



News update.

Well, here we are at the start of a new season, bikes dusted down - chains lubed - tires checked and leathers that have shrunk a bit over the winter???

The AGM took place on 4th of March with Raymond Smith and Jill Cameron continuing in their posts for another year [Ray as President and Jill as Secretary/Treasurer] thanks guys.

Thanks also to out-going members Gerry and Doug for their contributions to keeping the club running.

Derek Hay is now the run convenor and Alan Morris comes back as your 'umble editor and general dogsbody along with Robbie Hall.

The 10th anniversary dinner took place in the Buchan Hotel [where it all started]. About 26 members and partners attended and a great time was had by all. It was good to see "Missile" and Lorraine again; glad to see you're on the mend Bob.

The first Sunday run of the year took place on the 5th with Derek leading the gang on a jolly run around Aberdeenshire - see Derek's run report below.

Our monthly quiz was held on April 1st, it was hilariously hosted by our resident honorary member Mr Roy Dear. Modesty prevents me from declaring the winners but we certainly deserved it.

Jill now has handcrafted laminated club membership cards, if you have not got yours yet please get in touch with Jill. The club has also renewed its affiliation to MAG as before, MAG membership cards will be available to members from Jill shortly.

There are lots of events planned for the coming year - see below - further details can be seen on the website www.ellonmcc.com or contact committee members

Run Report

The First Sunday Run 5th April 2009 - 110 Miles

5 people elected to come on this run. Route started out through Ellon towards Pitmedden then running out towards Oldmeldrum & Inverurie all done at the usual sedate pace. Heading through Kemnay, Dunecht & Echt over through Raemoir and down to the main car park in Banchory where a coffee stop was required. We left Banchory heading onto the Slug for Stonehaven and a trip down to the harbour, funnily enough it was warmer here than it had been at Banchory. There was a general expression of hunger so we headed off to the Millers at Echt for what Charlie Tawse said was the best decision of the day, Large freshly made pancake with ice-cream and Maple Syrup - only 100 calories, I must agree with him as it was an excellent choice even though we had to wait to get into the restaurant. Headed home towards Ellon after this - all in all a good first run for the season with no rain to be seen.

Derek

17th April - 10th Anniversary Run - Derek Hay

This Run is full - Feel free to come along but organise your own accomodation.

All accomodation has been booked for this. I have also said we will be eating at the hotel on the Saturday night. There will probably be a small boat excursion on Saturday afternoon on the Orca with Hebridean Cruises - still need to check the prices for this. Normal run back to Ellon on Sunday. I plan to leave on the Friday afternoon 3pm from Ellon British Legion Car Park. Anyone wishing to tag along with me should arrive before this time. I believe there will be the usual culprits heading up early evening once work has been completed for the day. Please organise this between yourselves for meeting points & times etc. You will need a towel/Sleeping Bag for the Friday night at Evanton. Look forward to seeing you there ☺.

A.R.S.E. [Annual Recreational Senic Event]

Charlie Tawse & Keith Taylor have already entered and knowing Charlie he will probably be halfway through the 20 photos required. Get your name in soonest to allow us to get prizes and stuff organised. Derek will have more forms next time at the club and it is now on the website too.

MOTOGP Sweep.

18 Riders this year - Tickets £10. Sweep was held on Wednesday (8th April) at the Tollbooth and was sold out immediately. The list of runners can be seen on the website and will be updated race by race. The money raised will be used as follows:-

Winner - £100

2nd - £30

Charity - £50

Thanks to all who bought a ticket

Euro Tour Update - Derek Hay

Ferries Booked and confirmed - Hotel booked & confirmed in Trier. Marion has confirmed we have the annexe at Schutttertal. I still have to sort out the Moselle/Eiffel region but there is plenty of time for this and I am working on it. Details will be posted on the web as I get them updated. If anyone does not have an EHIC Card I suggest you get this done soonest. It is free and is reasonably easy to do. Go to the post office or get on the internet to <http://www.ehic.org>. This takes 7 days on the web, 10 days by phone or 3 weeks through the post office. I would be willing to allow one more person on this trip as it evens up the numbers so if anyone is having last minute thoughts about this then feel free to contact me.

Photo Request from Derek

If anyone has digital images that they would not mind being on the website Derek will take his laptop PC along on the 15th April so please bring down all storage formats then, be it cameras, cards, discs etc.

Other Planned events are:

Lochearnhead Run	16th May	see Gerry Chapman
North east motor show	31st May	see Jill Cameron
Ullapool Run	20 June	see Jill & Raymond Cameron
The Full Loop	17th/18th July	see Robbie Hall
Barbeque [volunteers wanted]	1st Aug	see Jill/commitee members
Skye	11th Sept	see Graham Finnie
Alford?	6th Sept?	see commitee

Sunday Runs

03/05/09

07/06/09

05/07/09

02/08/09

06/09/09

04/10/09

If you have anything you would like to see in the news letter or any articles you would like to be please see me at the club on Wednesdays or contact a committee member.

I can remember when petrol was three shillings and sixpence [3/6d] a gallon [that's $17\frac{1}{2}$ pence]

The Cap'n