

**"THE HIGH
ROAD"**



Monthly News Letter of the Syracuse H.O.G.

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Happy New Year

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The Chapter Officers for 2015

Written by

Ken Yackel

Assistant Director

Santa has been here and gone, and hopefully we all had a responsible and great New Year. Riding season is that much closer to reality. With several new pieces of chrome for Xmas I guess Debbie's answer to a new bike is NO. Back to business, I am really excited about the 2015 riding season and we have several new officers that have new and enthusiastic thoughts for the season. After conversations with Cindy and Mike Standen, they have planned at least 1 activity for each month. Kevin Reney has shared many great ideas for rides and Rob Gabor is bringing to the table a lot of fresh safety issues for us to be aware of. Dave Sikorski is taking on the task of editor. I am sure there are a few headaches with that position. With that said let's not forget all the hard work and time that the outgoing officers have put in. A big thanks to Barb and John Snyder. They have always been there to help and stand in when needed. Thanks to Peggy Neary for all the time and hard work she and Barb have put in for all the great annual dinners and luncheons they have planned and many other functions too numerous to mention. Dave Dunn our Head Road Captain for all the rides and planning that he contributed. Last but not least Mike Waters. Mike has handled the High Road for many years with nothing less than absolute perfection. With all that said let's all strive to make sure that we all have a safe and fun riding season for 2015. I look forward to seeing you all at the annual dinner, and let's not forget to support our sponsoring dealer

P.H.D. Ken

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

The monthly meeting of the Syracuse HOG Chapter was called to order at 10:00 by Director Bill Becker, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then welcomed and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel also wished everyone Happy Holidays. Ken then thanked everyone that participated in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive.

Membership Officer Jim Shepard reported that as of today we have 175 members and as of today's meeting there are 50 renewals. Jim is also looking for volunteers to man the registration table at all of PHD's events.

Kevin Reney our Road Captain reminded everyone that our ride planning meeting will be held after February's chapter meeting. Kevin is looking for new destinations to add to our ride calendar.

Safety Officer Rob Gabor talked about bike storage. If you are storing your bike in the garage, take precaution as temperature changes can cause rust. Rob also mentioned not to forget the Loctite for all that new chrome you get for the Holidays.

The Fun Report from the Fun Girls was given by Barb Snyder who reminded us that the Annual Dinner is January 17th and if you were planning on attending to see her after the meeting or mail your check to Peggy Neary. Oh and don't forget your goodies for the Chinese auction.

Cindy Standen sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the PHD Chili Contest that will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015. Prizes again for winners will be \$200 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place. Cindy also reiterated that volunteers will also be needed for the membership table.

Karen Whedon Community Service Officer also thanked all the bell ringers for volunteering and taking a little time out of their busy holiday schedule and wearing their ugly sweater (and one Tux) to help raise money for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Mike Standen and Kay Kotwas won an ornament for the ugliest sweaters.

Editor Dave Sikorski said the newsletter is going a little easier. All submissions need to be emailed to him two weeks before the next chapter meeting.

Bill reported for Marcella our Photographer that the year in review photos will be available at the Annual Dinner for a small purchase.

New Business – a small discussion on having a color cover on our printed newsletter was discussed. It was voted on that it would be ok and that only a minimal number (for our table) be printed in color, and the rest that go into the dealership be printed in black and white.

Before our T-Shirt Bingo, all members who wore their Ugly Sweater to the meeting stood up and a prize for the Ugliest went to John Snyder! This month's state for T-Shirt Bingo was KANSAS. There were no winners and the pot increases to \$60.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 with 66 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Yackel
Secretary

CHILI COOKOFF

SATURDAY, 1/24/2015

PHD in coordination with Syracuse HOG

will be holding a **Chili Cookoff** on

Saturday, 1/24/2015

from

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

This is always a great event and a wonderful time
to show off your favorite chili recipe.

We'll need lots of contributions
to make this event a success.

We are asking those that submit a chili to
serve it up as well.

The chili will be judged by the 'TASTERS' and there will be
prizes awarded by PHD !!!

1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100 and 3rd place \$50 gift cards

Please bring your chili in its own crock pot and have it at

PHD by

11:00 a.m. for set up

A HUGE \$UCCE\$\$

HELPING OTHERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse HOG chapter sponsored a Salvation Army Red Kettle on Saturday, December 13, and December 20, 2014

The 13th was PHD's Open House and people were in and out of the store from 11:00 until closing. There was food, wine, entertainment and discounts all day. It was a great crowd, including many HOG members that stopped to say hello. It was a fun day to be ringing the bell and the kettle was filling up with donations.

On the 20st, Santa Clause himself was at Performance Harley Davidson and you could get your picture taken for free. It was also the final chance to get those last minute HOG gifts. Again there was a steady flow of customers and the kettle got another workout.

Thanks to all the volunteer's efforts, we collected a total of **\$361.40. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE !!!**

A special Thank You to **Performance Harley Davidson** for once again allowing us to "ring the bell" on two of their busiest days of the year. It made a definite difference in how much money we raised.

I want to thank all the individuals that gave of their time and energy to make our second annual Bell Ringing event such a great success.

Garry Canino

Patrick Duffy (he missed his shift, but he gets a gold star for coming in all the way from Sauquoit, NY)

Tina Harrison and her son

Ken and Kay Kotwas

Cindy Slavinski and her husband

Cindy and Mike Standen

Lynn and Dan Sturtz

Ken and Debbie Yackel

Cindy Standen was the one that had the "Ugly Sweater Contest" idea for the bell ringers and the HOG meeting. Performance Harley Davidson graciously donated three 2014 Harley Davidson Christmas ornaments to be used as prizes. The first weekend winner was Mike Standen, the second weekend winner was Kay Kotwas and the winner at the HOG meeting was John Snyder.

Once again Performance Harley Davidson and Syracuse HOG were able to show Syracuse that bikers care and are willing to lend a hand to help the community.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Karen Whedon

Community Services



Picture by Karen Whedon



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**WITTEN By
Kevin Reney
Head Road Captain**

Happy New Year.

It's almost that time of year again.

The Pressure is on to PLAN the next season.

February Meeting is the Time and Place.

Make sure you are there to help us plan the Riding Season.

Even if you don't want to lead a RIDE, help us come up with the Destinations.

Your input is needed, and wanted, so be there.

Dinner, Ice Cream, Coffee or just sight-seeing rides, let us know where you want to go.



**WRITTEN BY
BILL BECKER
Director**

So once again the big question is, where do we want to go this year? I've had club members ask me about developing new ride destinations, as well as adding some overnight excursions. Well next month at the end of our February meeting we will put together our ride calendar for 2015. So please, if you have any ideas for new destinations you would like to visit, please share them. We will be scheduling rides right after the meeting so you can suggest your locations and dates then.

I also hope everyone will consider possibly planning and lead a ride or two. As I have stated in the past don't worry; if you want or need help planning we would be happy to assist you. If you don't feel comfortable enough to lead a ride, we can help with that too. So please don't be afraid to put your

hand up and get involved we're all extended family and we do this planning so we can ride and have fun. Just keep in mind that this is your club and in order for use to make it great we need your participation in our activities and rides. So if you have any comments or suggestions regarding rides, activities or any other topic, please contact me or any other chapter officer and tell us what's on your mind.

I also hope that everyone who attended our annual meeting enjoyed the evening. I know we can't always make everyone happy, but I do believe that Peg, Barb, Cindy and Mike (and all their helpers) planned and delivered another fantastic event, thank you again for all of your efforts.

Ride Safe

Bill



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: SYRACUSE, NEW YORK CHAPTER 3424

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Member Nat'l H.O.G. Number: _____

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership: _____

I have read the *Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters* and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G.®, it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.® Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Local Dues Paid \$: _____ Date: _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters, as contained in the H.O.G.® Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

BOWLING
at
REVOLUTIONS
DESTINY USA

SUNDAY,
2015
1:00 pm to



FEBRUARY 22,
3:00 pm

Two hours of Bowling, Shoe & Ball Rental
Four Appetizers & Soda
Cost per person
\$25.60
Includes tax & tip

Call Cindy & Mike at 466-8288
or email us at:
ACTIVITIES@SYRACUSEHOG.COM

WCNY CHANNEL 24 TRAVEL AUCTION 2015

WCNY would like Syracuse HOG to come and volunteer for their annual WCNY Travel Auction that is being held at their station in downtown Syracuse.

We will be working the evening shift on January 23, 2015 from 8:30pm until 12:00pm

I currently have 6 members signed up but there is plenty of room if you care to join us.

We will be meeting at the Little Gem diner around 6:00pm for dinner before heading to the studio.

Volunteer jobs consist of working the phone bank by taking incoming bids and answering any questions. There are also positions for runners, which entails going up and down a couple of stairs to deliver bids to the computers operators.

If you can't join us for dinner, there is free food available at the station, donated by a local restaurant to feed the volunteers.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact

Karen Whedon

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Mark Down These Dates

Monthly Meeting 2/15/2015 - PHD 10:00 a.m.

Annual Dinner Meeting Sat. January 17, 2015

For up-to-date information, visit our website

WWW.SYRACUSEHOG.COM