

The High Road

Monthly Newsletter of the Syracuse H.O.G.[®] Chapter Volume XXIX, Issue 5 May 2012

Officer Training was HOT HOT HOT.....

Except the ride home

By Jeff Crouse Assistant director

any of your chapter officers attended Harley Owners Training (HOT) in Pittsburgh, recently, along with more than 500 other chapter officers from around the northeast. Several of our officers departed on two wheels despite forecasted temps in the low 40s and possible rain for the return trip four days later.

Assistant Director Jeff
Crouse acted as ride leader
for the group made up of
Director John Muldoon (and
Melissa), Secretary Kathy
McCabe-Crouse, Road in
Captain Bill Becker, LOH
Officer Marcella Becker
Community Service Officer

Robbins.

They departed from Performance H/D for the Convention Center in

and

Lori



Photo by Some Nice Guy

Melissa), Secretary Kathy Chapter officers pose for a group photo during HOT held last month McCabe-Crouse, Road in Pittsburgh. Go to the chapter website to connect faces with

Pittsburgh, Pa. on Thursday, April 19. They made their way cross-country through the wine country of the Finger Lakes on a cool but sunny day leaving the New York State Thruway at

Geneva and traveling south to Interstate 86 in Bath, N.Y. From there they headed west to Jamestown, N.Y.

For those considering this route, keep in mind that after stopping at three gas stations, the group finally had to go to the Geneva Public Library to find a public rest room.

The trip to Pittsburg which normally takes five and one-half hours, took our group a bit longer – more like 10 and one-half hours. The extra five hours was consumed with gas stops, a leisurely lunch break and of course a visit to the local

Harley dealer in Jamestown, N.Y.

Scenery through the Penn Yan and Hammondsport region showed signs of spring with leaves beginning to come

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John Muldoon Director



Director's Chatter

What a weekend we had in Pittsburgh at HOT! I'm sure that you read Jeff's feature arti-

cle. If you skipped over it to read the officer's articles first, don't forget to go back and read it. Hey Barb, it wasn't the same without you! (NO BUTT DARTS!)

Just a quick thank you to those of you that supported PHD at the Blessing of the Bikes, and to those of you that worked Tel Auc and were awake the next day to do our Annual Roadside Cleanup. Don Peck mentioned, and I agree, "It seems that the cleanup is easier with less garbage every time, because of our efforts."

On to my thoughts for our group from HOT. I was part of a group dis-

Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2012
Kathy Crouse, Secretary



1. Call to order – (John Muldoon) 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Housekeeping issues - Health and Welfare, welcome members/new members (see membership report). Some date changes are noted on the website for PHD rides, need road guards for these rides as well.

- 2. Assistant Director (Jeff Crouse)- no new items
- 3. Treasurer (Ron Blakley)-March financial report given
- 4. Membership (Steve Moretti) 183 members at this time; New Members: Chris Sosa, Fraser Hunt (has not been active for a while), Mary and Ron Amyot.
- 5. Ride Report (Bill Becker) Chris Blakely will update rides on the web; updates on upcoming rides noted. Today's ride cancelled due to inclement weather.

cussion about the evolution of H-D trikes and riding as part of chapter rides. The ideas and concerns were as plentiful and diverse as the people in the room. To sum up some them; the concerns about riding with trikes in a group ride are: lane location, obstruction of the rider's view behind them, speed of the trike when cornering, and last but not least control of the trike. All these are viable points and lead to a flavorful discussion, but I feel as a chapter we can work together to come with reasonable decisions upon which we can all agree.

For now, as director, I feel that the ride leader for that ride can decide if this issue needs to be addressed. As a suggestion, maybe the trikes could ride at the back of the pack in front of the sweep rider. If you have ANY thoughts/concerns/opinions on this matter, please see ME directly!

Remember, we always "RIDE and HAVE FUN" (safely).

JFM

- 6. Sponsoring Dealers remarks Per Dave Sedlack, PHD to be open on Sundays starting next week, so please park in front, starting next month for our HOG meetings to provide space for PHD employees.
- 7. Activities Officers (Peggy Neary & Marie Tubolino) Provided report on chili cook-off (March 24). All future event status can be found on the website
- 8. Safety Officer (Ken Yackel) Reminders on safe riding as it is still early in the season; yellow windbreaker jackets are currently at Herb Philipson's for \$24.99 if you would like greater visibility.
- 9. LOH (Marcella Becker) no new items
- 10. Community Service (Lori Robbins) Tel Auc is scheduled for 4 28; volunteers are noted in report given. 4 29 is Highway Cleanup starting at Tabitha's on Rte. 370. The ride is noted on website. MDA Ride is scheduled for 8 25. Will need volunteers, more information to follow.
- 11. Photographers (Kevin & Kathy Baker) please send your photos from rides to Kevin.
 - 12. Web Master (Chris Blakely) Minutes, Page 4



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out and the air warming up a bit as the day wore on.



Photos by Marcella Becker

John and Melissa Muldoon, Bill Becker, Lori Robbins and Jeff and Kathy Crouse gather at The Pad, in Jamestown, for lunch during the ride to Pittsburgh.

Once in Pittsburgh, the business of HOT began immediately. The two-wheelers met up with the four-wheel contingency (made up of Activities Officers Marie Tubolino (and Dave) and Peggy Neary, Web Master Chris Blakley and Treasurer Ron Blakley) to get signed in and pick up proper cre-

dentials for participation in the tailor made training schedules on Friday and Saturday. Each officer is required to

> take certain classes based on his or her position in the Chapter.

> In addition to the two days of classes, officers attended opening and closing ceremonies where representatives from the Harley-Davidson management team explained the importance of the 900,000 worldwide HOG members to the Motor Company and how much they value the HOG organization.

> By Sunday morning it was time for the

students to pack their books and head home. For those who traveled by bike, the threat of an approaching winter storm made it imperative to leave early and get home ASAP. Not long after leaving Pittsburgh there were actually some snowflakes in the air. Thank goodness for heated gear – did I men-

tion our illustrious director doesn't have heated gear??? Maybe his lovely wife



Bill Becker and Chris Blakely closely study one of the "educational" presentations at HOT

will get him (and herself) some for Christmas. Rumor has it they hit the HOT, HOT, HOT tub as soon as they got home.

HOT remains an important part of running a successful chapter and we appreciate our sponsoring dealer sharing the cost of attending this program with the chapter and its officers.

Chapter Website

www.syracusehog.com

Password: Chapter 3424

Orientation Ride

By Debbie Yackel

Despite the cold weather, kick-stands were up at 10:10 a.m. for the first orientation ride of the season. Mary and Ron Amyot and Paul Killian were ready and raring to go, as were we. After a short meeting, the five brave souls decided to opt for a shorter ride. A copy of the hand signals was passed out. So we all proceeded north on Interstate 81 to Central Square, where we turned east on state Route 49 for a short ride to state Route 13 and Sylvan Beach. We stopped at Cinderella's for an early brunch and continued around Oneida Lake.

Mary Amyot wanted to know where all the hard-core riders were. I know of one who's heated gear shrunk, and

another decided to go back to bed after looking at the weather. As for the rest of them I don't know.

It was cold, but we did rack up 75 miles. Oh; and our fearless ride leader did not jump any "curbs."

Thanks, Mary, Ron, and Paul for a great day. It was fun!



Photo by **Debbie Yackel**

Curbie Yackel, Paul Killian and Mary and Ron Amyot, on a break during the first orientation ride of the season.

Photography Kathy & Kevin Baker



OK, there have been a few rides and a bunch of activities lately, and I am sure there are some fun pictures out there

somewhere. We would appreciate sending those images to us by email or by snail mail to Baker Photography. Our goal is to keep the PHD slide show display fresh as well as putting a few images on the web. And if you have something you really like, try sending it to the National HOG Magazine for publication in the Enthusiast Section. All you have to do is email it to them. Check out that section for details.



Happy May everyone I was able to attend the 2012 Harley Officers Training in Pittsburgh Pa.

Thank you to Jeff Crouse for being our ride leader and being mindful of the smaller fuel tank on my Sportster.

The day was mostly sunny and warmed up to about 70 degrees. Jeff took us down a very nice scenic ride by Keuka lake, through Hammondsport, N. Y. and past the neat looking, old building, of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company. They make Great Western Champagne.

We had time to stop at the Harley-Davidson of Jamestown, N. Y. where the staff was very friendly and personable. When I went in and saw the coffee pot, I made a beeline to it. An employee came out of his office and greeted us with an offer to make more coffee if we wanted it. In the back of the store another employee offered to make us popcorn and made a point of telling us to check out the sale items on the second floor. We also took their advice on where to get lunch down the road. I had some great homemade beef vegetable soup at the recommended restaurant.

The long ride home was cold with temps in the low 40s with a wind-chill in the 30s along with wind gusts and periods of rain. At our second gas stop, a few tiny snow flakes fell on my bike. Riding is a form of happy therapy, but when the approximate 400 mile ride home is really, really miserable I found a healthy scream in my helmet every 175 miles is refreshing to both the mind and body.

The Harley Officers Training is a great event to attend with a lot of energy from the instructors. The theme of the event is "It Takes You" to make a great club and to not lose sight that the goal of HOG is to "Ride and have Fun." I had the chance to go to some class-

es geared toward Ladies of Harley and everyone had the same questions. What is our purpose?

What are we about?

What are we suppose to do?

ANSWER: The handbook states, "Encourage women to be active in the chapter." The handbook is written vaguely so each chapter can form themselves into what they want to be and what works best for them. Associate members can be part of Ladies of Harley. You do not have to ride a motorcycle to join. We have many Ladies of Harley members who ride and don't ride. I would like to have a meeting with all the ladies and any gentlemen who would like to help; to find out if we want to do anything special to represent the membership. We have had informal pickup ladies rides and it would be nice to have other events so non-riders can be involved if members have any interest in doing

I believe we have a nice, respectable, sociable chapter and that is why I joined and I am still a member.

Lastly, thank you to Dave Sedlack for your support of our club and HOT training.

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rides are on website; sign up for email to have the latest updates sent to you.

- 13. Historian (Dick Davidson) will continue to provide articles
- 14. Editor (Mike Waters) Newsletter on website and tables.
- 15. Old Business: Rolling Thunder information given for Memorial Day weekend leaving 5 25 @ 7 a.m. at LaFayette, N.Y. McDonalds on U.S. Route 20.
- 16. New Business- no new business
- 17. T Shirt Bingo: no winner this month. Two members won tattoos donated by new member Chris Sosa who is a tattoo artist in North Syracuse.

18. Adjourn 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Crouse Secretary

Safety Officer Ken Yackel



Group Stopping

- 1. Brake in staggered formation and pull up beside the bike in the adjacent lane.
- 2. When the ride leader has determined it is safe, he/she will proceed, followed by the number two bike and so on etc.
- 3. If you do not make it through the intersection with the group RELAX. Then proceed when it is safe.

Changing Lanes on a Four-lane or Interstate Highway

When preparing for a left turn or exit, passing a slow moving vehicle or changing to a safer lane, the ride captain gives the proper signal and everyone passes back the signal and holds their position. When safe, the sweeprider will pull over into the target lane and protect the lane. When the last car clears through, the ride leader changes lanes and signals the group to follow when safe. Never jump the change, and move over only when safety allows.

Safe group parking

The ride leader will lead the group off the road and the group should follow the leader all the way around to allow the others to get off the road. Follow the leader to the selected parking area and establish a safe parking position. Each bike should pull ahead of the intended parking place and then back into their spot. After you pull into your spot and the group has settled down, you can move to the fueling area. If you find yourself at the end of the line and cannot get off the road while waiting for others to park, GO AROUND!

These suggestions and hints are from the National HOG safety manuals and are intended for our use and safety.

As always, ride safe.

Guess Who?



Highway Cleanup



Terry Clark, with passenger "Glo" in her backpack participated in the ride after the cleanup. Glo was dropped off at home prior to lunch at Devaney's on the Green at the Millstone Golf Course.



Ron Amyot, Don Peck, Mary Amyot and Lori Robbins (L-R) remove trash from the drainage ditch along state Route 370.



Cleanup Crew finishes the semi-annual highway cleanup and stops for a group photo prior to getting on their bikes and heading to Elbridge for lunch.

Photos by **Kevin Baker**

Community Service Lori Robbins



What a busy month April has been. It started with the officer training (HOT) in Pittsburgh and I have to say I was so proud and grateful

for our sponsoring dealer and the motivated chapter we have after listening to the many stories. We always have a great response for all of our events.

Our spring highway cleanup went off seamlessly on April 29. It was chilly morning, but the sun was shining, so the cleanup was a great success. Many thanks to Kevin Baker, John Muldoon, Bill Czelusniak, Ken Yackel, Chris Barber, Renee Sager, Mary and Ronald Amyot, Rick Yaroski, Dave Ferguson, Don Peck, and Bob Davidson for all their hard work.

We had a new focus on safety, which was greatly appreciated. It was decided we would invest in some additional long-handled grabbers to use in future cleanups.

Bob Davidson then led a ride to Devaney's on the Green at the Millstone Golf Course in Elbridge, with Mike Waters as sweep.

Once again our one-mile stretch of state Route 370 is in good shape.

WCNY TelAuc took place the night before the cleanup. Thank you to Jim Allen, Karen Whedon, Mike Waters, Ron Blakely, Peggy Neary, Barb and John Snyder and Dick Davidson for taking their time to answer phones and deliver bids. The folks at TelAuc always rave about the great job we do and all the laughs we have during this event. They always look forward to our participation.

Next, save the date for August 25 for the MDA Ride. We will be looking for 10-15 volunteers to help out in various ways the day of this ride. It will take place in downtown Liverpool and we usually help out with tasks from registration to parking. If you are unable to volunteer, please plan to support this worthy cause and participate in the ride. There will be food by Limp Lizard, music and many vendors.

Thank you again to our dealer and chapter for continued support.

Let's have fun and ride safe!

Head Road Captain Bill Becker



Spring has sprung with some great riding weather already in both March and April. The coming month is full of great rides, including: Tassone's

Wine Garden, The Grill and Bakery in Afton (bake goods to die for). This year's trip to Rolling Thunder, Johnny Angels, Good Gollys, The Americade /Laconia Ride, Buffalo Wild Wings orientation ride, A&W Cortland and the second ride in this years Performance series (heading southward).

Please keep in mind that the rides all leave PROMPTLY at their posted times and check the HOG website bulletin board for any last minute updates.

For those of you that are just pulling your bike out of winter storage and cleaning her up for her first ride; please take a few minutes to check your tires. We all should do that frequently. Be sure to check not only the tire pressure, but also the depth of your tire tread (be sure to check in the middle of the tire). I have a great tire pressure gauge from Harley-Davidson that includes a tread depth measurement.

Check the tires for other signs of wear, like cupping, scrapes on the sidewalls, small cuts, etc. that might cause a problem out on the road. If you see a problem, buy a new tire!

For those of you doing over-theroad trips, a great thing to have in your saddlebag is a small repair kit that has extra valve stems, valve caps, and a valve stem extractor tool. And, although the tire repairman won't like it, you might want to carry a small container of Slime. Along with a small air compressor, they are available in sizes that won't take up much room on your bike

Check those tires and get out there and ride.

Thanks to Bob Davidson for creating the 2012 Member Guide which is included with this newsletter. It will be a valuable tool to promote our chapter. Copies are available at Performance H-D.

Assistant Director Jeff Crouse



If you use any of the following products or equipment to clean your Harley, then watch for next month's High Road for some

interesting news: paper towels, S.O.S.® soap pads, razor blades, power washer, carnauba wax, Armor All®, scrub brushes, Windex®, Easy-Off®, WD-40®, or Rain-X®.

Membership Steve Moretti



Syracuse HOG welcomes the following members who have recently joined the chapter:

Frazier Hunt, Dean McNitt, Chris Sullivan, Joseph Fleming, Joanne Cretaro, Vincent Farmer, Ray Liepke, David Lynch, William Conway, Fred and Bridget Edelman, and Jim Schuyler.

The following National HOG membership **expired in April**:

Renee Sager

The following National HOG membership expires in May:

Richard K. Yaroski

You must be a member of the national organization to remain a member of the Syracuse chapter.

And the winner is... SULLY!



Photo by Kevin Baker

Historian Dick Davidson



A Blast from the Past

The following is reprinted from May 2003 meeting minutes.

The skies have brightened, at least momentarily, and things are getting busy again with regard to Chapter activities. Those who attended last month's meeting were treated to a great ride around Skaneateles Lake followed by lunch in the village. We had over 40 bikes participate—a very good start to the season.

The Around the World in New York Rally has kicked-off. If you haven't picked up your Passport, do so at the parts counter at Performance H-D. About 40 members have signed up so far.

Many members attended the road captain training at the Grenier's home, and many thanks to Norm and Sam for hosting the whole gang. More road captains means more safe rides, so it's a good thing.

Treasurer's report: Newly appointed Club Treasurer, Chuck made his open door policy known to the Membership by requesting that anyone with an idea on how to better utilize the Chapter's funds approach him so they can discuss the suggestion.

New Members: Nine new members joined us for this meeting. Fran Polcaro (2003 FLHT), Jim Cook (2003 FLHT), Ray Truax (2002 FLHT), Michael McManus (2000 FLHR), Mitch Pease (2003 FLHR), Steve March (2002 FXDL), Cruse and Lisa Howe (2003 FLHRCI), and Tom Kinsella (2003 FLSTF).

Aileen brought up the topic of this year's H.O.G. Picnic scheduled for August 17, 2003. She presented a number of possible formats for the affair. After some discussion, PJ Amidon made a motion that was seconded by Sam Grenier, to put the matter before the group for a vote.

The Blakelys' New Bikes

Father



Photo by Mike Waters

Son



Photo by Jeff Crouse

Ron Blakely on his 2012 Tri Glide™, is the chapter treasurer.

Chris Blakely, on his 2012 Street Glide®, is the webmaster.



The New York State DMV and the New York Department of Health announced a new initiative recently to increase the number of people who enroll in the Department of Health's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. N.Y. ranks 48th nationally in percent of registered donors. More than 10,000 New Yorkers are on waiting lists as the need for organ donations far exceeds the One person who donates supply. organs (hearts, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and intestines) can save up to eight lives, while a tissue donor (corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons, veins, etc.) can improve 12 or more lives by restoring eyesight, helping fight infections in burn patients and preventing the loss of mobility and disability.

As part of the Syracuse HOG chapter's Community Service efforts, your primary officers would like to give all members an opportunity to enroll in this program. By enrolling in the Donate Life Registry, you are giving legal consent for the recovery of your organs, tissues and eyes for the purposes of transplantation and research at the time of your death.

There are a variety of ways to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry. You may enroll online at www.dmv.ny.gov or get paper forms at the monthly chapter meetings.

USAF Motorcycle Safety

by Airman 1st Class Earlandez Young 92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFNS) — As May brings warmer days and plenty of sun, it is also guaranteed to bring many motorcyclists back onto the nation's roadways.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration encourages motorcycle riders and all other traffic participants to gear up and use May, the National Motorcycle Awareness Month, to focus on sharing the road and making it a safe summer.

"The Department of Defense takes motorcycle safety very serious," said Mark Rupert, the deputy chief of safety at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. Conducted in 1981, the "Hurt Study" highlighted that intersections are high vulnerability locations for motorcycle collisions with other vehicles. The key

reasons are right-of-way and traffic control violations. Other findings included failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic. "This is the predominate cause of motorcycle accidents," said Rupert. "Being seen and making yourself known as a rider to other motor vehicle operators is a critical factor to reducing multiple vehicle accidents."

The study also showed that accident involvement is significantly reduced with continuous operation of motorcycle headlamps and the wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright-red jackets. Rupert said drivers making themselves conspicuous is the most critical step any rider can take to reduce the probability of being involved in a multi-vehicle mishap.

In fiscal 2011, the Air Force lost 15

members in motorcycle mishaps and three so far in fiscal 2012. Most accidents were due to excessive speeds, failure to negotiate a turn and others due to unfamiliarity with the motorcycle itself.

Anyone who rides a motorcycle on a military installation is required to wear a DOT or ANSI approved helmet; a long-sleeved shirt or jacket; long pants; full-fingered gloves; sturdy footwear and eye protection, because a windshield on the motorcycle does not constitute proper eye protection. "Remember, while riding a motorcycle, never assume the other motorist sees you," said Rupert. "Ride defensively, be alert to the other motorist's actions and activity, make yourself known to the other motorists and stay out of their blind spots. Your life depends on it."



WCNY Photo

Mike Waters, Ron Blakely, Jim Allen, Dick Davidson, Barb Snyder, and Karen Whedon were the chapter members who worked this year's WCNY Tel Auc.

Jim Allen checks the bid board while taking information from a caller



Dick Davidson takes a bid sheet to be posted.



S the same reason—TO RIDE AND HAVE FUN!! of us to contribute to make our experience the best it can be. many activities that are available to our members. the Syracuse H.O.G. chapter, and will hopefully encourage you to become involved in the your motorcycle experience. and thanks for deciding to make the Syracuse chapter of the Harley Owners Group part of. HARLEY-DAVIDSON RAC www.syracusehog.com

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Harley-Davidson® established the Harley Owners Group® in 1983 in response to a growing desire by Harley® riders for an organized way to share their passion and show their pride. By 1985, 49 local chapters had sprouted around the country, with a total membership of 60,000.

Rapid growth continued into the 1990s, and in 1991 H.O.G.® officially went international, with the first official European H.O.G. Rally in Cheltenham, England. Worldwide membership numbered 151,600, with 685 local chapters.

As the '90s continued, H.O.G. hysteria spread into Asia, including new chapters in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. By 1999, worldwide membership had hit the half-million mark, and the number of local chapters totaled 1,157. Today, more than 1,000,000 members make H.O.G. the largest factory-sponsored motorcycle organization in the world, and it shows absolutely no signs of slowing down.

What does the future hold? No one can say for sure, but from here the road ahead looks long, wide open, winding, and scenic – with lots of new friends to make along the way. So now that you've joined your local H.O.G. chapter why not come explore it with us? We promise you'll enjoy the ride.

Harley Owners Group SYRACUSE, NEW YORK CHAPTER 3424

MEETINGS

The Syracuse chapter of H.O.G. meets every third Sunday of the month at the Performance Harley-Davidson at 10 am.

DUES

Chapter dues are \$10 per year. Member dues must be paid by the January meeting in order to guarantee continuous membership credit. All chapter members must be a member or associate member in good standing of the National Harley Owners Group. If a chapter member allows their National membership to lapse they are AUTOMATICALLY removed from the chapter roster.

OFFICERS

Primary officers include the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. All officers are volunteer, and are appointed by the sponsoring dealer. Additional officers are also appointed and include: Road Captain, Activities Officer, Historian, Photographer, Community Service Officer, Ladies of Harley Officer, Webmaster, Editor, Membership Officer and Safety Officer. All officers serve a one-year term, renewable by the sponsoring dealer.

ACTIVITIES

The chapter sponsors many activities during the year, most importantly the many rides that are scheduled from the early Spring through late Fall. At least one evening ride is scheduled each week, and most weekends have longer rides available. Members are welcome to attend any and all rides sponsored by the chapter. Guests may attend if accompanied by a member, and if they execute a waiver form before the ride.

Destination rides are offered throughout the season. Escorted rides to several state and national rallies are sometimes offered, as well as rides to other national events such as Rolling Thunder, Americade, Laconia, Sturgis and the York Open House. There are often other overnight trips scheduled from time to time. The chapter helps coordinate housing for most overnight trips, but the member is ultimately responsible.

Other chapter activities include a family picnic, chapter picture, annual dinner, and much, much more. The more you get involved, the more fun you'll have.

PUBLICATIONS

Each month chapter members receive The High Road, our monthly newsletter. The newsletter is delivered via internet to all members, unless specifically requested to arrive via USPS. In addition, ride calendars and other information are always available in the members only section at syracusehog.com

H.O.G. BOARD

Located adjacent to the customer lounge at Performance H-D, the H.O.G. board is a convenient place to check up on activities, get forms for rallies and events, membership information and to see some of the great things that are going on in the chapter. Stop by often and see what's new.

Remember.... We Ride Together!

Performance H-D Bike Blessing



Photo by Kevin Baker

Reverend Mr. Steven J. Bonocore gives a blessing to hundreds of riders who gathered under beautiful blue skies for the event at Performance's outdoor stage.



Jeff Crouse directs bikes to parking spots.



Kathy Crouse and Mike Williams welcome riders to PH-D for the Bike Blessing.



Tim Duerr assists with parking more than 100 bikes for the event.



Ron Blakely, in orange T-shirt, seems to oblivious to the cool temperatures as he waves Ron and Mary Amyot to a parking spot.

Photos by Mike Waters

Syracuse, NY Harley Owners Group Performance Harley-Davidson 807 North Geddes Street Syracuse, NY 13204-1215

Mark Down These Dates

Monthly Meeting 5/20/12 - PHD 10:00 a.m.

For up-to-date information, visit our website WWW.SYRACUSEHOG.COM

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