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Happy New Year to you all Folks!

The evenings are already starting to get lighter, a sure sign that the official riding season is on its way. Road Crew are out and about, finding places for you lucky people to ride to and carrying out their recce's to ensure the day goes smoothly. They really do put a lot of time and effort into the ride outs and I for one am very grateful that we have such a hard-working road crew. Rallies and weekends away are also looking promising for 2023, I've heard reports that we may get a long hot summer, let's hope they're right! Remember to get those bikes checked over, cleaned and polished, but don't forget the most important thing, the rider! Prep yourself for the upcoming season, make sure you can fit into your riding gear after the festive excesses and give that gear a once over as well.

2022 went well, ride outs galore, (mostly) glorious sunny days, rallies, weekends away. My personal favourite was our Chapter trip to Sturgis in South Dakota, good ol' USA. Yes, a bit prohibitive on price and some travel restrictions in place meant we only had a small group of 3 bikes, but it was great all the same. Temperatures were high so it was like riding with a hair dryer blowing into your face at times, but with the routes we had planned the roads were largely empty and we had a good view of smalltown America. In fact, that small one of the coffee shops graciously opened up especially for us as they could see us wandering around aimlessly in the street! Probably our last trip to the States, but you never know.....

For next year we've booked Cider Rally and Blazin' Wild West as well as Getaway 23...

...costume planning is already underway.

A trip to Budapest for the 120th Anniversary is currently taking up a lot of my time with planning, I'm down to breaks, fuel stops and attractions on the individual days, likewise for Thunder In The Glens, hopefully as planned this time as our previous attempt to get there was curtailed by the pandemic.

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