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The High Road

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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 – November 15, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Secretary:



The meeting was called to order by Director Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence for the people in France.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel spoke on behalf of Rich Milazzo our HOG manager who wanted to remind us that the Syracuse HOG page on Facebook is for fun. There is to be no selling of any type on the page.

Ken then asked for volunteers to help out at the PHD Holiday Event on December 12. He also talked about the newsletter. There cannot be any mention of alcohol or bar hopping, etc. in the newsletter or on the HOG Facebook page.

Treasurer Marj Canino reported that we are doing fine with our funds and have enough to pay for our Annual Dinner Banquet. Also the HOG Pins have been ordered and will be here soon.

Membership Officer Debbie Yackel reported that the membership stands at 159 and we have a great start on renewals for 2016.

Road Captain Kevin Reney is looking for ideas for activities for the off season. If you have any ideas, let him know. Also Kevin will be stepping down in December.

Activities Officers Cindy and Mike Standen - Cindy reported that she had two phone calls from the Common Councilor regarding our petition and he is on board with it. Cindy also has some ideas for the off season activities – December 18 American Legion Fish Fry, February 28 Bowling at Revolutions at Destiny. Looking forward to March and the St. Patrick's Parade. The trailer is all set for a float as soon as a theme has been announced. In April Cindy is suggesting a Ladies Day at Destiny (Men TOO!), also April is Bike Blessing and in May perhaps a golf day. Cindy gave us three choices of

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venue for our Annual Dinner Banquet. A vote of members attending the meeting was taken and the overall choice was Barbegallos. Cost for HOG members will be \$20.00 and for guests it will be \$45.00. We will also be having the Chinese Auction, and door prizes. Check the website for more details.

Terry Clark our Ladies of Harley Officer went over a few flyers regarding some charities for our service men and women – Check out her article in this month's newsletter.

Community Service Officer Karen Whedon has set up a box for the canned food drive for the food pantry. All donations are welcomed. Karen is also looking for volunteers to ring the bell for the Red Kettle Drive at PHD on December 12 and December 19. Shifts are usually an hour. Also on December 19 is the Ugly Sweater Contest the only stipulation is that you cannot wear the same sweater from last year. Volunteers are also needed in January for the Travel Auc to answer phones and Tel Auc in April. Karen also told everyone that Harley National is offering FREE to Veterans motorcycle refresher courses. She found this information through military.com.

Photographer Marcella Becker reminded us to send in pictures for the end of the year CD to be available at the Annual Dinner.

This month's T-Shirt Bingo state was WASHINGTON. There was no winner and the pot increases to \$40.00.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am with 37 members in attendance. Several of them rode today!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



A HUGE \$UCCE\$\$

HELPING OTHERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse Harley Owners Group sponsored a Salvation Army Red Kettle on Black Friday November 27, 2015.

It was Black Friday and Performance Harley Davidson was having special sales and people were in and out of the store from 7:00 until closing and the kettle got a workout.

Many HOG members stopped to say hello and it was a fun day to be ringing the bell

Thanks to all the volunteer's efforts, and the customers of Performance Harley Davidson, we collected a total of **\$241.25. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY AWESOME, PEOPLE!!!!**

I want to acknowledge the individuals that gave of their time and energy to make our first Black Friday Bell Ringing event such a great success.

First is **Brian Sedlak** who came up with the idea and allowed us to "ring the bell" on one of the busiest days of the year at Performance Harley Davidson. It made

a definite difference in how much money we raised

The bell ringers that helped to make the day such a huge success were **Ken Cook, Christopher Croad family,** and the camera shy ringers were **Terri Clark, Ken Kotwas and Jeff Crouse.**

Thank You for taking time out of your busy holiday weekend.

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

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Now that we have patted ourselves on the back, let's keep it going. Please remember the following events that are taking place in the near future.

We still need **CANNED GOODS FOR THE CNY FOOD BANK.** We are collecting canned goods at 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.

I still need volunteers for the **RED KETTLE BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY** on Saturday December 12 and Saturday December 19. Shifts are only for one hour unless you want to stay longer. I need additional people for both days, but definitely more for the 19th. Please contact me if you are interested in ringing the bell on either day. 315-963-1941 or at snooper101@msn.com

Don't forget on the 19th, there will be an UGLY SWEATER CONTEST for the bell ringers.

There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest for all members 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..

I also will be putting out a reminder for **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 do a Friday or Saturday evening but definite dates will be decided on at the December meeting based on other HOG events that are scheduled. There will be a sign up sheet but this is for WCNY as they need an estimate of the number of people that are coming. We usually get a good turnout at this event and it is a fun evening answering phones and being on TV.

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.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



With just about sixty days left until our annual meeting, the excitement is mounting. Last evening I met with Cindy Standon and the

staff at Barbaglio's to sign the contract and leave them our deposit. I must say that I was impressed with the venue as well as the menu. Cindy and Mike have worked really hard on this to make it a great event to remember for you our members. I am hoping that we have a big turnout for this to show our appreciation for all their efforts.

I also hope that all had a Happy Thanksgiving, we all have a lot to give thanks for, and remember our brave men and women overseas and at home that cannot be with their loved ones on this holiday.

In ending I would like to say ride safe. However, as I look out the window there is snow in the air. See you all at the December meeting.



ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



Our Annual Dinner Meeting is planned for Saturday, January 23rd at Barbaglio's. We're

excited about this year's dinner meeting and look forward to a great meal and good time with all our members as well as representatives from PHD. Pick up the phone and call me at 466-8288 to let me know who to expect. I'll need your cash or a check (made out to Syracuse HOG) at our December meeting.

We also mentioned some ideas to keep us connected during the cold winter months now that our bikes are tucked away. Hope you can plan on attending:

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 1/23/16

PHD Chili Cook Off – Saturday 1/30/16

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

Let the good times roll

LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



Hi everybody,

Snow is on the way so they say. Well, I haven't seen it yet. I don't start my shopping until it snows...I may be in trouble.

I have contacted the VA Hospital. They will be happy to have our hotel size toiletries. I have a list of things they would be happy to have donated. So, watch for a BLAST. Then, follow the directives! Let's help the Vets.

Enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you out there. See you in the NEW YEAR.

SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



Here's an article about how hearing affects people when riding. Enjoy!

Hearing Loss

Your helmet Is inadequate defense

By: James R. Davis

A recent survey on my system has revealed that the vast majority of visitors here engage in touring activities with their bikes (based on the sample that responded.)

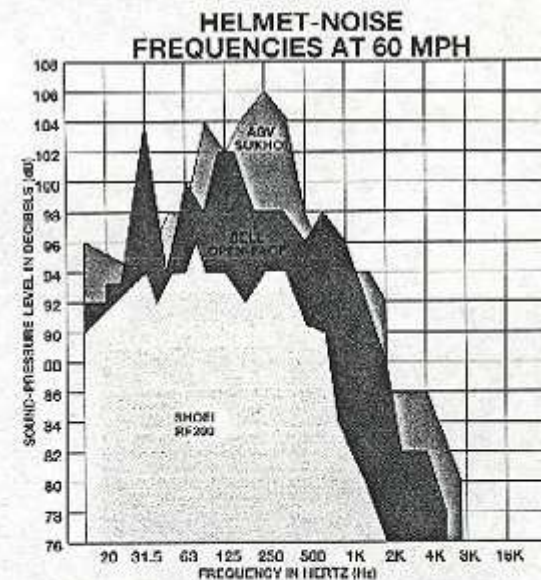
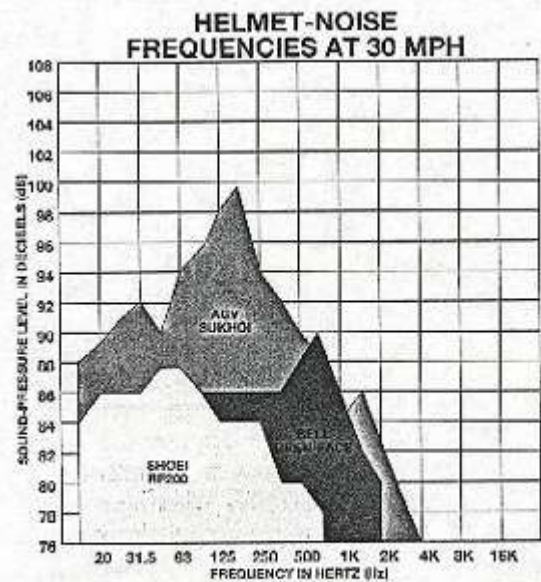
I thought it would be appropriate, therefore, to post an article on a threat that is largely restricted to those of us that ride our bikes over long distances and over the years. That threat is to the loss of your ability to hear. As you read further you will find that **it has already happened to you**, it will get worse, and that your helmet is an inadequate defense against it.

I know, you're thinking that I am about to rag on the Harley-Davidson sound. Wrong. While it's true that loud pipes will result in faster and more profound hearing damage, it's not the motorcycle sounds that are the principal cause of that damage. Indeed, even if your motorcycle makes no sound whatever, long distant, long duration motorcycle riding damages your hearing.

It turns out that wind noise does the most damage to your hearing. It is constant, loud, and very difficult to get away from.

At highway speeds you will find that wind noise is well over 100 db, even when wearing a helmet! Wearing a helmet cuts the noise by only about 3 db, and then only if it is at least a 3/4 shell and properly fitted. (An improperly fitted helmet actually INCREASES wind noise!!!) ONE HOURS of exposure to 110 db will damage your hearing. At 115 db it takes only 15 MINUTES. The damage is relentless, irreversible, and cumulative.

Following is a chart demonstrating wind noise at 30 MPH and 60 MPH within various brands of helmets as published in a 1991 issue of Motorcycle Magazine.



The diagram above shows components of helmet noise at 30 mph, the diagram below components of helmet noise at 60 mph. The human ear typically hears over the .02-to-16-kHz range of sound frequencies. Helmet wind noise is at the lower end of the range, usually heard as a rumble or roar. The EPS liner tends to attenuate high or frequencies. The AGV Sukhoi is the loudest helmet, the Shoei RF200 the quietest, quieter at 60 mph than the AGV at 30. An open-face Bell—included for comparison—is quiet at low speed, becomes noisy at high speed and sounds noisier at high speed to the wearer because the human ear is particularly sensitive to the 1-to-4-kHz band, the range of human speech.

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What can be done about this? How can we protect our hearing from wind noise?

Well, first, you can make sure that you wear a helmet, that it is at least

a 3/4 shell, and that it fits properly. A properly fitted helmet has a lining that presses against the skin **on your cheeks** as well as across your forehead. Not only does your helmet not shift around on your head when it fits properly, but it cuts wind noise from reaching your ears.

Second, you can wear earplugs. There are some problems associated with doing this, notwithstanding the fact that in some states it is illegal to do so. (You can legally drive a motorcycle if you are deaf, but not wear earplugs - fancy that.) Aside from the law, many people simply cannot stand (or get used to) wearing them. And, if they are improperly inserted, provide very little noise reduction benefit and will hurt in no time at all.

Earplugs are cheap. You can buy good quality earplugs by the dozens and their cost will be less than \$1 a pair when you do so. (I cannot imagine buying one pair and reusing them day after day - what a foolish way to save a penny.) If earplugs are not for you, then try small pieces of cotton. They are more comfortable, though not nearly as effective, and I'll guarantee you don't reuse them just to save a penny or two.

Wearing earplugs of any kind, it seems to me, is counter-productive at speeds below about 40

MPH. But if you ride our highways for any distance at all you will CERTAINLY be better off having worn them (and, by the way, you will actually be able to hear better with them in your ear than not at those speeds.)

Just because your hearing is already a 'little' damaged from wind noise you should not think it can't get worse. Riding a motorcycle at highway speeds is a GUARANTEED way to damage your hearing - and potentially profoundly. The majority of our hearing needs involves frequencies below 16 KHz. These sounds are what we use when we talk (and listen.) These also happen to be the frequencies most affected by wind noise hearing damage.

Or, if you prefer to ignore this bit of advice, practice saying 'Huh?' But don't get used to doing that - expecting this minor inconvenience to work forever. Your hearing **will** get worse.

For perspective, a noisy restaurant produces about 80 db of noise. A subway produces about 90 db of noise. A rock band generates about 110 db, a car horn is about 115 db, a gunshot is about 140 db.

Osha says that hearing loss can begin at 90 db. Max safe exposure at 110 db is 1 hour, and only 15 minutes to sounds in excess of 115 db.

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HISTORIAN

By Garry Canino:

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE HARLEY OWNERS CLUB (H.O.G.)

As we all know the Harley Owners Group or (HOG) was established by Harley Davidson in 1983 as a means of building stronger and longer lasting relationships with Harley Davidson customers. In ethnographic terms, “subcultures of consumption” is defined as a “distinctive subgroup of society that self selects on the basis of a shared commitment to a particular product, class, brand, or consumption activity. In other words people who like to ride motorcycles are drawn together in a common interest. The HOG group carries this one step farther and promotes “everything” Harley, motorcycles, clothing, fashions, lifestyle.

The back story is that Harley wanted to cement ties between its customer and its employees, the focus was to promote Harley Davidson as an American icon, with the focus on authenticity and pride in being American made, again with turning flagging sales around and promoting company growth.

At present HOG membership is over 1,000,000 members strong and growing. Dealers have the opportunity to sponsor a local HOG chapter. Chapters exist both in the USA and internationally. To remain in good standing chapters must

follow the guidelines as presented by the parent company.

As a whole, enthusiasm centers around the yearly events as presented by the club, many revolve around rides, but not all. Winter months present a unique problem for clubs in the snow belt, how to remain active without the aforementioned riding. This is where non-riding events can play a large part in keeping a chapter active.

HOG’s official charity is the Muscular Dystrophy Association but chapters are encouraged to support other charities. Many of the activities that the chapter participates in are as representatives of the dealership, they may include helping at open houses, running demo rides, collecting for the red kettle, answering phones for public television, riding in parades, helping the wounded warriors, and a host of others.

One event of note is the state rally; chapters bid on the honor of heading up the state rally in their state. These rallies are open to any and all HOG members, and they are encouraged to participate, the event usually runs on a weekend from Friday thru Sunday.

It is believed that the first use of the term “hog” originated in the 20’s. Harley sponsored a dirt track racing team that dominated the circuit. As the story goes one member of the racing team was a small pig, the pig was included in the victory lap, it is said that the media started to refer to the team as the “Harley Hogs”. As the “Harley Hog” nickname faded the term “hog” endured as a slang term for a Harley motorcycle.

To this day in some dictionaries the slang term “hog” refers to a Harley Davidson motorcycle. “Go figure.”

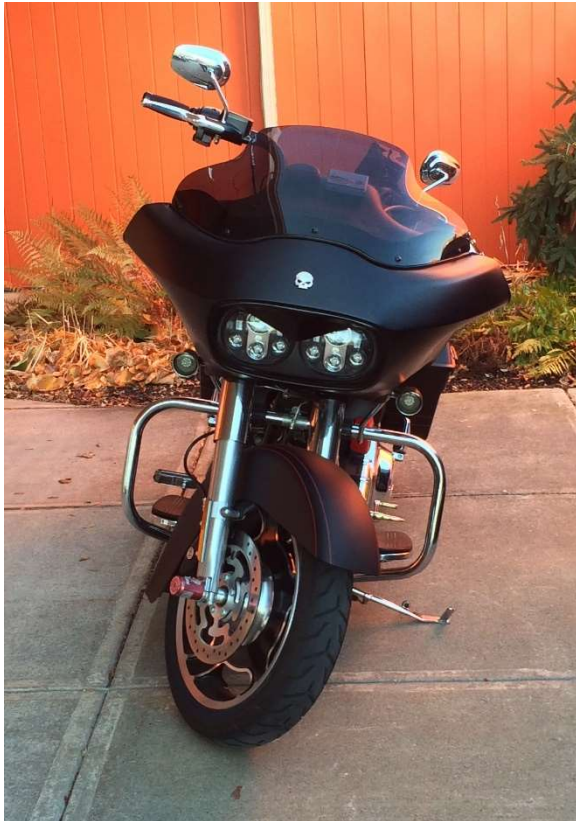
HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



As this year comes to an end, I want to thank you all for a wonderful year!

I would like to also wish the best to all the outgoing officers, and those incoming as well.



MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



Get your renewals in now for 2016!

There will be four (4) winners of a “FREE” 2017 membership to Syracuse HOG! Drawing to be on December 31st and winners will be announced at the annual Dinner Banquet in January!

HAPPY HOG BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER
BELATED BIRTHDAY TO:

1 CINDY STANDEN
2 RAY LIEPKE
4 TOM BERNARD
17 STEVE ENGLISH
25 JIM SHEPARD
DEBBIE YACKEL
28 CHUCK MILLER

DECEMBER

1 BARB SNYDER
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