



# SYRACUSE HOG

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## The High Road

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#### St. Patrick's Day Preview

Here are a few pics of the group preparing for the parade. A full article will follow next month.



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## Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2016

By Debbie Yackel, Secretary:



The meeting was called to order by Director Ken Yackel who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken then welcomed new members Mike and Joanne Piston, and Bob Stratton, and guests Mark and Barb Lamphere.

Today was Jen Marsh's Birthday – HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEN!

HOG Manager Rich Milazzo also welcomed everyone. Rich spoke about the events calendar that is up on the PHD website. He also spoke about bike nights at Sharky's. Rich also talked about the new earn point system by attending PHD and HOG events. You will have the opportunity to earn points throughout the year and by attending the Annual Dinner in January be eligible to win prizes or discounts. See Rich for more details.

Assistant Director Kevin Reney spoke about changes to the Syracuse HOG website. You must be a current paid member of both National and Local to have access to the website.

Acting Treasurer Debbie Yackel reported that we are in good shape.

Membership Officer Debbie Yackel said that as of today's meeting we are currently at 99 paid members. Also awards were given out to members who have been in the club continuously.

Head Road Captain Kirk Wilson reminded everyone that after the meeting we will have our ride calendar meeting.

Safety Officer Steve Knowles asked if there were members of the military, law enforcement, and veterans in the room as there is free motorcycle training available to them. See Steve for more details.

Activities Officer Kris Chaney reminded us that today was the last day to sign up for HOG Bowl-n-Bites at Revolutions. Our next activity will be the St. Patrick's Parade which will be on Saturday, March 12. If you are interested in helping decorate the float or would like to be in the parade, please let Kris know. Check the HOG website for date and time for decorating the float.

Community Service Officer Karen Whedon reported for Ladies of Harley Officer Terry Clark. The VA was very appreciative of the donations we made last month. Terry is looking for donations of old Harley T-Shirts that we can give to the residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor at the VA.

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Karen reported that we are looking for volunteers for this year's annual Tel Auc which she has secured the date of April 23. If you are interested in answering the phones at WCNY see Karen for more details. She is also looking to have a food drive in June for the Food Pantry. They need donations all year not just at holiday time.

Webmaster Rob Gabor told everyone that the password for the HOG website will be changed today. If you are not a current paid up member of National HOG and Local HOG, you will not have access to the website. Rob will email all current members with the new password. The google calendar is on a separate page.

If you are interested in becoming the chapter photographer, see Ken. If you have any pictures you can send them to Ken, Kevin, or Debbie. We will be changing the digital photo album every other month.

Editor Rob Gabor is looking for contributions for the newsletter. If you have been on a ride/trip send along a little write up.

Old Business – Kevin is looking for the end of year disc that is usually available at the Annual Dinner.

New Business - Dick Davidson just returned from a great vacation. He brought back sand from Ewo Jima.

Ken spoke of the benefits of having officers attend the HOT – Harley Officer Training. Ken asked for a show of hands for the club to reimburse \$100.00 for each of the 3 officers attending this year's training. A vote was taken and the members approved the vote. Two were opposed.

This month's T-Shirt Bingo state was PENNSYLVANIA. We had one \$50.00 winner. The pot resets to \$10.00 next month.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.



## DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



As I start this article, it's Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> and it's pouring outside. I spent the morning uncovering my bike and staring at it, wishing I could go riding. The only thought I had was hoping that the weather would cooperate so we could ride in the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

PHD has agreed to let us decorate and store the trailer until the morning of the parade. Thanks to Cindy and Mike Standen for supplying the trailer again this year. On to our bowling adventure at Revolutions on Sunday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. What a surprise it was to have 23 people signed up.

I could not catch a break. Three years in row my son Tim beat me. This year by 23 pins, however we did have several great bowlers in our presence. A great time and lots of laughs were had by all. The Beach Boys said it best: Fun, Fun, Fun. Thanks to Kristine Chaney for her help in setting up this event.

At March's meeting we will have a guest speaker Trooper Greg Ebrel of the New York State Police. Trooper Ebrel will again present his motorcycle safety program. Trooper Ebrel is a long time veteran of the NYSP. Not only does road patrol, he is also a scuba diver and one of the motorcycle troopers in our zone.

After the meeting we will have the last of our ride calendar planning.

We would like to fill the calendar. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can call or email Kirk Wilson with any rides you wish to lead.

In conclusion, please remember to support our sponsoring dealer.

Let's all prepare to ride safe and have fun.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



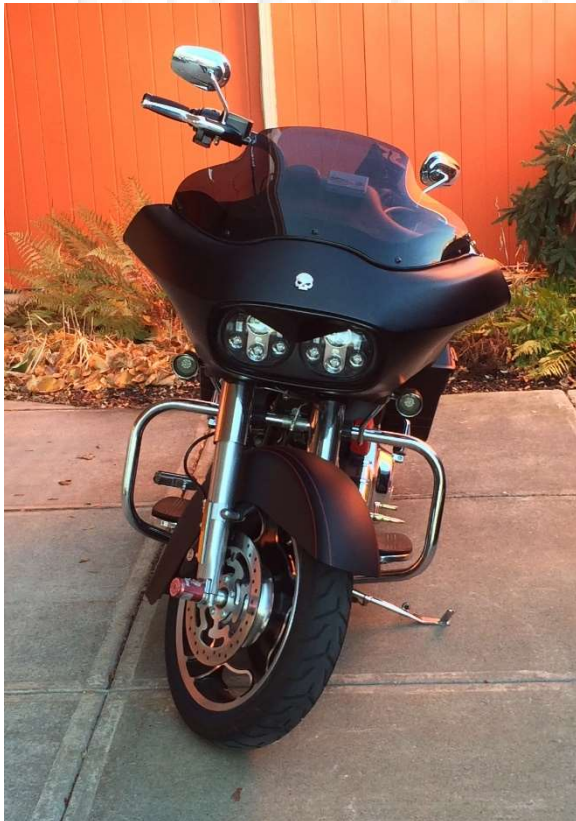
Well, I thought since we have so many new members I would tell you all a little history about me: I started riding dirt bikes when I was about 12 or 13. I used to ride with other kids from the neighborhood. We would find all kinds of trails to explore and always enjoyed being out on the bikes.

After high school I traveled some and got away from motorcycles except for a random dirt bike in California or Okinawa, Japan. Once I got settled as an adult, well sort of (LOL), I started to get the itch again. So, in 1997 I bought my first street bike and got my license. I rode that first bike for about a year and then upgraded to something a little nicer. Around the year 2000, I bought my first Harley. It was a used 1998 Sportster Sport. I had some fun on that peppy thing. That Sportster lasted until

2004 when I traded that in for a 2004 Night Train. What a sharp ride that was. While I really enjoyed that Night Train, I started to do some longer trips with the club and realized I needed something for the LONG hauls... So, in 2007 I traded that Night Train in on a New 2007 Street Glide (My first NEW Harley).

Now here I am riding a geezer glide and not even 40. Yes, that Street Glide sure was a nice addition for those of us that wanted a touring bike with a sporty look, but as we grow, so does our taste in bikes.

So here I am on the DARK SIDE, riding my newest Harley. It's a 2013 Road Glide (Shark) in Denim Black. Well that's enough about my riding.



As far as this club is concerned... I joined HOG around 2000, but that didn't last because I was working nights. In 2004 I switched jobs and rejoined HOG, and I've been here ever since. As a member, I have held a few different officer positions. I have been the Photographer, Webmaster, Head Road Captain, and now the Assistant Director.

If there is anything I can do to help make this club better for you, please come see me after a meeting or email me.

I hope to see you all this summer for some wonderful rides.

## ACTIVITIES OFFICER

By Kristine Wilson:



A wonderful time was had by all at the HOG Bowl at Revolutions on February 28<sup>th</sup>! We had 23 participants, great food and fun! Using two lanes, we each played about two games. As a group, we averaged a whopping 88.64 points, with a scratch and handicap total of 3457. The winner for lowest bowling score was Marcella Becker with 109 points between 2 games, and the winning score was awarded to one of our new members, Mike Piston, with 249 points! He managed 4 strikes during his second game! Way to go to both of our winners!



Thank you to all who participated in decorating the float and taking part in the St. Patrick's Day parade! Pictures to come next month!

We have been offered discount tickets from Bruno Schirripa to attend 'The Original Wise Guys' on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Palace Theater. We will pay \$20 versus the regular price of \$25; please see Bruno at PHD for ticket purchasing. Bruno is also arranging for motorcycle parking in the front of the theater for us! Let's make this an event and all show up!

We are looking at several different activities to do in the coming months, but always welcome your ideas! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts on what we can do! Please keep your eyes open for email blasts and Facebook posts on new activities!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

## HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kirk Wilson:



I want to thank all of those folks who stayed after for the Ride Meeting and those whom stepped up to led rides this year. There are still a large number of weekends without rides scheduled. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting or e-mail them to me, with the dates & times you are planning. When the Ride season gets here, please keep in mind friends outside of our HOG Group are still welcome to come, even those people whom don't ride Harleys. All of our Officers should have Ride Waivers on their bikes before each ride, which would need to be filled out by non-members or those folks not current on their dues.



## SAFETY OFFICER

By Steve Knowles:



**Oh, I've got that lovin' feeling!**

**Are you feeling it too?**

We just might have an early start to our riding

season!

Oh yes, I got that feeling! On February 28<sup>th</sup> the skies were blue and filled with bright sunshine. Our local temps jumped up into the mid-sixties, 64F for me. With the smell of spring is in the air, dry roads and warm temps, the temptation was too great for me. Out rolled my Ultra Classis Electra Glide and with a push of the electric start button, I smiled, that deep feeling shot through my veins as I listened to the mighty purr of my V-twin come to life. Now, I've never-ever rode in the month of February and here is an opportunity to do so. I wanted to take her down the road you know, just for a short ride so I can earn those February bragging rights. I geared up and threw my leg over the saddle and tweaked the throttle to receive that satisfying thunder under my butt. Yeah baby, that feels good! Ok, I'm ready to go... but then I just sat there thinking about what I will encounter during a February ride. Stones and cinders, yes; wet spots from melting snow, yes; road obstacles, maybe; Car & truck drivers that are unsuspecting of motorcycles to be on the road in February, Yes, yes, yes most definitely! So it was with great caution that I proceeded on my inaugural February ride. When it's your turn.... Think before you go!

I earned my bragging rights on this great day of February... Just saying ☺



### Quick Tips

#### Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

by

**Motor Safety Foundation**

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1. Over half of all motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it (usually unintentionally).
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spot (door/ roof pillars) or masked by other objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges,

- etc). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at an intersection.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look further away than it really is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict that a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
  4. Motorcyclists often slow by down shifting or merely rolling of the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcycle may slow down without visual warning.
  5. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effect of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
  6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
  7. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at lower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
  8. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery

pavement makes stopping quickly more difficult for motorcycles. Allow more stopping distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop on a 'dime'.

9. When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle--- see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, your neighbor or relative.
10. If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicycle, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver would likely never forgive himself /herself.

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR  
MOTORCYCLISTS  
&  
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**For more information about  
motorcycle safety in New York, visit  
[HTTP://NYSMSP.ORG](http://NYSMSP.ORG)**





## MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



The following members National Hog memberships are about to expire.

March: Korie Allen

April: Carolyn Bialobreski  
Timothy Alexander  
William Becker  
Michael Standen  
Victoria Cole  
Mary Amyot  
Ronald Amyot  
Patrick Duffy  
Cindy Standen  
Richard Milazzo

If your HOG National membership expires, so does your Syracuse HOG membership and you will be deleted from our roster.



Happy HOG Birthday to you!

Judy Metrick	March 7
Sharlene Rinaldo	March 7

And if it's your birthday and we missed it, Happy HOG Birthday to you!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



### Syracuse HOG Night at WCNY TEL-AUC 2016

We will be working **Saturday evening, APRIL 23, 2016** from 8:30 until 11:00 when they go off the air.

Volunteer jobs consist of working the phone bank by taking incoming bids and answering any questions. There are also positions for runners, which entails going up and down a couple of stairs to deliver bids to the computers operators.

There is free food available at the station, catered in by a local restaurant to feed the volunteers, so we meet at the station and enjoy the free meal. If you can't join us for dinner, please be at the station by 8:00 for the mandatory training session.



This is a great way to spend a fun evening filled with lots of laughs, good times and helping Public Broadcasting at the same time. Come and join us!!

Here are some fellow Hoggers working at the Travel-Auction a couple of months ago and having a great time.



If you didn't sign up yet, that's fine, there is still plenty of time and there is always room for more volunteers. Please just let me know if you wish to volunteer.

Please contact: Karen Whedon,  
Community Services at  
[Snooper101@msn.com](mailto:Snooper101@msn.com) or call (315-963-1941)

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### **SYRACUSE HOG**

#### **CANNED GOODS DRIVE FOR THE CNY FOOD BANK:**

People don't stop eating after the Holidays. The Central New York Food Bank supplies food and meals to families and food pantries in the central New York area need all year round.

They were very grateful for our donations in December and so I would like to make this a tri- annual event, making donations in April, August and December each year.

Here are some interesting facts about the benefits from the food bank:

#### ***The impact of Food Bank of Central New York and partner programs:***

- *88% of clients agreed that receiving food at emergency food*

*programs helped them get food they could not receive any other way.*

- *90% of clients said that receiving food at the emergency food program helped them save money they could use for other bills.*
- *90% of clients said they are treated with respect every time they use one of the Food Bank's emergency food programs.*
- *91% of clients said they were satisfied with the quality of food they received from their emergency food provider.*

*In particular, working families are increasingly finding themselves among the ranks of the hungry. And far too many lead a fragile existence, regularly facing difficult tradeoffs between the essentials of living: paying for food or rent, utilities or healthcare*

- *30% of emergency food recipients are children under the age of 18*
- *10% have no health insurance coverage*
- *32% have at least one employed family member*
- *Of those unemployed, 68% have been unemployed for more than two years*
- *91% of clients have annual incomes below the official federal poverty line*
- *41% have an annual income below \$12,000*

We will be collecting canned goods at the March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will deliver whatever we have collected to the CNY Food Bank. If you have any questions please contact me or catch me at the meetings.

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### **Syracuse HOG Volunteer Opportunity at the VA Medical Center**

The Syracuse VA Medical Center is looking for volunteers for their In-Home Respite care program.

Below is some information from the program coordinator as well as general information that may help you decide if you would like to participate in this program.

This is not a **Syracuse HOG** specific activity but please let me know if you do decide to volunteer in this program. It is a great way to help our Veteran's, of which we have many in our HOG club, and to show the community that bikers care.

*A volunteer is matched with a Veteran and a Veteran's family. As a volunteer you will go to the Veteran's home for 2-4 hours and visit with the Veteran while the care giver gets some "worry free time away". The schedule will be set up according to the caregiver's needs as well as your availability. The visit will be a "friendly visit" in that you will talk, play cards, watch TV etc. with the Veteran. There's no "hands on" or medical care with the Veteran.*

*To be a respite volunteer, you will need to attend volunteer orientation and be fingerprinted. Those orientations are at*

*10 am on either Monday or Wednesday of each week, excluding Federal Holidays. Let me know what day you would like me to schedule for orientation. Be sure to bring 2 forms of ID.*

*Additionally, you will need a background investigation. I have attached 2 forms that HR will need so that can be initiated. Additionally, you will need to meet with me to be trained specific for Respite. I can train you the same day you do orientation.*

*Email or call the individual below and she will be glad to answer any of your questions and schedule you for orientation and also Respite training.*

*Lisa Gualtieri  
Voluntary Service Specialist  
In-Home Respite Coordinator  
VA Medical Center  
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Syracuse NY 13210  
315-425-4315 Office*

### **Home Respite Volunteer Program**

#### **Caregivers Volunteers**

#### **When will I use the Home Respite Volunteer Program?**

Caregivers may request to have volunteers come into their home when they need to:

- Run errands
- Go to the doctor
- Go shopping
- Visit with friends
- Attend community functions
- Just need a break

### **How often can a Home Respite Volunteer come to my home?**

Volunteers are available for home visits between 1 to 4 hours a week.

### **How will I know my loved one is safe?**

Home Respite Volunteers are personally interviewed and screened by the VA. In addition, they must complete a clinical training program, standard volunteer orientation, and a background investigation. Volunteers are educated about:

- Basic information on aging
- Special problems of the elderly
- Community resources
- Emergency procedures
- Guidelines/responsibilities of working with frail and/or elderly individuals



### **What will I do as a Home Respite Volunteer?**

Volunteers may visit a Veteran in his/her home once or twice a week for a period of 1 to 4 hours a week to allow the caregiver a much-deserved break and “worry free time away”.

Volunteers can expect to:

- Provide compassionate care to Veterans
- Be a good listener and communicator
- Provide a break for the caregiver

- Provide companionship to the Veteran
- Report any problems to the program coordinator

### **What other kinds of activities can I do as a Home Respite Volunteer?**

Volunteers in the Home Respite Volunteer

Program may also:

- Teach the individual a simple craft or activity
- Read aloud favorite books, magazines or letters
- Look at photos
- Help write a letter
- Do a puzzle
- Play games (cards, etc.)
- Reminisce
- Listen to music
- Start a stamp or coin collection
- Go for a walk

### **How do I become a Home Respite Volunteer?**

When you decide you would like to help a caregiver and his/her loved one, please call Voluntary Service, Lisa Gualtieri (315) 425-4315

**Syracuse VA Medical Center**



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