



# The High Road

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# Sedona

By Jeff Crouse

**N**ot that I am an impatient person, but by mid-April, I'm ready to ride. Too bad the weather isn't. Despite the bikes being ready to go and the snow was still falling. Kathy and I decided to head to warmer climes and do the rental thing.

Looking at the weather map, Phoenix was the warmest spot in the country so that looked like the ticket. We had been to Phoenix in February 2012 and found it was still too early in the year to comfortably ride in the mountains. Everything north of Phoenix is mountains and everything south is pretty much desert. We had to ride in the desert and it's pretty much boring! Don't get me wrong, it's better than sitting in the living room watching TV but after three days of long, straight featureless terrain we were anxious to see something else.

We flew out to Phoenix and because of the three-hour time differ-

ence, had time to pick up the bikes and get to the hotel by midafternoon.

The following day we headed straight up Interstate 77 to Oak Creek and Sedona. Kathy has a friend who lives up that way so we hooked up for lunch. The ride takes less than two hours and offers great views of the Tonto and Coconino National Forests. Not sure why they call these national forests as neither of us saw any trees but that's the government for ya.

The best part of the ride was yet to come.

After lunch we continued north though Sedona and up state Route 89A through the red rocks of Oak Creek Canyon. Don't be in a hurry on this part of the trip. The road is well paved but narrow and windy. We got behind a motorhome and it was several miles before he could pull over and let us by. Just before you get back to I-77, there is a trading post selling a

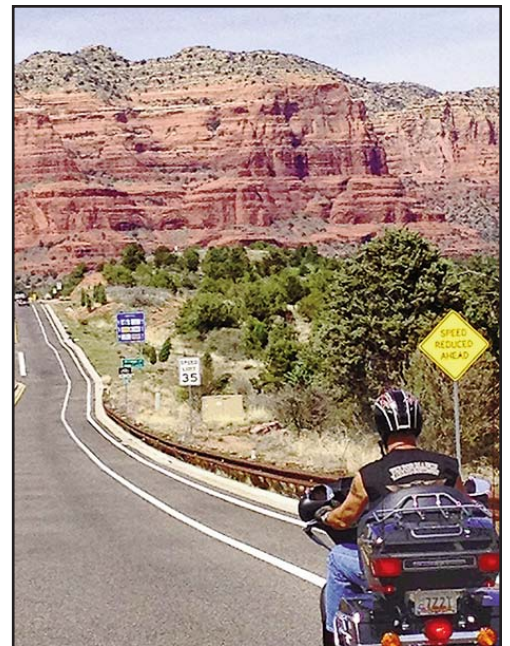


Photo by **Abbey Portuondo**  
**Jeff** rides towards the mountains near Sedona, in southern Arizona.

## John Muldoon Director



April showers bring May flowers....I think we might have missed spring, gone into summer, and back to spring...what's next!?

I would like to THANK all of our members that were able to help with the Spring Demo Day. It went very smoothly and with the diligence of a Marine we were able to not lose a rider! Sempre Fi Paul!

This is the time of year we have waited for all winter. The weather is better, our rides kick into full swing and

## Meeting Minutes April 21, 2013 Debbie Yackel, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Director John Muldoon leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our Past Director Roger Brundage and to remember those who lost their lives and were wounded in Boston.

We welcomed nine new members who were in attendance today.

Health and Welfare – Bernie Antonio is out of commission but is doing well. Get well Bernie!

News on the Table – Information tear-off sheet for the MDA ride for life.

Dave has opened the dealership on Sundays starting today, and asks that we park in front of the building.

We are cutting down on printing of the newsletter. Only the first page will be printed and on the back page there will be a little blurb stating that if you want to read more become a member. And for those paid members who do not have access to the Internet, the newsletter will still be available at the monthly meeting.

110th Anniversary is approaching and the Motor Company contacted the club and will send someone out to ride with us if needed.

we go out and do what we love.

This is just a friendly reminder that the MDA Ride for Life is a little more than a month away. It would be really AWESOME to see a large turnout from our Club! Please consider this worth while charity as your charity ride for this year.

Watch the calendar for our upcoming rides, check the website for any changes, call the Parts counter as a last resort if you have a question about a cancellation, but most of all....let's just RIDE and HAVE FUN!

JFM

Dan Carfi, our sponsoring dealer representative, thanked everyone for their continued support and reminded us that Demo Day is May 4, Bike Nights are every 1st and 3rd Thursdays, and the Ride Series are every 3rd Saturday. The parts counter has information cards.

Assistant Director - Bill Becker reported that we will be passing on doing the games at the state rally this year, but doesn't mean that you can't participate in them.

Treasurer - Dick Davidson reported that all is good. We spend money. We take in money. The books are always open for review.

Membership team - Jeff and Kathy Crouse welcomed all our new members, and as of today's meeting we have 211 paid members, and are also sending out reminders by e-mail to those who have not yet renewed. They will also have their trailer at all the PHD events with membership information, and info on the MDA Ride For Life.

Ride/Safety Officer - (limping) Curbie Ken Yackel reported that Dave Ferguson would be leading a ride to the State Rally. Anyone interested should contact Dave Ferguson. His contact information will be on the website or you can contact Ken. Ken stated that If you are scheduled to lead a ride and you need to cancel **you need to contact him** (numbers are on the website and also in this newsletter) FIRST, He will then contact Chris  
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wide variety of Indian souvenirs. State Route 89A joins I-77 just south of Flagstaff. It was getting late so we opted not to go into Flagstaff and instead took the two-hour ride back to the hotel.

The next day we took a relatively short ride up through Cave Creek to Bartlett Lake (which is really a reservoir). Cave Creek is a bit of a biker hang out; lots of restaurants and gift shops. Bartlett Lake is a nice ride through the mountains, but once you get there, there isn't anything to do if you don't have a boat. We pretty much turned around and came back to Cave Creek.

Day 3 was the best. We headed back to Sedona but this time went northwest on U.S. Route 60 through Wickenburg and Prescott. We found the roads freshly paved and lightly traveled. Prescott is a relatively small mountain town. The Harley store only sells T-shirts so don't look for much more than that. There was an ice cream shop next door where my daughter ordered deep fried Oreo cookies...too good to describe.

Leaving Prescott took us up a

number of switchback roads and across some very high mountain plateaus and then down the other side. The views were spectacular, mesas, red rocks and buttes. I took my GPS and a removable mount with me and at one point registered more than 7000 feet ASL. By that time we had put our jackets back on as the temperature

Our first stop was Superstition Harley-Davidson, which is very nice Harley store. From there we headed up state Route 88 to Tortilla Flat.

The town is an old mining town and I believe it may be Arizona's answer to Alex Bay; a lot of bars and restaurants and lots of bikes. A word of caution – the road to Tortilla Flat is loaded with frost heaves – I would say one every 10 feet. While the ride is very scenic through the Tonto National Forrest (again no trees), the road leaves much to be desired.

Phoenix is a nice place to ride but I would not want to live there. Once you have done the three rides I described you have to venture a great distance to see anything else. I'm not saying don't go as we thought it was well worth the trip. What I am saying is we are blessed in this part of the country to have such a wide variety of areas to ride. The Adirondacks, the Finger Lakes, The Catskills and the southern shore of Lake Ontario can all be done in a day.

The weather is beautiful outside today, so I am going riding!



Photo by **Jeff Crouse**

**Canyon Lake.** just west of Tortilla Flat, can be seen from state Route 88, also known as the Apache Trail. There is a marina, campground and recreation sites nearby.

had dropped from 85 to about 60.

By midafternoon we were back in Sedona for a late lunch and had to head back to Phoenix.

The following day we headed east on U.S. Route 60 to Apache Junction.

**Safety Officer  
Ken Yackel**



**Riding Warm**

As you can see by the chart to the right, riding in the elements can sometimes be colder than we think. Please check from the coldest to the warmest the temperatures fluctuate dramatically. Dress for the weather and your ride will be a comfortable one. As always ride and have fun.

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)														
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
55	-8	0	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
60	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
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Blakley our webmaster to post on the website. Bob Davidson wanted a show of hands for those who would like to go to West Point on our annual NYC ride. We will be staying in Nyack, N.Y. Check the website for more information

Fun Report from Peggy Neary and Marie Tubolino – Watkins Glen, July 28. Information will be on the website.

Community Service - Lori Robbins – thanked all who volunteered at Tel Auc, and as always, they welcomed us back next year. Our highway cleanup has been unfortunately cancelled, even with the combined efforts of many; we have not been able to secure insurance to protect those who participate. Although this activity has been a club favorite, it is cancelled indefinitely.

Photographer/LOH, Marcella Becker – we still have copies of last year's discs for five dollars. If you have any pictures you would like to share of this year's events, please send them to me.

Webmaster, Chris Blakley – the new password for the website is going live after today's meeting.

There was nothing to report from our editor or our historian.

Old Business – Rolling Thunder. We will be leaving from the LaFayette McDonald's at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Jim Poole will be taking a few of Roger Brundage's items with us. It was approved that we change the name of the Rolling Thunder Ride to The Roger Brundage Memorial Ride, as this was Roger's favorite. See website for more information.

New Business – Ron and Mary Amyot have two tickets to the 110th Anniversary in Milwaukee. See them or the website for more information.

Pig Pot and T-Shirt Bingo – This month's state was WASHINGTON STATE. No winner. Next month's pot will be \$30.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. with 75 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Yackel  
Secretary

## Activities Peggy Neary & Marie Tubolino



Hello May.

What a great way to start the riding season! We had a rainy start, but that was a good thing...washing away the winter mess. April showers bring May riders..... ;)

Demo Days at PHD was a big success. We had perfect weather and lots of folks came out to test the 2013 models offered. Riders are taken on a set route by some of our experienced HOG members to get the feel of the bike and see if it's the one for them. If not, they can try another. Watch your calendar for the next one or contact PHD for more information. It's a great way to try out your next bike and have some fun meeting new friends in the process.

Bike Night brought perfect weather and many bikes out to PHD. Food, music, and new and old friends all together made for a fun evening. Check calendar and website for the next one and come join the fun. These dealer events, added to the many HOG rides planned, are just the start to what promises to be a fantastic 2013 riding season.

As always, keep checking the website and calendar for upcoming HOG and PHD events.

Ride and Have Fun!

## Community Service Lori Robbins



We participated in the 2013 WCNY Tel Auc at their new facility near Armory Square. As always we had a great time and the new location is very impressive. Many thanks go to all that participated including Ron Blakley and Peggy Neary, Dick and Anna Davidson, Barb Snyder, Karen Whedon, Ken Yackel, Steve Knowles, Marcella Becker, Ken Kotwas, Jim and Korie Allen, Jen and Dan Marsh, and Mike Waters. This is

the largest group that we have had in a long time. We are much closer friends after the very intimate dinner at Stella's. The food was good and it is good we are all so flexible.

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](http://Komen.org) and join the fun! P.S. we are walking, not running.

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 am and the motorcycles leave at 11:00 am. 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 [Http://www.cnyride-forlife.com](http://www.cnyride-forlife.com). We encourage everyone to put this on his or her calendar. We will need many volunteers and want to make this the biggest ride ever!

If you have an event you would like mentioned here please contact me at [communityservice@syracusehog.com](mailto:communityservice@syracusehog.com).

## Membership Kathy & Jeff Crouse



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

**Dana Baker**  
**Paul Billings**  
**Michael Christopher, Bud Fisher.**  
**Laurie Fisher, Anne Marie Gabris,**  
**Rob Gabor, Ronald Gosson, Vem**  
**Kauffman, John Kreese, Patrick**  
**Muldoon, Mike Noblot, Jim**  
**Popielarczyk, Derek Scott, Mark**  
**Sherman, Dan Sievers, Richard**  
**Sturdevant and Edward Thomas.**

The current membership is 217 active members.

The following national HOG memberships expire this month: Susan Mollin, Jacqueline M. Steiger, Carl G. Wessing and Richard K. Yaroski.

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

## Historian

Sacha Peñin-Diaz



Some oldies but goodies this month...  
50 years ago this month

- Book

### Motorcycle Race

The Onondaga Valley Iron Horsemen Motorcycle Club will stage a motorcycle scramble race Sunday at 1 p.m. off of Fox Road, eight miles west of LaFayette (sic).

#### - Motorcycle Club

AUBURN—John M. Gill was elected President of the reactivated Luck Wheels Motorcycle Club at the organizational meeting recently. The club meets at the Flummerfelt Harley-Davidson shop on Grant Avenue and has scheduled the next meeting for June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

#### - Man Faces Two Charges In Wild Motorcycle Ride

A Jamesville motorcyclist is slated to appear in Traffic Court today after he allegedly drove on and off city sidewalks causing pedestrians to flee and motorists to slam on the brakes.

Bruce E. Scott, 26, of Jamesville RD1, is charged with reckless driving and having no operator's license. He was released yesterday on \$350 bail pending his arraignment today.

Policemen Max Elliot and Carmen Surace said they saw Scott drive his cycle on a S. Salina Street sidewalk near Castle Street for about 40 feet and then drive abruptly back into the street forcing auto drivers to skid to a halt.

At Raynor Avenue and S. Salina Street, Elliot said, the cyclist again veered onto the sidewalk and traveled for about 150 feet, while people jumped into doorways to avoid being hit.

Surace said they arrested Scott near Burt Street, and impounded the motorcycle.

Guess some things never change...

Chapter Website

[www.syracusehog.com](http://www.syracusehog.com)

## PHD Bike Blessing



Photo by Jeff Crouse

Father Denny Hayes, pastor of the Catholic churches in South Onondaga and Otisco, and also chaplain for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, sprinkles holy water on some of the bikes which riders brought to the Bike Blessing held at the Performance Harley-Davidson dealership on April 20.

## Head Road Captain

Curbie Yackel



With May finally here, I think it's safe to say our riding season has officially started. This month we have nine chapter rides, four PHD events, and our annual Rolling Thunder, now proudly named the Roger Brundage Memorial Ride. My hats are off to those who have taken time out of their busy schedules to lead these rides.

With that said, let's move on to our furry, four-legged friends. Always remember the fox, deer, turkey and several others are actually moving around looking for food and usually end up in the road. We must make sure that we stay alert for those critters especially at dusk and dawn.

As Always, ride safe.

## B r r r r r r r !



Photo by Kevin Baker

Bob Davidson is ready to lead the first, after a meeting, Sunday ride around Skaneateles Lake in 2013. Kevin Baker achieved the "cold look" by setting his camera white balance control for tungsten and illuminating Bob's face with a flash, with a tungsten filter.

# WCNY Tel Auc

By Karen Whedon

Once again WCNY invited Syracuse HOG to come and volunteer at their new station in downtown Syracuse for the annual WCNY Tel-Auc and 16 great people volunteered their Saturday night to help public broadcasting.

The group met at Stella's diner to partake of some fine home cooking before taking on the task of heading to the studio to take our places in the phone bank.

Most of us were answering phones and taking incoming bids.

Dan Marsh went above and beyond that. He supplied and displayed graphics throughout the evening to enhance the work of the call takers and increase viewer interest.

Following Dan's stellar performance on WCNY-TV, he made a guest

savings plan, which he explained at the Lock 24 Restaurant, following a Monday evening ride.

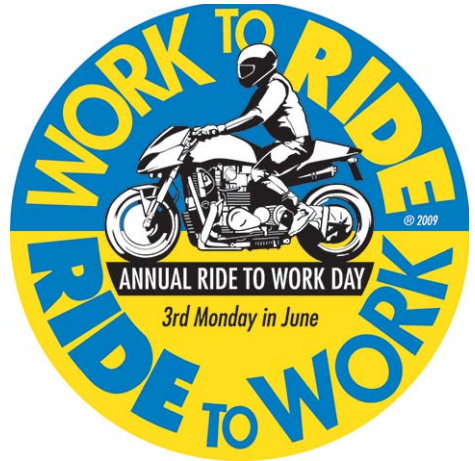
A couple of brave souls volunteered to be runners, which basically consists of going up and down three or four stairs in the phone bank all evening. Everyone did fine, but Ken Yackel did have a stair reach out and trip him up. After receiving help in the form of a lot of laughter, he bravely continued on.

This does explain the walking stick that Ken showed up at the HOG meeting with on Sunday. Guess the laughter didn't help.

A big THANK YOU goes to the following individuals: Jim Allen, Korie Allen, Ron Blakley, Peggy Neary, Marcella Becker, Anna Davidson, Dick Davidson, Steve Knowles, Ken Kotwas, Dan Marsh, Jennifer Marsh, Barb Snyder, Mike Waters, Karen Whedon, Ken Yackel and a very special Thanks to Lori Robbins who organized the whole event. It was a great time to do a good deed and have fun with fellow HOG members at the same



Lori Robbins, the chapter's community service officer, takes a call from a bidder. Lori recruits members and organizes our participation in this and other community projects.



Photos by Mike Waters

Dan Marsh holds one of a number of different signs he produced for Syracuse HOG's participation in the annual WCNY Tel Auc.

appearance on one of the local commercial TV stations.

By the way, ask Dan about the \$20

time.

Remember, Travel Auction is coming in a couple of months!

## The Mad Bastard By Dick Davidson



**Mad Bastard Update:** Registration-done, Hotel-done, Ready the scooter-umm done? Bahahahah.

These things are junk! Well compared to our Harleys. But riding one is like being back on my five horsepower, mini-bike. Oh wait, this scooter is not five horsepower! Decorate the scooter-done. Theme? The Morons—Bahahahahaha. Need some help here.

If you have any ideas bring them on the ride after the meeting and we can talk at the Marble Hill Restaurant. Be prepared for a great ride, I think this is the best ride I have planned.

# The Winner !

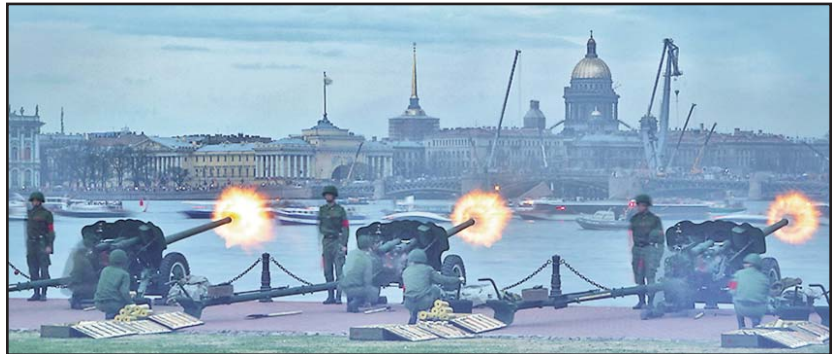


Photo by **Kathy Baker**

This photo was taken very early in the morning at Beaver Lake Nature Center. It was a winner in a contest sponsored by the National Weather Service, regional office in Binghamton. Speak with Kathy or Kevin Baker about local opportunities for wildlife photography.



**St. Petersburg Hog Members** and other riders gather for a Victory Day ride.



Russia photos by **Andrey Bugrim**

**Russian soldiers** fire artillery on Victory Day. This is the biggest holiday in Russia. Held on May 9, it celebrates victory in World War II. This year 250 bikes gathered to ride to war memorials. They have fireworks at night. There are about 300 H-Ds in the city of 5 million.



**Ron Blakely** is the subject of one of Dan Marsh's signs at Tel Auc.



**St. Petersburg Harley-Davidson**

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## **Mark Down These Dates**

**Monthly Meeting 5/19/13 - PHD 10:00 a.m.**

**Ride immediately following**

For up-to-date information, visit our website

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