

DUNEDIN CHAPTER

AGM

6th February 2011

Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth

Welcome: After ensuring all present were fully paid up members, George welcomed everyone to the 2010 AGM, set out the format for the meeting and introduced the top table: George McGuire, Director; Stuart Caplan, Assistant Director; Alyson Jamieson, Treasurer; Anne McLennan, Secretary. Apologies were received from Kirk Hale, Manager, Edinburgh Harley-Davidson, who was currently attending a Dealership event in Florida.

Director's Report: 2010 was the 6th anniversary of Edinburgh Harley-Davidson and the 19th anniversary of Dunedin Chapter. Membership has increased from around 50 members in the early years to 370 at end December 2010. This growth brings greater challenges and requires increased commitment from both the Committee and Dealership as a higher turnout at events involves a greater level of planning, preparation and organisation. We also try to be an inclusive Chapter, running a mixed programme of events to suit all of our members whilst at the same time continuing to promote H-D, HOG, our own Dealership and Chapter in a positive and supportive manner.

The HOG Chapter Handbook is our bible which sets out the rules which the Committee and Dealership must uphold. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Committee. The Committee have a duty to protect HOG, EH-D and the Chapter, and we endeavour to do this in a way which also benefits our members. The Handbook is further enhanced by our local Chapter Charter which all members sign up to on an annual basis.

Together the Committee have worked harder than ever to deliver a successful year. My own workload increases every year and I could not do it without Stuart, my Assistant Director, whom I thank for his wisdom, counsel and support. Thanks also to Alyson who has the task of managing probably the largest Chapter finances in the UK if not Europe; Anne for managing an increasing membership, producing minutes and contributing to Chapter planning; Richard for keeping our website up to date; Our officially titled 'Best Road Captains in Europe' along with our Road Marshals who manage the TITG Rally and monthly ride outs; To a host of volunteers who help organise our events - too many to name but we all know who you are; To our helpers at Thunder and lastly, to all the members for their support in making this one of the best respected and admired Chapters in the world.

Events/charities supported last year include:

<i>Local</i>	Thunder in the Glens; Royal Blind School; Communities of Aviemore, Grantown and Kingussie; RNLI; MacMillan Cancer; Venchie Centre; Richmond's Hope; Sick Kids Hospital; Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; Blood Run; Muscular Dystrophy; Edinburgh Festival Parade
<i>National</i>	RTTW; Chapter Rallies (including the new Red Rose Chapter in the Lake District); National Bike Shows

International HOT Event Milwaukee; European Rally; Irish Bike Week; Faaker See; Posse Rides; USA and Europe.

Thanks go to all members who have promoted the good name of Dunedin Chapter throughout the globe. Next year's European Rally will be held in Croatia and will be a free event.

Dealership Report: George informed members that Kirk is currently in Florida by special invitation of H-D USA. The invitation is very much an accolade in recognition from H-D UK and Europe that EH-D is viewed as an 'ideal' dealership. 2010 has been a challenging year financially with two UK Dealerships going bust. Edinburgh however has been one of only a few that has managed to meet targets and keep their heads above water, ending the year as the top second-hand dealership in the country. It was noted that 61% of Chapter members used the dealership in the last year and it is hoped that this will increase. Kirk and his team continue to work to grow the business and support the Chapter and strive hard to provide good customer care. They provide full backing for TITG, support the Scottish Bike Show and also have their own Programme of events. George conveyed his personal thanks to Kirk and his team for their support.

Assistant Director's Report: Stuart conveyed his pleasure in his supporting role and is happy to take on any Chapter work which George delegates to him. He is currently researching on-line interactive services with IT specialists with a view to bringing the Chapter into the 21st century and will keep members abreast of any future changes, e.g. electronic forms. Stuart also mentioned the importance of being an inclusive Chapter. We must ensure that Dunedin is not exclusively a boys club and that we welcome our female members and have an inclusive programme of events that accommodates them too. The tartan has been hugely successful with a large increase in uptake year on year. So much so that last year saw the first double width lighter grade bale purchased which is suitable for ladies dresses.

Treasurer's Report: As agreed at the 2009 AGM, the format of the accounts were changed to a profit and loss account. Alyson provided a breakdown of the turnover for 2010, reporting a small profit for the 2010 TITG Rally. Alyson explained the general Chapter expenditure was greater than income resulting in a small loss, but this was due to the purchase of merchandise and tartan which will be recouped at point of sale. Alyson also presented members with a breakdown of Charity Income and Donations for 2010 and was pleased to announce that fundraising had totalled just over £10k. George confirmed that the accounts are audited by the Eastern Western Motor Group.

Webmaster's Report: Richard reported he was happy to continue to oversee the Chapter website. Richard explained that his IT skills are self taught and that should the IT skills requirement become higher than he can provide then he will happily step aside and let another member take over. In the meantime, he advised members to keep checking the website as it is the Chapter's official communication media and is regularly updated, particularly the events page, to allow members to plan ahead. An e-newsletter will be a new addition to the site as this is a compulsory requirement set out by HOG.

Road Captains Report: On behalf of himself and Sandy, Frank thanked his Road Captains and Marshals for their support on the ride outs. He also thanked our members for riding safe. George thanked the Head Road Captains for their meticulous planning, particularly for

the TITG ride out which involves liaison with police and Council officials and reconnoitring the route several times to ensure it is clear of debris prior to departure.

Primary Officers: The following Primary Officers were approved to stand for a further 2 years:

George McGuire (Director), Stuart Caplan (Assistant Director), Alyson Jamieson (Treasurer), Anne McLennan (Secretary), Richard Gallacher (Webmaster), Lorraine McLuckie (Merchandise), Sandy Scott & Frank McGregor (Head Road Captains), Fiona Kenny (Ladies of Harley)

Award Ceremony: George and Stuart presented several awards to members for their outstanding contribution to the Chapter during 2010 as follows:

Plaques:

Alyson Jamieson; Anne McLennan; Ron & Irene Bloomfield; Tim & Aileen Mottram; Silvio Musmeci

Certificate of Excellence:

Gordon & Rose Simpson; Stevie & Carol Collins; Lorraine Leslie; Mike Dall

Before closing the meeting, George thanked Stuart and Kirk for their absolute support, Kirk's team at E H-D, Committee members, all Chapter volunteers; and lastly, our members for their wholehearted support of the Chapter and HOG events throughout the year and whose combined efforts ensure that Dunedin is the Chapter that others aspire to be.