



Full Steam Ahead

A new year, a fresh riding season approaches and wow, have we got a cracking year ahead! With the news from Downing street giving us a glimmer of hope that this year could see us resuming our ride calendar and getting some miles under us, we can look optimistically at the coming months with a smile.

This year is all about getting ourselves back into the swing of things, having a bit of a giggle and nobody being left behind. So we encourage all of you lovely people to get your bikes polished, get your kit out of the back of the wardrobe, and get involved with as many rides as you can! When we know exactly when we can start, all of the events this year will be added to the Rutland HOG Facebook group with the nearest being made as visible as possible to give you as much warning as possible.

You will be able to sign up the old fashioned way or via this new Facebook method so we can organise the numbers & group everyone more effectively.

If you aren't on Facebook and would like some help setting up an account to join in, email communications@rutlandchapter.co.uk and Chris will be happy to help you in the process.



Celebrating Collaborations

With the success's we've had so far with our Zoom meetings, we have taken a members well thought idea and will be hosting an event including our closest neighbours Nene Valley chapter. We encourage as many people as possible to attend the evening, Sam from AP customs in Uppingham (one of the UK's finest custom painters) will be giving a presentation and a Q&A session, there will be a lot of cross-chapter banter as well as the usual highlights of what's happening, and a damned good excuse to have a drink with your mates...maybe make some new ones too!

The event itself will be the evening of Wednesday the 31st Of March, instruction on how to join will be published closer to the date on Facebook, and again if you would like to join in but don't have access, email Chris and he will send you a link to join the call!

RIDE OUT CALENDER

April			
03/04/2021	Saturday	Postponed to a later date (TBA) Road Captain Training Day	
11/04/2021	Sunday	A to Z	
17/04/2021	Saturday	A to Z	
May			
01/05/2021	Sunday	Cancelled East-Kirkby	
22/05/2021	Sunday	TBA	
22/05/2021	Saturday	Reverse Eleanor (if from 9/5/21)	
30/05/2021	Saturday	Carpetbaggers Museum	
June			
12/06/2021	Saturday	Matlock and Heights of Abraham	
18-20/06/2021	Fri-Sun	Dawn to Dusk	
19/06/2021	Saturday	Buell meeting - East Kirkby	
27/06/2021	Sunday	Ordford	
July			
04/07/2021	Sunday	North Norfolk	
9-11/07/2021	Fri-Sun	Rutland Chapter Rally	
10/07/2021	Saturday	Flying Legends Airshow Sywell (if Chapter rally has been cancelled)	
18/07/2021	Sunday	Lilliputia	
25/07/2021	Sunday	Arboretum	
28/07/2021	Wednesday	Bubble Car Museum	
August			
01/08/2021	Sunday	Milgins	
15/08/2021	Sunday	Super Sausage	
22/08/2021	Sunday	Morsea Island	
29/08/2021	Sunday	Road Captain Training	
September			
04/09/2021	Saturday	Rutland Roaming	
10-12/09/2021	Fri-Sun	Dorset Weekend	
19/09/2021	Sunday	Bomber Command	
25/09/2021	Saturday	A to Z	
October			
02/10/2021	Saturday	RTTW	
November			
14/11/2021	Sunday	Duxford - Remembrance Sunday	
December			
11/12/2021	Saturday	London Lights and Bike Shed	
19/12/2021	Sunday	Toy Run	

*Event dates subject to change in line with government guidelines, whilst all intentions are to ride as much as possible this year, the safety of all members is our primary concern.

LET'S TAKE THINGS UP A GEAR

Get ready for the roads ahead with our new Parts & Accessories collection for 2021.

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For enquiries, please email: parts@sycamoremotorcycles.co.uk

Don't forget to submit your mileage to the director to start your progress to earning some extra HOG patches with the Ride 365 scheme!

ROADS OF NOTE



This month's road of note comes in the form of the stunning Bealach na ba (pass of the cattle), hardly sounds interesting but on approach you are greeted with a sign that reads *"This road rises to a height of 2053ft with gradients of 1 in 5 and hairpin bends, not advised for learner drivers, large vehicles or caravans"*.

Approximately 11 miles long this road links Tornapress and Applecross in western Scotland. With views over Loch Kishorn, Loch Carron, and a sea called the Inner Sound this road holds some extremely memorable vistas and riding!

If you have a suggestion for this section, email me on chris.collins@sycamoremotorcycles.co.uk for a chance to have it featured.

SYCAMORE NEWS

While the dealership remains closed to the public, it remains open for service work by appointment only, as well as mail order parts & accessories through phone and eBay. We would like to extend a hearty welcome to Sycamores newest Harley salesman Chris Morris – he joins the team with a plethora of experience with the brand as well as a fantastic attitude to selling motorcycles, we wish him a fantastic future at the dealership.

The workshop renovations near completion this month, with the additions of a new mezzanine floor. The building work isn't complete yet though as the former workshop is yet to be restyled into a used bike/non franchise showroom.

The Yamaha showroom is now completed and operational should you wish to join the Dark side (of Japan).. as a second bike naturally!

"The open road is such a good listener, I tell it all of my problems and it never says a thing or judges me.."

anonymous

A-Z & Ride 365

A-Z : The A-Z challenge is an event organised by HOG to get us all out on our bikes, as together as possible but also as solo riders, working off a scrabble based scoring system to visit places and gain points based on the names of said locations. The idea is simple; to get as many points as possible, other than just earning the bragging rights, there may be prizes up for grabs!

The miles you do for this will also count to the Ride 365 mileage program (see below)

Ride 365: Ride 365 is The Official Mileage Recognition Program for The Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson, HOG. Ride 365 includes the existing Lifetime Recognition and two new programs—Annual Recognition and an annual Chapter Challenge. Designed to encourage you to focus on the reason you own H-D motorcycles—to ride them!

You need only to have your odometer checked in two times each year at the dealership—the first time to validate miles on or after January 1, and the second time is for a final annual total on or before December 31. However, you'll want to check in frequently to enter your updated miles so you can earn digital badges and add to your annual and chapter totals throughout the year. Adding your mileage will instantly update the h-d.com/hog website and your chapter totals.

With events focusing on scoring you as many points as possible and getting some decent miles under our belts, we hope to see a fair few new patches appear on everyone's cuts this year!

If you would like more info on either of these subjects, let a member of the committee know and we will find all of the relevant info for you!

HARLEY NEWS

New Roads

The virtual launch saw the official arrival of the new 1250 Pan America - 150hp water cooling, electric rider aids and prices starting at £14k the new adventure bike opens up our beloved brand to new horizons and will help bring the Harley-Davidson motor company a new lease of life and some new blood from a previously European dominated market.

Bigger is better!

2021 sees a few old favourites getting a bit of a boost – the Softail street Bob (previously 107ci) will now be rolling out with the 114 motor, and a pillion seat too! The 107 engine is going to no-longer be offered with the Breakout, Fat Boy or Fat Bob.

Bling Bling

A few other cosmetic changes come with the new year too – say goodbye to the futuristic satin chrome, the Fat Boy has gone back to its roots and brought back all the shiny chrome you could want! The Heritage Softail is also now available in chrome finish for that authentic 50s look!



A man runs into a doctors
screaming, I'm a Teepee, I'm a
Wigwam, I'm a Teepee, I'm a
Wigwam;

A nurse grabs him and says
"relax man! You're too tents!"

'Til Next time!

