



**SYRACUSE HOG**  
CHAPTER 3424

## **The High Road**

**Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter**

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### **Annual Dinner/Meeting**

Thanks to everyone who participated at the January dinner/meeting.



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## Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2016

By Debbie Yackel, Secretary:



The meeting began with Bruno Schrippa thanking everyone who attended tonight's Dinner/Banquet. Bruno also thanked all those who volunteered throughout the year at all PHD functions. Bruno then introduced Director Bill Becker and Assistant Ken Yackel.

Bill and Ken then called the meeting to order at 7:50pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a moment of silence for those who have passed away, are sick or injured.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel also touched upon all who have volunteered throughout the year. A special recognition went out to Dave Ferguson, who, never hesitates to call or email and asks if we need him to volunteer for anything. Thanks and Hats off to you Dave!

Debbie Yackel acting treasurer gave the treasurers report. As of this evening, we will be spending money and we are still in good standing.

Brian Sedlack was then welcomed to the podium. Brian also thanked everyone who attends and volunteers at PHD events. He is looking forward to new and exciting things happening at the dealership this year and looks forward to your continuing support.

Rich Milazzo our HOG Manager was then welcomed to the podium. First of all, Rich thanked Cindy Standen and all her volunteers who made tonight's event a success. Rich touched on a few things in the works for the dealership from Demo Days, Open House, and BIKE NIGHTS! Lots of things will be happening this year.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel then thanked Brian Sedlack for all his support and backing throughout the year. Without the dealership and its support, we have no club.

We then moved on to recognizing our outgoing officers by Director Bill Becker and Assistant Director Ken Yackel. Those leaving their posts are:

Assistant Director	Ken Yackel
Treasurer	Dick Davidson
Road Captain	Kevin Reney
Webmaster	Christopher Blakley
Photographer	Marcella Becker
Membership	Jim Shepard
Safety Officer	Rob Gabor
Activities	Cindy and Mike Standen

All were recognized and certificates were presented to them.

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Officers who are continuing in their previous positions are:

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Ladies Of Harley	Terry Lynn Clark
Community Service	Karen Whedon
Editor	Rob Gabor
Historian	Garry Canino
Membership	Debbie Yackel

They too were recognized and presented certificates.

Our New Officers taking over this year:

Director	Ken Yackel
Assistant Director	Kevin Reney
Webmaster	Rob Gabor
Road Captain	Kirk Wilson
Safety Officer	Steve Knowles
Activities	Kristine Chaney

Congrats to all our new incoming officers!

Bruno Schirppa and Rich Milazzo recognized our outgoing Director Bill Becker who for the past two and a half years and done an excellent job.

Bill then thanked everyone and said it has been an honor to be a part of Syracuse HOG since 2009. He has enjoyed working with everyone at Chapter 3424, as well as, everyone in the PHD organization. He is looking forward to just riding and having fun! Congrats Bill and we look forward to riding with you and having fun also! Bruno and Rich then introduced incoming Director Ken Yackel. Ken's looking forward to all the events that will be happening at the dealership this year, as well as, all the upcoming rides that will be planned for the year. Ken also thanked Dave and Brian and looks forward to their continued support of our chapter. Ken then thanked Cindy Standen for an excellent job and all her hard work preparing for our banquet. Ken also thanked Gina Harrison who did an outstanding job on the table decorations and the desserts. The whole event was very elegant. Great job Cindy and Gina!

New Business – HOGS BOWL N BITES – FEBRUARY 28  
– 1-3PM – REVOLUTIONS IN DESTINY

Karen Whedon Community Service Officer also thanked everyone who volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive especially PHD for supporting us, to volunteering at WCNY.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Chinese Auction and other raffles to follow.

## DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



After a great dinner meeting last night, I must quote from a 1963 Four Seasons song titled Oh What a Night, but instead of late December back in

63, it was January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016. What a night it was, from the moment Debbie and I walked into the room at Barbagallo's, until the time we left, it was magical. The effort that was put forth for this event was way above 100 percent. Cindy, Mike, and all of the members that helped are to be commended for a job well done. The table toppers and decorations were almost like out of a storybook. It could not have been any nicer than it was, and how about those desserts that Gina Harrison made? She is a true artist in every sense of the word.

To all of the Officers stepping down from their positions, thank you for your dedication and hard work over the last year. I must also say thank you to Bill Becker for the help and leadership he has shown over the last two and a half years. Following in his footsteps will be a challenge.

In looking forward, I have been in contact with the Director of the Fairfax, Virginia Chapter. A group of their members are coming up in July and would like us to lead them on a ride through the Adirondacks. I will keep you posted as the time comes near.

In an effort to keep the HOG shadowbox and picture frame fresh, please send as many pictures to me so that we can change the disc monthly. Anyone interested in helping change the shadowbox; please contact me as we would like to change it every other month.

We have a few upcoming events – Bowl N Bites, February 28 at Revolutions at Destiny from 1 to 3pm. It's \$25.00 per person. If interested, please make sure payment to Debbie Yackel is received by February 21 so you can have all the laughs you can handle.

I have been in contact with John Muldoon and we are accepted into the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be March 12. Let's make an effort to have a bigger than ever showing from Syracuse HOG this year.

In reading this, I have just arrived home from the PHD Chili Cook Off. Karen Whedon and Dave Ferguson manned the Membership table (as Debbie had to work) and did a great job signing up 4 new members and 3 renewals. Thanks for a job well done. Thanks also go out to Kristine Chaney, Ray Liepke, Kevin Reney, and Rob Gabor for all their help. I tended to the beer table and received \$82.00 in tips that have been put into our club's general fund.

In conclusion, let's all try to support our sponsoring dealer. Don't forget, without them we have no club.

Be safe and let's hope for Spring to come quickly. See you all at the meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



Welcome to 2016.

I hope everyone had fun at the Annual Banquet, I know I did. It is

time to start looking forward to what this year will hold for us as far as Adventures.

As you all should know by now, the February meeting is our Ride Planning Meeting. So please make sure you plan to stay after, and help plan the season.

## ACTIVITIES OFFICER

By Kristine Chaney:



I am very excited to be the new Activities Director of PHD! We have had a great winter so far, and more fun activities to come! Kirk and I look forward to many new adventures with all of you!

Cindy and Mike Standen did a great job with the Annual Dinner on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a nice turn out and Barbaggio's was able to accommodate our group nicely. Please check Cindy's article for a fuller review of the event.

The Chili Cook-Off at PHD on January 30<sup>th</sup> went very well. We had both members and non-members enter the contest, with our very own Rick Yaroski winning the title with his 'Heavy Breather Chili.' Keven Reney and Janine Fabian entered their 'Hot N' Bothered Chili,' which was also tasty! We had a nice turn out, but would love for an even bigger showing next year!

On **February 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be going bowling at **Revolutions** at Destiny USA from **1-3pm**. Your cash or check for \$25 must be given to Debbie Yackel by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, so please bring it to the February HOG meeting! Your \$25 includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. You are welcome to purchase other food or drinks.

We will be participating in the **Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade** again this year on Saturday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The theme this year is 'The Fabric of our Culture – The Fabric of our Community.' The parade's website, [syracusestpatricksparade.org](http://syracusestpatricksparade.org), states: 'The theme is based on fabrics- the tartans, woolens (both woven and knit), and lace- that have become part of Irish tradition.' Please come to our February meeting to help interpret this 'tartans and lace' theme and decide what HOG will do for the parade!

Any questions or ideas for events, please don't hesitate to contact me!

## HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kirk Wilson:



As I come on board as the New 2016 Road Captain for our Syracuse HOG Chapter, I wanted folks to know that we need

ALL of EVERYONES help in planning and organizing rides. If everyone could come up with a ride that they would enjoy and organize it from start to finish, that would be greatly appreciated. It will be difficult for me to lead any of our rides this year due to my new position at Hancock Fld. Kris & I plan on making it to as many rides as humanly possible, but work and family always must come first. After our February 2016 membership meeting, there will be a Ride Meeting. All with ideas and plan on leading some rides PLEASE ATTEND. Ideas with destinations, gas/restroom stops, estimated distances between stops and over-all routes are usually what should be provided. Your ride ideas can even be over-nighters and weekenders out of state. HOG Rallies, Rolling Thunder, Lunch/Dinners locations, Iron Butt Challenges are some other quick ideas that come to mind. Please assist if you can.



## SAFETY OFFICER

By Steve Knowles:



**Greetings All!  
May a great riding  
season be upon us  
soon!**

As the new guy on the block my desire is to bring you satisfying safety articles throughout the year. Please, if you run across interesting safety related news that you would like to share with the club, feel free to bring it to my attention.

Last November our Community officer, Karen Whedon brought to our attention that Harley Davidson is extending an offer of Free Riding Academy Training to all U.S. Military.

The 'NEW' news for 2016 is that 'Extended Offer' just got BIGGER & BETTER !!!

Harley's extended program encompasses more than just a learn-to-ride program. It's a new salute to those who serve our country and a new salute to those who serve our community.

**American Heroes Ride Free**, a free Riding Academy training for all current and former U.S. military, now includes first responders, Firefighters, law enforcement and EMS; plus it includes, **Operation Personal Freedom**, a new alliance with Harley's Wounded Warrior Project.

## American Heroes Ride Free

By

**RideFree.Harley-Davidson.com**

Harley-Davidson is offering a free Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy New Rider Course for all current and former U.S. military personnel. New for 2016 the program is now offered to first responders, including firefighters, police officers /law enforcement and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). You can register now and sign up to take an eligible course January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. \*

In addition to the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy offer, there is an alternate offer available (see below). With this alternate offer, qualified participants will be eligible to receive a Harley-Davidson™ Gift Card in an amount equal to the value of a course offered at an authorized Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or other state accredited riding school, upon proof of completion of a basic motorcycle riding course and a receipt.

To take advantage of either offer...  
Begin by going to:

<https://ridefree.harley-davidson.com/americanheroes/> **fill out the online form**. After it's submitted, you'll be given next steps on how to signup for a course. **All classes must be completed between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016**. Dealer participation may vary, class availability subject to limitation and available on first-come, first-served basis.

## Alternate MSF...

According to Brian Sedlack, a Performance Harley Davidson store gift card would be given to a participant, once they have provided the necessary proof of completing a basic motorcycle riding course and a receipt. Gift card value is \$275.

Two **MSF** near-by-Syracuse locations are:

- 1) Groton Cycle Center, 555 Cortland Road, Groton, NY 13073.
- 2) Shoppingtown Mall, 3649 Erie Blvd. East, Dewitt, NY 13214.

More info can be found at [http://www.1stmf.com/basic\\_course.html](http://www.1stmf.com/basic_course.html)

**\*Note:** A credit card may be requested to hold a space in the Riding Academy class upon registration. If you are not able to attend the class and do not call ahead to cancel or reschedule, you may be charged for the full cost of the course. Terms and Conditions can be seen at <https://ridefree.harley-davidson.com/americanheroes/terms-conditions>

To read more about Operation Personal Freedom, the Wounded Warrior Project® and the Heroes Ride Free, go to: [www.h-d.com/military](http://www.h-d.com/military)



## LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



It's February and I can't believe the weather. Snow, rain and fifty. I should be riding, but the roads are covered with salt. Not happening.

I found an interesting article in an online mag called Ride to Live Utah. I pulled out a bit of the article to share. I always think we need to be reminded of all the safety tips we can have thrown at us. Just one may come in handy in a situation...that would mean I was successful at least once in helping keep people safe on the road.

### Tips for Riding

**1. Assume you are invisible to other drivers.** Don't ever assume another driver knows you're there. Adhere to the attitude that no one else on the road is concerned with your personal safety. Learn to use a riding strategy like SEE (Search, Evaluate, Execute) to manage the roadway and traffic

**2. Look where you want to go.** It's called visual directional control. Keep your head and eyes looking 3-4 seconds ahead of you when cornering. You can get instruction and practice in this technique in a basic or advanced rider [training course](#). In an emergency, do not stare at the guardrail, the gravel shoulder or the oncoming car—chances are, you'll hit whatever you're trying to avoid (this is called target fixation).

**3. Use both brakes.** The best way to achieve maximum braking is to apply both brakes fully without locking either wheel. Simultaneously squeeze the front brake lever and apply the rear brake pedal. Your front brake provides 70 percent or more of your stopping power in an emergency. Squeeze—do not grab—the front brake, and keep squeezing, increasing the squeezing pressure until you've slowed sufficiently or stopped. *Untrained riders are often afraid to use the front brake, for fear of flipping over.*

**4. Never stop riding the bike.** Don't ever give up control of your motorcycle. "Laying it down" is not a strategy. Some motorcycle brakes used to be so bad that practicing how to lay down your bike was part of learning how to ride. Today, motorcycles have anti-lock brakes, and the tires have much better traction. The ability to properly apply maximum braking power can help you avoid collisions. The person with the most control of any situation is you. Look where you want to go; countersteer or use maximum braking to avoid a crash. Food for thought! Now, your second and third thoughts coming up.

2) Please think of our vets at the VA before you come to the meeting. Bring games, black sweatshirts, beauty items and crafts...if you can think of it, they probably need it.

3) Ride planning is coming up next meeting... if you don't want to volunteer to lead a ride, at least volunteer a good place to ride.

See you all soon, on the road in the Wind.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



### 2016 WCNV Travel Auction:

Once again HOG members did their part in answering phones at the 2016 WCNV Travel auction on 1/16/16.



We met at the station and had a great dinner catered by Canale's restaurant so no one went hungry. We then took our places at the phone bank and helped WCNV make some money. It was a fun time and I want to thank Carl Barber, Terri Clark, Steve and Carol Knowles, John Kresse, John and Barb Snyder and Ken and Deb Yackel for spending their time to help out.



With that being said, just a reminder that at the February HOG meeting I will be looking for volunteers for the WCNV Tel-Auc which will take place in April/May. So if you missed this fun event, you have another chance.



### 2015 Volunteers *Travel Auction, Tel-Auc, and Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive*

Thank You to each of the following individuals who donated their personal time to one or more of the above Community Service activities during 2015.

Jim Allen  
Carl Barber  
Garry and Marj Canino  
Kris Chaney  
Bruce Chimene  
Terri Lynn Clark  
Vicky Cole  
Ken Cook  
Christopher and Shari Croad and family  
Jeff Crouse  
Bill Czelusniak  
Dick Davidson  
Rob Gabor  
Steve and Carol Knowles  
Ken Kotwas  
Patti Reith  
John and Barb Snyder  
Cindy and Mike Standen  
Dan and Lynn Sturtz

Debbie and Ken Yackel

I also want to thank **all** the members of the Syracuse Harley Owners Group for always being there to support our community service projects. Your participation made our canned food drive and the Ladies of Harley collection for the Veterans hospital a great success.

A final big Thank You goes to Performance Harley Davidson for not only sponsoring our chapter but supporting us in each of these endeavors, especially the Red Kettle Drive.

Because of these and the many different activities that we have throughout the year, the Syracuse Harley Owners Group is very much appreciated and has a very positive image in the community.

***Let's keep it rolling in 2016!!***



## DINNER MEETING

By Cindy Standen:

Delicious dinner provided by Barbagallo's and a creative dessert display and taste sensation provided by Gina Harrison.

Along with a wonderful décor celebration of HOG's 2015 Year of FUN and EVENTS!



Raffle Items –Battery Tender, Garage Door Opener, HD Crystal Drop Earrings, HD Crystal Bracelet, Helmet Hook

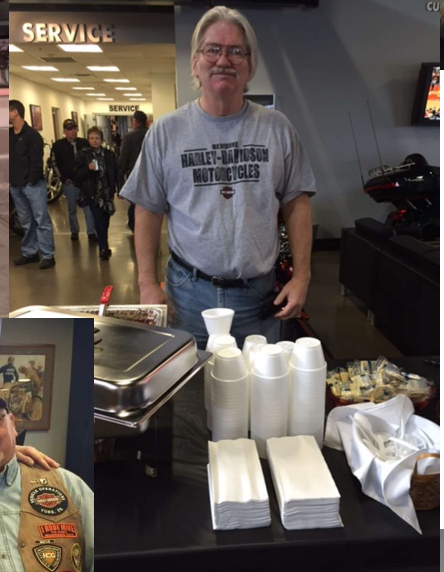
(feel free to pick on my buddy Dave Ferguson who unfortunately 'dropped a jewelry display plate' – Gotta love him!)

HOG Awards given to numerous people, see Deb for this info.

Annual Dinner Committee – Gina & Mike Harrison, Marcella & Bill Becker, Jody & Ed VanAuken,, Barb & John Snyder, Karen Whedon, Terry Lynn Clark & Carl Barber, Dave Ferguson and Mike & Cindy Standen & Rich Milazzo



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