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Crazy Bowling Day!



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Kevin Reney

Well here we are in March.

The weather will soon be here to ride on a regular basis.

I'm not sure about you, but I've definitely got the itch.

There have been a few days that have definitely tempted me to want to fire it up and go. Not yet though, got a few more things to take care of on the bike first.

We've all got to make sure our bikes are ready and safe before heading out for the season. So, make sure you carefully check them over before you hop on for that 1st ride.

On another note, remember that due to Easter, April's meeting will be on April 23rd.

See you all there,

Kevin



HOG Meeting Minutes 02/19/2017



Submitted by **Kristine Wilson**
Chapter 3424 Secretary

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

New Members and Guests – We welcomed one new member and one guest.

Health and Welfare – Barb Snyder had some ‘body work’ done and feels much better.

Treasurer’s Report – Joanne Piston announced that we had a loss last month because of the Annual Dinner. Our account balance is around \$2250. We are looking for new membership and no huge expenses coming up.

Membership – Mike Piston reminded us that our local memberships run from January through December. About half of our members have renewed for next year as well as a few new ones, but he reminded us to renew and left forms to fill out. We use a sign in sheet to keep track of membership (so please fill out when you come to our meetings). Please put your mileage on your renewal forms for future membership awards.

Road Captain – John Kresse reminded us about the ride meeting immediately after our regular meeting. PHD wants to have a ride series this year from June-September...Chris Foley will be in charge of this. They want to make the rides different each month- North, South, East, West. Barb Snyder said we used to try to do the ride series on the same weekend as our meetings. John’s article was about weather changes this month. He talked about his article and how to avoid corrosion problems due to condensation.

Safety – This is an open position. John Snyder spoke up about cold weather and starting your bikes- hold the brake and clutch in when starting to break the pads loose in the clutch.

Activities – Christine Lanfair talked about our HOG bowling event- Revolutions closed a week before our event so it was changed to Flamingo Bowl. There were eight bowlers and everyone had a great time. She then talked about the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 11th. We need walkers, riders and any help possible! Everyone should meet at PHD to go together to the parade. The Thursday or Friday of that week we will meet to decorate the trailer. The theme of the parade is 'Eire to Erie Canal.' It was announced that the Bike Blessing will be the last Saturday in April- April 29th.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn Clark and Karen Whedon went to the VA and got a nice letter of thanks for helping with our contributions. They are going back on Thursday again. Ladies of Harley will be planning rides, but corporate has said that everyone is allowed on the rides, not just ladies anymore.

Community Service – Karen Whedon talked about how HOG worked two TV auctions and Teloc is coming up in April. She needs to check schedules for either Friday or Saturday nights, April 21st or 22nd. She sent around a signup sheet and was going to push for Saturday. When you work one of these auctions, you answer bidding phone calls and have catered food. We were recognized in the WCNY's newsletter for helping which is nice publicity for the club. There is also a clothing drive for the VA- new clothes and canned goods, please. It started as a one-time event over the holidays but we've made it into a regular thing because people need food and clothes all year round. If everyone in this room brought one can of food for three months of meetings it would fill Karen's car. Eleven counties profit from the food bank.

Photographer – Please send Karen your pictures- anything HOG related- email them to her because it's easier to download than to transfer from Facebook. If anyone wants a copy of the pictures from the annual dinner please let her know. She thanked the Flamingo Bowl for getting our group in at the last minute.

Historian – Our historian is in Florida. Someone brought in disks from 2006 with old club pictures...Kevin will make copies and share.

Editor –A newsletter was done and it's being printed but it's not here today. We need to come up with an idea to print them cheaply. Dwayne Scott offered to print them. Anne Marie Camardella told us that anyone is able to add an article to the newsletter and please submit it to her. The seventh of the month is the deadline.

Webmaster – Rob Gabor is still kind of doing it but the position is open if anyone is good with websites- please let Kevin know!

Old Business – None

New Business – We voted to move the April 16th meeting to April 23rd because of Easter. SPCA Bowling at Strike and Spare is also on April 23rd.

Kevin mentioned that we made \$73 in tips at the Chili Cookoff. Every little bit helps and it goes right back to the club. We thanked PHD for letting us do that.

Dealership – Bruno thanked us for helping with the Chili Cookoff. There were 27 entries and our help was tremendously appreciated and needed.

For St. Patties Day, there will be a designated area in the high bay to decorate our trailer. Instead of a buffet, we are going to have a private event for HOG members in the conference room after the parade. PHD is lending their blimp for the parade float- it takes two canisters of air to fill it. The blimp will be inflated at PHD and we need two people to walk to down to the parade site. PHD will get the police on board with the blimp.

Demo Day in May is not going to happen. Instead, PHD is creating an event in April with a bike blessing. Bruno and Brian are working on it. They will offer a demo ride instead if necessary. Bikes are scarce; Harley-Davidson is going back to the old school method of producing less bikes rather than flooding the market.

Chris Foley is the sales manager now. PHD has a new sales person, Amanda. Doug has moved into the parts manager position.

The Virginia HOG club has shown interest in doing a Finger Lakes ride and they want PHD to be their base. We are being asked to escort them on July 12th and then come back for a BBQ at PHD.

Wise Guys tickets- Bruno brought them with him and thanked us for our support. The show is April 1st.

T-Shirt Bingo – Kevin explained how it works for our new member and guest. No winner this month (Oregon) so it will be \$20 next month.

Pig Pot – Total was \$137.50. Terry Lynn Clark won and took home \$68.75.

Motion to adjourn was made around 10:40. Ride meeting immediately to follow.

Ride Meeting – John Kresse led us through the riding season and we were able to put together a basic calendar. It was suggested that we meet again after next month's meeting to fill in the empty spots.

Assistant Director



Steve Knowles

March 2017 Safety Article

Our club is seeking a Safety Officer for 2017.

We Need You !!!

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

Maintenance - Long Before Your Trip

By James R. Davis

A couple of years ago, a friend of ours joined us on a 1,200 mile tour. She is a conscientious lady and wanted to make sure her motorcycle was ready and safe before we left, so she took her Bike to a dealer and had them do some work on it for her. Among other things, she had her rear brakes worked on because they seemed to 'stick a little'. She picked up the bike just before our trip. That nearly cost her her life.

In the case of our friend, they charged her for the brake work, but later investigation shows that it was never done at all. Even if it had been, it makes no sense at all to depend on recent mechanical work while out on a tour. Far better, test the bike for several hundred miles before taking that tour.

Our friend's rear brakes locked up 1,100 miles into the tour with us and she did a high-side at 50 MPH.

So, this time a few hundred miles of testing would not have discovered the problem. But what about the next time?

It seems to me that the above does not quite put this message in perspective. So, try this one...

Yesterday Elaine picked up her bike from the dealer after they had done some major work on it for her. She had the cams and lifters replaced on the right side of the block. She rode the bike home and commented to me that the bike had never felt so good and smooth to her. She was thrilled with the work.

Today we took the bikes out for a couple hundred miles in order to lay out and pre-ride a poker run we are responsible for in a couple of weeks. We got a total of 12 miles under our belts before the engine blew.

Elaine was going 70 MPH and was in the fast lane of a four-lane wide freeway. She heard a metallic grind, then the left side of her engine housing disappeared. The bolt holding the flywheel backed out and ripped the metal casing apart in the process. Oil sprayed out to the left and saturated her chaps and boot. About two quarts were lost in a matter of seconds.

Elaine signaled that she was going to pull off the freeway by going left into the center median. I saw from behind her what had happened and insisted that she move RIGHT instead. Secured each lane and we did just that - moved right across four lanes and off the side of the road. I am greatly impressed with Elaine's calmness during this experience. She did not freeze. She did not panic. She did not 'hit her brakes'. Instead, she smoothly eased her bike to the right and got it off the freeway without losing control.

[Lest any reader doubt the wisdom of moving four lanes to the right instead of one lane to the left, I remind you that the oil was gushing out on the left side. If she had gone left to exit the freeway she would have risked riding over that oil with her back tire. When we stopped and got off the bikes it was still dripping major amounts of oil beneath her bike.

The mechanic who did the work on her bike is world class! He insisted after seeing what had happened, and turning white as a sheet, that they had not been anywhere near that part of the engine to replace the cams and lifters.

Nevertheless, he promised to fix the bike at his cost because 'it looks bad for us.'

Elaine asked me if I believe the guy. I do. I put my life into his hands whenever I give him my bike for work. By definition I believe this man. He will not eat the whole job, I assure you.

But the message should be crystal clear now: *Do your maintenance long before you do your tour.* Use your newly maintained bike for at least 100 miles before you leave home.

Even the best 'wrench' makes mistakes. Those that are not the best make more of them.

Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

February was a very slow month financially. We took in 8 memberships and spent very little. The balance in our bank account at the end of February was \$2348.16.

If you have any questions about the club's finances, please contact me at treasurer@syracusehog.com.

Come on Spring!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Karen Whedon

Syracuse HOG Night at WCNY TEL-AUC 2017

We will be working **Saturday** evening, **APRIL 22, 2016** from 8:30 until 11:00 when they go off the air.

Volunteer jobs consist of working the phone bank by taking incoming bids and answering any questions. There are also positions for runners, which entails going up and down a couple of stairs to deliver bids to the computers operators.

There is free food available at the station, catered in by a local restaurant to feed the volunteers, so we meet at the station and enjoy the free meal. If you can't join us for dinner, please be at the station by 8:00 for the mandatory training session.

This is a great way to spend a fun evening filled with lots of laughs, good times and helping Public Broadcasting at the same time. Come and join us!!

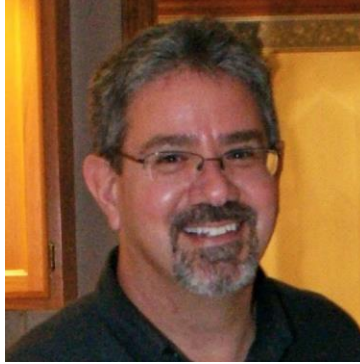
There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting and there is always room for more volunteers. Please just let me know if you wish to volunteer

Please contact:

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MEMBERSHIP



Mike Piston

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017; to date we have 83 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:

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

April 2017: Timothy Alexander
 Carolyn Bialobreski
 Lisa Bower
 Victoria Cole
 Patricia Reith
 Renee Sager
 Cindy Standen
 Michael Standen

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 !!!!

March	7	Judy Metric
	7	Sharlene Rinaldo
	8	Mike Christopher
	19	Anne Mare Camardella
	31	Paul Allen
April	1	Larry Robinson
	11	Lynn Sturtz
	21	Dan Marsh
	27	Michael Standen

HISTORIAN



Garry Cannino

THANK YOU

First order of business is to thank Anne Marie for editing my January article so that it made sense. A little history...I submitted an article for the January High Road but missed the deadline. Anne Marie graciously said that she would run it in the February issue. All well and good, except that this particular article had date sensitive information, which if it had gone through as originally written would have not made much sense. In stepped Anne Marie and adjusted the dates so that they more accurately reflected what I was trying to convey. Anne Marie, "Thank You".

Editor's note: You're very welcome!

HOKA HEY

Most of the following information was found in an article dated in the January 2017 issue of "Full Throttle" magazine. 'Solitary Without Confinement' an article written about the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge. Subsequent material was also found on Wikipedia.

The Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge was created in 2010 by the Medicine Show LLC to promote awareness of Native Americans living in third-world conditions. Since then the event has evolved to bring awareness to and conduct fundraising efforts on behalf of a number of different charities.

The Hoka Hey Challenge held every other year is called the "Toughest Ride for the Toughest Riders on Earth!" The next Challenge will be held in 2018.

It is named after a rallying call of the Sioux Indians, the Lakota language battle cry of legendary Sioux warrior Crazy Horse meaning "Let's go!" and is designed to test the participant's physical, mental and emotional boundaries.

The initial 2010 race required riders to ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles. (Current entries are limited to riders of American made v-twin style motorcycles.) Beginning in Key West Florida on June 20 and ended in Homer, Alaska on July 4, 2010. It covered 8,500 miles along a mandatory route on back roads across the United States and Canada. The original route crossed numerous mountain ranges, 33 Indian reservations, 25 national forests, eight deserts, and six national parks..

In the past, they have had riders of all ages ranging from 21 to 77, the organizers believe that those who participate must be a cut above the rest. They navigate the route without the use of navigational equipment, or electronics they are expected to sleep next to their bikes at night

The Challenge of 2010 was not without its problems. The history of the 2010 Challenge and subsequent challenges can be found on the web. I found it to be very interesting reading. The Challenge continues to mature as it evolves. The very idea of an endurance contest of this magnitude that tests an individual's mettle is very interesting to say the least. To paraphrase a quote from the movies, "this is the stuff that dreams are made of".

ACTIVITIES



Christine Lanfair

THE 2017 BOWLING HOGS !!

Only eleven people showed up for the HOG bowling party at Flamingo Lanes in Liverpool on Saturday February 11, from 2:00 until 4:00; but we had lots of fun, good food and super bowling. Well, maybe the last one isn't so true, but that didn't matter. It was a small but loud and happy group.

The alleys let us use 2 lanes and brought out 2 cheese pizzas, a big salad, chicken wings and pitchers of soda. There was plenty for everyone and it was really quite good for bowling alley food.

The bowlers were Kevin Reney, Anne Marie Camardella, Chris and Jim Lanfair, Karen Whedon, Dan and Lynn Sturtz, and Bob Dennis . The cheerleaders were Janine Fabian, Mike Christopher and Dave Ferguson.

As you can see from the pictures, we definitely had a GREAT TIME !!





CHAPTER 3424





ROAD CAPTAIN



John Kresse

Here is a list so far of the rides that are scheduled:

2017 Syracuse HOG Ride Schedule ** Please note: All ride times listed are "Kick-stands Up"

Date:	Day:	Destination	Meeting Point:	Ride Leader:
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1 March 11	Saturday	St. Patty's Day Parade	PHD	NA
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TBD

2 March 25 Saturday Swap Meet in Horseheads, NY

3 April 1 Saturday Bruno's Show

4 April 22 Saturday Strong Museum Rochester PHD Kevin 9:00 AM Rain or shine; will switch to car

5 April 23 Sunday SPCA Bowling at 5PM

6 April 23 Sunday Post Meeting Ride. PHD TBD 11:00 AM

7 April 27 Thursday Moe's Cowboy BBQ, Camillus PHD Terry 6:00 PM

8 May 6 Saturday Ride w/ Stiletto's on Steel PHD Ann Marie TBD

9 May 13 Saturday Rudy's PHD TBD 11:00 AM

10 May 17 Wednesday Mystery Ride -Dewitt PHD TBD 6:00 PM

11 May 21 Sunday Post Meeting Ride. PHD TBD 11:00 AM

12 May 29 Sunday Vet's Watch Fire PHD Jeff M. 5:30 PM

13 June 4 Sunday Fleur De Lis, Seneca Falls PHD Kevin 10:00 AM

14 June 6 Tuesday Gem Diner PHD Jeff 6:00 PM
15 Jun7-10 Weds- Sat Americade TBD TBD TBD
16 June 11 Sunday SPCA- How we Roll 9:00 AM Molloy Road SPCA
17 June 17 Saturday #1 PHD Ride Series TBD TBD TBD
18 June 18 Sunday Post Meeting Ride- Blue Canoe TBD TBD 11:00 AM
19 June 22 Thursday Greenwood Bistro PHD Barb Snyder 6:00 PM
20 June 23, 24, 25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday Alex Bay River Run
21 June 24 Saturday Downsville PHD 8:00 AM
22 July 8 Saturday Mystery Ride PHD Dan Marsh 10:00 AM
23 July 13 Thursday Delphia's PHD 6:00 PM
24 July 14 -15 Friday- Saturday HOG Rally In Utica PHD John Kresse TBD
25 July 15 Saturday #2 PHD Ride Series PHD TBD TBD
26 July 16 Sunday Post Meeting Ride- Wolf Mountain PHD John Kresse 11:00 AM
27 July 22 Saturday Eisenhower Lock PHD TBD 8:00 AM
28 July 27, 28, 29 Thursday, Friday, Saturday Canadian National HOG Rally, Ottawa
29 July 29 Saturday Morrisville Lake System PHD 8:30 AM
30 July 30 Sunday Kingston Ontario PHD Steve Knowles 8:30 AM Passport or Enhanced Drivers Lic. Rain Date 8-27, 9AM
31 Aug 1 Tuesday Stella's PHD Jeff 6:00 PM
32 Aug 10 Thursday Caz Farms PHD John Snyder 6:00 PM
33 Aug 12 Saturday Naples, NY PHD Rob 8:00 AM
34 Aug17 Thursday Green Shutter PHD Terry 6:00 PM
35 Aug 19 Saturday #3 PHD Ride Series PHD TBD TBD
36 Aug 20 Sunday Post Meeting Ride: Sodus Bay PHD TBD 11:00 AM
37 Aug 23 Wednesday Mystery Ride: Ice Cream Only!! PHD 6:00 PM
38 Aug 26 Saturday Big Moose PHD Dan 9:00 AM

39 Aug 27 Sunday Clayton Marina PHD Kevin 9:00 AM

40 September Clear Path for Veterans Date TBD, Will participate

41 Sept 16 Saturday #4 PHD Ride Series PHD TBD TBD

42 Sept 17 Sunday Post Meeting Ride: Glenwood Pines near Ithaca PHD
Kevin/Curt/Dan 11:00 AM

43 Sept 23 Saturday Lake Placid PHD Jason Sutcliffe 8:00 AM

44 Oct 7 Saturday Great America Antique and Cheese Factory: Catskills Fall
Foliage Ride PHD Bill 7:30 AM

If anyone wants to add or change anything it can be discussed after the next
membership meeting on March 19, 2017

Also the picnic was not mentioned so that needs to be added.



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