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**UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
WINNERS:
JIM LANFAIR (MEETING)
TERRY LYNN CLARK (BELL RINGERS)**



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HOG Meeting Minutes 12/19/16



**Submitted by Cindy Standen
Chapter 3424 Secretary**

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

New Members & Guests – No one new today.

Health & Welfare – Ron Amyot had knee replacement surgery and seems to be doing well as he was found out and about recently.

Dealer Representative – Bruno Schirripa and Brian Sedlack graciously thanked all those that volunteered for the many PHD events thru the holiday season – from gift wrapping, helping with the Holiday Party, the Red Kettle Drive and Food Bank collection. Toys for Tots was a big success and again thanks went out for what we contributed and showing up during the distribution at Channel 3.

They also talked about the upcoming PHD Chili Contest to be held 1/28/17 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm and today's HOG Appreciation Sale – 20% all H-D merchandise when the doors open at 11:00.

Treasurer's Report - Joanne Piston reported on our balance and how we are in good shape for our upcoming Annual Dinner Meeting.

Membership – Mike Piston reported we currently have 145 members. He reminded everyone to sign in at each event, PHD and HOG. The year-end drawing for early HOG membership renewal went to Terry Lynn Clark; she had her 2017 membership reimbursed.

Community Service - Karen Whedon held the Ugly Sweater Contest for meeting attendees who were decked out in their best holiday sweaters – Jim Lanfair won this one. Terry Lynn Clark won the Red Kettle Bell Ringers contest – PHD provided 2016 Christmas ornaments prizes.

She mentioned that although the final count isn't in yet, it looked like we were going to have a record year for the Salvation Army Red Kettle collection.

Karen went on to remind every one of the upcoming Travel Auction Friday 1/20 at Channel 24, food between 7-8:30, 8:30 p.m. airtime.

Road Captain - John Kresse wasn't able to get an article in the December newsletter but did touch base on watching the hot/cold temperature changes and how condensation can do damage to surfaces.

After our February monthly meeting, there will be a ride planning meeting with refreshments immediately following. Everyone was asked to start thinking about where they would like to ride to this upcoming season and who might be able to step up and lead a few.

Safety - Steve Knowles had a quick suggestion – anyone planning on riding in December or January, please plan on a visit to the PHD Part's Dept. as well.

Activities - Kristine Wilson mentioned plans are coming along nicely for our Annual Dinner Meeting at Borio's on Saturday 1/14/17. 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; set up volunteers should give Kris a call and plan on about 4:30 p.m. or so to be at Borio's. There will be no T-shirt Bingo at the dinner but there will be a Pig Pot drawing. Dress code is Casual.

Kris welcomed Christine Lanfair as our incoming Activities Officer. Christine then talked about planning on HOG Bowl again in February – looks like 2/11/17 at 2:00 p.m. and the St. Pat's Parade in March. Keep your eyes open for more definite details to come.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn Clark stated that the VA Hospital once again was very appreciative of our donations. They asked going forward to focus towards games and recreational items. Her next donation drop off is planned for mid-February.

Photographer - Karen Whedon thanked Cindy Standen for her contributions to this year's large set of photos taken at pretty much all our rides and events. She's planning on a video montage during the Annual Dinner and will have photo cd's available for \$5.00 if anyone is interested.

Historian – Garry Canino lightened up the December newsletter with some jokes instead of history items. He & Marj will be headed to Florida for their usual winter vacation and will be back with us by the March meeting.

Editor – Rob Gabor wanted everyone to make sure that they are using the correct email address for any contributions members would like to add to a newsletter. They should use: Editor@syracusehog.com. He will be stepping down and Anne Marie Camardella will be taking over the reins.

Webmaster – Rob Gabor – the new plan going forward will be PHD will work with us on any updates to the HOG website.

Old Business – None

New Business - Kevin Reney announced that any member interested can request to step up and take on our last open position as Safety Officer; get a hold of him if you are interested.

T-Shirt Bingo – Colorado was this month's pick – no winner so next month the pot is \$20.00.

Pig Pot – We took in \$146 and John Snyder took home (or Xmas shopping) \$73.00.

A motion was made and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Well we made it through 2016....

This club has made me proud to be a part of it once again. Each and every one of you has made this club better over the last year.

I wish to personally thank you.

Now it's time to welcome in 2017.

What does that mean?

So many things to look forward to.

Bowling, Ride Planning, Day Trips, Night Rides, New faces, and hopefully a few overnight rides. Remember that February is our Ride Planning Meeting.

So bring your ideas, big or small, we want to hear them all. If you cannot make it, email them in. We hope to see your smiling face this year even more.



Thank you once again,

Kevin

COMMUNITY SERVICE



ANOTHER HUGE \$UCCE\$\$

HELPING OTHERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This year we held three Salvation Army Red Kettle drives at Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse Harley Owners Group proved what great people Bikers are, both in giving and in volunteering their time.

Thanks to all the volunteer's efforts and the customers of Performance Harley Davidson, we collected a total of **\$695.48** That is the highest total we have had since we started doing this in 2013.

I want to acknowledge the individuals that gave of their time and energy to make our Bell Ringing events such a great success.

The Bell Ringers in no particular order -

Terry Lynn Clark
Mike and Cindy Standen
Rob Gabor
Anne Marie Camardella
Mike Christopher
Dan and Lynn Sturtz
Marj and Gary Canino
Jim Allen
Christine & Jim Lanfair
Ray Liepke
John Kreese
John and Barb Snyder
Bill Czelusniak

Performance Harley Davidson also offered free gift wrapping to their customers this year and once again the members of HOG stepped up and did the job.

The Gift Wrappers - Patti Reith
Dave Ferguson
Steve Knowles
Marj Canino
Terry Lynn Clark
Jody Van Auken
Bill Czelusniak
Darwin Gensel

PHD supplied a tip jar on the table and all monies collected went to our HOG chapter.

How does \$142.00 collected sound???

As for the **Food Bank** collection, we ended up donating approximately 300lbs. of food this year. Thanks to you, a lot of people were able to eat this year.

And a final shout out to **Brian Sedlak** and the employees at PHD. They supplied anything we needed for both the kettles and the gift wrapping. Their support in all these events helps make them all a huge success.

Performance Harley Davidson and Syracuse HOG show that Bikers care and are willing to lend a hand to help the community.

Thank you

Karen Whedon
Community Service

MEMBERSHIP



Mike Piston

Welcome to a safe and happy new year!!!

Congratulations to Terry Lynn Clark as the winner of our free local membership for 2017; the drawing took place at the December meeting.

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017.

The following members National HOG memberships have or will soon expire:

September 2016:
William Kilgore
Steven Berube

January 2017:
Bernard Hudgins
Gina Harrison
Deborah Poppe
Stephen Poppe
Dean McNitter
Carl Barber

February 2017:
Gino Battista
Mark Jezerski
Cindy Lancette
Robert Lancette

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

Happy HOG Birthday!!!!

January 1- Patrick Duffy

3 - John Snyder

14 – Robert Dennis

14 – Rob Gabor

15 – Gino Battista

24 – Joseph Mulligan

26 – Kenneth Kotwas

February 1 – Michael Piston

2 – Michael Chellis

5 – Dave Farina

10 – Richard Yaroski

12 – John Kresse

21 – Ronald James

21 – Jennifer Marsh

26 – Dean McNitt

27 - Ken Hannam

Assistant Director



January 2017 Safety Article

Written by Steve Knowles

It's Cold Out there!
Happy New Years!

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OH... January 1st looked so good!

Oh yes, the sun was bright and from my front window I could feel the intense warmth all though my body. Even though the signs were very clear, with snow in sight, devilishly clear roads and you just know on the other side of that front window, forbidding temps were waiting to bite my ass. But, it was that kind of day where the visuals effects inspired an imagination of spending some riding-time on my big V-Twin. Did you get that feeling too? Isn't it pretty damn hard to let sanity override reality? Ok, so sanity won!

However, if you're faced with cold weather starting challenges, consider the following article and save a trip to the shop. There is a compelling characteristic as explained below, why your bike might lurch forward during a cold start.

Cold Weather Starting

By James R. Davis

For those that have been riding more than a year it probably is not new news, so consider it just a reminder.

Regardless of whether or not you have an indicator that says your bike is in neutral, ALWAYS hold your clutch all the way in when starting your bike.

Next, and this one can save you pain and damage to the bike: ALWAYS hold your front brake (HARD) before dropping the bike into gear - even when your clutch is being held all the way in.

Because you have a wet clutch, cold weather causes your oil to thicken and your clutch/flywheel tend to stick together after sitting for several hours with the engine off. Because of this, merely holding your clutch lever fully engaged is no assurance that when you drop into gear the bike will not jump forward unless you are firmly braked.

Leathers REALLY Are Worth The Price

By James R. Davis

And, with the colder weather the odds are that many of you have begun wearing leather chaps and heavier jackets. Though pretty expensive, there's ample proof that these provide far more than protection from the cold.

In studies of 'survivability' of various garment materials to a 50 MPH ride on asphalt, for example, denim lasted no more than FOUR FEET before wearing through. Kevlar, on the other hand, lasted EIGHTEEN FEET. But standard motorcycle quality (about three times heavier than fashion jacket material) lasted EIGHTY-SIX FEET. That's more than 20 times as effective as your jeans in protecting your hide. [The tests were reported in the September 1988 issue of Cycle magazine.]

This MSF photo was on display at 1st MSP in Groton during our club's safety course training on 6/18/16



'A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words'



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Editor



Anne Marie Camardella

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I've been a member less than a year but I've learned a lot and hopefully have met and made some good friends. I've been riding for about 3 years but the first two weren't so great. I never felt comfortable on two wheels. I finally bought a Freewheeler and love it. I feel safe and comfortable on it and have fun riding it. I sometimes have a little complex about it, but I understand I can't ride two wheels.

I'm not much of a writer so I probably won't be putting in too many articles. I was thinking about adding a calendar of events or a list of upcoming events. I'll get with Christine on this. Please let me know what you would like to see in the newsletter or what changes you think should be made.

Upcoming Events:

Bowling at Revolutions February 11

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11

Thank you

Anne Marie