

**Dunedin Chapter**  
**Monthly Meeting 8th January 2012**  
**Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth**

**Welcome:** George welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Belated birthday greetings to Mary, Randy, Geordie, Joe and Ian.

George introduced members of the British Red Cross Association who gave a demonstration and basic tips to be taken at the scene of an accident whilst waiting for specialist assistance. The charity benefited from £1,000 raised from the 2011 TITG bike raffle which went towards the purchase of a £2,500 mountain bike, kitted out with specialist lifesaving equipment.

**Membership:** Membership renewals are now due for 2012. George reminded everyone to read the membership form prior to signing. This is a release form which sets out the Chapter rules and conditions and by signing it, members are agreeing to adhere to them. Our AGM is on 4th February and anyone attending must be a fully paid up member. Willie introduced Steve Ritchie from Edinburgh who is our newest member to date.

**Events:** George reminded everyone that Chapter events are open to all Dunedin members with the ethos being to promote motorcycling and having fun. Details of Chapter events will be posted on the Dunedin Website and Dunedin Chapter Facebook page. It is not compulsory to attend all events, members can select what they choose to support. For information regarding events, it is the responsibility of members to attend the monthly meetings, read the minutes and watch the web site, as the Committee will not send out individual e-mails.

Suggestions for rideouts during 2012 being looked at are: 3 Saturday full day ride-outs in May, June & July to places of interest - more details will be given later. Stevie is also working on several options, including a trip to Whitley Bay.

We have several ladies who have recently passed their bike test and we will look at organising rideouts tailored specifically for them to increase their riding experience. Anyone interested in undergoing the IAM training please let Mike Dall or George know. Classes will be organised for the Edinburgh area and other areas, if there is enough support for it.

**Chapter Mileage Programme** - Only 26 forms were handed in which was very disappointing compared to last year when we had over 100. George will attend the Directors meeting next weekend and may be informed of the winners then. Hopefully we will get more support this year during 2012. It doesn't matter how high or low your mileage is as it all counts towards the Chapter total.

**Forthcoming Events:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** Annual Dinner Dance, Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth. Cost is £20 per head for members and is now open to non-members at £25 per head. The band playing this year is 'Cascade'.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** AGM, Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth. The current Committee have intimated they are prepared to stand again for another term. However, anyone interested in having their name put forward should let George know.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** Harley's Got Talent night, 7.00pm - 11.00pm at the Dealership. Boys night out hosted by Morse. Many members have already signed up, some of whom will be providing the entertainment. There will be a £5 charge which will go to provide food and drink on the night. Contact Kirk/Morse if you intend to support it so they have an idea of numbers.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March** Scottish Bike Show.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** North Section Dance – Contact Lorraine Lesley for tickets.
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June** European Rally. Members should note this is an Open Rally and registration is not required. Rally Packs can be purchased on-line, but this is optional, so there is no need to register unless you want a t-shirt and pin.
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June** European Posse Ride to Edinburgh. Over 100 bikes are expected and they will be staying at the Marriott Hotel, Dalmahoy. We intend to meet them at the border and escort them, via a scenic route to EH-D in Edinburgh who will put on a reception for them. We will also arrange ride-outs for them whilst they are here and it is hoped that some of our members will be available to assist with these.

**\*\* Watch the website for Event updates \*\***

**Thunder in the Glens:** George reported that there have been over 500 pre-registrations in the first week. For the first time, many have been processed on-line, providing greater accessibility and quicker information. The system appears to be working well and a huge vote of thanks goes to Ross for setting this up. As expected, accommodation is going quickly. When booking rooms with McDonalds members should not register as Rally Crew. This is not a given right and has to be earned. We have limited spaces for this which will be allocated by George to members not only for working at Thunder,

but for their contribution and commitment to the Chapter throughout the year. George thanked Ali Hogg who has agreed to take over the organising of the trade stands from Ron and Irene.

**Tartan:** Both weights are available – lighter weight double width for ladies and single width for kilts - orders should be placed through Stuart.

**Merchandise:** Both Official and Chapter merchandise is available today. The new Dunedin LOH jackets, retailing at £44, are proving popular with the ladies and the Dunedin 2012 patches are also available.

**Ladies of Harley:** The first 2012 event has been organised for Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Circus Casino Edinburgh. The price is £25 per head and includes 3 course dinner, 2 drinks from the bar, £10 worth of chips to play with and a free lesson on how to play. At least 12 ladies have confirmed attendance with several others interested. Fiona is happy for friends to come along as well, but please let her know in advance so she can book the numbers.

**North Section:** The North Section dance will be held on 24th March and Lorraine Lesley should be contacted for tickets. There are several going from the central belt, including Kirk. Frank and Chris are currently organising a varied programme of events in the north area, including 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and First on the Scene presentations. IAM training will also be organised, so please try to support these events if you can.

**EH-D:** Kirk asked George to pass on his best wishes to Dunedin members, thanking them for their support throughout the year and wishing them a safe riding experience for 2012. The boys night out is currently being organised and lots of members have signed up to provide the entertainment. No need to perform, just come along and enjoy the event. EH-D will also be having an open weekend on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May. Kirk asked that when in the shop premises we mind our Ps and Qs as there are ladies and customers in and quite often profanities can be heard. He also reminds us to use our gift vouchers before the end of February.

**Chapter Website & Facebook Page:** The website continues to be developed and is very much a work in progress. Members who have not yet registered on the site are encouraged to do so as this will replace the current process used to record membership details. Members will be able to reset their own passwords and update their own details. However, the HOG UK number must be up to date and members should inform Anne if this number changes. The Chapter Facebook Page has been set up and will shortly be linked to the Chapter Website for ease of access. In line with our Local Chapter Terms and Conditions, members should note the following good practice:

- The Chapter Facebook page is intended for information purposes only and should not be used as a socialising page;
- Members should not post information regarding Chapter events – this is the responsibility of the Chapter Committee and will result in confusion if all members post details;
- If you wish to socialise on Facebook, please use your own personal page;
- The Chapter Facebook page should not be used to question Chapter decisions or demean other Chapter members;
- Questions regarding Chapter business should be raised at Chapter meetings, with a committee member or ultimately, with Kirk Hale if appropriate;
- Members posting comments on Facebook will be held responsible for their actions and any attack on the Chapter, Chapter members or, the posting of abusive language via this network, will not be tolerated;
- The Chapter Facebook page is our open face to the world and we are judged as a Chapter on its content. Members will not be allowed to abuse it and bring the Chapter down in the eyes of others;
- Members who have something constructive to say or ask should do so through the proper channels;
- Any member persisting in abusing this facility will be removed from the FB page and could ultimately be removed from the Chapter;
- The Chapter exists for members to ride their bikes and have fun.

**AOCB:** George informed members that Riders Edge and H-D, UK have parted company. This creates a challenge for Chapters and Dealerships in how best to promote the riding of H-D bikes. Road Captain courses will not be affected as we will be running our own and supplementing this with training of Road Marshalls.

Shoe Box Appeal - George read out a letter from Mark Dogget, who is currently serving in Afghanistan thanking us for our generosity, care and support.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Sunday, 5th February, Leapark Hotel, Grangemouth.