



**SYRACUSE HOG**  
CHAPTER 3424



# The High Road

## Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter

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### St. Patrick's Day Parade

The weather for the parade was perfect! Here are some pictures. See full article in the newsletter.



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## Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2016

By Debbie Yackel, Secretary:



The meeting was called to order at 10am by Director Ken Yackel, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken then welcomed the newlyweds, Kirk and Kristine Wilson! CONGRATULATIONS!

Ken then introduced Bruno Schrippa, sales and business manager of PHD. On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm at the Palace Theatre in Eastwood, Bruno is bringing back the "Original Wise Guys" show to benefit Fr. Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. Tickets will be available to HOG members at \$20.00

A correction to last month's meeting notes was noted and corrected. The spelling of Lwo Jema was corrected.

Ken then welcomed back Steve and Debbie Poppe. It's been awhile!

Questions regarding the Syracuse HOG website is on the table. Ken told everyone that he is well aware that it is down and all efforts are in the work to get the website back up and running as soon as possible and to Please Be Patient. The only way temporarily to communicate with officers is by personal email, or by phone. You can also check the Syracuse HOG Facebook page. All efforts are being made so no other problems like this occur in the future.

Ken then recognized members who have been with the club continuously. Congratulations! to Bob and Judy Metrick for 15 years and Marj and Garry Canino for 5 years of continued membership.

He then thanked those who volunteered decorating the trailer for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, participating in the parade and to Gina Harrison's son for wearing a Kilt at the parade, and for volunteering at PHD at their Spring Open House. Tim Alexander and Ray Liepke netted \$167.30 in tips for tending the beer! That money was deposited into the clubs account.

Rich Milazzo our HOG Manager also thanked those that volunteered at the Open House. Rich talked about the PHD App and how to get points toward gifts at the Annual Dinner in 2017. (You must be present at the dinner to be eligible).

- 1) A sign in sheet will be available at all HOG monthly meetings.
- 2) A list will be compiled when you volunteer at any PHD events.
- 3) A sign in sheet will be available for persons attending any HOG events.
- 4) Rich will have a QR code for you to scan at any bike nights, or if you do not have a smart phone, he will add you to the list. Only one scan per day. And again, points will be tallied at the end of the year and you must attend the Annual Dinner.

Ken then introduced John Kresse as Road Captain. John will be assisting Kirk this year, so if you need to reschedule a ride the chain to follow is to contact Kirk, John, Kevin or Ken. Taking over the Photographer's position, as well as, her own Community Service position, is Karen Whedon. Congratulations to you both.

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The Treasurer's Report was given by Acting Treasurer Debbie Yackel. We are in good standing for the year with a nice balance. Marj Canino just returned from vacation and reported that the taxes have been filed for the year.

Membership Officer Debbie Yackel reported that as of today's meeting we currently have 111 members! Also please remember to email me your ending mileage for 2015.

Head Road Captain Kirk Wilson reminded everyone that after today's meeting we will have another quick ride planning meeting to fill in some of the open dates.

Road Captain John Kresse thanked everyone for the opportunity and is looking forward to helping out.

Safety Officer Steve Knowles reminded everyone that if you are interested in the Advanced Safety Course in Groton, April 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. The date of the course, rain or shine, is the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Activities Officer Kris Wilson (almost typed Chaney!) is looking into a HOG day at the Syracuse Chief's baseball game. A show of hands was taken as to those who may be interested in going. Several dates were given and will be determined soon.

Karen Whedon reported for Ladies of Harley Officer Terry Clark – who reminded us about the canned food drive for the Food Bank and getting previously loved Harley T-Shirts for the Veteran's at the VA. They could also use sundries, craft supplies, etc.

Karen reported for Community Service and is looking for volunteers to answer the phones at WCNY's Tel Auc, which she secured Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 to 11pm. See Karen if you wish to volunteer.

This month's T-shirt Bingo State was TEXAS! We had one winner of \$10.00. The pot remains at \$10.00 for next month.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.



## DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



Now that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is in the past, it's time to concentrate on riding. But, first to everyone that helped decorate the trailer, handed out candy, or just there if needed to help ... THANK YOU! On Parade Day we had 9 bikes! What a great turnout. I cannot forget our future HOG members Will and Christian, Kristine Wilsons boys for carrying our banner, my son Tim, who I talked into driving the truck to pull the trailer, and Gina Harrison for the great cupcakes and cookies. I think I gained several pounds! After the Parade, it was back to PHD for their Spring Open House. There we found Ray Liepke and Tim Alexander tending bar. Ray poured so much green beer his fingers turned green! They collected \$167.30 in tips which was deposited into our club's account. Debbie signed up two new members and renewed several more. As always, Dave Ferguson was a great help and added to the festivities with his Irish get up! And I can't forget Gina Harrison's son who donned a Kilt! What a show over all a fantastic day!

Our March meeting filled two positions... John Kresse will be our Road Captain, John will be assisting Head Road Captain Kirk Wilson and Karen Whedon will step into the Photographers position,

as well as her Community Service Position. We will be looking forward to many new pictures in the highroad from her.

Guest Speaker Trooper Greg Eberl gave his presentation on motorcycle safety.

After the meeting we had our second ride planning meeting. Several rides were added to the calendar; however, there are still several open dates that could be filled. If you would like to fill one of those dates with a ride, please get in touch with Kirk or John. I am working on an overnight to NYC with a stop in Times Square; I will keep everyone posted with more details as they become available. I also had the honor of presenting four membership certificates, 15 years of continued membership to Judy, and Bob Metrick, also 5 years of service to Marge, and Garry Canino. Thanks you for your years of support. The first official ride will be after the April meeting. Myself and Kevin Reney will be leading this event; hopefully the weather will be on our side.

In closing, I hope to see you all at the Blessing of the bikes at PHD on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. And at the meeting. As always let's just ride and have fun.



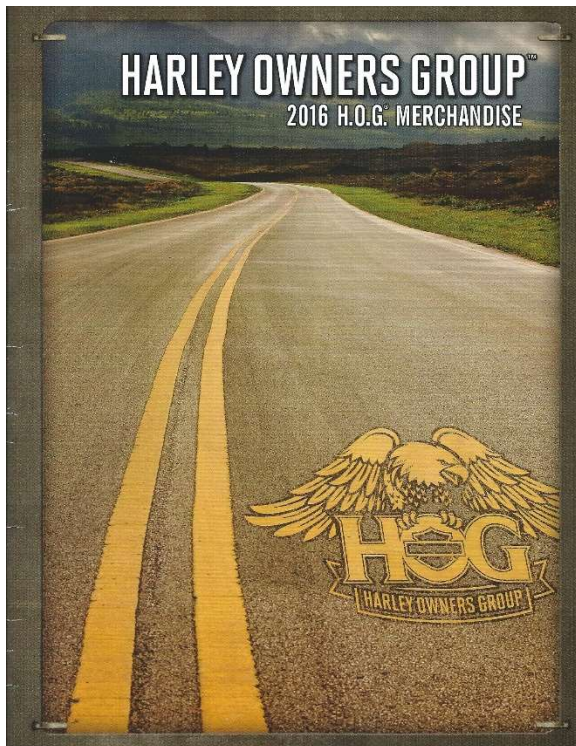
## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



There's a new 2016 HOG Merchandise Catalog out. I have a copy if anyone would like

to see it. If you happen to be down at the dealer, Rich also has one. There are a lot of new and cool items in it this year. I will have it at the meetings for everyone to look at. Here's the cover as a teaser:



## ACTIVITIES OFFICER

By Kristine Wilson:



We had a great HOG turnout for 'Bruno Presents: The Original Wise Guys' on April 1<sup>st</sup>! Bruno was very grateful to everyone who came

out, even though the chill in the air prevented much riding. Thank you, Bruno!

At the last meeting we talked about having a HOG outing to see the Syracuse Chiefs play. This has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**. The game starts at 1:05; if you are willing to lead the ride to the stadium, please let me or Kirk know! We will have terrace seating. Assuming we have 15 people interested, we have two options for food:

Option One: "The Slugger" - \$24  
(includes tax and game ticket)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Marinated Chicken Breast, Hofmann Hot Dogs, Creamy Coleslaw, Watermelon Wedges, Potato Chips, Coke products and Bottled Water

Option 2: "The Grand Slam" - \$29  
(includes tax and game tickets)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Hofmann Hot Dogs, Italian Marinated Pasta Salad, Creamy Coleslaw, Watermelon Wedges, Popcorn, Potato Chips, Fresh Baked

Cookies, Coke products and Bottled Water.

Both options are all-you-can-eat buffet style and will be served for 90 minutes during the game. You can buy any other beverages separately.

We are going to have a vote on the food options at this month's meeting, so please be prepared to vote and give a deposit!

They are also willing to give us a break on parking since we can park up to four bikes in a parking space.

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:



Congrats to John Kresse for stepping up and becoming our other Ride Captain. John will be a great asset to our

organization.

Does anyone else have places they would like to lead a ride too, and has the time to do it? There are still several empty weekends available on our ride calendar. Please go to the PHD HOG Ride Calendar and let us know if you are open to leading one.

Also, please don't forget to get yourself and your pig blessed. PHD has a Bike Blessing on Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are also several other blessings around the area. "Let's Ride"

## ROAD CAPTAIN

By John Kresse:

Greetings all riders! My name is John Kresse and I am joining our Head Road Captain, Kirk, as a Road Captain. Our mission is to lead rides, plan rides and help with planning other member's ride ideas, hopefully which you, the HOG members will partake in and enjoy.

While doing a little research on what the Road Captains are responsible for, it seemed only natural that the main idea

of this position is all about safety. While the Safety Officer will be keeping us abreast of safety issues, our job is to communicate to our fellow riders how we plan to conduct a ride; presuming of course we are to be leading that ride.

The first step is to meet before the departure time and conduct a meeting of all riders present for the ride and to go over the route, time frame expected, when and where we'll be stopping and other details of concern for us that day.

So once we get moving, direct verbal communication is difficult to say the least. Not everyone has inter-bike headset comm's so how do we communicate while riding? You probably already know that it is through hand signals. There are well over a dozen distinct hand signals and I'd like to hit on one of them here.

As the lead rider, one should try to point out hazards in the road ahead via hand signals. If the hazard (e.g. a woodchuck, rock, sticks, any debris really) is to the left of the leader, they should point down with their left arm, index finger extended at approximately a 45 degree angle. Each following rider, should with the best of their ability and judgement, point out the hazard for those following them.

This next part is something I did not know. If the hazard is on the right, the person that spots it should point it out with their right leg/foot! Thinking safety again, you keep your right hand on the handlebars maintaining control of the throttle and front brake.

I'll try to hit on hand signals more in the future and hopefully I'll be able to compliment our Safety Officer and his information for us all to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## **SAFETY OFFICER**

By Steve Knowles:



**Happy April!**

**Safe riding is no joke!**

**Give your skills a boost with high-octane learning**

In a past issue I brought to you the news of Harley-Davidson offering a free Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy, a 'New Rider Course'. We had a significant show of hands during our February meeting of those who may be interested in pursuing a safety-riding course. So with the help of John Snyder, we've been digging-in and working on bringing it closer to home for you guys!

We contacted the 1st MSP, a local motorcycle safety course provider located in Groton, NY; which is just an hour ride from PHD. Working with 1st MSP, we created a personalized opportunity to put on an Advance Rider Safety Program with a dedicated time slot devoted just for our chapter members. The course provides an opportunity to learn how to perform some safety maneuvers on your own motorcycle. A number of the club members have taken the course and

always learned something new to help be a safer rider.

Here is a few details from 1<sup>st</sup> MSP to wet your whistle....

This is the "Basic Rider Course 2", formerly known as the Experienced Rider Course; this program is for licensed riders with experience on the road and comfort with their skills and motorcycles. You will use YOUR motorcycle for this course. This course is intended to improve skills such as slow speed control, cornering judgment, and emergency control and procedures, as well as attempting to eliminate some of the bad habits picked up through on-road riding. This course allows for practice of controls with a passenger, so bring your second rider!

You can visit their website at <http://www.1stmsp.com>

Ok, so here's the deal that we've set up for you...

- This is a 5-hour class starting at noon on **Saturday June 18th**, rain or shine.
- We must have a minimum of 10 riders and a max of 12, to make this course succeed for our chapter.
- Your cost is \$100. \*
- **Deadline to sign up with (not refundable) payment-in-full, is April 17, 2016**
- You can pay at the April meeting or send a check payable to SYRACUSE HOG, directly to *Debbie Yackel, 8394 Winterberry Way, Liverpool, NY 13090.*
- When you're done, you'll earn a MSF Basic Rider Course 2

completion card that may qualify you for a discount on motorcycle insurance.

- A group ride from Performance H-D will leave in time to allow for lunch near First MSP. Final details will be published on the Syracuse HOG Bulletin Board. If we cannot get 10 bikes by the April 17th HOG meeting, the course will have to be cancelled and the checks returned.

Oh, one more thing; Harley Davidson is offering a reimbursement deal to all HOG members!

H.O.G.® will reimburse\* you up to \$50 'voucher' when you complete an accredited Rider Training Course, in the U.S. For more info, log into HOG.com, using your membership ID, then select the Membership menu and tab down to Benefits, from there, scroll down to Safe Rider Skills box.

Sign up with Steve Knowles; [safety@syracusehog.org](mailto:safety@syracusehog.org) or John Snyder; [Snyderjh@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Snyderjh@twcny.rr.com)

Contact Rich Milazzo for more voucher detail [rich.m@performanceHD.com](mailto:rich.m@performanceHD.com)

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## RIDING A CURVE

### Crash avoidance part of NYS DMV Motorcycle Manual

A primary reason of single-vehicle crashes is motorcyclists running wide in a curve or turn and colliding with the roadway or fixed object.



Every curve is different. Be alert to whether a curve remains constant, gradually widens, gets tighter, or involves multiply turns.

Ride within your skill level and posted speed limits.

Your best path may not always follow the curve of the road. Change lane position depending on traffic, road condition and curve of the road. If no traffic is present; start at the outside of the curve to increase your line of sight and the effective radius of the turn. As you turn, move towards the inside of the curve, and as you pass the center, move to the outside to exit.

Another alternative is to move to the center of your lane before entering a curve, and stay there until you exit. This permits you to sot approaching traffic as soon as possible. You can also adjust for traffic "crowding" the centerline, or debris blocking part of your lane.

## MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



The following members National Hog memberships are about to expire.

April: Carolyn Bialobreski  
Timothy Alexander  
Victoria Cole  
Richard Milazzo

May: Walter Bialobreski

Richard Yaroski

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!

Larry Robinson	April 1
Lynn Sturtz	April 11
Dan Marsh	April 21
Ronald Gosson	April 26
Mike Standen	April 27
David Dickerson	April 28

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

## LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



Hi Everyone,  
There is a problem with the weather, I believe. It is the only year we have had the four

seasons in one week. I can tell you for sure it is not a nice month to be riding.

We will be collecting articles for the VA at our meeting this month. Hopefully, we will deliver the items the end of the month. Remember, not just beauty aids, bring games, craft items, books and sweatshirts and sweat pants in black. I am thinking a few Harley shirts in great condition wouldn't hurt either. Hopefully, we will deliver the items by the end of the month.

I will leading a ride to Pensebene's Casa Grande's for fish on Friday the 22nd. If the weather is lousy, plan on driving...I will be there one way or the other. Meet me there for a nice meal and good company. The clam chowder is terrific. See you there.

We will be riding every day soon.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



**LAST CHANCE**  
TO HELP WITH SOME  
GREAT COMMUNITY  
SERVICE EVENTS !!

Tel-Auc volunteering is on **Saturday** evening, **APRIL 23, 2016** from 8:30 until 11:00. There is free food available at the station, catered in by a local restaurant to feed the volunteers, so we will meet at the station and enjoy a free meal. If you can't join us for dinner, please be at the station by 8:00 for the mandatory training session.

Please contact Karen Whedon if you want to join in the fun.

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The April 17<sup>th</sup> HOG meeting will be the last canned goods collection for this go around.

Please 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 be delivering what we have collected to the CNY Food Bank. If you have any questions please contact Karen Whedon.

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Also don't forget the VA MEDICAL CENTER CLOTHING & SUNDRIES Collection. Personal hygiene items, books, crossword puzzle, t-shirts in good condition, socks, etc. Contact Terri Lynn Clark with any questions.

The bins in the back of the meeting room for these items are looking pretty full, but there is always room for more.

## ST. PAT'S PARADE

By Rob Gabor:

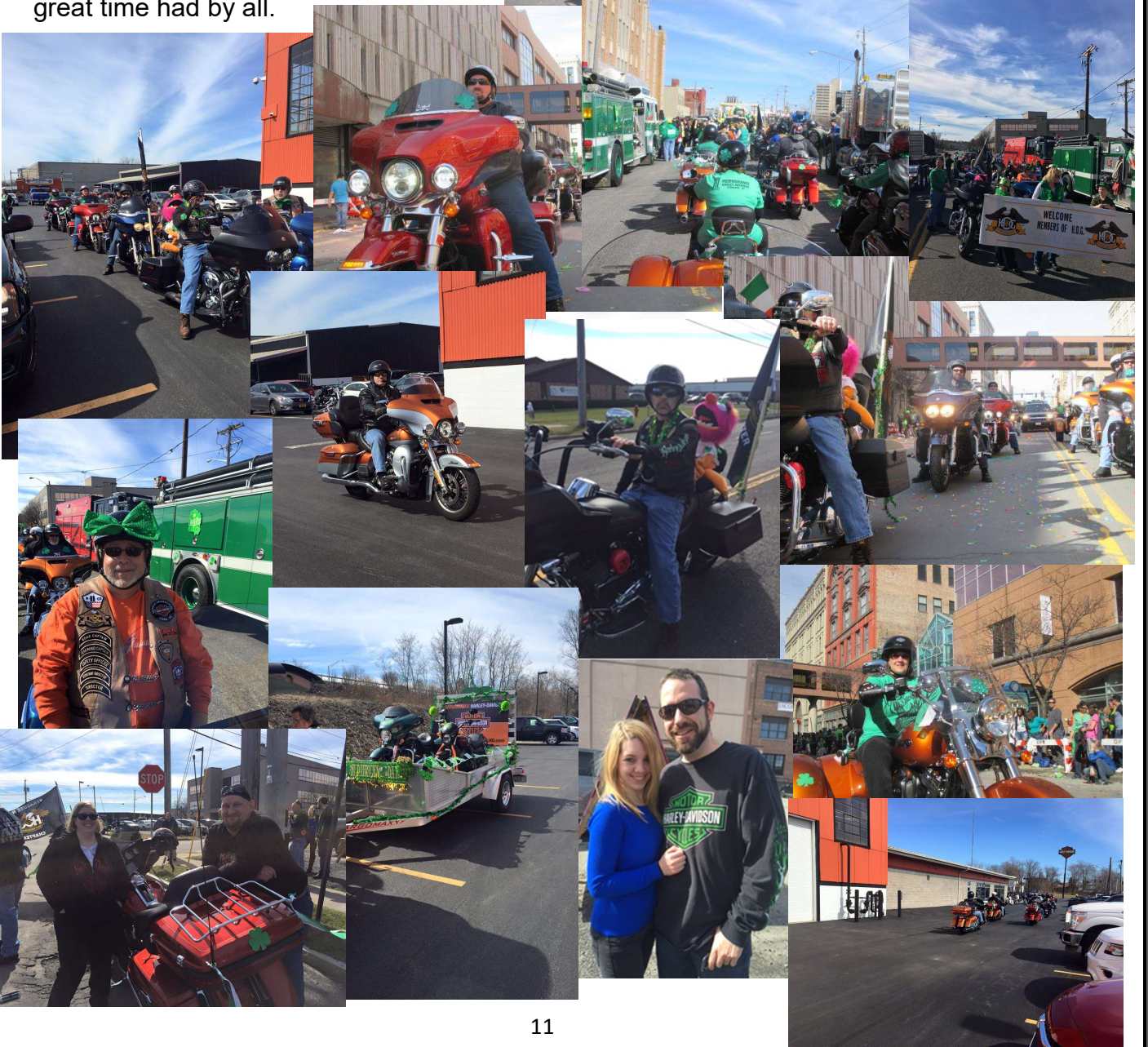


The sun was shining and the weather was warm. It was a perfect day to have the parade. We started the day out at PHD where the turnout was fantastic. A great classic Irish meal was served. Corned beef, cabbage and carrots filled the bellies of many. Green beer was also served, which was a great compliment to the

food.

When parade time came, the sun was still out and people were having fun. We were scheduled for the later leg of the parade, which meant that people on the streets were already in party and rowdy mode. This made for a high-energy response for all the motorcycles. We had 9 bikes riding in the parade, up 8 bikes from last year (thanks Kevin).

I believe the pictures tell the story of the great time had by all.



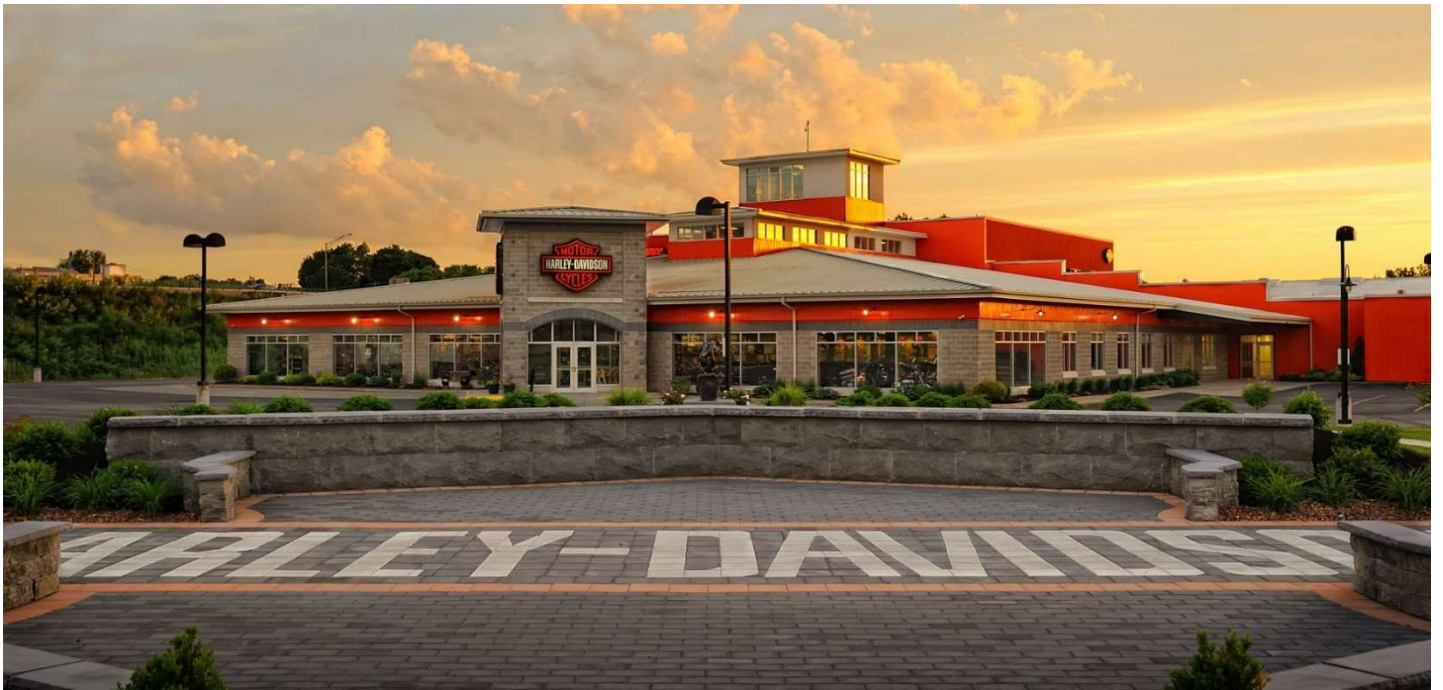


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## 2016 Ride/Event Calendar

April 17	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
April 17	11:00AM	Loop The Lake	Ken Yackel/Kevin Reney
April 22	5:30PM	Pensabene's Casa Grande	Terry Lynn Clark
April 23	10:00AM	PHD Bike Blessing	
April 23	8:00PM	Tel-Auc	
May 4	6:00PM	Ride To Somewhere	Kevin Reney
May 12	6:00PM	Delphia's Restaurant	Terry Lynn Clark
May 14	10:00AM	PHD Demo Day	
May 15	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
May 15	11:00AM	Screamers Eagle	Ken Yackel
May 18	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
May 22	9:00AM	Brook's BBQ	Ken Yackel
May 29	10:00AM	Watchfire	Mike Standen
Jun 1	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
Jun 8	6:00PM	The Distillery (DeWitt)	Dan Marsh
Jun 10		Americade	John Kresse
Jun 10	6:00PM	Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In	Terry Lynn Clark
Jun 11	10:00AM	Orbaker's Drive-In	Rob Gabor
Jun 15	6:00 PM	PHD Bike Night	
Jun 18	9:00AM	Learn To Ride	
Jun 19	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
Jun 19	11:00AM	Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In	Steve Knowles
Jun 22	6:00PM	Tailwater Lodge	Rob Gabor
Jun 28	6:00PM	The Gem	Jeff Mocyk
Jun 29	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
Jul 6	10:00AM	Sodus Bay	Terry Lynn Clark
Jul 12	6:00PM	RiverHouse Restaurant	John Snyder
Jul 13	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
Jul 16	9:00AM	NYS HOG Rally	Ken Yackel
Jul 17	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
Jul 17	11:00AM	Captain Jack's Good Time Tavern	Dan Sturtz
Jul 21	6:00PM	Bailiwick Market & Cafe	Kevin Reney
Jul 23	8:45AM	The Grist Mill Restaurant	Karen Whedon
Jul 27	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
Aug 3	10:00AM	Mystery Ride	Terry Lynn Clark
Aug 9	6:00PM	Greenwood Bistro	Barb Snyder
Aug 10	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
Aug 14	9:00AM	Buffalo Head Inn	Ken Yackel
Aug 20	9:00AM	O'Briens Restaurant & Bar	Dan Sturtz
Aug 21	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
Aug 21	11:00AM	Wolf Mountain Nature Center	John Kresse
Aug 22	5:30PM	Green Shutters	Terry Lynn Clark
Sep 9	6:00PM	Stella's Diner	Jeff Mocyk
Sep 17	12:00PM	PHD Fall Open House	
Sep 18	10:00AM	Chapter Meeting	
Sep 18	11:00AM	Picnic Ride	
Sep 24	10:00AM	PHD Demo Day	
Oct 1	8:00AM	Fall Foliage Ride	Bill Becker
Oct 2	9:30AM	Poolsville Country Store	Terry Lynn Clark



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