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License Plate Trivia

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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Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Assistant Director:



The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Director Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel also thanked everyone for attending today. Ken also thanked Cindy and Mike Standen for all their hard work on the picnic, as well as, Gina Harrison for the cake and centerpiece. Everyone had nothing but good comments on the picnic. GREAT JOB!

Marj Canino our treasurer is back from France and reported that the bill for the picnic has been paid and we still have money!

Membership Officer Debbie Yackel reported that as of today's meeting we have 159 paid members. Debbie also talked about renewing your membership for the 2016 season and if you do so before the end of December, your name will be entered into the hat for a FREE 2017 year's membership.

Road Captain Kevin Reney reported that today's ride has been cancelled. Kevin is also looking for any ideas you may have for the off season.

Rob Gabor our Safety Officer thanked everyone for a safe year. Rob also reminded us that if we do have a few good days left to ride, dress for the occasion.

Activities Officers Cindy and Mike Standen had fun working on the picnic and thanked all who helped them prepare for it. They are looking for places for the Annual Dinner which is in January. They have a few places that they are checking out. The Dinner is generally the third Sunday in January and asked the membership if it could vary a week either way.

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No one was in disagreement. Cindy also spoke about the Petition and is ready to put it to bed and send to the Common Councilor.

Community Service Officer Karen Whedon reported that the Red Kettle Drive will take place again at the dealership. Dates to be announced when they become final. Karen is looking for volunteers to ring the bell. Shifts are one hour. Tel Auc volunteers will also be needed. Dates have not been finalized. Karen also asked that at the November and December meeting to please drop off a canned good for the food bank. A box will be available for your donation.

Editor Rob Gabor needs articles and pictures for the newsletter. The DEADLINE is the 7th of the month so the newsletter can get out on time.

New Business – the New York State Rally is again being held in Alex Bay.

Today's T-shirt Bingo State is CALIFORNIA. No winners and the pot increases to \$30.

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am with 35 members in attendance.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



Now that the bikes are pretty much put away (sniff, sniff) there several events coming up that Syracuse HOG members

can get involved in to give back to this great community that we live in.

CANNED GOODS DRIVE FOR THE CNY FOOD BANK:

We will be collecting canned goods at the November 15th and the December 20th Syracuse HOG meetings. You can bring canned meats, vegetables, condiments, pasta and any other items that have an extended shelf life. Do not bring any items in glass containers.

In December we will take whatever we have collected over to the CNY Food Bank. I have also had a couple of other suggestions that we could donate to local food pantries or the Rescue Mission. I am open to any ideas. Just talk to me at the meetings or contact me.

RED KETTLE BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY:

Again this year Performance Harley-Davidson is going to allow us to set up a Red Kettle at the dealership. The dates will be Saturday December 12 and Saturday December 19. Shifts will be for one hour and hopefully I can get two people per shift. Also on the 19th, there will be an UGLY SWEATER CONTEST for the bell ringers. There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest at the meeting on the

20th. The only rule is that it cannot be the same sweater from last year. And yes we have pictures from last year.

TRAVEL AUCTION AND TEL-AUC:

These two events are not until after the first of the year. Travel Auction is Jan. 14-16 and 22-23. Tel-Auc will be April 21-23, 28-30 and May 6-7.

We usually get a good turnout at this event and it is a fun evening answering phones and being on TV.

So these are the coming events for community services. Check your calendars and see if you can find some time to help out on any or all of these worthwhile events.

Remember doing good makes Syracuse HOG look good...a win-win situation.

If you have any ideas for a community service event that the Syracuse HOG can participate in, please contact Karen Whedon at Snooper101@msn.com or call (315) 963-1941.

DIRECTOR

By Bill Becker:



Well it's definitely getting colder outside and our days are getting shorter. No matter how much I want to go kicking and screaming into this winter, I guess the time has finally arrived to prepare our bikes for yet another long winter's nap.

I hate to even speak the word, but I've

already had the misfortune in seeing some of that white stuff coming down and even a slight accumulation on the roads. I do believe that winter has started to arrive So I guess I'll just take some time during this winter especially during our busy holiday season to reminisce on the past summer and all the fun we've had riding. I'd like to also ask everyone to remember those members and friends we also lost this year and once again give them some thanks for the contributions they made. They will not be forgotten. Once again we will have CD's available for everyone at the Annual Dinner meeting in January, to help you relive some of the highpoints of your favorite rides during this past year.

I'm finding myself already looking forward to the 2016 riding season, so I would like to ask everyone to mark your calendar for the February 2016 meeting. We really need your input to develop new ride destinations and help keep our riding program fresh and exciting. 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 riding experiences both safe and fun.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



To start this month's article, I would like to apologize for the cancellation of the ride after our September meeting. The safety and comfort of all of our members is the most important thing to all ride leaders. It seems that we are canceling a lot of rides due to the weather conditions. There is still a lot of nice riding weather left in this year, and hopefully we can all take advantage of it with many more riding miles before its time to put our machines away for the season.

It seems that our club picnic was a huge success. We had many positive remarks and emails. Let's give a big thanks to Cindy and Mike Standon and all others that assisted them in making it a big hit. Also a big thank you to Gina Harrison for the lovely center pieces a true work of art. I am saddened that Debbie and I had to miss this event.

Speaking to Brian, he was very pleased with the help from our members with the Demo Days and the open house.

In closing, if you are riding this fall, the leaves are falling and make it slippery to ride our bikes. Please be safe and above all have fun. Don't forget to support our sponsoring dealer Performance Harley-Davidson.

ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



Our Annual Dinner Meeting is coming up in January. We have a few locations picked out and will be asking the members in attendance at the November meeting to make the final choice so that we can work on all the plans to get this underway - hope to see a lot of people at the meeting as your opinions matter.

We also have a few ideas to keep us connected during the cold winter months now that our bikes are tucked away. Bring your calendars with you to the meeting to save these dates:

December:

PHD Holiday Party – Saturday 12/12/15

Cicero Fish Fry - Friday 12/18/15

HOG Meeting – Sunday 12/20/15

January:

HOG Annual Dinner Meeting Saturday 1/16/16

PHD Chili Cook Off – TBD (?)

WCNY Travel Auction – 1/14-16 & 1/22-23, our date TBD

February:

Annual Ride Planning Meeting – Sunday 2/21/16

HOG Bowl at Revolutions – Sunday 2/28/16

March:

34th St. Patrick's Day Parade – Saturday 3/12/16

This year's theme hasn't been announced but I'm keeping an eye out!
HOG Meeting – Sunday 3/20/16

April:

Destiny Day Saturday 4/16 or 4/23/16
Ladies – interested in a get together at Destiny – drinks, movie or mall walking & shopping or just bar hopping and catch a late lunch or early dinner?

HOG Meeting – Sunday 4/17/16

WCNY TelAuc – 4/21-23 & 4/28-30, our date TBD

PHD Bike Blessing – Saturday 4/23 or 4/30/16 (?)

May:

Golf Outing with Lunch – Saturday TBD

HOG Meeting – Sunday 5/15/16

Change Horizons. Change Tires. Repeat !!!



LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



Hi all,

The weather has been beautiful to ride the past few weeks. I hope everyone is able to enjoy it. I found this article about cold weather riding in the roadside guardian magazine online. Thought it might be of interest.

The autumn season is upon us and that means changes for a lot more than just the leaves. With a snap to the season, some of us are moving a bit slower when we take our bikes out. For many, fall is a favorite riding season, the vibrant colors and crisp air create a colorful new world in which to explore some of our favorite roads, or to find some new ones.



Motorcycle Windchill Chart



Riding Speed (MPH)	Air Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)															
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100	
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102	
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103	
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104	
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	59	67	74	82	89	97	105	
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	58	66	74	82	89	97	105	
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	57	66	74	81	89	97	105	
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
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60	-8	-1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
65	-9	-1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	

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Like any season however, fall has its own unique challenges. Safe riding in fall can be achieved by keeping a few simple tips in mind:

1.) You're cold, the bike is cold! As the temperature drops, your tires will take

longer to warm up, which means decreased grip for a longer period of time (now would be a good time to check that tread depth too!). Make sure to give the bike, and yourself, ample time to warm up before hitting the twisties.

2.) Slick leaves and hidden ice: On a sunny fall day, it's easy to forget winter is just around the corner. However, frost and ice can form overnight and linger into the day, especially on bridges and in shadows. Additionally, wet or thick leaves can be just as slippery as ice or gravel, and are a hazard that many forget about during the fall and summer months.

3.) Deer crossing: Deer are a year-round road hazard. However, during fall, they can be more active as they search for food and avoid hunters. Be extra cautious around dawn and dusk.

4.) Be prepared: In fall, warm weather can vanish in an instant. If you're planning a long trip (or even a day trip), be sure to pack extra layers or install heating elements, because riding while cold can mean riding while compromised.



SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



Understeering - Not The Same
As 'Slow Steering'

By James R. Davis

In a previous Tip entitled [Counter-steering](#) I spent a lot of time talking about the design of the front-end of your motorcycle in an effort to explain how counter-steering works. One of the concepts I put forward was that of steering 'slowness' caused by having *trail*. Apparently some of the readers concluded that 'slow' steering was the same as 'under-steer'. Not at all.

Whether the vehicle has two wheels or more, *under-steer* means that the vehicle's front tire(s) will break away (slide) before the rear tire(s) do during a turn. *Over-steer*, then, is just the opposite and is a design that tends to result in the vehicle's rear tire(s) breaking away first.

[Despite what I just said above, there is a more formal definition of over- and under-steer that describes how a vehicle behaves in a curve as determined by the [slip angles](#) of the front and rear tires. That is, if the slip angle of the rear tire(s) of a vehicle is different than that of the front, the vehicle will rotate from this phenomenon alone. If the rear slip angle is greater than the front, the vehicle is said to over-steer. If less, it under-steers.]

'Under' and 'Over' refers to how the vehicle will track the desired turn when either the front or rear wheel(s) begin to slide. For example, in an OVER-steer situation the rear breaks away first. The vehicle *then* OVER rotates in the direction of the turn.

You might think that it would be better to have a motorcycle designed and setup so that there is neither over-steer nor under-steer so that you could take a turn as hard as possible without worrying about which tire broke free first. I don't think so. I'm sure you would agree that given a choice you would want your rear tire to slide before the front one. In other words, you WANT a certain 'over-steer' built into the design of your motorcycle. [Over-steering from slip angle differences results in the feeling of a modest drift into a turn. This, to most motorcyclists, is mildly reassuring and preferred to the same modest drift out of a curve that under-steering provides.]

But then you notice that your rear tire has a greater *contact patch* than does the front (at least when riding vertically.) You might assume that because of this it has a higher Coefficient of Friction with the road than does the front and that this should automatically result in under-steering. Again, not true.

Indeed, the front tire MUST develop more forces than the rear one in order to destabilize the motorcycle and cause it to change direction. (In another article you will find that the rear tire actually STEERS the bike when it is stable. Honest!) Thus, something more is at work than merely the size of the contact patch, the rubber compounds used, tread patterns, and flex of our tires that determine whether a vehicle over- or

under-steers. Your *front fork system* (rake, trail, offset), [weight transfer](#), rear-wheel drive and tire camber also play a part. (There should no longer be a question of why your rear tire has a flatter surface than does the front one - tire camber thrust is not as great.)

In summary:

- ▶ **Your bike is designed such that it has *over-steer* (the rear wheel tends to break away before the front one does in a turn, and the slip angle is greater on the rear tire than on the front tire.)**
- ▶ **The rear tire contact patch is wider because the surface is flatter than your front tire and this results in reduced tire camber thrust. Further, part of the rear tire's traction is consumed with acceleration. The result, a tendency to over-steer - particularly when accelerating. (Interestingly, unlike with motorcycles, over-throttle in a curve with most cars tends to cause under-steer.)**
- ▶ ***Slow steering* is a result of steering geometry and is NOT the same thing as 'under-steer'.**

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HISTORIAN

By Garry Canino:

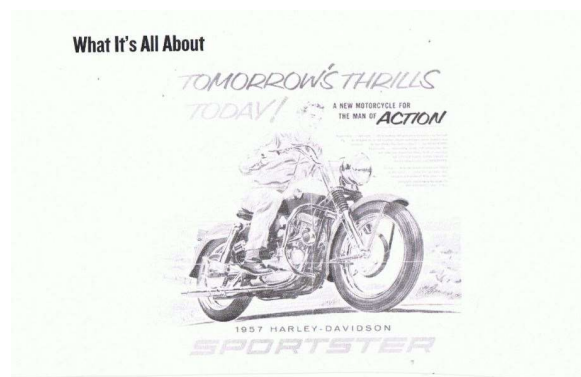
This month I'd like to talk about an icon of the Harley Davidson family, the XL also known as the Sportster. I have affection for this model, since I have been riding one since I first started riding back in 2004. My first model was a 2002, straight racing handlebars across, no windshield, a white beauty that sported three headlights. I still have the bike but it is on "permanent" loan to my son.

I soon fell in love with a 2004 model, this one I saw in the paper as used with 300 miles on it, after calling I discovered that the owner a young lady bought it, because she didn't want to ride behind her husband any more, unfortunately she spilled it in a field, she didn't get hurt did no noticeable harm to the bike but did bend the handlebars, they had to be replaced. What drew me to the bike was the oversized gas tank that Harley introduced in 2004, along with the rubber mounts that makes for a smoother ride. I have to admit the oversized gas tank was a big selling point for me; it made the bike so sleek looking. The smaller tank on the "02" always left a doubt in my mind whether or not I was going to get to my destination, it always looked so small.

I got into riding late in life, the only other experience I've had with any kind of

motor bike was when my family took a vacation in Florida, I was in high school, I had my license and I was able to rent a Vespa scooter for the time that we were down there.

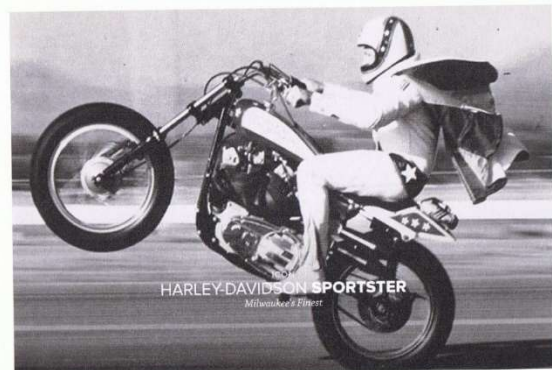
Back to 2004, I saw an ad on TV of a young man riding into a gas station on his Sportster, it was an ad for Harley motorcycles, and of course all of the girls (if I remember correctly there were maybe 10 or 15 young ladies who just happen to be at that particular gas station at that particular time) and they were more than interested in the man and the bike, I was sold.



Although many consider the Sportster a woman's bike today it has a storied history with Harley Davidson. In first became part of the Harley family back in 1957. At the time the Harley family was losing ground to the "British" invasion of motorcycles, smaller, sleeker and lighter model, the British bikes were taking market share away from Harley. Harley's answer was to introduce a smaller, sleeker, and lighter, super bike and racing machine hence the Sportster, 58 years later is the same bike that was introduced in 1957, it has a bigger motor, some of the innovations that Harley introduced into its other models such as fuel injection, duel

piston brakes, electric start of course and other enhancements to make it safer and more reliable but it is the same Sportster of old. The Sportster has been in the Harley family longer than any of its other models.

Of note the famous dare devil Evel Knievel switched over from a Triumph that he began his jumps with to the RX 750 a Sportster, the reason he made the change, was that the Triumph was a heavier bike and he couldn't get air time to complete his jumps, by switching to the RX 750 which only weighed 300 pounds, he was able to increase his air time and extend his jumps which his public demanded.



MILWAUKEE'S FINEST
Octane Icon: Harley-Davidson Sportster

Also of note the Sportster came into national prominence back in the 70's with the TV series, "Then Came Bronson" starring Michael Parks. Through the beauty of You tube I was able to catch several episodes and high lights, Bronson rode a red 1970 Sporty XLH.

In closing I like the open feel of the ride, I have had the pleasure of riding other bikes, a trike included during demo days, my personal preference is the feeling I get with the Sportster its

simpler may not have all of the toys of its bigger brothers but with a Sportster I have more of the sensation of the open road.

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



So the riding season has come to an end for most of us. Let's not keep that from getting together for some fun. Let's try to plan some fun things for the winter months too. Send Cindy or me an email with your thoughts on some fun activities! Let's keep up the entertainment factor of this group.

MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



Don't wait! Renew now for the 2016 season!

The following National Memberships will be expiring:

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