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HOG Meeting Minutes 01/14/2017 Submitted by Cindy Standen Chapter 3424 Outgoing Secretary

The 2017 Annual Dinner Meeting was held at Borio's Restaurant on Lakeshore Drive, Cicero. It began with a short Officer's Meeting. Cocktail hour began at 6:00 p.m. with entertainment by solo acoustic guitarist, Leonard James, along with a nice cheese and fruit appetizer display. Dinner followed with a nice garden salad, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, roast beef, baked breaded haddock and fried shrimp. A selection of desserts was offered and everyone seemed to really enjoy the meal. Preparation for the Chinese Auction continued with help from Jody VanAuken, her husband Ed and Dave Ferguson.

After dinner, our Director, Kevin Reney kicked off the awards portion of the evening by introducing our sponsoring dealership's representative Bruno Schirripa. Bruno is looking forward to an exciting year continuing to build the relationship between the dealership and the Chapter. PHD is planning the return of the Ride Series events with a ride every month during the height of the riding season going North, South, East and West. He's also looking at some involvement between the Finger Lakes HOG group and our group. The next PHD event is the Chili Cookoff to be held Saturday 1/28/2017 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Karen Whedon, Community Service thanked everyone who stepped up with all their contributions throughout the year between such events as the Red Kettle Drive, Food Bank Drive and the Travel Auctions. As Photographer she had a video running in the background noting many wonderful events and rides that the Chapter had this past year.

Christine Lanfair, our incoming Activities Officer introduced herself and mentioned plans for HOG Bowl February 11th and the St. Pat's Parade in March. Keep your eyes open for more definite details to come. Also our next meeting in February will be followed by our annual Ride Planning Meeting and everyone was encourage to attend and bring their ideas for upcoming rides and events this riding season.

Kevin returned to announce awards for those officers stepping down and thanked them for their service to the Chapter and our members:

Marj Canino, Treasurer	Rob Gabor, Editor
Mike Standen, Membership	Cindy Standen, Secretary
Kris Wilson, Activities	Steve Knowles, Safety
Kirk Wilson, Road Captain	

The new incoming officers were announced:

Kris Wilson, Secretary	Christine Lanfair, Activities
Anne Marie Camardella, Editor	Steve Knowles, Assist. Director

The following positions remain held by:

Terry Lynn Clark, Ladies of Harley	Karen Whedon, Photographer/Comm. Svc.
Garry Canino, Historian	Mike Piston, Membership
Joanne Piston, Treasurer	John Kresse, Road Captain

The offices of Safety and Webmaster are open and anyone interested is welcome to step up.

Awards were also given for the following:

Years of Service – 5 years:

Robert Mattice	Mary Amyot	Ron Amyot
Mari Lynn Moyck	Kathy Killgore	James Moran
Cathy Damiano		

10 years:

Deb Poppe

Dave Ferguson

Carolyn Bialobreski

Kathy Baker

Peter Swanson

Kevin Baker

Bill Czelusniak

15 years: John Snyder and Barb Snyder

20 years: Mike Bell

31 years: George Fields

34 years: Bob Anguish and Carol Anguish

Very Important Person award went to Dave Ferguson for his continued assistance for whatever needs to be done, always there to help out to ensure that all our events go off smoothly.

Pig Pot – We took in \$212 and Rob Lancette split that receiving \$106.00.

The evening continued on with the Chinese Auction where approximately 32 items were distributed to the folks with the winning ticket drawn. PHD had donated some wonderful items; the hit was the heated jacket which was won by Jim Lanfair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Kevin Reney

First and Foremost....

I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do. This club would not be what it is without you. I know Performance has expressed how happy they are with the support we give them, and their events.

This has been shown by how much they have done for the club. I am happy to say that I feel we have definitely strengthened that bond. Performance not only donated all of the prizes for the Annual (except some brought by members... Thank you), they also have allowed us to keep all the tips from the events we have helped with. The Chili Cook off gained us just over \$70.00.

I would also like to welcome all of the 2017 officers. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Here's to an Event Filled 2017!



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Steve Knowles

Our club is seeking a Safety Officer for 2017.

I found writing these articles rather easy to do; they can be simple or complex, you can make them fun and factual; you're the author, so it's really your call.

Motorcycle Safety articles are abundant, the HOG website is loaded with articles and using the internet can make research as simple as pie! Plus I'm here to help, as well as our previous safety officers Rob Gabor and John Snyder, too. So as you can see, there is a lot of experience at your fingertips!

With just a small amount of research, a safety article for our club's monthly newsletter can be created and written within an hour or two. I found this leadership position to be fun and rewarding and I'm sure you will too.

Do you like our recent Motorcycle Safety articles?

Would you like to be in a leadership position?

Do you like the camaraderie of sharing ideas?

Would you like to be creative and a 'published' author?

Please see Kevin if you're interested in becoming our club's 2017 Safety Officer

First Aid Kits

Does yours need a check-up?

By Elaine Anthony

Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? Many riders probably carry kits which were purchased to meet a perceived safety requirement (or to qualify for a safe-riding badge), but if you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it.

What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I hate to say it, but band-aids ain't gonna help much, folks.

I was lucky enough to take a First Aid course a couple of years ago with some of the best EMS people I've ever met, at the home of our Assistant CDs for GWTA Chapter "I", Kathy and John Holly. The team who taught the course had handled serious accidents on a daily basis -- in fact, the woman in charge told me it was rare for them to be on the job for a shift without having to perform CPR at least once -- and they had come upon a number of accidents involving motorcyclists. They stressed several things that have really stuck in my mind.

- ▶ *Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears that can handle thick material.*
- ▶ *Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.*
- ▶ *A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.*

- ▶ *I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often, directly to the wound.*
- ▶ *It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it is helpful to put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and this can often relieve debris in the eye, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)*
- ▶ *In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together), while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.*
- ▶ *Those who haven't taken a CPR or First Aid class in a while might be interested to know that the American Heart Association guidelines on CPR have been changing gradually. The last time I took one (about 14 months ago); I found that the procedure was not exactly the same as what I'd been taught in my previous courses. But all these courses do strongly recommend that a person who is going to administer CPR have a barrier available to protect them from the bodily fluids of the injured party. This may be a plastic gadget that looks like a kitchen gripper, with a hole in it for a breathing tube, or a more sophisticated mask that can keep a rescuer's face and lips away from the injured party while he or she breathes for the person who's down. These items are inexpensive and are available at medical supply shops, but I've yet to see a commercial First Aid kit that comes with one.*
- ▶ *Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on a serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.*

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what **NOT** to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT



John Kresse

Greetings fellow HOG members. I hope the winter season has been treating you all well.

Presumably by now, your bike has long been in storage; whatever and wherever that may entail. Your garage or basement. Somebody else's garage or basement or of course, any number of other safe places. Here is an idea to keep in mind as we proceed through the winter.

Keep an eye on the moisture level in your storage space and here's why. A few years ago, I was witness to damage to a friend's bike that was stored in a rather small outside building, a garage if you will but not large enough for a car; just the lawn tractor, his bike and a work bench. Because of its relatively small size, I surmised that the internal temperatures followed a rather severe swing during the winter. I think the sunny days warmed the inside temps to probably 60 or 70 degrees and then frigid evenings lowered the inside temp to sub-freezing. This allowed moisture to condense repeatedly all over his bike!

It got proven to me the hard way. We got caught in the rain while on an early spring ride a few years back but made it to his place in one piece. So I rolled my bike in along with his and closed the door. I couldn't get back for 2 weeks. It had been a rather cool night but by the time I got to his place it was then a nice warm Saturday morning. The first thing I noticed was that my entire bike was sopping wet. Fortunately, for that short amount of time, I never noticed anything detrimental to my shiny surfaces.

What happened to his bike was that all of the fins on the aluminum jugs had little white- star bursts of corrosion. It looked like you- know- what and he had to polish them all off one at a time. My theory is that long term exposure to high humidity and huge swings in temperature can cause some serious grief.

If you can't be sure of reasonably consistent heat, or cold for that matter- any steady temperature is probably just fine. Air movement may be a good next choice.

Let us know during the meeting if you've had a similar experience or have any other tips for the group.

Enjoy the winter. Be safe in everything.

LADIES OF HARLEY



Terry Lynn Clark

Spring is right around the corner. I hope you have the plans for your ride solidified, new chrome installed you received for Christmas and the new tire you put off 'til spring...all those little things that need to get done before you break out of the garage for your first ride. You might look at your gear and check out if there is some gear that needs to be replaced, something worn out that needs repair; a glove or a zipper.

The ride planning is coming up so search your past rides and research new places you would like to see this year. Pick a ride or two you would like to lead so you can share your best places and the new ones you would like to add to this year's ride list.

The LoH officer will be leading a few rides this year, a few of my favorite places and hopefully some new ones. Come to the meeting and check them out. Everyone is always welcome to LoH rides, we head out even if there is one rider so we make a group of two. As always, please let me know if you have any ideas or better plans. I would like to do lady stuff and am open to suggestions.

All things in life are subject to change. We will be riding soon, God and weather permitting.

Drive safe, ride safer.

Terry Lynn Clark

MEMBERSHIP



Mike Piston

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017; to date we have 76 members signed up for 2017. Last year, 2016, we had 145 members. So let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG. Riding season is just around the corner !!!

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

February 2017:	Gino Battista
March 2017:	Dan Marsh Korie Allen Anne Marie Camardella Erin Doyle Kathleen Killgore Daniel Smith

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 !!!!

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
March	7	Judy Metrick
	7	Sharlene Rinaldo
	8	Mike Christopher
	19	Anne Marie Camardella
	31	Paul Allen

Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

At 1/31/17 our bank balance was \$2232.28.

There was quite a lot of financial activity during the month of January. Our annual dinner accounted for the majority of the expenses. We took in funds for membership, the dinner and tip income from the Chili Cookoff.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Karen Whedon



A GREAT TIME AT TRAVEL AUCTION 2017

Several members of Syracuse HOG showed up to volunteer their time on Friday, January 20 for the annual WCNY Travel Auction that was held at their facility in downtown Syracuse.

We met at the television station and indulged in the free meal that was available to volunteers. The caterer was Mesa Grande and there were several varieties of Mexican food; Yum! Yum! After all that chow, we headed to a short training session, then it was on to the phone bank to answer phones.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to the following people who volunteered:
Jim Allen, Terry Lynn Clark, Anne and Dick Davidson and Barb and John Snyder
It was a great night once again having fun with HOG friends and helping out our Public Broadcasting Station at the same time.

PHD CHILI COOKOFF 2017

On Saturday January 28, 2017 the chefs converged on Performance Harley-Davidson with their crockpots, kettles and secret chili recipes to awe the crowd with their idea of what CHILI should be.

Many of our HOG members (sorry, didn't get a list of the names) participated in the competition.

In addition several HOG members volunteered to keep things supplied, man the members table and just assist in keeping things running smoothly. From the looks of the tip jar at the beer table, the .guys who were doing the tap work kept everyone happy and glasses filled.

The winners of the cookoff were 1st place Rick Yeroski; 2nd place Tom Polhamis; 3rd place James Lanfair

The cook off was a great way to spend time with family, friends, fellow riders and enjoy good eats at the same time.

Nice way to spend a central New York day especially when you can't ride.

Karen Whedon
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HISTORIAN



Garry Canino

BITS AND PIECES

This month I thought I'd give you as the title says some bits and pieces, of wisdom or wishful thinking, whatever the case may be.

One thought right off the bat is that the holidays are behind us, we have turned the corner, and we are in the New Year, and that means for many of us New Year's resolutions. One resolution that many of us may have made, I'm sure, is to ride more in 2017 weather it's riding as part of the club with the organized rides or taking those solo cruises along the country side.

Several dates to keep in mind for the New Year; March 20 is the first day of spring, and that first day of spring is a short 29 days away and counting. Twenty days from now brings us to March 11th, the St. Patrick's Day parade. March weather is iffy, it can be warm or we can be watching the storm team on TV, but if the weather permits, and with any luck, we, who are more adventuresome, may want to ride in the parade. Even if we don't ride in the parade, as the weather becomes increasingly better and better and the days get longer and longer and the sun gets stronger and stronger we eagerly look forward to taking the bike out and getting the cobwebs off.

After our regular HOG meeting today, we will gather around and establish the riding schedule for the year. I always find that interesting and exciting, I personally look forward to putting the ride schedule in my day planner so that I can keep the ride dates open from other commitments. It's always interesting to see where the club members take us, either exploring new places of interest or visiting old familiar sites.

Looking over old HOG newsletters I came across a 1995 item stating that the club held a Pig Roast in September of the year. 108 people attended the club made a profit of \$162.00. Interesting idea.

Deep in our files is a "Certificate of Outstanding Participation" given to the Syracuse NY chapter for its participation in the 1995 annual H.O.G. rally. Of note the H.O.G. rally was held in Richmond Virginia. Mike Keefe, Director Harley Owners Group signed the certificate. It didn't say how many club members participated but I imagine it must have been a sizable number to get noticed.

Another article stated that a camping trip was planned for August 1994 at Fillmore Glen, 3 tents and 6 people were allowed at each site cost, \$27.00 for a two-night stay. I haven't come across any info as to how many members participated in the event. Again interesting.

One item I have not come across in my research of old "High Road" issues is mention of the ride-scheduling meeting that **we** have in February (see above).

(From the editor: This article was originally submitted for the January issue but because our meeting was early, I put it in this issue and made a few changes to it.)



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