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Can you name the owner of either of these plates? If you have a custom plate, please send a picture in to editor@syracusehog.com.



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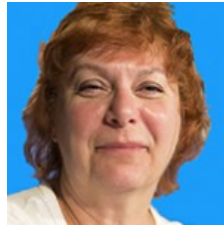
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Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Assistant Director:



The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Director Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then welcomed new members Dorothy (DJ) and Brad Darois and Lisa Bower and

went over how to get text notifications and email updates regarding changed or cancelled rides.

Rich Milazzo our HOG Manager talked about the Performance App and how the discounts are calculated and redeemed. If you have any questions, contact Rich. Download the App today! Rich also reminded us that the Demo Day and Open House are up coming, and that the Backyard BBQ's have been cancelled.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel thanked Rob Lancette for a great ride as Rob told Ken that he made a wrong turn along the way. Ken stated that the view was great and didn't know a wrong turn was made!

Treasurer Marj Canino reported that we have enough money to cover the picnic and pay the bills! Speaking of Bill's – there will be no ponies! Marj is making progress in taking over the books, and as always they are always open.

Membership report was given by Jim Shepard (his last official report). As of today's meeting we have 154 paid members. Membership is currently being done by Secretary Debbie Yackel. If anyone is interested in taking over the membership officer's position, please let one of the Prime Officers know.

Road Captain Kevin Reney reported that if you are going to postpone, cancel, or change a ride you are scheduled for to PLEASE contact him ASAP and if you do arrive at PHD and a ride is cancelled, take a little ride and have fun! Kevin also reiterated what Bill said about signing up for text alerts.

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Safety Officer Rob Gabor told the group about the recall on 2014 and 2015 touring bikes having faulty saddle bag bolts. Check with PHD if you think your bike is affected.

Cindy and Mike Standen our Activities Officers passed around the petition to fix Spencer Street by PHD. Cindy also passed the petition at Sharky's Bike Night and plans on knocking on more doors around the area. If you are interested in helping, let Cindy know. Cindy then reminded us that the Chapter Picnic will be September 20th and the cost for members is \$10 and non-members \$20. The fun begins at noon following the Annual Picnic Ride.

Editor Rob Gabor thanked new member Chris Croad for a great article. The newsletter is up to 17 pages! And again, the newsletter is not just for officers, it's for everyone.

Historian Garry Canino reported that history can be long or it can be short. Garry attended the NYS rally this year and in the past. Dick Davidson and Bob Davidson helped with the games this year and as history goes have helped with the games for many years.

Old Business – Marj brought in some of the Chapter Pins she has and we had a show of hands who would be interested in purchasing one and which one to buy.

T-Shirt Bingo – This month's state was IOWA. No winner so the pot increases to \$40.00 next month.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 with 40 members in attendance.



ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



Well, onto August!

Remember our Annual Picnic is at the Cicero American Legion

following our September 20th meeting. They'll be the usual ride planned from here to there where we'll enjoy some fun & hopefully a sun-filled afternoon chowing down some BBQ Ribs, Roasted Chicken, Hotdogs & Cones along with all the fixings. Cost to members is \$10.00 (with the Club picking up the difference) and Guests/Non-Members charge is \$20.00. Please make your checks payable to Syracuse HOG c/o Cindy Standen and mail to:

343 Snowdale Drive
Syracuse, NY 13209

Also, you can give them to us at the upcoming meeting or any ride we might join you on. We need your name and the name of your guest on the memo line of the check – or cash is good too! We've got some great things planned so get yourself signed up.

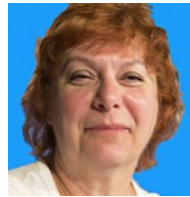
Last meeting we told you about our endeavor to try to bring the City to recognize the horrible conditions of Spencer Street from PHD down to Hiawatha Blvd. We began a petition which we'll be working on the next few months. We continue to get signatures at the PHD Bike Nights at Sharkey's as well as the many businesses on Spencer Street. Please take a moment

at the August meeting to read and sign the petition if you haven't already.

Riding.....it's what we do!

MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



As of today's meeting, we now have 150 paid members.

The following National Memberships are expiring:

August 2015

Bernie Antonio
John Ebert
Larry Robinson
Lisa Sheremeta
Calvin Simmons

September 2015

Christopher Blakley
Joseph Noboa



HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



Due to the possibility of multiple posts going onto the Web site on any given day, pay attention to the daily emails.

If multiple posts go up on a single day, they will all be shared via one email!



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to read last month's newsletter. What a great surprise to see 17 pages of great articles, even one from one of our newest members. Remember that this newsletter is for all our members and

articles can be club rides or a ride you did on your own, so please share your rides and memories with us. Also send photos of your trips Rob has a real knack for putting it all together and making it look very nice. Make sure that the articles reach our editor by the 7th of the month so that they have time to be printed.

Reviewing this year's ride calendar we have a lot of great ride and destinations left so make sure you get in your fair share and have fun.

On a serious note, our web site SyracuseHog.com is for all of us to use. However, several times this year it has been misused, not by any members, but by previous members who are not only not local members, but they are not even national members. I am assured by Debbie that this problem has been rectified and should not happen again thanks to everyone that brought this to our attention. Also please continue to use and enjoy this site and notify us if anything looks wrong.

Again, I must say that we are looking for members to take on officers positions come the end of 2015. Please see one of us if you may be interested in becoming an officer. Remember to support our sponsoring dealer Performance H.D.

So SADDLE UP AND LET'S RIDE!



SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



This month, I will share an article regarding riding near big trucks.

18-Wheelers

Often make good 'riding buddies'

By James R. Davis

When I was on jury duty a few months ago I had occasion to spend a lot of hours with a trucker who explained to me many of the things that I have always been curious about. Not the least surprising of which, considering the setting, was how many truckers manage to accumulate far more miles in their rigs than the law allows with the illegal use of a second set of log books. (The message here is clear - many truckers out there are TIRED - morning, noon, or night.)

[I have only been inside the cab of an 18-wheeler once in my life, when I was a kid. The driver had allowed me to ride with him between LA and Monterey along the California coast. I could not believe how hard it had been for him to drive that rig - it had a 'brownie' (second

shift-lever) that he managed by looping his arm through the steering-wheel. Well, technology has come a long way in long-haulers and brownies are a thing of the past. But the driver's job remains a tough one, and motorcycles often just add one more worry for them to have to deal with.]

This trucker that I mentioned above claimed that two-wheelers, particularly those driven by women, (though they often get 'cat-calls' from his friends), are actually held in high regard by truckers - especially if they seem to know what they are doing. Motorcyclists, he said, are smart to keep their distance from the trucks. He said that though retreads have been banned from automobiles for many years, there are still trucks that ride on them and if one should blow the energy released is roughly equivalent to a stick of dynamite. A motorcycle that happens to be nearby would not stand a chance.

And though it is not possible to completely avoid riding on one side or the other of an 18-wheeler, he said, a smart motorcyclist would not linger there and would pass as soon as they could. He also said that motorcyclists that pass a truck only to then pull in front of it are smarter still if they do not pull in too quickly. He described a nightmare accident he once had where a small Toyota had pulled in front of him on the open highway then hit its brakes. He was hauling a load of steel rebar and there was absolutely no way he could even slow down before running over that car. Mass and inertia have their own rules.

As to motorcyclists in general, he said that he was no longer surprised at the

number of times he would say something about a 'good looking bike' on the road near him to another trucker in the distance only to have that biker thank him with his CB. This, because he has come to understand that most touring bikes have CB radios and that they seem to have realized that truckers can make good 'riding buddies' when the motorcyclist is riding solo. He described dozens of times riding 'escort' for a solo biker, and sharing a meal with a few of them along his way. That they invariably talked about their bikes (and he about his rig) while eating and how impressed he had been that they were really 'into' and knowledgeable about what they (the bikers) were doing.

I thought I would post this here because we often hear bikers describe 18-wheelers in rather nasty ways - like they were generically dumb, illiterate, drunk, mean, and dangerous. Truth is they are just people with a hard job and they are on the roads with people that do not have sufficient respect for how much time it takes to slow/stop those rigs so are constantly put in risky situations as a result.

My experience with truckers has been almost universally good. Hope this little Tip causes a few readers to re-think their attitudes about them. A trucker can be a life-saver in time of need. Why not maximize the odds?



HISTORIANS

By Garry and Marj Canino

On July 27th I received an e-mail from Cindy and Mike regarding the "Traveling Wall for Fallen Bikers Syracuse" the premise of the e-mail was to get input as to the feasibility of having John Palmer who created the wall in 2011 to come to our annual picnic and set it up for us.

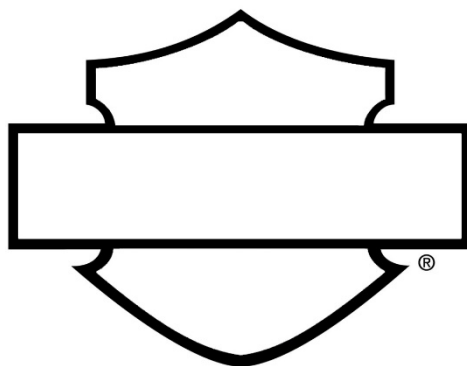
I thought it might be interesting to touch upon "memorials" in general, what they mean and why they are so important to us.

While no one probably knows when the very first memorial was recognized, we do know that the first Memorial Day in this country came about in the aftermath of the Civil War. General John Logan declared May 30th 1868 a day of declaration to honor the fallen, and to decorate their graves with flowers. An interesting side note was that this day was chosen because it wasn't a day of any particular battle. Declaration day is now known as Memorial Day and is celebrated on the last Monday in May. Interestingly enough while two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, Waterloo NY was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Johnson in 1966.

By definition memorials are established to remind us of a person(s) or event. And in our everyday lives we see

memorials large and small, from the flag or wreath on the side of the road placed there by a family member, or friend as a remembrance of someone who may have died at that spot. The person(s), event and or place becomes meaningful as a reminder of the person and or event, it is a way for us to maintain a kind of contact with the person, place or thing to keep it or them in our consciousness.

Memorials can also memorialize good events as well as bad. The endings of a war, the signing of a peace treaty, the taking down of a wall are all memorialized. Memorials can be brick and mortar, set in stone for years, or they can be an action like the lowering of a flag at half mast for a certain number of days to honor somebody who gave their all in the service of their country, a memorial can be a beam of light shinning to the stars, after a horrendous event, such as 9/11.



In smaller ways but no less important we see more and more memorials as symbols representing the “fallen”, teddy bears, dolls, toys laid out to remember a child or children, toy lions made up to represent the unjust killing of lion, (Cecil).

On a personal note, I remember when the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall came to Syracuse by way of Binghamton, a motorcycle motorcade was asked to escort it from Binghamton to the fair grounds. A representative group of us from Syracuse HOG rode to Binghamton to escort it up route 81. As we rode up towards Syracuse, every bridge over 81 was filled with people, and or fire trucks with ladders raised, and hanging from the ladders was the American flag, and next to the flags were the fire fighters standing at attention saluting as we rode under the bridge. The procession escorting the “wall” stretched for miles and I can attest to the fact that there were not many dry eyes as we rode under those flags. The catch phrase “Some gave all, all gave some”, still resonates with me to this day.



Upcoming Rides & Events

(Please check the Syracuse HOG website for all updates and cancellations)

Date	Day	Ride Name	Leader	Time
08/16	Sunday	Chapter Meeting		10:00 AM
08/16	Sunday	Buffalo Head	Bill Becker	11:00 AM
08/20	Thursday	The Distillery	Barb Snyder	6:00 PM
08/30	Sunday	Anchor Bar	Ken Yackel	9:00 AM
09/02	Wednesday	Mystery Ride	Dan Marsh	6:00 PM
09/05	Saturday	Orientation Ride		10:00 AM
09/10	Thursday	Green Shutters	Terry Lynn Clark	6:00 PM
09/13	Sunday	Blue Canoe	John Snyder	10:00 AM
09/16	Wednesday	Delphia's	Terry Lynn Clark	6:00 PM
09/20	Sunday	Chapter Meeting		10:00 AM
09/20	Sunday	Picnic Ride		11:00 AM
09/20	Sunday	HOG Picnic	Cicero American Legion	12:00 PM
09/26	Saturday	PHD Demo Days		10:00 AM
10/03	Saturday	Fall Foliage Ride	Bill Becker	7:00 AM



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