

**"THE HIGH ROAD"**



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## The Chapter Officers for 2015

**Written by**

**Ken Yackel**

**Assistant Director**

Looks like old man winter has arrived, Bah Humbug. On the twenty forth the temperature was beautiful and I saw many bikes on the road. Hopefully some of our members were also enjoying that great day. As I sat eating my Thanksgiving dinner I remembered that I did not wish all a Happy Thanksgiving to all members at our meeting, so Happy Turkey day to all. So I am hoping that you all had a great meal and day with your family and loved ones. With the nasty weather ahead of us I am sure that some of us will brave the elements and take to the road and get several more miles in before we really have to put our bikes away for the winter. With that said please make sure you are all riding safe and that you arrive back home safely. This is also a time of the year to remember those less fortunate than us starting with our brave men and women of the armed forces that keep all of us at home safe and sound. Don't forget to get ahold of Peggy or Barb for the annual dinner, it sounds like they have planned a great time for all of us to enjoy. In closing I hope to you many of you at our December meeting and please do not to forget to support our sponsoring dealer P.H.D.



**Written By**  
**Debbie Yackel**  
**Secretary**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**Syracuse HOG**  
**Sunday Nov. 16, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Syracuse HOG club was called to order at 10:00am by Assistant Director Ken Yackel, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken then welcomed new members George and Bruce. George rides a 2012 Road King and Bruce rides a 2015 Road Glide. Ken also thanked the FUN Girls for all their time and efforts in researching and preparing everything for our picnics, annual dinners, and all our other FUN activities. Our Treasurer Dick Davidson gave his report. We have money, we spent money and we are getting money. As always, the books are always open for review. The Ride Report was given by Road Captain Kevin Reney. Bring your ideas to the ride planning meeting, which is held right after the February Chapter meeting. Kevin is looking to shake things up a bit for next riding season. Membership Officer Jim Shepard reported that as of today's meeting we have 175 members. Also, it's that time again to renew your local membership for next year. Safety Officer Rob Gabor talked about the hidden danger of ice that could be hiding under wet leaves, and that if we are lucky

enough to sneak in a ride or two, please wear the proper gear to keep warm. The Fun Report was given by Barb Snyder. Barb introduced Mike and Cindy Standen, who will be moving into the Activities spot in January. The Holiday Inn has been secured for our Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails will begin at 6pm with dinner at 7. The cost this year will be \$25.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members and guests. Don't forget your Chinese auction goodies. Terry Clark our Ladies of Harley Officer is still collecting personal hygiene products for the Vera House. Once again our Community Service Officer Karen Wheden is looking for volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive. Bell ringers are needed for Saturday, December 13, which is PHD's open house and again on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Shifts are one hour. Contact Karen if you would like to volunteer. Webmaster Chris Blakley reviewed for our new members that they could sign up for text alerts so that if a meeting or ride is changed or cancelled the notification goes right to their cellphone. Editor Dave Sikorski would like articles for the newsletter two weeks before the next meeting. T-Shirt Bingo state this month was INDIANA. Pot increases to \$50.00 next month. A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned and was at 10:25am with 47 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Yackel Secretary

Written By Rob Gobor

Safety Officer

It's that time again

## Cold Weather Precautions

When starting a motorcycle in cold weather you will have problems with a wet clutch.

For those that have been riding more than a few years this has happened to you, so consider it just a reminder.

Regardless of whether or not you have an indicator that says your bike is in neutral, ALWAYS hold your clutch all the way in when starting your bike. Then let the oil warm up in the bike so the engine has enough lubrication and the clutch will work normally.

Next, and this one can save you pain and damage to the bike: ALWAYS hold your front brake (HARD) before dropping the bike into gear - even when your clutch is being held all the way in.

Because you have a wet clutch, cold weather causes your clutch oil to thicken and your clutch/flywheel tend to stick together after sitting for several hours with the engine off or riding in cold weather. Because of this, merely holding your clutch lever fully engaged is no assurance that when you drop into gear the bike will not jump forward unless you are firmly braked.

Just remember if your hands, feet, or knees are cold then the oil is also cold, and your motorcycle will operate differently. Engine power, braking, clutching, and shifting will be different in cold weather so take extra care.

Not only will a bike operate different when it's cold, our bodies do as well. Proper gear not only keeps us comfortable, but also safe. The thin gloves we wear during the day may not be warm enough to get us home at night. Really cold hands are not only uncomfortable, but also don't function as well when controlling a motorcycle. No one ever knows when they have to make that surprise navigation to avoid an obstacle. The same goes for jackets and pants. The body tends to tighten up when it's cold, thus reducing our leaning, head turning, etc. Staying warm will keep you happier, more comfortable, but most importantly safer.

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## **SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE**

**At**

## **PERFORMANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON**

Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse HOG chapter are once again sponsoring a Salvation Army Red Kettle on Saturday, December 13, 2014 and Saturday December 20, 2014.

These are two of the busiest days for PHD. Their Open House is on the 13<sup>th</sup> and they expect a big crowd. The 20<sup>th</sup> is always a big shopping day for the store.

The kettle will be at the dealership from 9:00AM until 4:00PM both days. I am looking for Syracuse HOG members to be bell ringers for the kettle on these two days. I need one or two people for each shift.

Shifts are for one hour (unless your wish to stay longer).

10:00 - 11:00

11:00 - 12:00

12:00 - 1:00

1:00 - 2:00

2:00 - 3:00

Most of the shifts on the 13th are covered and I still need people for the 20th. Several individuals are working shifts alone, so let me know and I can match you up with someone.

I will be covering the 9:00-10:00 shift so I can get things set up, but can always use some extra help. I will be available all day for any problems that may arise and to cover for any shift that is not filled. I will also be doing the 3:00-4:00 shift so I can close things down each day.

If you cannot do a full shift, any time you can spend "ringing the bell for the Army" will be greatly appreciated.

Please dress appropriately for the weather as the kettle may be outside or in the foyer and it can get chilly if it is a cold day.

Please contact **Karen Whedon** through any of the following media:

**Syracuse HOG website at** [communityservice@syracusehog.com](mailto:communityservice@syracusehog.com)

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**Phone 315-963-1941 and leave a message.**

**315-720-4611 " "**

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and hope to see you on the 13<sup>th</sup> and/or the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Whedon

Community Services

**WRITTEN BY**  
**Kevin Reney**  
**Road Captain**

With 2014 coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about 2015 !

It all starts off with our January party.....

I'm not sure about you, but I'm looking forward to that.

(And yes I think I'm staying at the hotel !!! )

Then in February we have our Ride Planning Meeting.

For all of you new members, that's where we have a meeting to brainstorm rides for the new year.

Even if you don't want to lead the ride, we welcome all members to help us plan the year.

So don't be bashful, stay and share your ideas with us.

If you want to lead a ride as well, we can get other members to help you plan them out if needed.

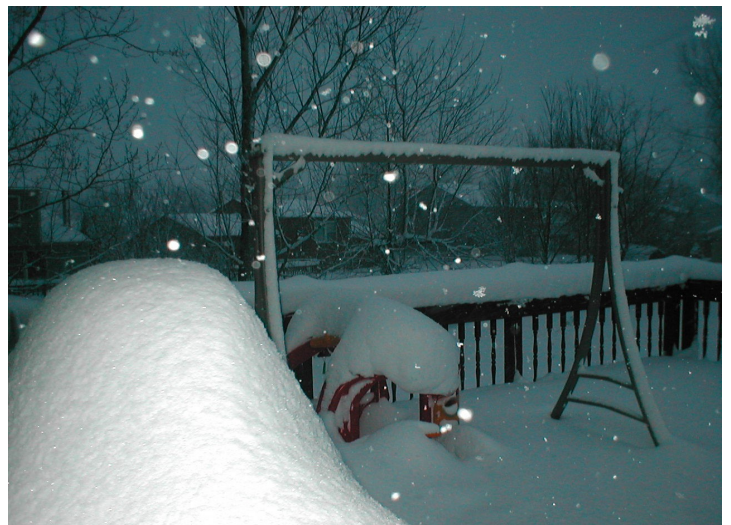
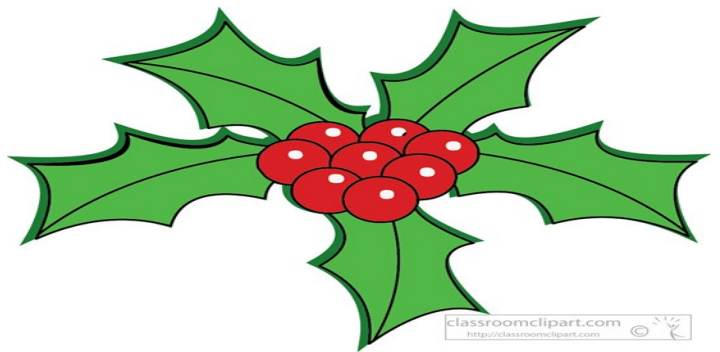
I hope to see all of you at the Party, and the Ride Planning Meeting.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

Kevin Reney

Road Captain (Sharks Rule !)



Should we go for a ride

**WRITTEN BY**

**Bill Becker**

**Director**

December 2014 Article

Winter is definitely here so I guess the time has finally arrived once again to bed down our bikes for their long winter's nap. With the holiday season closing in I know that the temporary insanity called shopping, will again fill us all with the desire to battle the crowds to insure you find that special gift.

As you know next month is our Annual Dinner Meeting. Marcella will insure that the CD of this year's pictures will be available for a small fee. During the upcoming cold winter days I know I will enjoy looking back at all the fun we shared during the past riding season.

Also please don't forget to check for all those trinkets and treasure you might have around the house. These items can be things you may not use, want or even care about anymore. Please feel free to bring these items to the Annual Dinner and add them to our Chinese Auction, I'm sure someone will give them a great new home..

Also make sure to add the February meeting to your calendars. Personally I'm already looking forward to the 2015 riding season, so I would like to ask everyone to mark your calendar for the February 2015 meeting. We really need your input to develop new ride destinations and help keep our riding program fresh and exciting. Consider leading a ride, it's fun to do and there are a lot of people that would be glad to help you plan one, so don't be shy! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Syracuse HOG Chapter Officers for the many hours of volunteer time they have spent to assist in making all of our 2014 riding experiences an adventure.

To all of our members, like would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season, Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! and have a Happy New Year!

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## **Mark Down These Dates**

**Monthly Meeting 12/21/2014 - PHD 10:00 a.m.**

**Annual Dinner Meeting Sat. January 17, 2015**

**Red Kettle PHD 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Dec 13th and 20th 2014**

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