

Dunedin Chapter
Monthly Meeting 12th June 2011
Spittal of Glenshee

Welcome: George welcomed everyone to the meeting noting the fabulous turnout.

George reported that Lauren Paterson's mother had a fatal heart attack last weekend and our condolences go to Alan & Lauren at this sad time.

Several accidents were noted since the last meeting: George & Jean Shepherd had a minor accident on route to Croatia which left Jean with a broken arm and a cancelled trip. On his way home from the Gathering, Stuart Gray came off his bike after sliding on grit. He was thrown onto the other side of the carriageway into the path of an oncoming car and was lucky to get away with a broken ankle. Ross, Alyson, Willie and Doreen were involved in an accident with a car at a junction. Ross who took the worst of the impact broke his leg in 3 places with the others sustaining multiple bruising and other smaller injuries. Ross asked George to pass on his thanks to everyone for their support and hoped to be home from hospital soon. George explained that the 65 year old car driver who caused this accident was not an idiot driver and was very remorseful for his genuine mistake. He asked members not to make threatening comments on networking sites as this doesn't help matters and looks bad on the Chapter. He asked all members to be careful and vigilant when riding, keeping safety as the number one priority. George wished them all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Membership: Willie introduced several new members: Doug and Donna Milne from Findon, Andy and Lorna Cheesman from Lanark, Ron Watson from Kincardine and Stuart Leach from Hamilton, bringing the total number of members to 362.

Events: Comnieston Rally - Stevie brought back the trophy for the best attendance and Jimmy Mair won the trophy for the furthest travelled, with both Stevie and Napoli winning Tattoo vouchers. A very successful as well as enjoyable rally.

The Gathering: - A great rally with members having a fun weekend and again, Dunedin won the trophy best attendance.

Turriff - Had a good turnout of northern members. A very good event with everyone enjoying it. EH-D were there with their trailer and have already booked up again for next year.

Blood Run - 10 bikes and 15 members turned up for the blood run, disappointing turn out, but many thanks to those who managed to come along.

Richmond Hope - around 24 bikes turned out. Unfortunately the weather was not great. However, members contributions totalled in excess of £1,500 so many thanks for the support. George reported that Richmond Hope came about after one of the founder members lost her son in a motorbike accident.

Radio Forth Cash for Kids - A group of vintage cars drove from Knockhill to Charlotte Square in Edinburgh, led all the way by Dunedin riders. The event raised around £78k. A bottle of whisky was auctioned which Ross paid £140 for. Unfortunately this was splattered all over them during the accident on the way home, which explained why the police were so keen to breathalyse them.

Croatia - Alex Glen reported a very good journey to the rally. The weather was mixed but the roads were in better condition than expected and the cost of food and accommodation was reasonable. The coast road was beautiful, with spectacular scenery. Overall a good rally, with the return journey through Austria. Trade stands were disappointing, as many traders were turned back at the border, due to insurance problems.

Forthcoming Events:

- 14th Jun** Hard Rock Cafe Birthday Bash - 11.00am - 3.00pm. The dealership will be there and are looking for members to support them and to undertake charity rides to help raise money for charity.
- 18th Jun** EH-D Birthday bash at the dealership.
- 18th Jun** Royal British Legion ride out to Peebles to support armed forces day which Dunedin has been asked to support. Looking to combine this with the EH-D bash. Further details will be put on both Dunedin and Scottish HD websites.
- 18th Jun** Battle of the Bands - 10 bikes will be attending. Accommodation has been organised at the McDonalds Aviemore Resort at a really good rate. The plan is to ride up to Aviemore, have a meal there, then ride up to Inverness. Stuart is currently looking at parking facilities for the bikes and will shortly contact everyone who is going, to update them with the plans.
- 25th & 26th Jun** Ride to Skye - Gordon Dickson has organised this event but unfortunately cannot make it himself. There are 25 bikes going. Stuart will contact those going by e-mail with final arrangements. Will

possibly meet up with northern members at Dalwhinnie, or may ride up in 2 separate groups and meet in Skye itself. Sandy will manage the ride out with the Northern Sector

9th - 10th July BMF Bike Show at Kelso.
27th - 31st July Ace Café - see Stevie Collins.
26th -29th Aug TITG
30th Sept - 2nd Oct RTTW
29th Oct Harleyween

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

Thunder in the Glens: Nearly 1700 pre registration forms have been received and there is still a steady stream coming in. The cut of date for pre-registration will be 3rd July 2011. Rally T-Shirts are already printed and in our ownership, so there should be no repeat of last year's problem.

Tartan: Both weights available - orders should be placed through Stuart.

Merchandise: Lots of merchandise available today. Orders for Chapter cap badges and belt buckles are being taken. These will be sold in pairs and have been designed to match the kilt pins. Price will be £50 per pair.

Ladies of Harley: Fiona reported that Lorraine's Hen Do had been a great success with 11 ladies managing to attend. The 'Do' started with an afternoon at the races and ended in an Edinburgh Night Club. The racing part of the event was very popular and this is something that Fiona may organise again in the future if there is enough interest. Volunteers are required to help out at the TITG Fashion Show so if you can assist please contact Fiona.

AOCB: Venchie Centre: George will be meeting with the organisers next week to discuss arrangements for painting and decorating. Thereafter, all volunteers to assist in this task will be welcome.

Website: The Chapter website is currently being updated and there is now a facility for members to post up pictures. Ross is currently looking at options for online membership using Paypal. If successful, this may also be extended to TITG registration in the future. Current pages on Social Networking Sites will be pulled together to provide one official Chapter Page.

The Dick Vet has thanked us for our support in raising funds for the Donkey Farm in Malawi. Money raised has been invested and the income from this will sustain and secure the farm over the long term. The visit to the Dick Vet last year was very informative and interesting and George will try to get another visit organised.

George requested that when joining a ride out, members do so at the rear of the group. This prevents sudden braking or changes in the positioning of the bikes.

Celtic Thunder are having a Boobs and Balls event in aid of cancer on 13th August in Waterford - details are on their website for anyone interested.

Chapter Mileage Programme - Members should hold onto their forms until October when the mileage will be verified and the forms stamped again. The £5 fee will also be collected in October.

George wished Dez well for his knee operation the next day.

Date of Next Meeting: Sunday, 3rd July, Gretna Social Club, Gretna, to tie in with the Wake the Lakes Rally.