



SYRACUSE HOG
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The High Road

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PHD Blessing Of The Bikes

We had a good turnout at the blessing of the bikes on Saturday, April 23. Over 100 bikes were present.



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Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Director Ken Yackel who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before we began, Ken asked for a moment of silence for the Families of Mike Harrison and Rob Lancette in the loss of Mike's brother and Rob's sister. Ken then welcomed everyone with "its A Beautiful Day for a Ride!" We then welcomed new member Ann Marie Camardella to our Chapter. Welcome Ann Marie! Kirk and Kristine Wilson are the proud new owners of a new bike...an Ultra Classic Low! Congrats! Ken asked if anyone was interested in filling in as Historian for Garry Canino.

Ken also passed around a volunteer sheet for Demo Day, Saturday, May 14.

HOG Manager Rich Milazzo was not in attendance but reminds everyone to sign in if you wish to gather points for the end of the year.

Assistant Director Kevin Reney has a new HOG Catalog which has a lot of new items. If you are interested in seeing the goodies...see Kevin.

Treasurer's report was given by Debbie Yackel. We are in good standing to cover any expenses.

Membership report was also given by Debbie Yackel...As of today's meeting we have 116 paid members.

Kirk Wilson our Head Road Captain is looking for a ride leader for the Chief's Game on June 5th.

Road Captain John Kresse went over several aspects of how we ride in staggered formation, hand signals, and proper riding attire and DOT helmets.

The Safety Report was given today by John Snyder (for Steve Knowles)...John went over the specifics of the advanced Rider Safety Course which will be on June 18 in Groton.

Activities Officer Kris Wilson passed around a signup sheet for the Syracuse Chief's Game and which package you were interested in. We need 15 people and as now we have 10. The package includes game ticket, and all the goodies you can eat in 90 minutes. Package price is \$29.00 per person. This event is for friends and family as well.

Ladies of Harley Terry Clark is glad the weather is cooperating so we can get out and ride! Also she is still collecting t-shirts, toiletries; puzzle books, etc. for the VA. All the goodies will be delivered soon.

Karen Whedon Community Service Officer thanked everyone for participating in our food drive. The

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next one will be in August. The Food Bank can use donations all year, not just at holiday times. Karen also reminded everyone about volunteering at Tel Auc on April 23. It's a great time!

Rob Gabor our Webmaster and Editor reported that he is staying on top of the Syracuse HOG website issue. You can sync your phone for updates, as well as, subscribe to our Facebook page.

On the Editor side...if you have any pictures, please give them to Karen our Photographer so she can have them for the end of year disc, as well as, sending them to me for the newsletter.

Old Business...John Snyder reported that we have enough people for the Advanced Rider Safety course. Please get your check into Debbie Yackel as soon as possible so we can secure our date.

New Business...Bruce Chimene went to the Harley Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He asked if anyone was interested in a Route 66 10-day guided ride to California.

Today's T-shirt Bingo State is...SOUTH CAROLINA. No winner and the pot increases to \$20.00.

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



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



All I can say is WOW. Going to HOG Officers Training was well worth it. This is something I

wish I had done years ago. There were some great people teaching the classes, as well as in them. Kirk, Kristine, and I went to Providence and we learned a lot.



We hope that along with all the members, we can put some of these good ideas to use. I could not believe some of the things other chapters have done: Pajama Rides, Light up the Night Rides, Howl at the Moon Midnight Rides, and so many other wonderful ideas. So, with that being said, let's try to come up with some themes to add to our rides.

I hope to see you all on the 14th for DEMO Days, and the 15th for the meeting.



ACTIVITIES OFFICER

By Kristine Wilson:



We attended the 2016 HOT (HOG Officers Training) in Providence, Rhode Island a couple of weeks ago. It was a great opportunity to

learn more about our organization and gain insight into how to make our Syracuse HOG chapter the best it can be! We look forward to sharing our new knowledge and excitement about our training as time goes on.



At this point, we still need at least 8 people to reserve our spot at the Syracuse Chiefs game on June 5th. If you are interested in attending this event, please let me know at our May meeting.

If you have any ideas for upcoming events please let me know! I'm looking forward to a great riding season.

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kirk Wilson:



At the HOG Officers Training we attended a couple weeks ago, the focus was 'Let's Ride!' Our club exists to ride our motorcycles! We still need ride leaders and more rides to add to the calendar; if you are available please let me know. Some of our scheduled rides will need new leaders, also. We want to get out and ride as much as possible. Please keep your eyes on Facebook and Email for ride information and pick-up rides as the season starts picking up.

Let's Ride!

ROAD CAPTAIN

By John Kresse:

So here we are again waiting for the decent weather to arrive and while we're all chomping at the bit to hit the road, now may be a good time to think about a few things for when you do head out. Last month I said that I would talk about hand signals used for group rides but I'd like to postpone that thought and share some info that I've found useful over the years.

My initial thoughts are about the road itself. Besides the infinite number of potholes in the county and the skill and determination needed to miss them all,

there are a couple of other things I'd like to mention. First there's the construction that's being done. Even though the road we travel may not see a repair effort for months, there's still a lot of projects going on. Pay attention to the 'lines' they use to guide traffic around a work site. It's actually a very thick tape. Like anything else on the pavement that's *not* the pavement, it can mess with the control of your bike and make your tires behave squirrely. Also I believe, that if the tape is wet i.e. rain, it can be slippery which of course adds another dimension to the hazard.

Secondly are railroad tracks in particular. Steel can be a slippery surface again, especially if wet. I learned a long time ago that if you have the time and ability, cross the tracks as close to a 90 degree angle as possible. This lets your tires come in contact with as little steel as possible and reduces a risk of the rail trying to redirect your tire to move along its angle.

Lastly, this is from my Navy days (the *other* Navy that is) the Navy that flew jet aircraft. I had the opportunity to fly "Back-seat" quite a few times. One time in particular, with fuel left to burn, my pilot was vectored out to sea to intercept another aircraft. He was watching out the canopy to his right and down. I thought... I'll look to the left and down. Sure enough in less than a minute... there... a flash of gray paint, an F-4 Phantom maybe 500 feet below, passed us heading in the exact opposite direction. As "Goose" would say "Closing speed a thousand knots!!" I got on the mike, "Sir, he just passed low and to the left!!" Well the pilot

proceeded to engage in all sorts of cool maneuvers to bring us around on his tail but I kept my cookies down. The point is that after awhile I became very good at seeing things that were hard to pick out from the background and I later came to the conclusion, I wasn't looking for the jet, I was looking for the movement. Mostly because it didn't belong there. So, that's just a little food for thought; I hope it can help you some.

I wish everyone safe and happy riding.

SAFETY OFFICER

By Steve Knowles:



Group Riding
'May' the ride season begin!

Group Riding

Is NOT Playing 'Follow The Leader'

By James R. Davis

I have heard it argued by some who prefer not to ride in groups that group riding is no more than playing 'follow the leader'. And since most of us that ride big bikes are far from being simply

followers, group riding is for 'the other guys'.

Well, I have no problem with people preferring to ride solo. But if the concept of group riding is generally thought to be simply playing 'follow the leader', I'd like to correct that impression immediately.

When you join a group ride you do agree to be led by a lead bike and to be sheperded by a drag bike. You agree that you will station-keep (maintain proper spacing and a staggered formation). And you agree that you will adopt the 'prime directive' (never hit the bike in front of you).

Sounds like 'follow the leader' to me, too. But there is more. You, for example, agree to follow the lead bike UNLESS IT IS INTO DANGER. You agree to rely solely on yourself to determine that a lane change is safe for you to perform. You agree, in other words, to be responsible for your own safety. This is what is meant by the often heard admonition to 'ride your own ride!'

In other words, riding in a group is more than being a passive component. It involves being an ACTIVE participant.

Lest you think this is a trivial 'nit pick' and that despite the above you are nevertheless still just following the leader, let me describe a few situations that might change your mind.

Yesterday a group of 7 people on 5 bikes went out for a short (150 mile) ride together. One of the people was a newbie to the group and to group riding. We explained what our concept of group riding entails, and he had received a copy of our group riding guidelines

document the week before. Because there was a new rider in the group we started out very conservatively.

That is, our lead bike decided to place the new person in the slot immediately in front of me (riding drag) and when we got to a freeway he kept the group in the right-most lane. This was done to give me an opportunity to gauge the skills of the new rider before we increased our speed and moved left.

What I observed was that this person had fine control of his bike, but he was clearly anxious about being in the right lane (as was I.) There was rather a lot of merging traffic before we got out of town.

Someone in the group who was equally anxious said on the CB: "Hey, Harry, I have it on good authority that there are 2 more lanes on this freeway." Harry (our lead bike) responded by asking me to secure a lane to the left. I did so and the group moved to the left.

So? So one of the 'followers' changed the behavior of the group! He took an active role and asked, in his own fashion, for the group to move out of the slow lane.

[Had the newbie been having any trouble with highway speed or with control of his bike in any other way I would have vetoed the lane change and asked for an exit lane instead. The drag bike has a lot of discretion in our groups.] Taking an active role is expected of our riders! And not just to change some group behavior to accommodate a personal desire. Each rider in our group is expected to look out

for the interests of the other riders as well.

Another example from yesterday. Elaine and I separated from the rest of the group as the ride came to an end. We rode our two bikes together through some unfamiliar back country roads that had essentially no traffic on them. We traveled at speeds of from 60 to 70 MPH most of the time, so long as conditions were favorable.

Elaine has led groups for in excess of 50,000 miles over the past 8 years and is very good at it. When we approach unfamiliar curves she does not push the envelope, especially when there are others in the group besides just the two of us. It is not unusual, however, for her to take a marked curve at from 10 to 20 MPH above posted advisory speed limits. (If a sign says that the speed of a curve is 45 MPH, Elaine and I will usually take it about 60 MPH.)

Last night we were traveling at about 70 MPH when I noticed that we were about to enter a curve that was posted at 20MPH!!! Elaine had looked down at her instrument panel and had not noticed the sign at all. There is no way in the world that Elaine would try to take that curve at 70 MPH. So, I announced that 'this one is 20!' on the CB and she hit her binders and brought her bike down to about 30 MPH before she entered the curve. I hasten to add that the curve was not visible at all before I made my announcement, at least to me. Elaine had seen the first set of left-pointing arrows indicating that she was approaching a curve, but had no idea that it was such a slow one. We both made it through the curve without incident.

What's the message here? I took an ACTIVE role and warned her about the speed of the curve ahead. In other words, all riders in a group are expected to look out for everybody else. Elaine may have been the lead bike at the time, but if I had simply been a passive rider 'following the leader', both of us would have ended up on the side of the road waiting for a life-flight helicopter, or worse.

Being in a group provides everyone with many extra pairs of eyes, extra minds to deal with situations others are not prepared to deal with, help in the event of problems, and a community of informed judgment makers. To think that any of the group would fail to be active when the need arose is out of the question. To think that anyone in our group of riding friends would have failed to warn Elaine about the speed of the curve ahead is simply nuts. None of us will follow a lead bike into danger - but more importantly, none of us would allow a lead bike to enter danger without trying to prevent it. ACTIVE roles for all.

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Hand Signals

MSF Guide Group Riding Hand Book

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up, swing upward



Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down, swing down to your side



Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up



Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



Hazard in Roadway - on the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot



Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



MEMBERSHIP

The following members National HOG memberships are about to expire

June: Cathy Damiano
Alane Olivieri
July: Marcella Becker
Kenneth Cook
Sandra English
Steven English
Jennifer Marsh

Remember...If your National HOG Membership expires, so does your Local Membership to Syracuse HOG and you will be removed from the roster.



Happy Birthday

Happy HOG Birthday to you!

Renee Sager	May 6
Terry Lynn Clark	May 7
Pat Cavanaugh	May 14
Bernard Hudgins	May 18
Kevin Reney	May 23

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**

Once again it was a get together of members of Syracuse HOG to volunteer for the annual WCNY Tel-Auc that took place at their station in downtown Syracuse.



Yours truly was unable to participate in the event due to illness, but from what I hear, it was a fun time for all the people that did show up.

They manned the phones on Saturday ***April 23, from 8:30 until 11:00.*** Activities consisted of working the phone bank by taking incoming bids and also being bid runners. Several of them met at the station for dinner. The free meal provided by Garden View dinner consisted of Chicken and Biscuits and chocolate cookies for dessert. Not bad for a freebie!!

Since I was stuck at home, I sat on the couch watching the fun and saw that several of our members got on camera a few times during the evening.



Thank you to the following individuals who gave their Saturday evening to help: Jim Allen, Carl Barber, Terry Lynn Clark, the Davidson's, Gina Harrison, John Kresse, Patti Reith, and the Snyder's. It was a great way to spend a fun evening filled with laughs, good times and helping Public Broadcasting at the same time.

LOOP THE LAKE RIDE



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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	
May 18	6:00PM	PHD Bike Night	
May 22	9:00AM	Brook's BBQ	
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	
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	
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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