

**"THE HIGH
ROAD"**



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**Written by Karen Whedon
Community Service**

A GREAT TIME AT TRAVEL AUCTION 2015

Several members of Syracuse HOG showed up to volunteer their time on Friday, January 23 for the annual WCNY Travel Auction that was held at their station in downtown Syracuse.

Four of us met at the Gem diner around 6:00 for dinner before heading to the studio. Some of us ate dinner and others just ordered munchies and decided to eat at the station, where the meal was free. The caterer was the Cider Mill Restaurant and they had turkey, stuffing mashed potato, etc. Quite a feast!! After all that chow, it was on to the phone bank to answer phone

A big THANK YOU goes to the following volunteers: Ken and Debbie Yackel, Steve and Carol Knowles, Dick Davidson and myself.

It was another great night of having fun with friends and helping out PBS at the same time.

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The Chapter Officers for 2015

Written by

Ken Yackel

Assistant Director

The Liverpool Holiday Inn has survived an evening with our chapters annual dinner. As always our fun girls Peg and Barb out did themselves with the venue. For some our members that could not come last night the food, laughter, and comradery were too much to handle. Many gifts were in the auction and every one received something from the table. Rich M. was the representative For P.H.D. and brought favors for all the tables and several surprises along the way including four extra door prizes. He also mentioned there are several new things going to happen at the Dealership so stay tuned for further news. New options for anyone wishing to have an article in the High Road, We have changed the due date to our editor to the 7th of the month following the meeting date this will give all enough time to get their article together, the reason for this is we want everyone to have an opportunity to participate. Please try to attend the February meeting with your ride thoughts and destinations. And always remember this is your club and we welcome all suggestions that will help keep this a fun club. In closing I would like to thank Dave and Brian for their generosity to our club and Rich M. for coming to our event. Without P.H.D. we cannot have a chapter so let's remember to support them any way we can. ***

KEN

Written By Debbie Yackel

Syracuse HOG
Annual Chapter Banquet
Saturday, January 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8pm by Director Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was given for all members and family members who are sick or have passed. With a cold winter and a crappy summer last year, and lots of rides were cancelled. Hopefully this year will be a better year. This is our club and we are looking for new things to do and new destinations to go. Try leading a ride. First one is always scary. We can give you support. All you have to do is ask.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel then welcomed everyone. Ken spoke of the MDA ride. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact him if you are interested in helping. Ken also spoke about input for the High Road. If you have any stories or pictures you would like to contribute, send them to our Editor. The deadline for entries will be the 7th of the month. This is a set date. If you are declined a spot in the High Road, please call and let Ken know. Treasurer Dick Davidson gave his report. We have money, we spent money, and we are getting money. The books are always open for review.

Rich Milazzo from our Sponsoring Dealer thanked the HOG's for their loyal support of the dealership. Rich also talked about a lot of changes going on within the dealership. We have 2 custom bike builds going on, Dinosaur Bone Yard on Wednesday nights, bands and raffles at Sharky's, a couple of large events, one before the season, and one after the season. Lots going on! Rich also spoke more on the MDA ride. He would like to see more of a HOG presence at the MDA meetings as himself, Pat Sawyer and Ken Yackel are on the board along with too many Salt City Riders. Rich again thanked everyone and reminded everyone to ride safely and have fun.

Bill then thanked PHD for their support and a place to have our meetings.

Bill and Ken then recognized our out-going officers.

Road Captain – Dave Dunn
Safety Officer – John Snyder
Activities – Peggy Neary and Barb Snyder
Editor – Mike Waters

Bill and Ken then recognized the New In-Coming Officers

Road Captain – Kevin Reney
Safety Officer – Rob Gabor
Activities – Cindy and Mike Standen
Editor – Dave Sikorski

Those continuing on in their previous positions

Director – Bill Becker
Assistant Director – Ken Yackel

Secretary – Debbie Yackel
Treasurer – Dick Davidson
Membership Officer – Jim Shepard
LOH – Terry Clark
Community Service – Karen Whedon
Webmaster – Chris Blakley
Photographer – Marcella Becker

Ken wanted to personally thank Barb Snyder, John Snyder, and Dick Davidson (just to name a few off the top of his head) for always stepping up and being there whenever we needed the help. It's greatly appreciated!

Head Road Captain Kevin Reney reminded everyone about the upcoming ride meeting that will be held after the February Chapter meeting. Let's shake things up and make some changes!

Safety Officer Rob Gabor thanked John Snyder for the smooth transition. Rob spoke of getting a group into the MSF advanced rider course, and having the NYS Police come in March for their safety presentation.

Cindy and Mike Standen our Activities Officers (Cindy was quite nervous to speak in front of everyone, but did an EXCELLENT JOB!) spoke about bowling at Revolutions on February 22nd, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, and have some good ideas for a monthly activity throughout the year.

Jim Shepard told us that as of tonight's meeting, we had approximately 84 renewals, and wants to remind everyone that if you haven't renewed, please do so. Community Service Officer Karen Whedon also reminded us to volunteer for the MDA Muscle Ride.

Marcella Becker our Photographer has the annual CD for sale for \$5.00.

Mileage Awards were then given out as follows:

High Miles/High Miles for Trike – Ron Amyot
High Lady Rider – Jen Marsh
High Sportster – Sandy English
High Touring – Dan Marsh
High Super Glide – Steve English

Rich Milazzo had a few awards to give out. Everyone who attended got a favor and in 3 of those favors was a ticket. The winners were

Kevin Reney – Kevin received a certificate for a dyno run (approx. \$100) and Syracuse Crunch Tickets Jim Shepard and Mary Moycek each received a certificate for a bike wash and detail.

Bill then thanked everyone and a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned and the festivities continue and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

**Written by
Bill Becker
Director**

I don't know about you, but I know I'm sick and tired of the snow and this brutal cold we've suffered this winter. The only good thing about this time of the year is I can finally start to see the light at the end of winters tunnel.

To me the February meeting really symbolizes the start of our riding year and provides a great way to brighten up a Syracuse winter day by planning this summer's ride calendar. Keep in mind, that as of our February meeting there are only 44 days until the first scheduled ride of our 2015 season (April 1st Fools Day Ride).

Although our Central New York winters can provide a rather long dry spell for our riding adventures, we did have a great opportunity in January to get together and have some fun. The Annual Dinner was as usual a huge success thanks to Peg Neary, Barb Snyder as well as Cindy and Mike Standen in their planning and execution of our event. Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were a LOT of Chinese auction prizes given away. I have to say that winning that special photo of Dan and Jen Marsh was the highlight of my evening. Thank you to all the generous folks for giving away their treasures.

I'm also looking forward to attending this years annual HOG a Bowl event being planned by Cindy and Mike Standen, at the Destiny Mall. If you participated in the Barb Snyder's HOG a Bowl last year you already know that it's destined to be a great afternoon with friends. I'm no bowler by any stretch of the imagination but I had a great time last year throwing that 14-pound ball down the lane. Knocking down some pins was just an added bonus. A couple hours spent with good friends, add in a couple beers and some good food will always equal another great success.

So please remember, don't forget the 'Ride Planning Meeting' is held after our Chapter meeting February 15th. Please plan to stay and give us you're input on where you would like to ride and eat. I'm hoping to see both some favorite as well as new destinations add to this year's calendar. So don't be shy, give us your ideas and sign up to lead the group somewhere, volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and we will provide any assistance you might need to make your ride a huge success.

Ride and Stay Safe.... Bill

Written by
Rob Gabor
Safety Officer

Greetings all. Pretty soon, riding season will be upon us again. After the March meeting, we will have a presentation provided by the State Police. I encourage all to stick around and gather all the knowledge and reminders of good riding habits possible.

If you are anything like me, you spend a portion of the winter making upgrades and improvements to your bike. The article below by James R. Davis has some good points to consider when selecting a proper windshield upgrade.

-Rob Gabor

Windscreens

Bigger may not be better at all

By James R. Davis

There has been a trend over the past few years of ever bigger windscreens showing up on our bikes. You cannot attend a major rally without seeing at least one vendor of these 'super-duper', 'larger-than-life', 'aerodynamic', 'custom-made', 'co-rider-friendly' pieces of plastic.

I like having a good windscreen in front of me. I like cutting most of the wind that buffets me during a long ride. I like having the bugs hit something other than my teeth. I like rain drops splashing on the plastic and then sliding up and over my head.

But I do not like their cost in terms of gasoline mileage or top-end speed. I do not like banging my forehead (excuse me - my helmet) on the windscreen when I mount my motorcycle. I dislike greatly not being able to look OVER my windscreen when things around me get dicey or visibility gets poor. I dislike reports of melted dashboards from leaving a bike in the sun at exactly the wrong time of day and pointed at the wrong angle relative to the sun.

As to 'aerodynamic', says who? Wind resistance is not just the angle at which you hit the wind. There is as much resistance caused by the vacuum behind your windscreen than from the wind

hitting it in the front. The greater the 'apparent' surface area your windscreen has (the height times the width as seen from the front), the greater its resistance is, in one form or the other.

As to 'co-rider-friendly', what about 'rider-friendly' first? Have you ever driven at night and had difficulty seeing thru your windscreen because your dash lights are all being reflected back at you from your new 'super-duper-swept-back' windscreen MIRROR? And should you get into an accident and find your head forced down by that windscreen that is levered over your head, what part of that new windscreen do you think your co-rider is going to hit first? (Notice how close the edge now is to her eyes?)

Like having that windscreen sweep around your grips? I guess you never did like the convenience of hanging your helmet using its D-ring and the peg that was designed to fit it?

Well, the larger screens look good. They are just right for some people. But do yourself a favor and take a ride behind one of them for a few hundred miles, day and night, before you decide to give up what you know works for one of these 'custom-made' monsters. The old one you already have just might be better than you think.

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Written By

Kevin Reney

Well it's almost that time... I'm not sure about you but... I've got the itch to ride.

Here's to a NEW series of Adventures. Hope to see you all on the Road.

Keep the shiny side up, and Ride on !

Written By

Dick Davidson

WE have money

WE have spent money

WE need somemore money

PAY YOUR DUES, SEE Jim Shepard

Written By
Terry Lynn Clark
Ladies of Harley

Bike Week is coming soon for those that are heading South, drive easy and ride safe when you get there. Remember it has been a few months since you have been on two wheels. Give yourself a chance to adjust. For those relaxing in sun, for whatever reason, we will be thinking of you.

Those of us left behind in the Great White North, winter will lose its hold on us soon enough. We will be out washing bikes and putting the Christmas chrome on there so we will be ready when spring turns the corner.

This is part of an article from Open Road Journey on riding in the rain I found to be a good review of riding in the rain...

LET IT RAIN - RIDING MOTORCYCLES WHEN IT'S WET

TIP#1 BUY THE RIGHT MOTORCYCLE GEAR.. HIGH QUALITY RAINSUIT

***WATERPROOF BOOTS, WATERPROOF GLOVES**

TIP#2 THE FIRST 15 MINUTES DURING THE RAINSTORM ARE THE SLICKEST.

THE CRUD FROM THE ROAD BEADS UP AND FLOATS TO THE TOP DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE STORM.

TIP#3 AVOID SLICK SHINY SURFACES

TRAIN TRACKS, ROAD GRATES, MANHOLE COVERS, PAINTED AREAS

TIP#4 SLOW DOWN

WET SURFACES ARE SLICKER THAN DRY ONES

TIP#5 RIDE BEHIND ONE OF THE REAR WHEELS OF THE CAR IN FRONT OF YOU

THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF YOU WILL "PLOW UP" THE ROAD CRUD AND PUSH IT TO THE SIDE AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SWERVE BETTER IF YOU NEED TO BECAUSE THE ROAD WILL BE DRIER FROM THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF YOU AND IT WILL GIVE YOU A FEW MORE FEET OF BRAKING DISTANCE IF HE SWERVES

TIP #6 UNSURE OF TRACTION? TEST IT!

TIP #7 USE A FULL FACE OR A DETACHABLE FACESHIELD

TIP#8 USE THE RULE OF ONE ACTION

THE RULE OF ONE ACTION IS USING ONE ACTION AT A TIME

ACCELERATE AFTER YOU TURN AND DOWNSHIFT BEFORE YOU TURN...ONE ACTION, THEN THE OTHER, NOT TOGETHER AS YOU WOULD ON DRY PAVEMENT.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD AGAIN SOON,

TERRY LYNN

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

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Written by

Cindy & Mike Standen

Activities Officers

ACTIVITES REPORT

Submitted by Mike & Cindy Standen

Welcome February! Can you believe a whole month has gone by so far this year? Looking forward to our upcoming ride season – sledding as well as bikes since the snow is finally flying!

Chili Cookoff – what a great time with 7 out of 19 entries by HOG members. Although none of us placed, we had a great turnout and a lot of fun. We also had an opportunity to meet three members of the Fingerlakes Harley Davidson HOG group that visited during the event.

Next up is Bowling at Revolutions on Sunday 2/22/15. We have 15 signed up and plenty of room for more. Give us a call, email or let us know at our February meeting on 2/15 who wants to join us.

And then we're into March and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Hopefully it's a dry and sunny day. We need people to start us off carrying the HOG Banner, of course some bikers and then our trailer carrying a beautiful bike and decorated all up. Maybe PHD will bless up with a 2015 model to display – hint, hint! HOG members and their kids are welcome!

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Mark Down These Dates

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

Bowling Party February 22th 1:00pm - 3pm

Destiny USA

For up-to-date information, visit our website