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The New Chapter Officers for 2015



Written by

Ken Yackel

Hopefully everyone had a good time at the picnic. I think that the girls went out of their way to make this year's picnic was one of the best. Big thanks to Peggy and Barb. After hearing PHDs Rich M. Speak at our meeting I really think that Brian is really trying hard to help make our club a major success, as I stated many meetings ago after hearing from other club officers at hot training they do not even know who their Dealer is let alone have some of the perks that we have with Performance. I know that this early to bring up but let's all try to think of a new ride location be it an evening ride or a weekend ride. Even if you do not want to lead the ride yourself bring it up at the ride planning meeting and I am sure someone will pick it up. We have several changes in officers coming up for the 2015 season however we are still looking for a safety officer; if you are interested in this position please let one of the Prime Officers know. Even if you are new in the club we can help you with this

position. As always ride safe and by all means have fun.

Written by

Barb Snyder

Hog Annual Picnic 2014

Although Mother Nature was less than cooperative, our annual picnic was a terrific event enjoyed by all who attended. The 'Picnic Ride', which normally wanders hither and yon to eventually end up at the picnic site, had to be cancelled due to impending rain. So us 'Harley Folks' had to come by car, truck or wagon train... to the Orchard Vali Golf Club in Lafayette. Picnic-ers were met by Peggy & Barb, the fun committee, and were given their door prize ticket and offered chances at the Pig Pot. The food was delicious! The chicken was tender and the salt potatoes done just right. The 'build your own ice cream sundae' for dessert was wonderful and I know I enjoyed the brownies!

Our sponsoring dealer generously donated several door prizes and the Pig Pot money was all given back to

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Written by

**Dick Davidson,
Treasurer**

We have money, we spent some money, We received some money, We are going to spend some money today. Have a nice ride

Written By
Debbie Yakel
Chapter Meeting
Syracuse HOG
Sunday Sept 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Director Bill Becker, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In Health and Welfare, Bill reported that Louise Ferguson is doing well. There was no news on the table.

Rich Milazzo, from our Sponsoring Dealer reported that the closing of the Ithaca Harley will be in November, it will be called Ithaca HD. They are working on merging things with both store's, however, each chapter will remain separate, but will work together. They are working on a lot of new and exciting things in the dealership that will appeal to current and future HOG members.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel reported that Dave Sikorski will be taking Mike Water's place as editor, and please

send your articles to Dave as soon as possible. Ken also stated that it's time to start thinking of new places to put on the ride calendar for next riding season.

Treasurer Dick Davidson reported that we have money, we get money, and we are spending money. Books are always open for review.

Membership Officer Jim Shepard reported that as of today's meeting we currently have 173 members.

Head Road Captain Dave Dunn reminded everyone that the fall foliage ride is Sunday, September 28th.

Safety Officer John Snyder reported that wet leaves are just as dangerous as black ice. Take extra care and of course watch for the deer.

The Fun Girls Peggy Neary and Barb Snyder reminded everyone that the picnic is after today's meeting and the food will be served at noon.

Community Service Officer Karen Whedon reported that we will be doing the Red Kettle Drive again this year.

The shifts will be 1 hour each. She will also be looking for volunteers for WCNY Travel and Tel Auc.

This month's T-Shirt Bingo state was NEVADA. Pot will increase next month.

A motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

Written By
Jim Shepard
Membership at 176

Written By
Bill Becker
Director
Nothing this month

Written By
Kevin Reney
Lead Road Captain
Nothing this month

Written by **Karen Whedon, Community Services**

PERFORMANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON

DEMO DAY Sept 27, '14

It was clear, sunny and in the mid 70's, a perfect Saturday for Performance Harley Davidson to hold Demo Day to introduce some of the new 2015 models and to let people try out a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Since Performance Harley Davidson is the Syracuse HOG's sponsoring dealership, several of the HOG members came out to lend a hand and make the day a success. HOG people kept the scheduled and non-scheduled riders organized and got them on the bike they wanted to demo. Others led the rides, handled sweep responsibilities, kept the parking in order and in all just kept things moving and organized.

Our efforts were rewarded by a free lunch from PHD and hopefully a great sales day for the dealership, and some new members for Syracuse HOH. It was definitely a busy day for everyone concerned.

A big THANKS to Peggy Neary, Ron Blakely, Cindy and Mike Standen, John Snyder, Kevin Baker, Kevin Reney, Marcella and Bill Becker and with my apologies, a couple of others who names I did not get.

HOG members are great!!!!

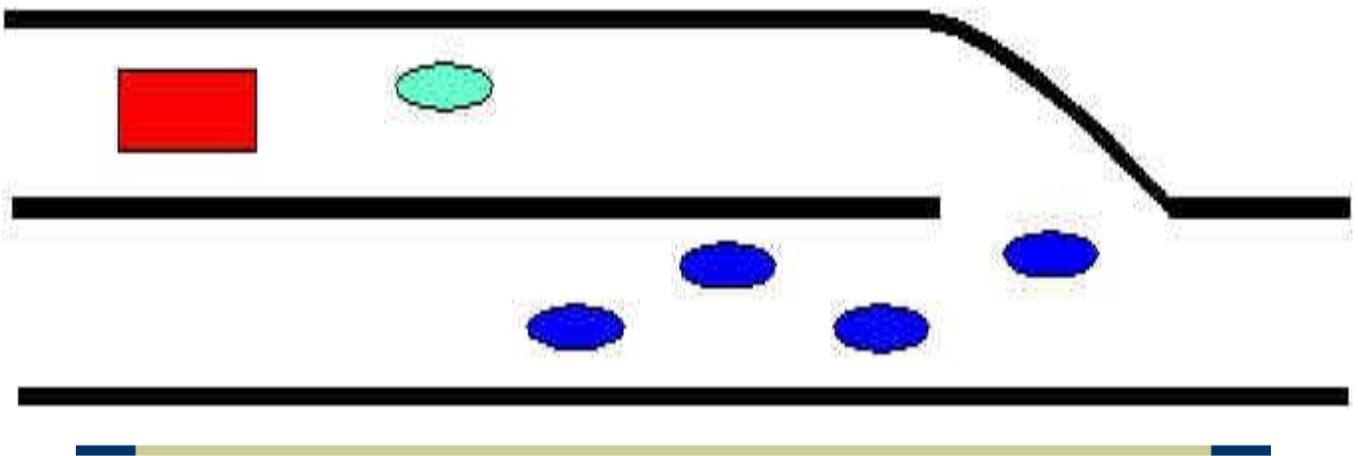


By James R. Davis

As just one more example of how an experienced drag bike can add considerably to the safety of a group ride, take the case of your group riding along and seeing a sign that shows that either the right or left lane is about to be lost.

Normally, the lead bike will position the group so that they are in the remaining lane well before the other lane collapses. The danger, of course, comes when some vehicle tries to sneak ahead of the group by racing along that collapsing lane and runs out of road. He has no alternative then but to jam his way into the middle of the group.

An effective lead-bike/drag-bike team cures this problem before it happens. As soon as either of them realizes that one of the lanes is going to disappear the drag bike is asked to, or merely announces that he is going to, 'close the door'. While the group is positioned into the continuing lane, the drag bike rides, by himself, in the collapsing lane. As soon as the collapsing lane has disappeared, the group is once again 'family'.



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Mark Down These Dates

Monthly Meeting 8/19/14 - PHD 10:00 a.m.

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