



# SYRACUSE HOG

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## The High Road

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#### Picnic pictures from September 18, 2016

Cicero American Legion



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## Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2016

By Joanne Piston for Cindy Standen:



The meeting came to order at 10:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members & Guests: Two new members/guests were present. They introduced themselves and shared what they ride.

Health & Welfare: No news is good news.

HOG Manager: Bruno Schirripa attended and shared that Rich Milazzo is no longer with PHD. Many thanks to those who participated in the Open House on Saturday! The dealership is looking forward to being more supportive of our local club. Bruno also shared a new National HOG package that will be given to anyone who purchases a 2017 model which will promote membership. He will be pushing to become our new HOG manager.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Piston shared the current bank balance is approximately \$2,500. There are HOG Chapter nametags available to members for \$8.00. They need to be ordered in lots of 12 so when that's met, she'll place another order.

Membership: Mike Piston reported that there are at 143 current members and we have received a couple more applications in the mailbox this morning. He also gave a reminder for members to sign in when they attend events.

Head Road Captain: John Kresse noted that the next ride is the Fall Foliage Ride to the Catskills. Bill Becker shared that the ride will be about 300 miles. Bill also asked for suggestions on where to meet up before the ride. Currently the meeting place is PHD. Bill suggested possibly meeting at Enders Road & Route 92. The ride start is at 8 AM.

Safety Report: Steve Knowles was unable to attend – Kevin noted that 'road snakes' are dangerous when hot or wet.

Activities: Kristine shared that the picnic is today at the Cicero American Legion. Kristine encouraged all to come even if they have not yet registered or paid.

Ladies of Harley: No Report

Community Service & Photographer: Joanne Piston shared Karen Whedon's report that there will be 3 Salvation Army Red Kettle drives this year – one on Black Friday, one at

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PHD's Christmas Party and one other to be announced. The club has donated 25 pounds of canned goods recently and is now beginning to collect for the holidays. Please bring your donations to meetings or any time you are shopping at PHD.

Webmaster & Editor: Rob shared that he has sold his bike and is staying on in the club through the year. He asked for anyone who may be interested in becoming webmaster or editor to let him or Kevin know.

Historian: Garry Canino shared that Cindy Standen passed on two boxes of HOG documents that he has yet to go through and read. Please keep in mind that he is always looking for historical info. Give it to Garry!!

Old Business: Nothing to share.

New Business: Pig Pot: We raised \$80 with \$40 of that going to Dan Sturtz.

T-Shirt Bingo: South Dakota was drawn. No one had that on today. This brings next month's prize to \$70.

Motion was made and the meeting was adjourned.



## DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



Well, I want to thank EVERYONE for a successful Picnic. From what I saw, everyone appeared to have

fun. I know I sure did.

Now it's time to start planning the Annual Dinner. I am sure you are all looking forward to it. Kristine and Joanne are hard at work trying to come up with some new places to try. Hopefully they will have some great places to share with you soon.

I wanted to let you all know that I stopped down to Performance on Saturday 10/1 to update the boards as well.



I hope everyone likes the way they turned out.

## TREASURER

By Joanne Piston:



At 9/30 our bank balance stood at \$2412.23.

Our September income was \$840, the majority of which was for the picnic.

September expenses, which included picnic costs and other miscellaneous items, were \$1025.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information on the details

## ACTIVITES OFFICER

By Kristine Wilson:



Happy October! We had a great turnout and a wonderful time at the Annual Picnic this year! The Legion did a great job with the food, and

we had a fun (and hysterical) time playing trivia and the balloon game! Congratulations to the 'Fruit Cups' for winning the trivia game and thank you to all of those that were willing to participate in the balloon game without knowing what you were getting yourselves into! We were lucky to have many gift baskets and prizes to give

away through PHD and various donations. THANK YOU to PHD for your generosity! We were also fortunate to have the Traveling Wall (see Cindy's article) with us. Thanks to Gina Harrison for making such tasty dessert treats, and thanks to everyone who helped make the picnic a success! Our lucky winners at the picnic were:

Towel Basket- Dick and Anna Davidson

HD Coffee Cup- Bill Czelusniak

Clean/Detail Kit- Tim Alexander

Halloween Basket- Joel Soccio

HD Coasters- Joanne Piston

License Frame- Bob Dennis

Bell and Keychain- Bruce Chimene

Heart Earrings- Bill Becker

Grey HD Hat- Bill Kilgore

Shot Glasses- Steve Dickinson

Bell and Keychain- Bruce LaPorte  
(Travelling Wall)

Magnets and Window Decal- Barb Snyder

Bracelet- Gina Harrison

Wine Basket- Kevin Reney

Fall Harvest Basket- Patti Reith

Silver Earrings- Karen Whedon

Table Setting Basket- Jody VanAuken

Set of 5 Bike Prints- Mike Piston

Men's Duffle, Tin Sign and Detail- Dan Sturtz

Women's Duffle, Tin Sign and Detail-  
Kris Wilson

M&M Candy Jar- Steve Dickinson

Cake Raffle- Christine Lanfair

HOG Wreath- Terry Lynn Clark

Kevin also gave away numerous prizes to random winners who attended rides this year. One winner per table won the 'Bike Money' centerpieces as well.

Now we are looking forward to the Annual Dinner! Please be prepared at our October meeting to vote on the location...we will have a few options to choose from. Have fun getting in your last rides of the season if you are a fair weather rider!

## HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By John Kresse:



Greetings all HOG members.

The days are growing shorter by the... day. As we ride more into the evenings, the usual fall cautions must again be brought to mind.

In particular, I'm told by folks who have been paying attention to and have had the opportunity to see, the deer have been starting to 'herd-up'. That means the rut is getting near and the deer

become more mobile at dusk and at night.

Keep in mind of course even in a car, if you see one deer, a second one may be close behind. Be prepared to see that one and adjust your speed accordingly.

That's all for now. Ride safe everyone.

## **SAFETY OFFICER**

By Steve Knowles:



### **Handling Dangerous Surfaces**

This is great article to share because I have encountered (and survived) many

dangerous surfaces over the years and I'm sure most experienced riders have too. More than once, I've had my foot slide out from under me while coming to a stop and somehow, I quickly became 'Hercules' holding my bike upright, preventing it from falling. One evening, as I turned the corner onto Schuler St in Utica, I abruptly found myself under my bike laying on the road surface. It was dark and I didn't see the railroad track running parallel in the road. As I turned the corner, my front tire dropped in the sunken railroad track and immediately stripped my balance and control away from me so incredible fast, I didn't even know what happen! Wow, talk about dangerous road surfaces... Sometimes I think 'Luck' is my co-pilot. Hence, being alert and expecting change in road surface conditions is just

part of everyday riding. So when you throw your leg up over your saddle, your mind set changes and this is when your forethoughts and heightened awareness of your ever-changing surrounding kicks-in. Knowing the importances of riding safe is as equal to enjoying your ride.

### **Handling Dangerous Surfaces from NYS DMV Ride at your Abilities**

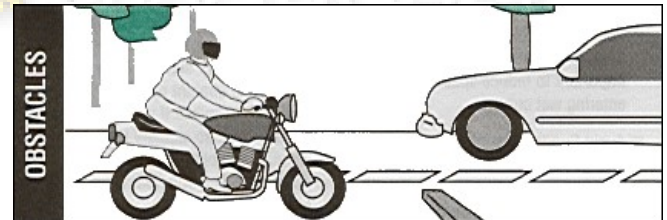
#### Handling Dangerous Surfaces

Your chance of falling or being involved in a crash increases whenever you ride across:

- Uneven surfaces or obstacles.
- Slippery surfaces.
- Railroad tracks.
- Grooves and gratings.

#### Uneven Surfaces and Obstacles

Watch for uneven surfaces such as bumps, broken pavement, potholes, or small pieces of highway trash.



Try to avoid obstacles by slowing or going around them. If you must go over the obstacle, first, determine if it is possible. Approach it at as close to a 90° angle as possible. Look where you want to go to control your path of travel. If you have to ride over the obstacle, you should:

- Slow down as much as possible before contact.
- Make sure the motorcycle is straight.
- Rise slightly off the seat with your weight on the footpegs to absorb the shock with your knees and

elbows, and avoid being thrown off the motorcycle.

- Just before contact, roll on the throttle slightly to lighten the front end.

If you ride over an object on the street, pull off the road and check your tires and rims for damage before riding any farther.

### Slippery Surfaces

Motorcycles handle better when ridden on surfaces that permit good traction. Surfaces that provide poor traction include:

- Wet pavement, particularly just after it starts to rain and before surface oil washes to the side of the road.
- Gravel roads, or where sand and gravel collect.
- Mud, snow, and ice.
- Lane markings, steel plates and manhole covers, especially when wet.

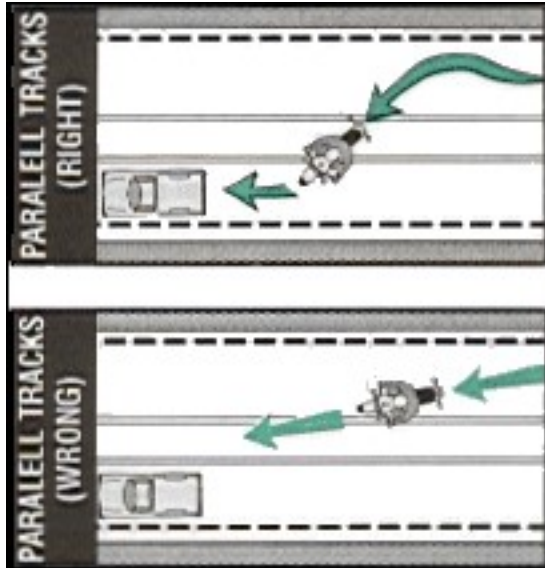
To ride safely on slippery surfaces:

- Reduce Speed — Slow down before you get to a slippery surface to lessen your chances of skidding. Your motorcycle needs more distance to stop. And, it is particularly important to reduce speed before entering wet curves.
- Avoid Sudden Moves — Any sudden change in speed or direction can cause a skid. Be as smooth as possible when you speed up, shift gears, turn or brake.
- Use Both Brakes — The front brake is still effective, even on a slippery surface. Squeeze the brake lever gradually to avoid locking the front wheel. Remember, gentle pressure on the rear brake.

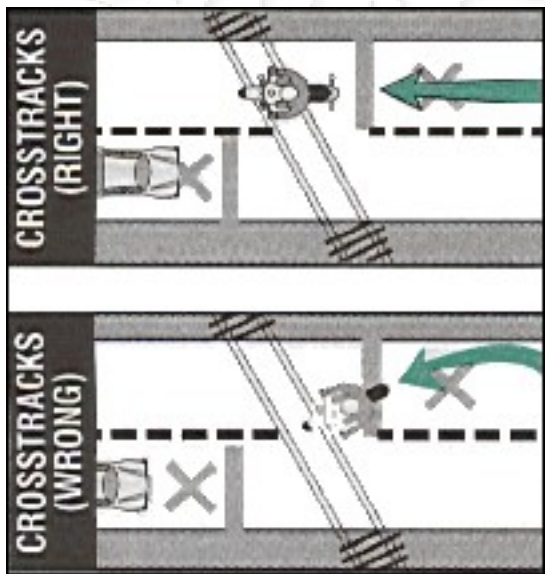
- The center of a lane can be hazardous when wet. When it starts to rain, ride in the tire tracks left by cars. Often, the left tire track will be the best position, depending on traffic and other road conditions as well.
- Watch for oil spots when you put your foot down to stop or park. Your foot may slip away, increasing the potential to fall.
- Dirt and gravel collect along the sides of the road — especially on curves and ramps leading to and from highways. Be aware of what is on the edge of the road, particularly when making sharp turns and getting on or off freeways at high speeds.
- Rain dries and snow melts faster on some sections of a road than on others. Patches of ice tend to crop up in low or shaded areas and on bridges and overpasses. Wet surfaces or wet leaves are just as slippery. Ride on the least slippery portion of the lane and reduce speed.

Cautious riders steer clear of roads covered with ice or snow. If you cannot avoid a slippery surface, keep your motorcycle straight up and proceed as slowly as possible. If you encounter a large surface so slippery that you must coast, or travel at a walking pace, consider letting your feet skim along the surface. If the motorcycle starts to fall, you can catch yourself. Be sure to keep off the brakes. If possible, squeeze the clutch and coast. Attempting this maneuver at anything other than the slowest of speeds could prove hazardous.

Railroad Tracks, Trolley Tracks and Pavement Seams

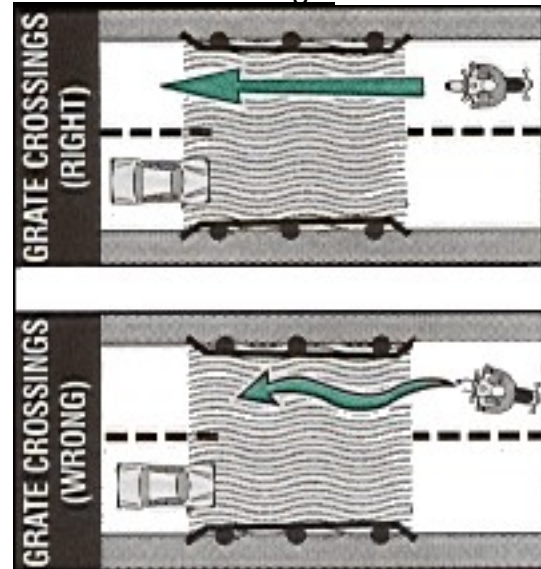


Usually it is safer to ride straight within your lane to cross tracks. Turning to take tracks head-on (at a 90° angle) can be more dangerous - your path may carry you into another lane of traffic.



For track and road seams that run parallel to your course, move far enough away from tracks, ruts, or pavement seams to cross at an angle of at least 45°. Then, make a quick, sharp turn. Edging across could catch your tires and throw you off balance.

### Grooves and Gratings



Riding over rain grooves or bridge gratings may cause a motorcycle to weave. The uneasy, wandering feeling generally is not hazardous. Relax, maintain a steady speed and ride straight across. Crossing at an angle forces riders to zigzag to stay in the lane. The zigzag is far more hazardous than the wandering feeling.

### TEST YOURSELF

9. When it starts to rain it is usually best to:
- A. Ride in the center of the lane.
  - B. Pull off to the side until the rain stops
  - C. Ride in the tire tracks left by cars.
  - D. Increase your speed.

Answer: C





# MEMBERSHIP

By Mike Piston:



Although many of us are still looking forward to some beautiful fall rides, I would like to remind everyone that it is never too soon to

sign up for your 2017 membership. There will be a random winner for a FREE 2017 local membership to the club for anyone that has paid for the 2017 membership by the November meeting!!!!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new HOG members:

Michael Christopher  
Darwin Gensel

The following members National HOG memberships are about to expire:

September: Steve Berube  
Anna Davidson  
William Killgore

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



October 1	Michael Bell
1	Walter Bialobreski
4	Carmen Rinaldo
7	Cathy Damiano
8	Richard Filippi
16	Robert Llewellyn
17	Patti Reith
26	Mark Jezerski
31	Paul Killian

November 1	Cindy Standen
2	Ray Liepke
5	James Allen
5	Kenneth Dawe
23	Joanne Piston
30	Steven Berube

# HISTORIAN

By Garry Canino:



Two meetings ago, I stood up and said that I was looking for any and all information pertaining to the HOG Club even if it was one issue or one piece of information. My words were, "remember, give it to

Garry". So a couple of days later, I get an email from Cindy Standen saying that she had some materials for me. It turns out that some materials comprised of two full boxes of "history" dating back to at least 1991 and maybe further back. I haven't had a chance to go through all of the materials.

A look through the first folder gave me a wealth of information. Dating back to 1994, the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by Director Willie Burns. Other members mentioned in the minutes were Paul Calkins, Jeff Baker.

The January Dinner Dance was scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites. There was mention made of a Swap Meet booth, there was a call out for members to man the booth.

One interesting note that I found in the October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, that may be of interest to the club were the names of two new members Walt and Peg Nowakowski.

1994 saw the State rally being held at Friar Tuck in the Catskills. The state meeting was held in Hamilton. A suggestion was made for Syracuse to host the State Rally in 1996, it was agreed that possible would be looked into to see if the idea was feasible

Also of interest, the club has a librarian, the librarian was in charge of race tapes and magazines that members could borrow.

The October meeting saw 34 bikes in the parking lot.

In 1994 the HOG meetings were held at the Western Ranch Motor Inn, on State

Fair Blvd. Meetings were held on the third Sunday of the month and started at 10:00. Directions to get to the Western Ranch were posted in The High Road.

As I start to research the wealth of information I hope to come up with other bits of information. It would be interesting to note similarities between years past and differences between then and now, (Of note the Office of Librarian in 1994).

No mention was made of a ride schedule, although that may be in another section of box.



## TRAVELING WALL

By Cindy Standen:



The Traveling Memorial Wall for Fallen Bikers is a 501c3 Not for Profit Charitable Corp. whose purpose is to seek and to save lives and decrease motorcycle fatalities by

educating the public and increasing driver awareness of motorcycles, promoting safe riding habits and the proper use of safety gear as well as honor the memory of motorcycle riders, supporters and enthusiasts who have fallen.



This Traveling Memorial Wall for Fallen Bikers was created in Cicero, NY by John Palmer in 2011 to honor the memory of fallen riders of this country. The first name on the Wall is his father, the second his brother. The Wall was first thought of in February 2011 and was finished in April 2011. The Wall was dedicated May 22, 2011 in Parish, NY at the Happy Valley Inn. A record of the names on the Wall is kept in a ledger along with a biography about the person who is honored.

As a group of people all over this country, motorcyclists have one of the highest death rates with exception to the military. There are thousands of riders across this country. We come from every walk of life. It's not what you ride, it's why you ride. The fact that you rode at all is why your name is allowed on this Wall. The Wall was constructed to honor the people that sought freedom that we fight for everyday. The freedom to ride when and what we want.

Bruce LaPorte along with his wife Dee, have visited our Chapter on two occasions to share their purpose. They have recently been blessed with

receiving a grant which allows them to keep spreading the word about motorcycle safety. They have reached out to over 1,000 kids in 41 classes, are distributing 5,000 blue and white Motorcycle Awareness yard signs, have spoken at the NYS Highway Safety Symposium in Lake Placid and other venues in the northeast. The HYS Highway Safety Symposium attracts more than 350 professionals from local, state, federal and private agencies who are involved in the effort to reduce deaths and injuries related to traffic crashes. These professionals attend the symposium to exchange information on current activities and new developments on the promotion of injury prevention programs.



You'll likely see Bruce out and about at various motorcycle events, bike nights, the Swapmeet at the NYS Fairgrounds each year in February and many benefit rides. When you do, take a moment to say hi and support this wonderful cause. Also if you know a group that would like him to attend their event, getting a hold of him is easy at [bikerwall@yahoo.com](mailto:bikerwall@yahoo.com)



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