



The High Road

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Performance H-D Holiday Party - December 10, 2016



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Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2016

By Cindy Standen:



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

New Members & Guests – We welcomed both of Kris Wilson's kids and passed on Happy Birthday wishes to one.

Health & Welfare – No news is good news.

Dealer Representative – Bruno Schirripa shared many new events coming up thru the Holiday season – Black Friday Breakfast & 25% savings 7:00-9:00 then 20% until 6:00 p.m., Women's Night, Men's Night, Toys for Tots Drive, a few gift wrap days with the donations benefitting the HOG Chapter. There is also planned for next year the annual Chili Cookoff 1/28/17 with Dinosaur BBQ and Buffalo Wild Wings invited to participate. They want to do some benefit events to give back to the hard work from the areas Boys & Girls Clubs and also want to bring back the Summer Ride Series with four rides (north, south, east & west) followed by food and entertainment back at the dealership. He requested assistance from our Road Captain in planning those rides. Last but not least, they plan on unveiling the Custom Build that PHD and Shane Gatto have been working on the past two years. Regarding Toys for Tots – PHD plans a police-led procession from the dealership down James Street to Channel 3 News the afternoon of 12/14/16. They'll be leaving PHD at 4:30 with their large trailer filled with all the toys they collect. His hopes are that the trailer will be filled to the brim. Jim Lanfair offered to play Santa and Dave Ferguson is looking into a Santa outfit for him to wear. Weather-permitting, PHD might offer up a bike or two to ride in the procession so a couple HOG Members might be able to ride and show support.

Treasurer's Report - Joanne Piston reported that our current balance is approx. \$2500.

Membership – Mike Standen reminded all to remember to sign-in at all Chapter events. Mike Piston reminded everyone to get their membership renewals in for 2017. Anyone renewing should get it in asap to participate in the 12/18/17 draw for a free membership for calendar year 2017 (renewal will be reimbursed). We also are bringing back the Mileage Program so mark down your 2016 year end mileage to he can begin tracking it for next year's rewards. Also he's including Happy Birthday announcements into our monthly newsletters.

Road Captain - John Kresse reviewed his article from the November newsletter and there was an open discussion on various gasoline additives such as StarTron to be used over the winter months, especially with the use of ethanol in our gasoline now.

Safety - Steve Knowles also touched on his November article.

Activities - Kristine Wilson stated that Casa Di Copani on Burnet Ave turned out to be a bad choice due to the room layouts-needing 3 rooms to accommodate us. Our second choice, Borio's was chosen and reserved based on a Facebook vote. Cost per ticket is \$20 for members, \$45 for non-members and she's taking payments immediately. Make them out to SYRACUSE HOG and either mail to Syracuse HOG, c/o PHD, 807 N. Geddes Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 or drop off in our HOG mail box here or pay her at the December meeting. Volunteers are welcome to help her with setup, etc. They'll be our usual Chinese Auction. Live entertainment options are being looked at and any other ideas will be welcomed. She's also planning on HOG Bowl again in February and the St. Pat's Parade in March.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn Clark reminded everyone that we continue to take in donations for the VA Hospital patients and residents. They require any

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clothing items are new. Many items are needed such as toiletries, clothing, games and more can be found on their website. She is pushing for a delivery of the items to the hospital just before Christmas so please put this on your To Do lists and drop your items off at the dealership at any time you're in the area. She's planning on a drop off around 12/8.

Community Service - Karen Whedon is always looking for food donations for the Food Bank and she too, is looking to put in our donated items just before the Holidays. She also mentioned the Red Kettle Drive for the Salvation Army. Brian Sedlack looks forward to us doing this and we will have three dates – 11/25 Black Friday, 12/10 PHD's Holiday Party and on Christmas Eve 12/23. Along with the Red Kettle Drive we'll be either doing an Ugly Sweater Contest again which has always been fun or maybe and Ugly Elf Contest. Contact Karen if you want to help out on anyone of these dates.

Photographer - Karen Whedon is always collecting our photos of our rides, events or any motorcycle related event that we individually do. At year end for our Annual Dinner Meeting they'll be a photo montage of all these photos and also a cd for purchase with all them for our own collections.

Historian – Garry Canino mentioned him seeing some stories about car companies and maybe some bike companies using soy in wire wraps, very enticing to mice as they love to chew on wires. He too spoke about his experience with various gas additives.

Editor - Rob Gabor mentioned that he would be stepping down from this position come January, so anyone interested; he will be happy to work with you in turning the reigns over.

Webmaster – Rob Gabor also mentioned that he would stay on as our Webmaster since this is a very involved, technical position.

Old Business – None

New Business - Kevin Reney announced that any member interested can request to step up and take on an open Officer's Position. At this time it looks like we are looking for an Editor and Safety Officer. Just as the meeting was progressing, the position of Secretary was filled along with Assistant Director and those new officers will be announced at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

HOG Wall – it's time to move from the Fall/Halloween theme to something more wintery so anyone that wants to help should see Kevin.

Bruce Chimene mentioned his recent one month visit to Spain. He said that there were scooters everywhere and Harley's are about 1% of the bike population over there. He was in awe of the United States love affair with Harley's even more.

Everyone was encouraged to check into some of the member benefits that are noted in the HOG national magazine such as discounts with AT& T and Best Western Hotels.

The 2017 HOG Rally will be held in Utica next year. This is becoming more of a regional rally instead of for each state. Kevin encouraged anyone interested in attending to get their hotel reservations made asap.

T-Shirt Bingo – After eight months we had FOUR winners with Wisconsin. Kris Wilson, Dan Sturtz, Terry Lynn Clark and Jason Ratliff. They split the pot of \$80.00.

Pig Pot – We took in \$117 and Kris also walked away with those winnings \$58.50.

A motion was made and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



Well 2016 is coming to an end.

While the year did not start off the way we expected, I think the membership has done

a wonderful job coming together to make it a successful year. I am thankful for what each and every one of you has done throughout the year to make this Club even better. I am looking forward to another year, and bigger and better things. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



TREASURER

By Joanne Piston:



At 11/30 our bank balance stood at \$2663.69.

Our receipts included some memberships, annual dinner income and Pig Pot.

We paid the deposit for our annual dinner and paid out \$80 to 4 people to share for t-shirt bingo.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you would like more information on the details.

HISTORIAN

By Garry Canino:



BITS AND PIECES

Being that it is the Christmas season, I'd thought I'd deviate from a Historian's prospective and offer the club something a little different. A chance to laugh, maybe a chance to laugh at ourselves a bit, or in any event to look at ourselves on the lighter side. So here goes:

Stranded On An Island

A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck on the horizon. It keeps getting bigger and bigger. Then out of the surf comes this beautiful woman wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up

to the guy and says, "How long has it been since you have had a cigarette?" "Ten years" he says. She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a fresh pack of cigarettes. He lights one up and says, "man oh man is that good."

Then she asks, "How long has it been since you have had a drink of whiskey?" "Ten years" he says. She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her right, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a swig and says, "Wow. That's fantastic!"

Then she starts to unzip this long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit. She says to him, "And how long has it been since you have had some real fun?" The man replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've got a Harley in there!"

Stopped For Speeding

A blonde was speeding on her bike in a 35-mile per hour zone when a local police officer pulls her over and walks up to the bike. The officer, who also happens to be blonde, asks for the blonde's driver's license. The blonde searches frantically for her license and finally says to the policewoman, "What does a driver's license look like?" Irritated, the blonde cop said, "You dummy! It's got your picture on it." The driver searches again and finds a small rectangular mirror. She holds it up to her face and says, "Aha!, This must be my driver's license" and hands it to the blonde policewoman. The cop looks in the mirror, hands it back to the driver and says, "You're free to go. And if had known you were a police officer too, we could have avoided all of this."

One Wish

A biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head. In a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so that I can ride over whenever I want." The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel that it would take. It would nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take some time and think of something that would honor and glorify me." The biker thought about it for some time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she is thinking when she is quiet towards me, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing is wrong and how I can make her truly happy." The Lord replied, "How many lanes do you want on that bridge?"

Two Girlfriends

Two girlfriends were speeding on their bike down the highway at well over 100 MPH. "Hey," asked the brunette in the front, "see any cops following us?" The blonde riding in the back turned around for a long look. "As a matter of fact, I do." "Oh, NOOO!" yelled the brunette. "Are his flashers on?" The blonde turned around again. "Yup...nope...yup...nop...yup..."

Pig! Pig!

The other day, a guy was riding his bike and was speeding down a narrow twisting mountain road. Then along came a man who was driving very slowly uphill toward the guy honking his horn and shouting, "Pig! Pig!" He yelled, "Pig! Pig!" So the guy flipped him the finger and shouted back some things he dare not repeat in public as he buzzed by him. Still thinking about this awful man and shouting, the guy turned corner and promptly collided with a pig.



Season's
Greetings

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



Community Service Events

First a big **THANK YOU** to all the people that helped make the PHD Holiday Party a success. A second **THANK YOU** to all the Red Kettle bell ringers. Many of you did double duty and helped out with both. You are awesome as usual.



There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest for all members at the meeting on the 18th.

The only rule is that it cannot be the same sweater from last year; and yes we have pictures..

And as always, *Thank You for caring.*



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