

Motorcycle club revs up for decade year

THE ELLON Motorcycle Club had a wheely good time at their tenth birthday bash at the Buchan Hotel on Saturday and members are revving up their engines for some fantastic events throughout 2009.

The EMCC was formed ten years ago on March 9, and as the group wanted to celebrate in style they sentimentally went back to the meeting place where it all began.

Secretary and treasurer Jill Cameron said: "In total about 26 people turned out to celebrate, of course we had our balloons, t-shirts and cake - it seemed to have gone well.

"We all met at the Buchan Hotel, that's where it all originally started, everyone enjoyed themselves, and there was some telling of tall tales.

"Of course the meal was lovely."

The club take part in a number of adrenaline pumping activities every year ranging from weekend runs on their beloved bikes to quiz nights and barbecues.

During the summer members enjoy runs in locations throughout Scotland, the UK and have enjoyed arduous rides in Europe.

Some members have even undertaken fund-raising treks to the Arctic Circle in Norway and one member regularly attends the Simmer Dim in Shetland.

Later in the month some of the group will be going on a European tour for a track event in Albacete, Spain, while others who own track bikes will be going to track events throughout the UK.

There will also be another track event in Almeria in May.

Exciting runs are held on the first Sunday of every month from March to October and additional runs are organised from time to time.

The highlight of the year will be when nine bikes take a trip to the Black Forest region of Germany travelling 2500 miles in 11 days.

On Friday, April 17 the 10th Anniversary run will be held taking in Evanton and Gairloch, other trips include Ullapool, Oban, Lochearnhead and Skye.

The club currently has 36 members ranging in age from mid 20s to early 70s, they attend the Grampian Motorcycle convention in Alford regularly and fund-raising is carried out to help local charities, the latest donation was £500 for the Ellon resource centre.

Anyone interested in joining the adventurous and well organised club can go along to one of the meetings at the Tolbooth in Ellon on any Wednesday night at 8.30pm.



Champagne occasion: Ellon Motorcycle Club members (from left) club president Raymond Smith, committee member Robbie Hall, club secretary/treasurer Jill Cameron, committee member Alan Morris, and runs convener Derek Hay celebrating a decade of the club.