

Dell's CVO Breakout

It was 2012 and having had a couple of Fat Boys I was at the time in ownership of a 2012 Black Street Glide. A great touring machine but never again will I buy black its always dirty looking. Anyway I was missing that out on the open road feeling and with the 2013 launch coming up in August I told Mike at GH-D to let me know asap if anything interesting was released.



Fast forward to the release date and I got a call at work from Mike saying quick look on the internet at the CVO Breakout and get back today if you want one as they will be sold out in hours. A quick troll of the web and wow I was in love with the red CVO Breakout and 10 mins later order in with deposit. Unusually the Breakout came out as a CVO before the standard 103 model was released a year later. I then had to wait months for something I had never physically seen and that was the most

expensive thing on two wheels I had ever bought. Ho hum, what if I didn't like it? – 'no prob' said GH-D, 'we will take it off you'.

It arrived just before Christmas, the first one to be delivered in the UK, and one of only 1800 made world wide. Stage one was a set of V&H slip ons to keep the stagger exhaust look and a Dynajet PV2 tuner - she pulled like a train. There was nothing else to do to it and in fact after three years, all I did extra was get a custom seat to make it more comfortable for Wendy. With a roll bag strapped to the bars deflecting the wing I could cruise tirelessly at 80mph.

Ok so it ground out on the twisty bends if I was enthusiastic but with your heels up and a bit of counter-steer it was still fun handling. I found it really comfortable and once that back seat was changed, even Wendy was okay on the back. We did over 20,000 miles on the CVO and without a doubt it holds the fondest memories for me.

Going to the Rome Rally over the Alps, touring up the Adriatic and even getting the bike blessed by the Pope! The long ride to the rally in Spain was another unforgettable experience plus so many other places and memories. Stunning to look at, she always drew a crowd where ever I parked. In fact that was the main down side; I just could not leave it anywhere public without worrying about it.

Now its owned by another Chapter member who I know loves it. He keeps telling me to take it for a ride – I dare not as I will want it back!



But was it my best ever bike? I hope not as I ain't finished yet, not by a long chalk!