speaker when compared to the Boom!™ Audio Stage I system. The results? You get thumping bass response, sizzling vocals and clean, distortion-free performance at all volume levels. Built with composite speaker frames, powerful magnets and protective perforated metal grilles, these weather- and vibration-resistant speakers are designed for life on the road. Complete kit includes two three-way speakers, electronic crossovers, grilles and plug-in connections. Separate purchase of fairing mount amplifier is required. Options available include Batwing Fairing, Saddlebag Lid and Lower Fairing speaker sets – **please speak to your local dealer for further details.**

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# MILITARY PRECISION

The MotorClothes® Fall Collection offers plenty of stylish options for an outdoor life whatever the weather



Man:  
Roadshow Switchback Lite  
Leather Jacket: 97081-16VM  
Quilted Brimmed Knit Cap:  
97614-16VM

Woman:  
Destitute Leather Jacket:  
97090-16VW  
Sheer Chiffon Back Top:  
96114-16VW

Summer might be drawing to a close in the northern hemisphere, but there's still time to ride – and with the MotorClothes® Fall 2015 Collection, you can stay stylish whether it's an Indian summer or a chilly autumn where you are. Bold styling touches and new camouflage patterns combine for a military theme, while functionality remains key, keeping you comfortable in all weathers. Switchback jackets offer the perfect solution for autumn, with zipped panels you can easily remove in warm weather.

### Men's Fall Collection

The men's Fall Collection is a rugged, military-themed collection that exudes the rawness of the road. Bold military styling, earthy colours and distressed fabrics combine for a look that embraces



Left  
Man:  
Evader 3-in-1 Canvas  
Jacket: 97549-16VM

Woman:  
Raglan Laced Back Tee:  
96083-16VW

Top right  
Wayfarer Windproof Soft  
Shell Jacket:  
97550-16VM

Right  
Man:  
Leather & Textile Vest:  
97078-16VM  
Soul of the Road Tee:  
96001-16VM

Woman:  
Lace Wing Tee:  
96071-16VW  
Allover Print Infinity Scarf:  
97791-16VW



the outdoor lifestyle. Innovative pockets including the heritage 1950s 'D' pockets with modern details and increased functionality are included on several products, while Switchback jackets combine style with versatility to keep you on the road well into the colder weather.

**Women's Fall Collection**

The Fall Collection for women marries fashion with function for a look that's new but unmistakably H-D®. Lace statements are a feature of the collection, lending it a chic and refined feel, while camouflage patterns add a daring military touch. Rich fabrics, custom prints and bold splashes of colour create a distinctive range that's sure to help you stand out from the crowd this autumn. ■



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**JACKETS**



**Destitute Leather Jacket**

– 97090-16VW

Front and back venting to cool things off. Body armour pockets at elbows and shoulders. Lightweight sheepskin leather. Polyester mesh body and sleeve lining. Two front vents. Two back exit vents.

**Switchback Technology – two jackets in one**

Ultimate versatility to keep you cool and dry whatever the temperature. When cool, wear the jacket as it is, and in warm weather zip off the outer panels to reveal mesh sections on the sides and sleeves. These panels quickly and easily zip back into place for cooler riding conditions.

**Roadshow Switchback Lite Leather Jacket – 97081-16VM**

Switchback technology for ultimate versatility. Body armour pockets at elbows and shoulders. 3M™ Scotchlite™ reflective materials for enhanced visibility. Mid-weight buffalo leather. Polyester mesh body lining. Polyester mesh and polyester taffeta sleeve lining.



**Knight Switchback Lite Textile Jacket – 97079-16VM**

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**You may remember** that in issue 1/2015 we launched a photo competition for H.O.G.® members on H-D® Authorized Rentals bikes. We are extending the deadline of the competition from August 31 to September 30, in order to give you the maximum amount of riding season to send us your best efforts.

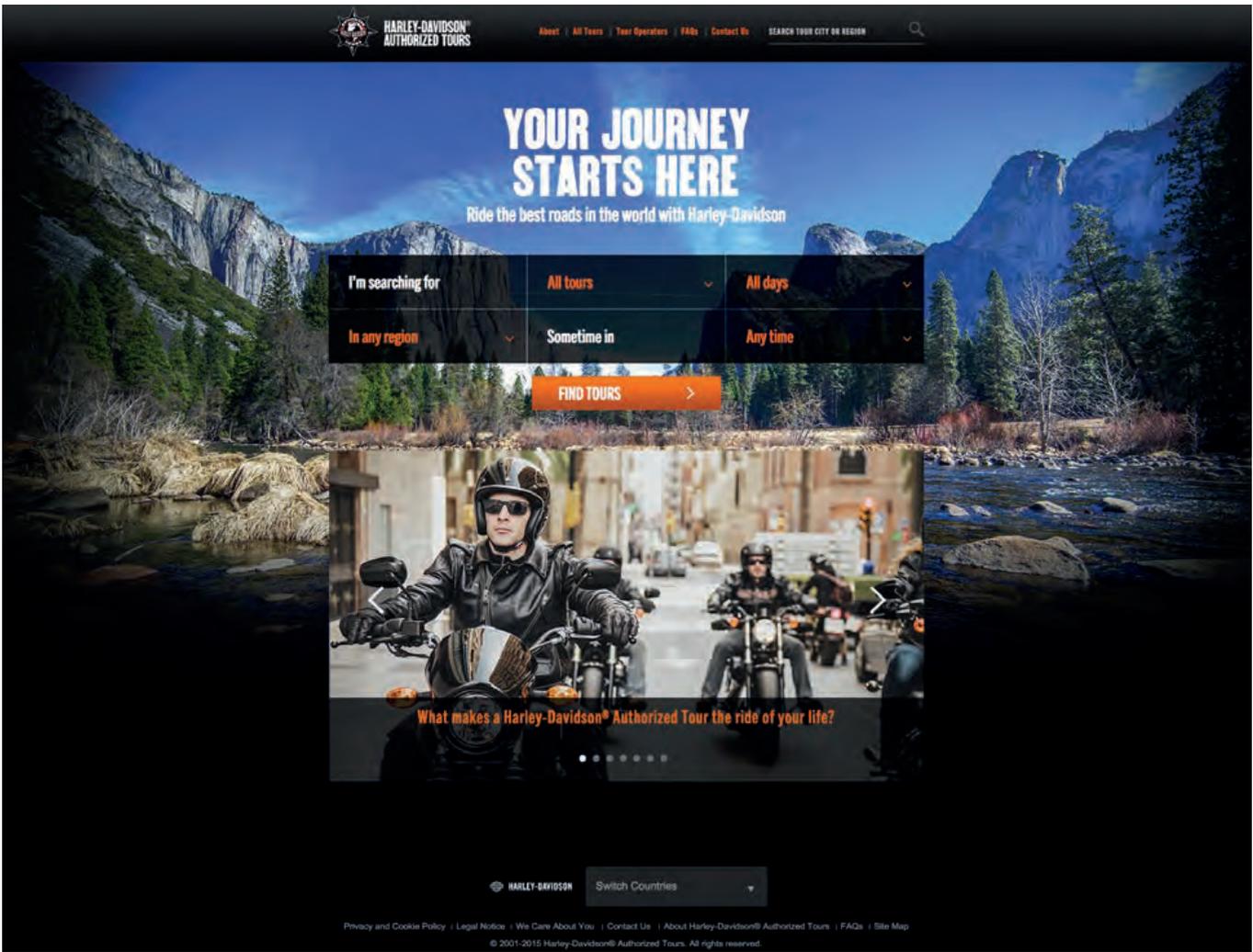
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**Our favourite photo will win a special Harley-Davidson® mystery prize!**

# FIND YOUR RIDE



The new Harley-Davidson® Authorized Tours website boasts lush photography, improved functionality and everything you need to book your perfect tour

**Booking the trip** of a lifetime just got easier thanks to the new improved Harley-Davidson® Authorized Tours website. And it's already drawing the crowds: page views are up by 40 per cent, while the number of repeat visitors to the site has increased by 60 per cent. That's hardly surprising – with so much to explore, you'll want to come back again and again.

All Authorized Tours are run by carefully selected tour operators, and the routes have been chosen specifically with Harley-Davidson motorcycles in mind; so wherever you choose to go, you'll find glorious roads and stunning scenery. Tours are available in Europe, Africa, North America, South America and Australasia, and range from three-day breaks to adventurous two-week trips – there really is something for everyone! Self-guided options are also available, allowing you to choose your dates and go at your own pace.

The new site is easy to navigate, so you can search for exactly the kind of tour you want, and see all the details at a glance. From the eye-catching home page, you can filter by up to four different criteria – destination, date, length, and guided or self-guided – or search for specific words. The detailed tour page provides information including price, dates, languages spoken and hotel





star ratings as well as a day-by-day itinerary, while new-style maps with stopping points and distances indicated make it easy to see your route. The Tour Operator pages give you the lowdown on all 16 Authorized Tours operators and the tours they offer – and the list is sure to keep growing!

Whether it's the vast deserts of the western United States or idyllic lakes in Switzerland, top-quality photography throughout the site gives you a taste of each destination, and makes just browsing the site a mouthwatering experience.

So what are you waiting for? Dream it, book it, do it – there's a whole world out there to discover. ■

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Custom



HOG® magazine discovers the story behind Bari Vecchia, 'Best in Show' winner at the Custom Bike Show at this year's Harley-Davidson® Euro Festival

Words: Matt Colley  
Photos: Paul Bayfield



# FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE



**Gianluca Giuliani had** a vision: a vision of an old bike, restored and perfected using old-fashioned tools, and decorated to celebrate his attachment to his family's home city of Bari.

Luckily, Gianluca works in marketing and merchandising for one of Italy's most exciting custom builders – Punto Di Fuga (PDF) in Bergamo – so he set to work enlisting the help of his cohorts to help make his vision a reality.

I catch up with Gianluca at PDF's stall at the Euro Festival – the party is in full swing as the team celebrates its victory. One of the 'ragazzi' is DJing on the decks, another is apron-clad and providing ever more bread and meat to the buffet table, while the others mingle with the public and dance with abandon.

Despite the merriment reverberating around us, Gianluca is more than happy to sit back and talk bike. So how did the idea of the Bari Vecchia motorcycle come about, I ask him? "I used to joke with the other guys at PDF that they were 'outsiders', as the headquarters is located outside the Bergamo city walls," Gianluca recalls. "Because my family is from Bari, down in the Puglia region of southern Italy, they nicknamed me 'Bari Vecchia',

which is the old district of the city. As such, I came upon the idea of celebrating my heritage by creating a custom Harley® that represents my roots."

Gianluca is relatively young in years, and younger still in spirit; his exuberance and passion are infectious. So why the sobriquet 'Vecchia' (meaning 'old')?

"I just adore old bikes. I can feel the engine more with an old bike than with a modern one; no fancy electronics, just me and my machine. I can understand an old bike, almost like a living being; it's easier to hear and diagnose any issues with the engine."

The starting point was a 1938 EL 1000 and its Knucklehead engine, one of the earliest examples of the first Harley-Davidson® overhead-valve engine, which was introduced in 1936. The styling cues were heavily influenced by the spirit of a 1940s-1950s racer, with nods to trends from both British and American motorcycles of the era. The low, downward-pointing handlebars naturally encourage the rider into a streamlined racing position, evoking thoughts of the halcyon days of board-track racing.

So what techniques were employed in the creation of such a stunningly detailed machine? "The whole bike was created in ►



### WHO ARE PUNTO DI FUGA?

As well as being a hive of custom-building activity, the Punto di Fuga workshop in Bergamo is also the home of a burgeoning social scene; custom enthusiasts and members of the general public frequently visit for the evening entertainment. Every Thursday the workshop opens for a social evening, where friends can meet for a chat over a beer with live music in the background. Friday is 'Argentine Tango' night, celebrating the passion and intensity of the legendary South American dance, with an all-night buffet for refuelling.

"We're a passionate group of motorbike enthusiasts," says Gianluca, "and the older the bikes, the better! We hold gatherings and small concerts on the premises for the passionate few who come and find us. We're driven by our devotion, and never follow the fads that come and go. We're in it for the duration."

To find out more about the events and the latest custom projects, visit [puntodifuga.org](http://puntodifuga.org)

the PDF workshop – everything apart from the paint spraying was done here," enthuses Gianluca. "We had no help from any kind of new machinery like numerical control or anything like that, just an old lathe, our welding machines and our passion."

Led by foreman Matteo Fustinone, the team applied itself with meticulous attention to detail. Let's start with the paint job: Cisco, a talented custom painter from Cesate near Milan, completed the painting, airbrushing and pinstriping, before covering the fuel tank, oil tank and rear mudguard with a transparent coat. This allowed brass wire to be hand-applied to these areas, with the additional transparent layer ensuring a smooth finish. Additionally, the veneer that runs down the fuel tank was created from the wood of an olive tree from the Puglia region. Despite its heavily modified appearance, the fuel tank was actually an original Harley-Davidson® part, but hollowed out to accommodate the distinctive 'Knucklehead' rocker boxes.

Notice the medallion on the oil tank (see previous page) – this dates back to the 19th century, and depicts St Nicholas, the patron saint of Bari. Gianluca was very keen to include this on the bike, and went to a lot of time and trouble to locate it.

Having scooped the top prize at its first major event, Gianluca is looking forward to trying to acquire more accolades for his magnificent machine. "We're going to a number of bike shows in Italy, as well as some of the major European ones, before ending our tour at the EICMA custom show in Milan in November. We're also going to take part in the qualifier for the

2015 AMD World Championship. We managed to come seventh in the 'Retro Mod Class' last year with our 'Hazard' bike; this year we hope to go higher."

Gianluca talks excitedly about his victory at the Euro Festival: "It's always a pleasure to be appreciated for your work on a motorcycle: those long winter months spent in search of the pieces, group discussions on how to proceed, and then the painstaking realisation. Winning Best in Show at the H-D® Euro Festival is confirmation that the workshop and its staff are growing together, in harmony with the tastes of the judges and the outside world. We are genuinely touched by every compliment, every award and every magazine article. It's always difficult to emerge victorious in an environment where almost everything has already been thought of, but we did it!"

Looking at the glint in Gianluca's eye and the spectacular machine in front of him, one can only expect the awards to keep rolling in for Punto di Fuga. ■



# MAD ABOUT THE BIKE

George 'Mad Dog' McGuire, H.O.G.<sup>®</sup> chapter events co-ordinator for Great Britain, has come a long way since buying his first H-D<sup>®</sup> motorcycle in 1999 >

**Text:** Adam Bolton  
**Photos:** Martin Hunter





**George 'Mad Dog' McGuire** is a pretty busy man. Since 2003, he has been rally co-ordinator for the huge Thunder in the Glens rally, which has grown over the years to become one of the biggest H.O.G.® events in Europe. The annual extravaganza is currently preparing for its 19th year in the stunning ski-resort scenery of Aviemore. With a packed programme of ride-outs and entertainment, and visitors expected from all over the world, there's a lot to keep track of.

It's all part of the H.O.G. lifestyle that 'Mad Dog' has built for himself since buying his first Harley® some 16 years ago. A member of Scotland's first and original H.O.G.-affiliated Dunedin Chapter since that day in 1999, George is also currently the national chapter events co-ordinator for H.O.G. in the UK.

The roots of his passion, though, lie deeper in the past. George, now 60, was a youngster in Scotland when the iconic 'searching for America' road movie *Easy Rider* came out in UK cinemas back in 1969. Like so many others of his age, his imagination was captured by the flames and stars-and-stripes paintwork and fishtail-pipe rumble of the brash Harley-Davidson® Panhead choppers ridden by Captain America and Billy.

"I knew kids on my street that had British bikes," remembers George, "but I never forgot seeing those Harleys and their riders. That was the start for me. The bikes were iconic, and they said a lot about the individuals who chose to ride them, just enjoying the journey, having fun. I was penniless at the time, and my



**“My Harley is a Heritage Softail®, so I felt inspired to put some of my heritage on it”**

father refused to let me have a motorcycle, so it just remained an ambition.” But something had clicked in George's mind – he wanted a Harley-Davidson®, one day.

That day came 30 years later in 1999, as George found himself browsing round the

showroom floor of the then Harley dealer Alvins of Edinburgh. “I didn't even have a bike licence, but I couldn't stop looking at the last Evo they had on the floor, a Heritage Softail®. I did at last have a bit of money, which in a twist of fate had been left to me after my father died. The salesman even offered to throw in free lessons, so I had no excuse – I decided to finally buy my own Harley.”

When George met his wife Lorraine, she was initially unimpressed when he told her of his passion for bikes. It didn't take long to convince her, though: “She was hooked on Harley the minute she saw mine close up!”



busy keeping fit and running around," he laughs.

The outdoor life clearly suits George. For the past 10 years, when not on one of his Harleys, he has been driving another vehicle that's all about adventure: a Jeep. "I bought the Grand Cherokee Overlander Jeep for the same reasons I bought a Harley-Davidson. I saw it as an iconic machine, rugged, and individual to its owner."

These parallels are what led to the ongoing partnership between Jeep and Harley-Davidson; and George's Grand Cherokee has come in handy when the weather isn't great for riding: "Over 10 years of ownership it has been utterly reliable. It was particularly ideal in the two or three severe winters we had up here in Scotland recently."

Jeep will be strengthening its links with Harley-Davidson this August through its sponsorship of Thunder in the Glens – a pairing George is pleased about.

"Thinking about Jeeps and their connection with Harley, the freedom and individuality they represent, it feels like a good match," he explains.

Forty years after he first watched the opening scenes of *Easy Rider*, George owns his longed-for Harley-Davidson; but more than that, Harley-Davidson and its H.O.G. family have become a much larger part of his life than he could ever have envisaged. "When I bought the Harley I was never sure where it would lead; when I joined H.O.G. I never thought it would lead me to the places it has taken me. Having a Harley and being a H.O.G. member gets you out and about. After all, you only get one stab at life."

And though George isn't the kind of person who would suffer the description 'celebrity', his status after years of dedication and involvement with H.O.G. and the Dunedin Chapter is such that his network of H.O.G. friends now extends throughout the world.

"I was drinking in a bar in the States one time," recalls George, "and someone came up to me and recognised the Dunedin H.O.G. patch I was wearing on my back. He asked if he could buy me a beer – I replied 'very kind of you', and he replied 'I meant buy you a beer all night!'"

H.O.G. membership is a powerful thing, that's for sure... ■



all, my Harley is a Heritage Softail, so I felt inspired to put some of my heritage on it as well!" he grins.

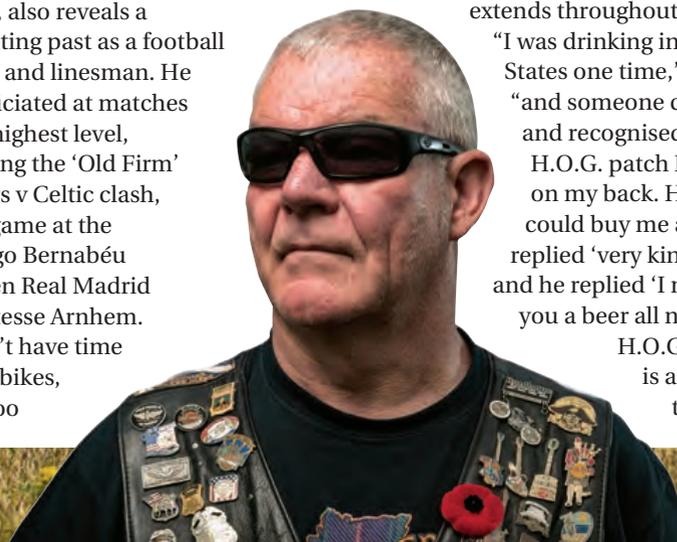
Pride in his Scottish heritage shows through in George's other choice of pastime, too: he plays the bagpipes. Although he admits he mainly plays in his garage, he has performed at a couple of friends' weddings in the USA.

George might be nicknamed Mad Dog, but he's happy to admit it wasn't for some shady past misdemeanours! When George rode his new Harley proudly to work in August 1999, the sight and sound of him arriving on his iron steed inspired a colleague to name him Mad Dog, and the name has simply stuck. "I'd ride to work regularly, setting off car alarms in the car park, and everyone knew what time I started and left work!"

Perhaps 'Dark Horse' would also be another apt name for George, who, despite a busy 40-year career as a civil servant in education and learning from which he has recently retired, also reveals a fascinating past as a football referee and linesman. He has officiated at matches at the highest level, including the 'Old Firm' Rangers v Celtic clash, and a game at the Santiago Bernabéu between Real Madrid and Vitesse Arnhem. "I didn't have time to ride bikes, I was too

Lorraine now rides a Sportster® 883, and grandson Harry already has his own electric H-D at the age of two, so Harleys run in the family. George himself has owned several Electra Glides® over the years, his current one being a 2008 model that he bought with just 1,000 miles under its wheels.

However, he also still owns his first Harley, having put many tens of thousands of miles on its clock. It's now adorned with custom paintwork commemorating historic British army regiment the Cameron Highlanders and the Battle of Prestonpans of 1745, in which a Scottish uprising defeated the British army. "After



Frank Sander discusses the physics and aesthetics of the trend for ever-increasing wheel sizes



# BIG WHEELERS



**In the beginning**, a wheel was a means to an end and was installed on bikes solely for the purpose of movement. The industry quickly realised that wheels also represent a good design element, so Harley-Davidson® installed spoked wheels of various designs, until disc wheels and designer wheels were finally also introduced.

In the 1970s, rear tyres started to become wider as customisers turned to automobile tyres, which resulted in questionable handling, but the diameters remained the same.

In the 1990s, rear tyres became dramatically wider until a limit was reached some time in the 2000s. Not only was this quite disproportionate to the bike, but it was only a design feature – as was already the case with the automobile tyres – making them almost unrideable with widths of up to 360mm. Thus, the subject of wide tyres was exhausted and a new idea was required.

A trend for ever-larger rims, originally

seen in car customisation, arrived in the custom bike world. Initially, there were a few Touring bikes with 23” wheel rims, which could be accommodated in the standard forks without any additional modifications. A new front fender was fitted, and the bike looked cool without detracting from everyday suitability.

Along with the trend of refining Touring models, an idea from the US was then used to produce a 26” front tyre, but it didn’t take long before they concluded that a 26” front rim would not fit in a H-D® Touring bike without massive modifications. The first baggers were therefore modified with adventurous constructions on the frame and the fork, until professional customisers joined the trend. The first rims that were fitted in the USA had not received any European approval, but a new trend was born. The first conversions then emerged in Europe; they handled quite decently, contrary to initial opinions,

but no approved parts were yet available.

Meanwhile, well-known H-D dealers such as Thunderbike and Rick’s developed fork yokes (also known as triple trees), for which the frame did not need to be modified, and which received European approval thanks to the sensible calculation of the angles involved. Wheels with large diameters were also produced in Europe; these were then installed not only in the Touring bikes, but also in Softail® and even Sportster® models.

There is no point in discussing the logic and there’s no accounting for taste, as diversity is what customising is all about. This got the ball (or, shall we say, the wheel) rolling, awakening the wish for more. So one tyre manufacturer produced a 30” front tyre, which was immediately ordered by the customisers, and it was also clear here that the dimensions of the bikes had to be dramatically revised once again, to find technical and visual harmony.

The first bike with a hub-free 30” front wheel appeared in the United Arab Emirates, and the first bikes could also be admired at the bike shows in Europe a few weeks after the tyre appeared. The normal law of physics states that the larger the wheel the higher the gyroscopic force, so, accordingly, these bikes have very good directional stability, but in order for them to drive a clean radius around bends, they require a much higher level of force in the curves. In addition, the normal wheel diameter must be retained at the back. They are driveable, but it’s borderline!

As is the case with all trends there are hardly any upward limits, so one sees bikes that drive on 30” wheels on the front and back and, currently, custom bikes are being prepared for 32” wheels. It remains to be seen where this trend will end; in all probability there will be a few more design gaffes but exciting new ideas can also be expected. The question of whether these bikes will really be able to move sensibly will be revealed when they are brought to the bike shows under their own power. ■





## 2015

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*David & Dominique Pierson, 2015*

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# THE KING OF EUROPE

In the last issue of *HOG*® magazine we focused on the Battle of the Kings, a custom competition where experts from H-D® dealerships across Europe demonstrated their originality and imagination in applying their customisation skills to the blank canvas of a Harley-Davidson® Dark Custom motorcycle.

At the Wheels & Waves festival in Biarritz, France in June, the *crème de la crème* came together for the final showdown. The five finalists, hailing from the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Norway and Cyprus, battled it out in front of a jury of experts to show off their customisation credentials.



**Inset picture:** The victorious team celebrate their success with Harley-Davidson®'s Mike Johnstone (left) and Ray Drea (right)



The Harley-Davidson Prague dealership in the Czech Republic was crowned 'European Custom King' with its winning design, named 'SHDB 04'. The Street™ 750 was rebuilt from the ground up by the dealership's super-talented team. The customisation of the bike saw massive changes, including new handlebars, mirrors, brake lines, pegs and levers, as well as an LED light and touchscreen interface. The team also customised the tank, front fender and stand.

They shortened the rear frame and even replaced the speedometer with, of all things, a telephone! Impressively, all the metalwork on the bike was hand-crafted.

Harley-Davidson EMEA Marketing Director Michael Johnstone commented: "The standard of all five finalists was exceptional but there could only be one triumphant winner. We would like to congratulate Harley-Davidson Prague on a fantastic winning design that demonstrated phenomenal creativity." ■



# KEEPING IT REAL



As H.O.G.® members, you know it's all about the authenticity. That's why at Harley-Davidson® we go to such lengths to **protect the brand you love**

Harley-Davidson®'s Brand Protection team is tasked with unearthing counterfeit goods and getting them removed from sale. When you buy Harley-Davidson products from an authorised dealer, you know you're getting only the highest-quality goods, designed and tested by Harley® people. That's no small consideration, especially when it comes to safety gear.

In 2014, we removed thousands of listings advertising counterfeit goods. Sites selling counterfeit goods might look real at first glance, but the products are inferior and the profits are often going to criminals. We provide our dealers with online training to help them spot misuse of our trademarks.

We have put together a quick summary of the action taken by the Brand Protection team during 2014 to stop illegal counterfeiting activities across Europe, the Middle East and Africa to ensure you know your H-D® gear is the real deal. ■

**\$1,471,290,168**

of counterfeit goods using Harley-Davidson branding were removed from sale on wholesale websites originating in Asia.



**23**

anti-counterfeiting training sessions were held in 19 countries across Europe, the Middle East and Africa during 2014 to help law enforcement officers spot fake goods.



**181** new cases of trademark infringement were opened across Europe, the Middle East and Africa during 2014.

**9,220** counterfeit items were seized at customs.





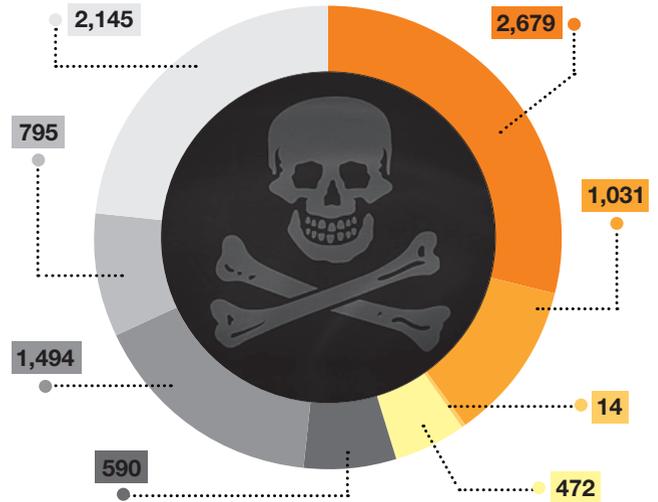
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**AT CUSTOMS**

Seizing articles at customs disrupts the counterfeit market and prevents fake, low-quality goods from making their way to customers.

**UNITS SEIZED BY REGION, 2014**



Central and Eastern Europe	2,679
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If you're worried about falling prey to dodgy sites selling rip-off goods, there are some simple things you can do.

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- 3. Look for** spelling mistakes! It's surprising how often counterfeit goods contain errors in logos or on their websites. If you find you're about to buy a 'Harly Davidsson ridding jacket', you'll probably want to think again.



# WIND IT DOWN

When high winds hit, dial it down and go with the flow



As a writer for **HOG®** magazine, I've logged more than a few miles riding in high winds. The most dramatic example probably came last spring in Death Valley. Riding back into Furnace Creek from a few of the valley's hot spots (pun intended), we saw an immense wall of dust forming in the valley to our left – headed directly into our path. We already had been leaning hard into the crosswinds, but when the dust hit us we felt literally sandblasted for a few minutes. Shortly thereafter we stopped

for fuel, and it was still so windy we had trouble staying steady while we filled up.

Through these and other experiences, here's the main thing I've learned: *high winds are really no big deal.*

## Relax, don't do it

Now let me qualify that statement. They're not a big deal if you know how to handle them. And the key is don't overreact. Stay calm, stay relaxed, and don't fight too hard.

For one thing, remember that you're

riding a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle, which is tested in a myriad of real-world testing environments, and that's a good place to start.

In a steady crosswind, if you stay relaxed – don't tighten up, don't fight it – you can ride a long way in a heavy lean without even noticing. That has been my experience, anyway. Yes, things get trickier when a big gust hits you, but the same principles apply. Stay relaxed.

The worst thing you can do is suddenly

jerk the handlebar to try to counteract the effects. Remember your countersteering principles! When you turn the handlebar one way, the bike tries to lean, and turn, to the other – exactly where you don't want to go in this situation.

When a gust hits you, push on the handlebar in the direction the wind is coming from – but do it gently! Don't jerk. It won't take much to correct your course. Let the weight of the bike and its inertial forces be your anchor in the wind.

### Prime position

Another principle to remember is good lane positioning. When you're riding by yourself, you might want to consider riding more in the centre of the lane to give yourself a little more cushion. I just told you the wind probably won't move you around as much

react to objects or debris that may blow across the road. Be extra alert to this possibility, scanning the area ahead for things that could suddenly appear in your path.

### Back to the bike

The kind of motorcycle you're riding – or how it's equipped – can make a difference in how the wind affects you. The larger the profile the more it will catch the wind, but the same principles apply. Stay relaxed. Remember your countersteering. Don't overreact.

A fairing or windshield is great for keeping the wind off you in normal conditions but can also catch more air in a crosswind. And even wheel choice can be a factor. These things aren't bad or good, just factors to consider.

miscellaneous items strapped to the bike, make extra sure that they're secure. A bag that sits solidly strapped to your passenger seat under 'normal' conditions may be vulnerable to shifting left or right in a strong crosswind.

### Top gear

Finally, wearing the right gear will help make your windy ride more pleasant.

Windy conditions kick up more dust and dirt, so don't skimp on eye protection. A full-face helmet or face screen (on a three-quarter helmet) works great. Sealed goggles offer the best protection without a face screen. If you're committed to wearing just sunglasses, make sure they have shatter-resistant lenses – but remember, sunglasses leave lots of opportunity for dirt, dust, sand or even small pebbles to

## “The key is to know your motorcycle and know what to expect when the wind kicks up. Don't let any of these factors catch you off guard”

as you think, but it's good to have more space to manoeuvre nonetheless.

This is especially true on a two-lane road. Speaking for myself, I *hate* being in the third of a lane closest to the centre of the road when there are big lorries coming in the other direction. I'll often move over to the opposite side of the lane to avoid their big wind wash – which often feels like it wants to *suck* you into oncoming traffic.

Keep in mind, however, the road conditions. The centre of the lane can be more slippery than the outer two-thirds, especially if it's wet. And if it's windy *and* rainy, that's probably a good time to find a bridge or some other place to wait it out for a while.

If you're riding in a group or with another rider, give yourself the following distance you need to ride in a way that you're comfortable with. More following distance will also give you more time to

In any of these situations, again, the solution is the same. The key is to know your motorcycle and know what to expect when the wind kicks up. Don't let any of these factors catch you off guard.

Riding position can also make a difference. A more 'active' position, with your feet underneath you, your body leaned slightly forward, and your hands comfortably forward, gives you greater control than a more relaxed position. 'Feet forward, hands in the air and ass on the ground' looks cool, and many find it very comfortable. But keep in mind that you won't be able to react as well in high winds.

You may even consider leaning forward, tight against the bike, to reduce your profile, and sometimes shifting your weight slightly toward the direction of the wind can help keep you more stable. Finally, if you have any bags or

blow into your eyes from the side.

In windy conditions, it's often wise to cover your nose and mouth as well. A simple bandana can do wonders to keep your lips from drying out (or at least slow the process), and keep dust and dirt out of your nose.

Finally, cover your skin completely: long sleeves, over-the-ankle boots, a scarf around your neck – anything to keep the wind off, and the dust and dirt out.

As usual, dealing with high winds is about reducing the risks involved, not eliminating them. If ever the wind gets so high it puts you outside of your comfort zone, don't ride. It's always better to swallow your pride and be safe than let it put you in a dangerous situation. ■

**Mike Zimmerman is a H.O.G.® member and long-time Harley-Davidson enthusiast**



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## CROATIA

# ISLAND HOPPING

The winding roads of Croatia's coastline and islands are just crying out to be explored by motorbike – and the island of Korčula offers some of the finest examples. A warm H.O.G.® welcome awaits at Tara's Lodge in Zrnovska Banja, three kilometres west of the historic town of Korčula. This small and friendly hotel has 17 rooms available, three of which are family suites. Free parking is available, and all rooms have wi-fi and air conditioning. Just a few steps from the beach, the hotel also boasts a swimming pool as well as a bar and restaurant serving locally sourced food.

Owner Dennis Bandack is a H.O.G. member and is now on his fifth Harley® – the Sportster® proudly displayed on the terrace. Dennis designed the customised bike himself as a tribute to the two pilots of an F4 Tomcat that was downed during the Vietnam War. Ask him to talk you through the bike's 'airplane-style' features!

Korčula, the sixth-largest Adriatic island, is rich in vineyards and known for its green landscape. Access to the island is by car ferry from Orebić on the Pelješac peninsula – a 15-minute crossing. From the medieval walled town of Korčula you can ride to Vela Luka at the western end of the island, and to some spectacular creeks and beaches. The peninsula also offers some great scenic rides. A stay on Korčula is sure to be a highlight of your Croatian tour.

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# A ROOM WITH A HARLEY®

This stylish holiday apartment in south-western Spain has an unusual feature that sets it apart: it comes with its own Harley®! Long-time H.O.G.® members Andy and Kim Hewitt initially purchased the apartment for their own use, and bought a Dyna® to ride during their visits. They have since moved to the area permanently, and now offer the apartment – complete with bike – for holiday rentals.

The apartment is located in the tranquil surroundings of Western Andalusia. Nearby Ayamonte, a picturesque, traditional port town, is the perfect place to sample the region's laid-back way of life. It's easy to hop over the border into Portugal; and if you crave city life, stunning Seville is only 90 minutes away.

The apartment can comfortably accommodate four people, with one double and one twin room. There is a fully equipped kitchen and a spacious balcony with views over the river Guadiana. It is located within a gated community and is surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens with

several swimming pools. Andy and Kim manage the apartment directly, so personal service is provided both before you arrive and during your stay.

This region of Spain is perfect biking territory. Quiet, meandering country roads take you through spectacular scenery and pretty towns, and there are some great twisty bits in the mountains. There are many circular routes of varying lengths to explore from the apartment. Andy might even be tempted to join you and act as your guide!

The Harley is a Dyna Super Glide® T-Sport, which has been regularly serviced by Harley dealers from new. It has a backrest and highway pegs and is equipped with a touring seat for comfort.

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# We ride together

**My passion for Harley-Davidson®** started in 1969 with the movie *Easy Rider*. When I was 14, my grandfather gave me a MotoGuzzi 65cc. In my mind, the peanut gas tank made this the bike of Captain America. I removed the front fender, I added a sissy bar and ape hangers stolen from a bicycle, and I rode the streets like *Easy Rider*.

My life with Harley-Davidson since then has been incredible. From my first Harley-Davidson motorcycle – a 1975 Electra Glide® – to the role I have today volunteering across Europe for H.O.G.®, my life has been spent in the company of passionate people who all share my love for Harley-Davidson.

In 1997 I joined the Treviso Chapter, Italy. From being a member, I took on the roles of Treasurer and Editor, and for eight years I was Chapter Director. I loved it – being with my friends and sharing and enjoying that passion for Harley-Davidson is very special.

In 2002 I met the Events Organiser for H.O.G. Europe and we worked together to have the European H.O.G. Rally in Cavallino, Venice, Italy. The following year I worked to set up the first National Rally in Italy. This event continues today and attracts more than 5,000 visitors.

I have since been involved in H.O.G. Rally Co-ordinator Training, and later was a Primary Officer Training instructor. This is really interesting for me as it involves ‘teaching’ the Italian chapters and H.O.G. members about organising great events and sharing what I have learned. It’s also been an opportunity to meet so many different people and listen to their stories.

There is a seriousness to my joke that ‘H.O.G. is my job - dentistry is my hobby’. Life is there to be lived and enjoyed, and not working all the time. I am fortunate that my ‘day job’ can take a back seat while I live my dream and continue to make new H.O.G. friends around the world and share my stories too.

There is one thing that overrides everything, though, and that is the passion I share with my son Davide. He too loves Harley-Davidson, particularly the old bikes. Riding with him in the Dolomite mountains near where we live is the best feeling in the world.

When he was at university, as a surprise, I customised his bike for him to the bobber style I knew he loved – I created his dream bike from my old Fat Boy® that I had given him a few years earlier. I will never forget the moment I showed him the bike – it was very special. Only Harley-Davidson could do that. We also built a Panhead chopper together, which we ride in Italy. For me, this is the ultimate experience and one I treasure every day.

I have been volunteering for H.O.G. since 2002. I do it because I love to see people happy. I get pleasure from seeing the smile that Harley-Davidson puts on their faces and I now have a great number of friends across Europe and in the US through my work with the group.

Today I ride a 2011 Police Electra Glide, and my son and I still have the Panhead chopper. Harley-Davidson has created so many special moments for me and my son. It’s not a motorcycle, it’s a passion. ■

**Claudio De Negri is a Life Member of H.O.G.® and a volunteer in the EMEA region**



**Following the principle ‘the more you put in, the more you get out’ Claudio De Negri has been volunteering for H.O.G.® for more than 12 years**

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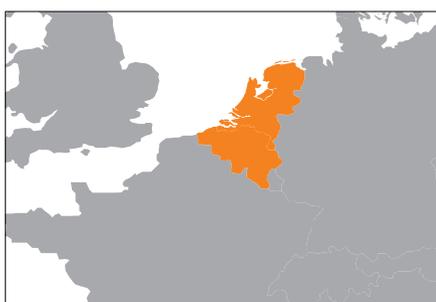
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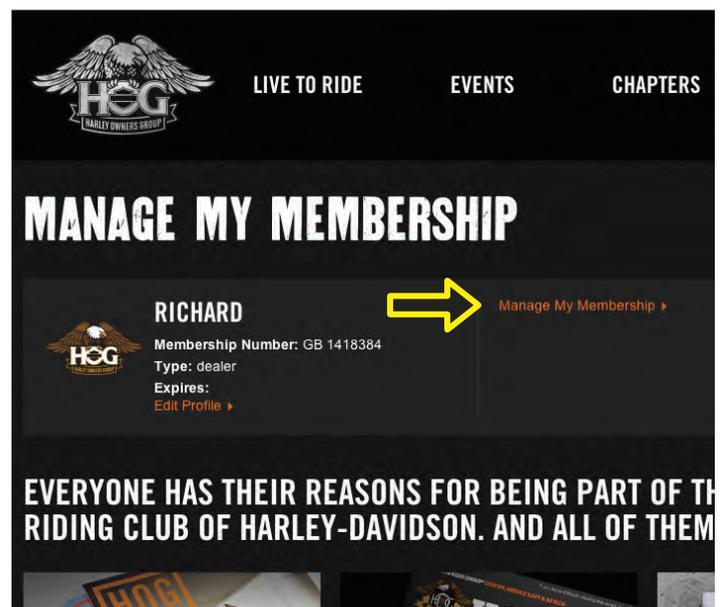
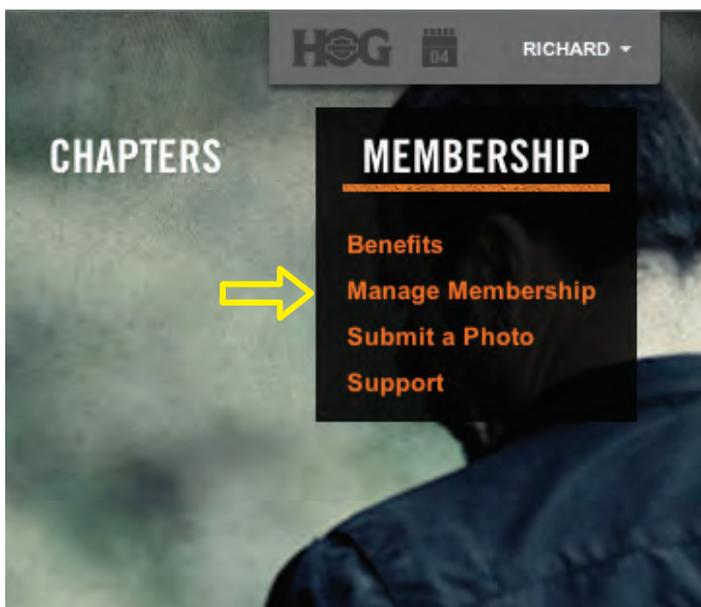
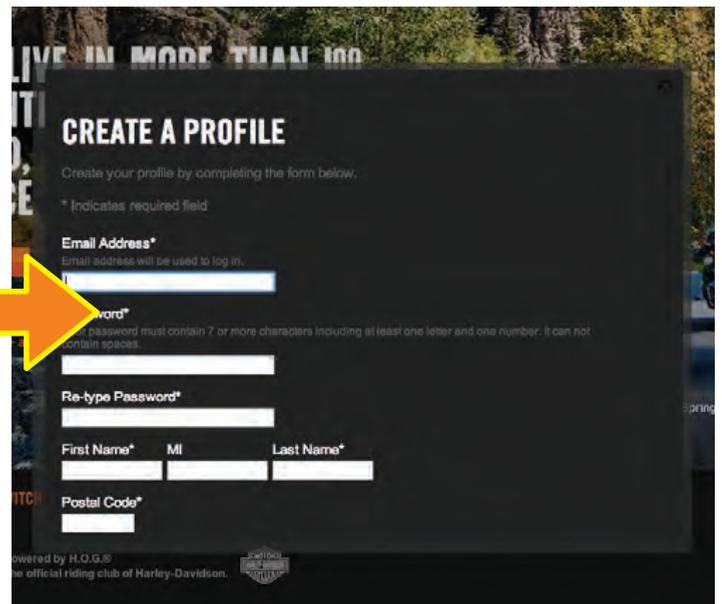
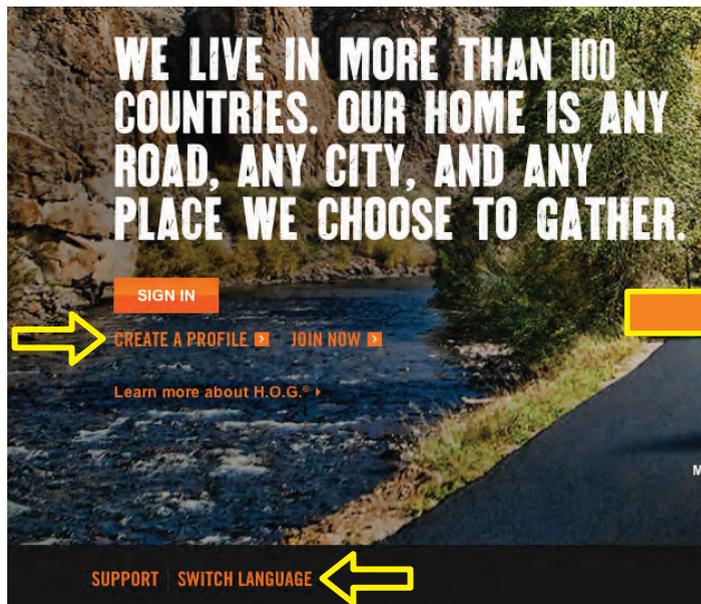
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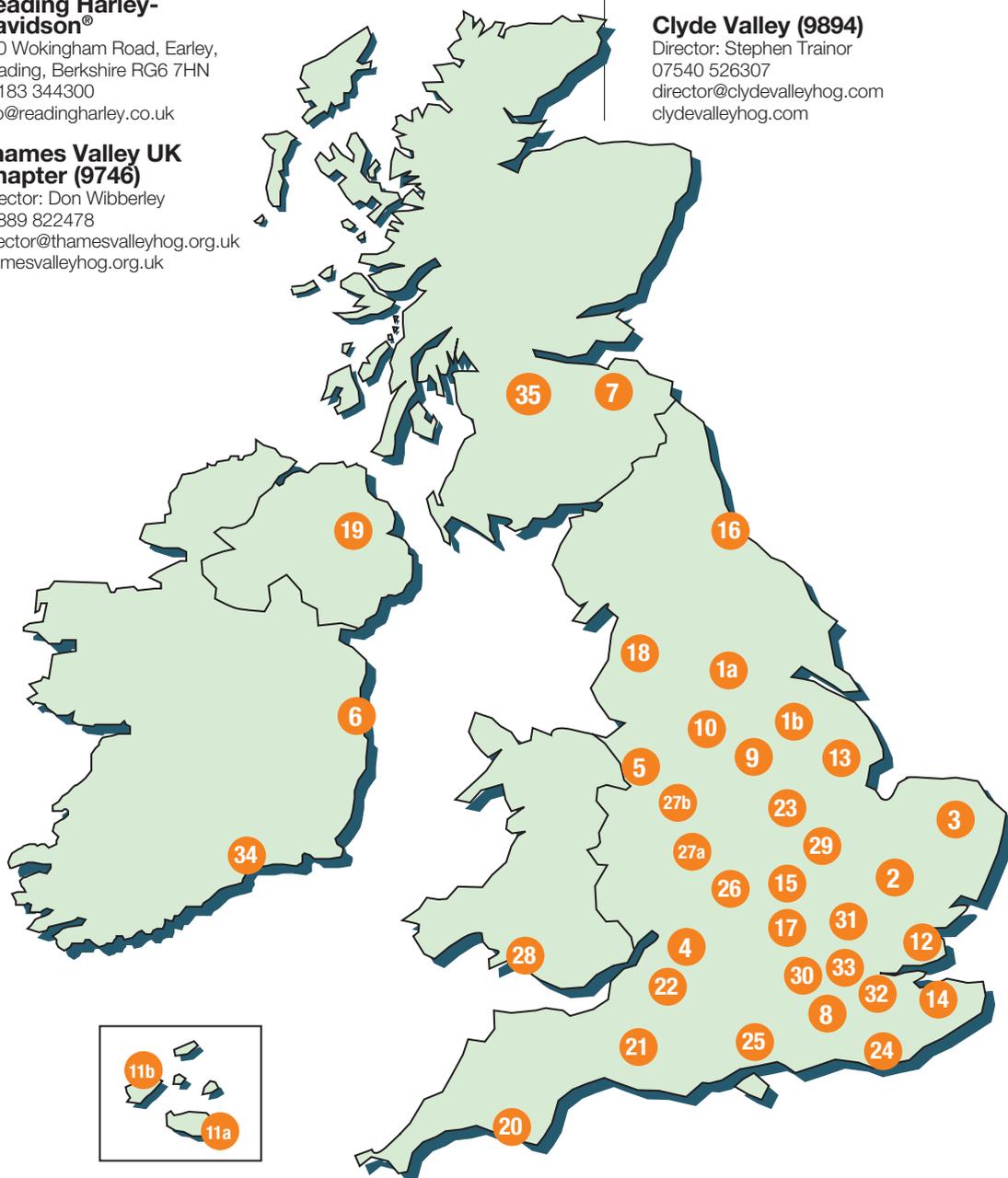
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# H.O.G.® EVENTS 2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE UK AND IRELAND

## AUGUST

7-9  
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 14-16  
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21-23  
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 28-31  
Thunder in  
the Glens  
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## SEPTEMBER

18-20  
Circus Maximus –  
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Deva Legion  
Llangollen Pavilion, Wales  
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 25-28  
Blazin' Twenties  
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## Take on the Iron Hog Challenge!

More and more people are taking on this ultimate endurance ride

Designed by Hogsback Chapter Road Crew, Axel Thill and Robin Seymour, the Iron Hog Challenge is an endurance ride of up to 2,000 miles in less than three days. The rules are:

1. With a base time allowance of 48 hours visit as many mainland UK H-D® dealerships as you can, adding 30 minutes per dealership visited to the allowed completion time.
2. You must start and finish at the same H-D dealership.
3. You must visit these four dealerships: Edinburgh, Swansea, Maidstone and Plymouth.

You can visit the mandatory dealerships in whatever order and add further H-D dealerships at your free choice within the allowed time window of 48 hours plus allowance (30 min per dealership).

Six riders joined forces for the first completed Iron Hog of 2015, and what a special event it was. For Robin, Malcolm and Axel (all Hogsback Chapter) it was their fourth Iron Hog in as many years, for Toby (DP in Guildford) his second, and for Nigel (Hogsback) his first completed after dropping out with a technical defect in 2012. For Mike (General Sales Manager in Newmarket) it was his first, and he can't wait to do it again in 2016.

Amongst their number was Pudsey Bear (Robin) as the ride was done in aid of Children in Need. Well done to Robin for staying in-role and in costume for the duration!

In August last year, Mick Robinson from Rutland Chapter became the first solo rider of the Iron Hog. Andy Gurr from Rutland Chapter must have been inspired, as he successfully completed his Iron

Hog challenge from May 24 to May 26, visiting all presently existing 27 Harley-Davidson® dealerships on mainland UK.

And Andy did it solo again!

Get involved at [ironhog.wordpress.com](http://ironhog.wordpress.com)



Additional points will be awarded to chapters participating in the National Chapter Challenge for submitting an amusing group photo of at least five chapter members displaying their chapter patches taken at one of the events specified by in this event list and one other event in this listing of their choice.



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