



The High Road

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Kingston

International Weekend Getaway

By Jeff Crouse

Looking for a weekend getaway on the bike? Try Kingston, Ontario.

Last summer John and Melissa Muldoon joined Kathy and I on a trip across the border as part of our visit to the New York State HOG Rally in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. We left Syracuse on a warm Friday morning, traveling on Interstate Highway 81 north to Parish. From there we cut over to state Route 3 through Mexico and north along the eastern shore of Lake Ontario. Route 3 had been recently resurfaced making it an easy and scenic route to the North Country.

There is a brand new Nice N Easy on Route 3 near the intersection of state Route 12E which makes a nice pit stop.

We eventually joined state Route 12 at Fisher's Landing and headed east to Alex Bay. After lunch in the Bay, we crossed the mighty St.

Lawrence on the 1000 Islands Bridge, cleared Canadian customs on Hill Island and followed the 1000 Islands Parkway west to Gananoque, Ont.

If you're a gambler, there is a casino just off the highway.

From Gananoque, you can take the Macdonald-

Cartier Freeway, Ontario Highway, or as it is known colloquially, 'The 401,' to Kingston or stay on Ontario Route 2 though 'Gan' and follow the river into Kingston. Route 2 is far more scenic and would be my choice if you're not in



Photo by Jeff Crouse

Kathy Crouse and Melissa Muldoon aboard the Wolfe Island Ferry as it leaves the Kingston harbor, headed for Marysville, on Wolfe Island. Wolfe is the largest of the 1,000 Islands.

any great hurry.

Upon entering Kingston, we saw Fort Henry on our left and crossed the Rideau Canal, which was built as a military supply route from Kingston to

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John Muldoon Director



R o g e r Brundage, past director, 2004 – 05, was remembered by his former colleagues in the Syracuse Police Dept. as a “motor cop.” When I received the word that Roger had passed away, I reached out to some of my family friends that worked with Roger to ask them what they remembered about him. They told me he “loved the Police Dept. and loved what he did!” Roger worked in the Traffic Dept as a “motor cop.” He

spent his days keeping Syracuse safe and enjoyed what he loved, riding a motorcycle. If you ask any of the “ole timers” they will tell you that a lot of citizens remember Roger, especially the ones for whom he wrote tickets! It’s kind of apropos that the last HOG meeting that Roger attended, March of 2013, a N.Y. State Motorcycle Trooper, was presenting his yearly presentation on motorcycle laws and safe riding. He was as surprised as the rest of us when I called him and told him that Roger had passed.

Rest in Peace, Roger, say hello to Warren for us, and please watch over us as we:

Ride and Have Fun!

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Meeting Minutes March 17, 2013 Debbie Yackel, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. with Director John Muldoon leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance. John then thanked Barb, Marie and Peggy for organizing our participation in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. John then welcomed all the new members and guests that were in attendance today.

Health and Welfare – It was good to see Roger Brundage back on his feet and in attendance today.

On the Table – Information on fundraisers for Jeanelle Cross, the daughter of a Liverpool fireman, and Dave Ferguson’s son-in-law Cory. Check the website for the dates and more information. 2012 picture CD’s are still available. See Marcella Becker if you’re interested in purchasing one for five dollars. John also mentioned that after the April 21 ride it’s the Crunch’s last regular season hockey game of the season. He has 20 tickets available. A sign-up sheet was passed for those interested. Jennifer Marsh is participating in the Walk for Life (Wellspring), and is looking for anyone interested in donating or participating in the walk.

There was nothing to report from our sponsoring dealer rep.

Assistant Director – Bill Becker reported that they are still organizing this year’s State Rally and he is looking to get a ride together.

Treasurer – Dick Davidson gave his report and also stated that the books are always open.

Membership Officers – Jeff and Kathy Crouse also welcomed our new members and reported that as of today’s meeting we have 194 paid members, and as of last year at this time we only had 164 paid members.

Ride/Safety Officer – Ken Yackel went over the list of rides that are upcoming in April and introduced the rules for “HOGGO” – it’s played like BINGO but we use New York State routes. Also after the meeting Trooper Greg Ebrel will be giving a presentation on motorcycle safety and what Troopers look for on road checks.

Fun Report – Peggy Neary thanked everyone who attended the parade and thanked everyone for the goodies at the tailgate. She then went over Pig Pot and T-Shirt Bingo for our new members.

Photographer/LOH – Marcella Becker introduced Terry Clark as Co-LOH. Terry would like everyone to pick up the samples of shampoo’s etc. when we’re on our overnight trips and bring them to future meetings, as they will be donated to charities.

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Ottawa. It was built in case the U.S. invaded during the War of 1812, which obviously never happened.

Once in Kingston, we checked in to the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, which is located directly on the water at Confederation Basin. The Sheraton offers indoor parking and a great view of both the city of Kingston and Lake Ontario. It is also within walking distance of dozens of restaurants, pubs and shops.

There is generally something going on in the park at Confederation Basin, directly adjacent to the hotel.

Kingston was formerly the capital of Canada and the waterfront area has been reborn in the last 25 years. Street performers and vendors give it a carnival like atmosphere most weekends during the summer.

After a wonderful day of riding and strolling around Kingston, we were all ready for some dinner. We landed in my favorite place, Chez Piggy. Founded in 1979 by Zal Yanovsky, lead guitarist from '60s mega-group the Lovin' Spoonful and his wife, Rose Richardson, it was and is today a restaurant that offers a gourmet dining experience and super atmosphere. We sat outside on the patio for a very enjoyable dinner. Zal and his wife both passed away a few years ago and the place is now run by their daughter Zoe who continues the family tradition.

We awoke Sunday morning to another beautiful summer day, ate some breakfast and headed over to the Wolfe Island Ferry. I suggested the ferry because my experience had been the line at U.S. Customs in Cape Vincent would be much shorter than re-crossing at the 1000 Islands Bridge. More on that later. The hotel has the ferry schedule so you don't have to sit in the queue too long. While bikes are allowed to move to the head of the waiting line, they are loaded last after the cars and trucks. The ferry ride from Kingston to Wolfe Island only takes about 15 minutes and is free of charge.

Once on Wolfe Island it is important not to linger on your way across as Horne's Ferry from Wolfe Island to Cape Vincent departs about 30 minutes after your arrival from Kingston. If you stop along the way, you will have to wait another hour for the next pas-

sage of Horne's.

So back to the short line at U.S. Customs. The Horne's Ferry only holds about 10 cars so one can logically anticipate the custom's line will be short. As luck would have it, the day we crossed was also the weekend for the French Festival in Cape Vincent. Dozens of Canadians parked their cars on Wolfe Island and took the ferry over on foot. Because of the way we were loaded on the ferry, we disembarked dead last and waited a good 45 minutes for the 50 or so foot passengers to clear in. So much for planning!

The ride home took us down state Route 12E along the eastern shore of Lake Ontario through Chaumont Bay and back to state Route 3. And eventually I-81 south.

The trip to Kingston makes a great weekend getaway. Canadian money is at par with the U.S. dollar. And don't forget your passport, passport card or enhanced drivers license.

Membership Kathy & Jeff Crouse



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

John Cain
David Dickerson
Mark Hemmer
Gary Henderson
Mark Kowlakowski
Cheryl Iorio
Don Rice
Shannon Rice
Thomas Schupp
George Slavinski

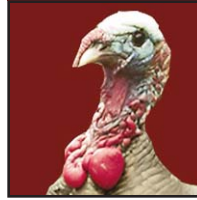
The current membership is 204 active members.

As of April 9, the following national HOG memberships expire:

Tim Alexander, Robert F. Bugnaski, Victoria A. Cole, David A. Lynch, Andrea L. Pestillo, Renee A. Sager, Mark J. Sheremeta.

You must maintain your National membership to be a member of the local Chapter.

Head Road Captain Curbie Yackel



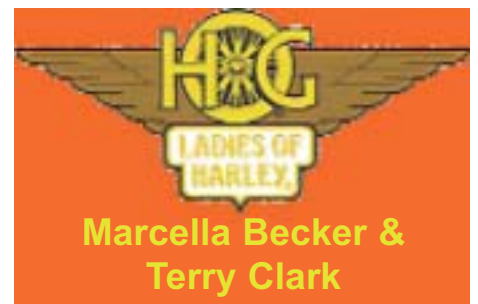
April and May have 18 exciting rides from dinner rides to orientation rides and a ride to Washington for Rolling Thunder.

Also PHD has ride #1 in the four-ride series in May.

Try to attend as many as you can. The more miles, the more smiles.

If anyone has any questions about leading a ride, as far as procedures, or need help in planning a ride, please ask me. I am always willing to answer any questions or help. Don't forget that destinations, rides, and times are on our web site.

Lets try to make this year a record-breaking year for miles for our chapter. Last but not least, if you enjoyed your ride thank your ride leader for their work and planning. They did it for your enjoyment.



Happy spring everyone, by the time this newsletter is published some of you will have gone out for a ride or two on your bikes – hooray.

Since we now will be busy riding our bikes I found a quick and easy recipe to make crispy chicken wings in the oven.

The author stated I cannot retype the recipe for copyright reasons, but I can share her web page link which is FifteenSpatulas.com. The basic idea is to boil the wings for a few minutes, remove from water, and pat dry (important step to make crispy). Then place in the oven and when done, mix with hot sauce. I was impressed how nice they came out.

Enjoy.

Historian

Sacha Peñin-Diaz



One year ago this month: Cover story was about the soft-spoken, mild-mannered Bud (Scratcher) Moore, and his long history of riding. Other articles featured the St. Pat's parade, Chili Cook-off and a second feature from national correspondent Arasmus B. Draggin on rackin' up ABC points in Sin City.

Three years ago: Main article was about the St. Pat's parade (who'd a thunk?). We also had an invite from John Oleski to attend a Binghamton Mets game and take a ride around the field (great photo of Dick with a red furball on the back of his Road King). We also had coverage of the first annual (kind of) April Fools Ride.

Five years ago: A great front-page article about how the Chapter, led by our military Veteran members, provided a new flag for the dealership. It was a great ceremony, and a large crowd of members were in attendance. Other articles were about the 105th H-D rally, the Watkins Glen Lap n' Lunch event and the New York State HOG rally.

Ten years ago: Director Rob Flynn welcomed new chapter treasurer Chuck Yanus and informed us of plans for the H-D 100th as well as the York Open House. The inaugural "Around the World in New York Rally" was unveiled, and Dave Sedlack (along with Activities Co-Officer Dick Davidson) were making plans for the H-D 100th Anniversary Block Party at PHD.

Twenty-five years ago: Performance H-D invited you to "An open house with a lot of punch," where you could see the new 1988 Sportster 1200 and the FXSTC Softail Custom. By the way—you could buy a new 883 for \$3,995.00!

Fifty years ago: Bill's Cycle Shop on South State St. was selling Harley-Davidson motorcycles along with boats, outboard motors, and trailers. "Everything for the Sports Enthusiast."

One hundred years ago: You could buy a new Excelsior Twin Motorcycle at A.H. McGraw's (on W. Jefferson St.) for \$250.00.

NYSP Motorcycle Safety by Karen Whedon

I am sitting here ready to write about motorcycle laws and safety, and at the same time there is six inches of freshly fallen snow outside my window and it is still coming down.

However, now is probably the best time to brush up on those motorcycle laws and safety issues and not when you are ready to ride.

With that in mind, we once again invited New York State Trooper Greg Eberl from Troop D, Lysander, N.Y. to be our guest speaker at the March 17 meeting. He is a member of the New York State Troopers Motorcycle Unit and has been on the force for 23 years.

Here are some of the highlights of his presentation:

Motorcycle fatalities have increased by 50% since 2009.

Road checks specific to motorcycles are no longer set up by Troopers, but local law enforcement agencies may have different rules.

Helmets must be DOT approved and have proper padding. Half helmets are illegal.

There is a regulation regarding safety glasses/face shields. They should be marked Z87.1 which is the federal standard. However, Trooper Eberl has never heard of anyone being

ticketed for not meeting this standard.

Inspection stickers and license plates must be attached to the bike in specifically marked areas and clearly visible.

Pipes must be OEM. Louder pipes are illegal, even if they were installed by the dealer, such as Screamin' Eagle®. However, if they are not excessively loud you should be okay. (Please note the should)

If your hands on the handlebars are higher than your shoulders, they are illegal. e.g. ape hangers.

The only lights that can be visible from the front of the bike are white lights and from the rear, yellow or red. If you have sidelights and they are visible when you stand in front or back of the bike they are illegal.

Tires must be in good condition and within specifications for wear.

These are just some of the violations that you could get ticketed for at a road check or when you are pulled over. Per Trooper Eberl, most troopers are looking for the obvious infractions such as helmets, expired registration and or licenses, and safety issues such as tires.

However, these laws are out there for our protection.

Syracuse HOG wishes to thank Trooper Eberl for once again sharing his knowledge so we can all ride safely and legally.

Could this be YOU?



Photo illustration by Mike Waters

In Memoriam



1945 ROGER BRUNDAGE 2013



PAST DIRECTOR

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Roger Brundage, former Syracuse Chapter director. Roger joined HOG in 1995. He served the Syracuse Chapter as safety officer and assistant director prior to assuming command, as director. He led the Chapter in 2004 and 2005.

Roger was a very proud veteran. He was a military policeman and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a master sergeant. He was a very active supporter of the military and veterans, as a member of the American Legion Riders and Patriot Guard. He also served many hours as a host at the Military Courtesy Room at the

Syracuse airport.

In civilian life, Roger was a motor-officer with the Syracuse Police Department. He regularly participated in a number of police social groups.

Roger's wife Kim, who rode her own motorcycle, joined Chapter members for many rides and other activities.

Community Service

Lori Robbins



Please come and join us in The Race for the Cure on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the New York State

Fairgrounds. Jen Marsh has a team registered under the Wellspring Breast Center. Register on line at Komen.org and join the fun! P.S. we are walking, not running.

We are set for the WCNY TELAUC in their new location in Armory Square, at 415 West Fayette and Wyoming Streets, for April 20, 2013 from 8:30 p.m. till 12 a.m. Please arrive at 8:00 for brief training prior to our shift. For anyone interested, we will meet at Stella's Diner at 6 p.m. for dinner prior to our shift. Thank you in advance to those who have signed up including; Ron Blakley and Peggy Neary, Dick Davidson, John and Barb Snyder, Karen Whedon, Ken and Debbie Yackel, Steve Knowels, Marcella and Bill Becker, Jim and Korie Allen, Jennifer and Dan Marsh.

Our permit has been applied for, and our Adopt A Highway cleanup is scheduled for April 28, 2013 at 10 a.m. We will meet at Performance Harley-Davidson and have been asked to park in back by the service entrance, so we are out of the way. The store will be open, so bathroom facilities will be available. We will be working in the area between PHD and Interstate Highway 690 West, behind the guardrail. There are also some quadrants near Bear Street we will also give some attention. There will be a light lunch and water provided. Please feel free to bring something to pass, if you wish (not required).

Don't forget on June 30, The MDA Ride For Life Sponsored by Performance Harley-Davidson

The ride starts at Performance Harley-Davidson. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the motorcycles leave at 11:00 a.m. This is a 100-mile ride that ends with food and entertainment at the Limp Lizard across from Western Lights. For more information call (315) 729-7075, or go to: cnyride-forlife.com. We are encouraging

everyone to put this on his or her calendar. We will need many volunteers and want to make this the biggest event ever!

If you have an event you would like mentioned here please contact me at: communityservice@syracusehog.com.



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encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer at WCNY'S Tel Auc as they look forward to having the HOGS participate. They are in their new home on West Fayette and Wyoming Streets in Syracuse. Check the website for more information. Our highway cleanup will be April 28. We have a new location and will meet at PHD at 10 a.m. Those interested are asked to park in the service area. So far there is no ride scheduled for after the cleanup. It was suggested that if no ride is planned perhaps we could have a picnic at the dealership. Updates will be posted on the website.

Webmaster – Chris Blakley was not available. Ron Blakley just reminded everyone to sign up for the email alerts.

Editor – Mike Waters, and our historian were not available and had nothing to report.

There was no Old Business.

New Business – A GPS class, sort of a GPS for DUMMIES will be given for anyone interested. It will either be on a Thursday evening or a Saturday morning. Check the website for more info.

This month's T-shirt Bingo state was HAWAII. No winner and the pot increases.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 with 75 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Yackel
Secretary

Safety Officer

Ken Yackel



The official 2013 riding season is upon us and the thought of safety should be on everyone's mind.

As we speak, the first motorcycle safety program has openings in all of their upcoming classes. For more information you can contact them by phone 607-898-3339 or email them at info@firstmsp.com. They are located in Shoppingtown, DeWitt. Classes range from basic to advanced riding and they also have a trike safety course. Everyone I have spoken with have nothing but rave reviews about the knowledge they have received from taking the course. Upon completion of the course ask your insurance agent if there are any discounts that may apply.

As always, ride safe.

Activities

Peggy Neary &
Marie Tubolino



Hello Spring!

Riding Season is finally, officially, open! Let the Riding and Fun begin!

There has been some interest in having a bowling night. I know we have had bowling leagues in the past, but maybe a night set aside to just have a 'pick-up bowling' night at a local venue? What are your thoughts? Email us if you have some ideas for this.

The big activity coming up is the Picnic in September after the meeting. It's never too early to start planning. We have a lot of new members and have added a few TRIKES to our family. We will be tweaking the games to include trikes this year. If you have any ideas on this, email us and we will get on it. The main goal is to include everyone and make sure they have fun and stay safe.

As always, keep an eye on, and keep checking the website for details and changes for rides and activities.

Ride and have Fun!

The Mad Bastard

By Dick Davidson



It is official! The Morons are registered in the Mad Bastard! (Dick & Bob Davidson)

It was a nail biter. March 25, with the 50cc "Strait Jacket" class signing up first - the spots were going fast. Then the April 1, "Heavily Medicated" 50cc - 110cc - not a lot of scooters in that class. April 3, "Therapy Required" opened at 9 p.m. With Anna and I fighting to stay awake! Bob texting the count down! It was 9 p.m. and the registration frenzy was in high gear. Now you wait to see if you get the registration confirmation. Yes an email *** This is an automated response - Do not reply under threat of disembowelment *** not what I was looking for. Another email:

This Is An Automated Response by the Mad Bastard gimp

We have just received a payment to our secret Swiss Bank Account in the amount of C\$220.35 for your registration to The 2013 Mad Bastard Scooter Rally - Rider. Yes we are in! June 21 through June 23, Belleville, Ontario

April Fool's Ride ?



Photo by Mike Waters

Bob Davidson proclaimed in a Bulletin Board post postponing the April 1 ride, something to the affect that while we might be fools, we weren't totally insane.

The weather forecast was for a cold, blustery, winter evening. The next day, the Syracuse airport reported more than 9" of snow.

The following Thursday evening was perfect for the first official Chapter ride of the season. (L - R) Dave Dunn, John and Barb Snyder, Bob Davidson, Mary Amyot, Dick Davidson and Ron Amyot enjoyed a ride to Mo's BBQ, on Bennett Rd., near Milton Ave., for a great meal.

RUSSIANS VISIT RUSSIA



Photo by Mike Waters

Andrei Bugrim and Igor Varchenko, who were in the USA to purchase and ride new Harleys, spent a night in Syracuse. Curbie Yackel and Mike Waters led them on a ride through the southern Adirondacks.



Photo by Mike Waters

Past directors, Bob Davidson, John Snyder and Dick Davidson, all of whom are members of the Patriot Guard Riders, were part of an honor guard at Roger Brundage's wake. They are assembled with Rogers's Trike

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Mark Down These Dates

Monthly Meeting 4/21/13 - PHD 10:00 a.m.

Ride immediately following

Syracuse Crunch game at 3:00 p.m.

For up-to-date information, visit our website

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