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4 HARLEY DAVIDSON CHAPTER 3424

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## Director's Report



Kevin Reney

Well everyone we made it to April.

That means we can actually take those Harley's out and ride.

I know I've gotten a little stir crazy without that fresh air!

I'm looking forward to a great riding season and hopefully some new places.

April also brought us HOT (HOG Officer Training).

Some good changes, and some more things to get used to.

The big message from HOT...

"No Boundaries"

See you all on a ride soon!

**Kevin**



## Meeting Minutes



Submitted by Kristine Wilson  
Chapter 3424 Secretary

Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2017  
By Joanne Piston for Kristine Wilson

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 Concerns

HOG Manager: Bruno Schirripa thanked those who 'would have' participated in the St. Patrick's Parade. PHD provided a corned beef and cabbage meal for HOG members made by the Gem Diner.

Bruno shared that PHD will be picking up 50% of the room costs for those officers attending training in Buffalo next month. Officers received 2017 rockers and pins.

This year's Bike Blessing will be held on April 29 beginning at noon and will continue with the Spring Open House. This will be a big event including a performance by Hostile Crew, a stunt riding group. There will be a number of specialized vendors at the event. There will be a need for many HOG volunteers for this event – they are asked to please arrive by 11 AM to be oriented.

Bruno is also working on the PHD ride series to coordinate with the HOG ride schedule.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Piston shared the current bank balance is approximately \$2,350. There was very little activity during the previous month.

Membership: Mike Piston reported that there are at 86 current members. He also gave a reminder to complete the information on the reverse side of the application so that mileage might be tracked for this riding season.

Head Road Captain: John Kresse reported that the ride schedule is in this month's newsletter. Please let him know if there are any other places or dates that members are interested in getting on the list. The September ride on the schedule is actually the day of the annual picnic so will be crossed off. John also noted that we should all be preparing now for that first spring ride – locate and check all of our equipment and gear.

Safety Report: Steve Knowles was unable to attend – John Snyder noted that tires should be checked before going out for the first time this year. Also – be aware of salt, sand and gravel on corners – can cause even the most experienced rider to slide.

Activities: Cristine Lanfair asked for volunteers to help with the Spring Open House and Bike Blessing on 4/29.

Ladies of Harley: Terry Lynn Clark reported that LOH rides are open to all, not just women. Terry also reminded everyone to please bring personal care items to PHD for the VA Medical Center.

Community Service & Photographer: Karen Whedon reported that 56# of food had been donated to the Food Bank. HOG's participation in WCNY's TelAuc will be on April 22 from 8 – 11 PM. A sign-up sheet was passed. Bruno also noted that HOG

and PHD have been invited to 'decorate' a Meet & Greet room at the SPCA. Details are still being ironed out. If you have pictures, please pass them on to Karen.

Editor: Anne Marie Camardella reported they are thinking about adding a 'Letters to the Editor' column in the newsletter. Please send any articles or other contributions to Anne Marie by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month at editor@syracusehog.com.

Historian: Garry Canino, having just returned from Florida, noted that our group is thriving as compared to the group that they meet with while in the South. Garry thanked Anne Marie for her attention to detail in his newsletter article.

Old Business: Nothing to share.

New Business: The next meeting will be held 4/23 as our regular meeting date falls on Easter Sunday. The SPCA bowling event will be held at Strike n Spare later that afternoon. It was agreed that we would cancel the July 2017 regular meeting as it conflicts with the Annual HOG Rally.

Pig Pot: We raised \$134 with \$67 of that going to Pat Cavanaugh.

T-Shirt Bingo: Oregon was drawn. Bill Czelusniak had that on today. He won \$20 and the prize next month will be reset to \$10.

Motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37.





## Assistant Director



Steve Knowles

April 2017 Safety Article  
By Steve Knowles  
Assistant Director

Psst... Our club is seeking a Safety Officer for 2017.

### \*\*\* **NO BOUNDARIES** \*\*\*

So this month your Club Officers were working overtime for you, as we attended the **HOG Officer Training**, more formally known as **HOT**, in Buffalo, NY. The six of us spent two days in classroom settings with hundreds, maybe even thousands of fellow HOG colleagues, from across the United States and Canada.

As our classes began, the first-timers got the almighty question; do you know... What Is A HOG Chapter? So I'd like to share what I learned with you... what it is and what it is not:

A HOG Chapter is:

- Dealer-Sponsored
- Members coming together to ride Harley Davidson motorcycles
- From the HOG Charter, "the purpose of the local chapter is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members by conducting chapter activities and

encouraging participation in other events".

A HOG Chapter is NOT:

- Profit or sale focused
- An advocate for owner issues
- Political or religious HOG Annual

Requirements:

- Have at least 4 Officers,
- Hold 4 closed chapter events
- Publish 4 communications
- Annual chapter dues not to exceed \$36.

The theme for **2017 HOT** is

### **"NO BOUNDARIES"**

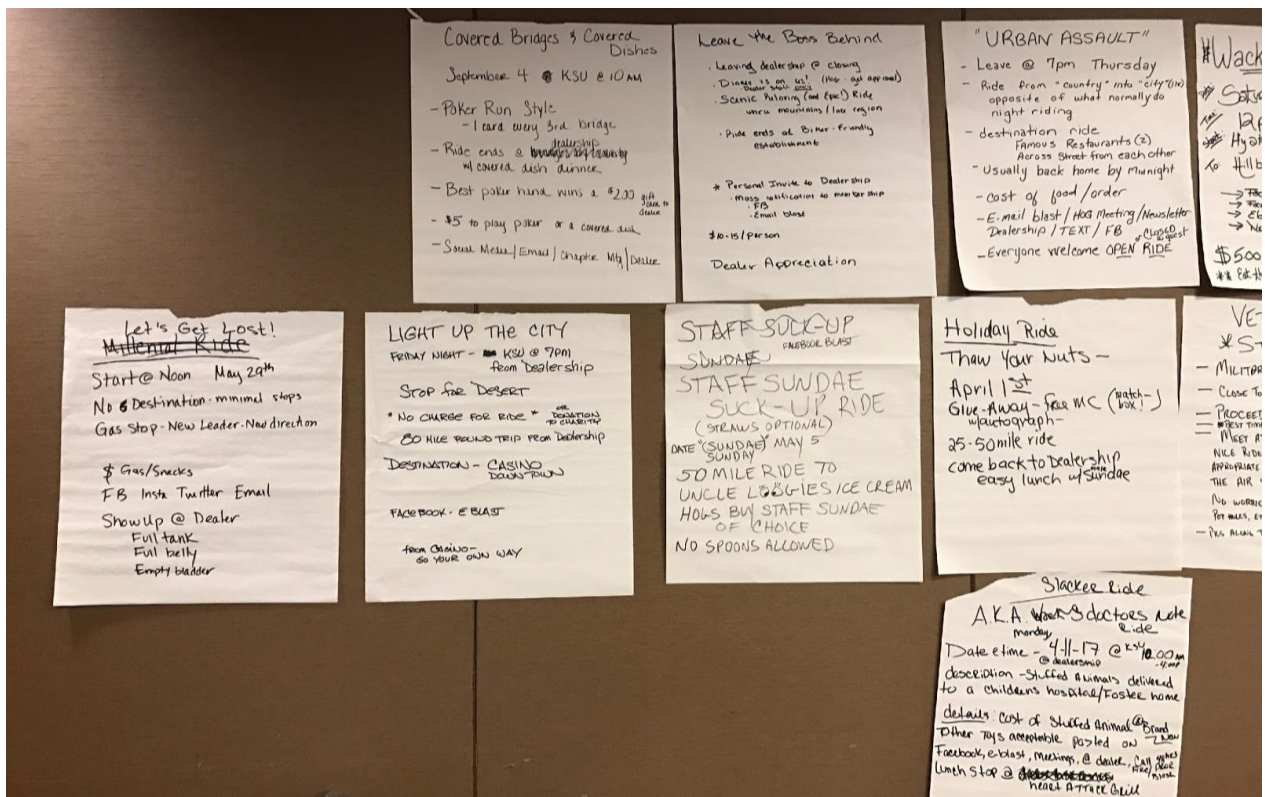
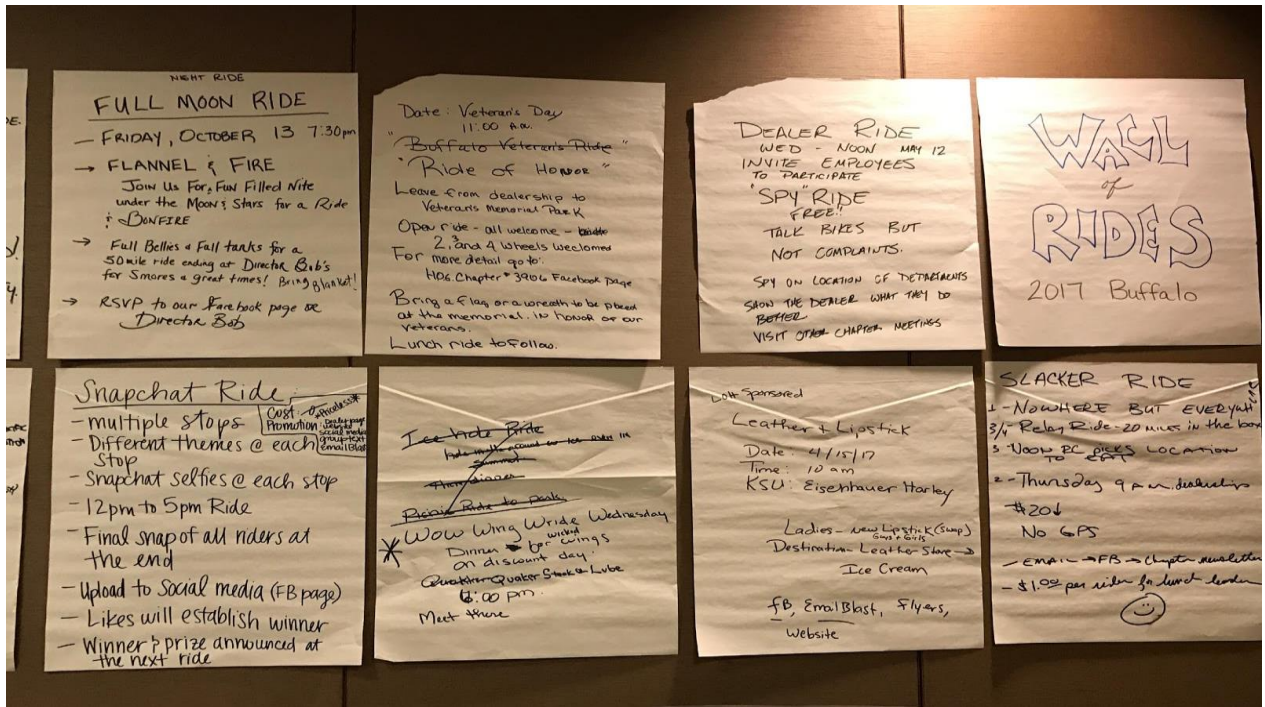
*...what the instructors wanted to get across, was the fact that we should choose our activities without boundaries. So throughout HOT, we were given many examples of creating events for our chapter using an open mind and unlimited process.*

In classes we were placed in teams to learn how to promote our chapter, brainstorm new activities and work with our dealership. As things came together, we were learning the interlacing of the Harley Davidson motor company, HOG, and the Dealership. How our close ties support each other and are defined by full-circle involvement.

The instructors made it fun, but it was WORK and as the days developed, the simplicity of creating rides and events seem surprisingly easy, with No Boundaries!

We worked on exercises like creating a ride and what to do during Off-Season, plus leadership, chapter growth, types of Risk and HOG Insurance to name a few. Our focus was Fun and safety.

Here is an example of some of our Ride Planning work...



Ride Safe Ride often Ride for Fun

&

Be sure to check out our 2017 extensive ride calendar show up ready to go...

“LETS RIDE”

## Community Service



Karen Whedon

### **FOOD, FOOD, AND MORE FOOD**



I am sending a super big "pat on the back" to all the HOG members that donated to the canned food drive, either with goods or money, during the last couple of months.

I was able to deliver 53 lbs of various goods to the Food Bank on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and they were very, very appreciative, especially with the Easter holiday coming up.

Now that riding season is in full swing, I do not plan on making another delivery until October, unless we get a lot of donations, which would be great.

PLEASE continue to bring in canned goods during the summer. Even the smallest saddle bag will hold a can of soup.

THANKS SO MUCH!!

(also don't forget sundries for the Syracuse VA Hospital)

Karen Whedon  
(Community Services)

## Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

### Treasurer's Report for March 2017

During the month of March we collected dues for 7 members and had our regular pig pot income. Our expenses were minimal. On 3/31/17 our bank balance was \$2401.92.

If you have any questions regarding the club's finances, please contact me at [treasurer@syracusehog.com](mailto:treasurer@syracusehog.com).

Joanne Piston

## Membership



Mike Piston

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017; to date we have 91 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**.

**Anyone who has not renewed for 2017, you will be required to fill out a guest**



**waiver form to partake in a HOG club ride.**

Riding season is just around the corner !!!

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

April 2017: Timothy Alexander  
Carolyn Bialobreski  
Cindy Standen  
Michael Standen

May 2017: Richard Yaroski  
Walter Bialobreski

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 !!!!

- April 1 Larry Robinson
- 11 Lynn Sturtz
- 21 Dan Marsh
- 27 Michael Standen
- May 5 Kirk Wilson
- 7 Terry Clark
- 14 Patrick Cavanaugh
- 23 Kevin Reney
- 27 Bill Czelusniak

## HISTORIAN



Garry Canino

Dear fellow club members.

In past articles I have tried to focus on memories of activities and past events concerning the club. This month, in researching for my April article I ran across this article submitted in the April 2008 issue of "The High Road".

Unfortunately there is no by line so I don't know who wrote it, so I can give appropriate credit.

I was going to paraphrase the article, but as I read through it I decided to submit it in its entirety, there is no way that I could hope to improve on it and paraphrasing it would just diminish its content.

# Old Glory New Flag

Command Sergeant Major (acting) Norm Grenier, was one proud Marine as he led his joint-service squad across the parking lot to the flag pole in front of Performance Harley-Davidson. "This is a small drop in the bucket when it comes to patriotism in our country, but every bit helps," he said. An idea first envisioned by John Snyder some months ago was brought to fruition.

While driving to a chapter meeting, John noticed that winter weather had taken its toll on the American flag in front of the dealership. He is an Army veteran (E-5) and extremely proud of the flag and what it represents. "I also thought of the vets that had paid the price to see that the flag flies strong and straight," he said. "Freedom is not Free!"

Along with pride in the USA, John also expressed his feelings about the new dealership building and what Dave Sedlack has done to support our chapter. It would seem reasonable for the chapter to replace the flag with a brand new one.

As the idea for a new flag began to gel, Norm's name came to mind as someone in the chapter who he closely associated with veteran's issues. If the chapter agreed to purchase a flag, then maybe the members who are veterans could formally raise it. Norm



Photos by John Muldoon  
ABH2 Jim (Lobo) DeMayo, USN, raises the new flag in front of Performance Harley-Davidson as the veterans in attendance salute.

liked the idea and agreed to lead that effort. Norm's take on the project was, "It shows patriotism and keeps people's eyes focused on our troops that are in harm's way. People will think of the troops when the flag goes up and down. I was honored to be asked by John to head up the detail."

As the group met in the dealership

showroom, in late afternoon, John took the new flag from its packaging and gave it to four of the vets who folded it in the proper manner.

Led by Norm, the vets, along with Dave, formed up two-abreast and proceeded to the flag pole. There CWVO-3 Lee Reney, USMC and Pvt. Kevin Reney, USMC, lowered the tattered flag. The old flag was then properly folded by Jeff Crouse, E-5, U.S. Army, MM-3 James Shepard, USN and Master Sgt. Randy Stevermer, U.S. Army.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Mike Waters, USAF, presented the new flag to Dave Sedlack. Dave then handed the flag to John Snyder and Tech. Sgt. Jim Poole, USAF, to attach it to the lanyard. The vets in attendance then saluted as ABH2 Jim (Lobo) DeMayo, USN, raised the Star Spangled Banner.

Cpl. Norm Grenier then dismissed his squad.

In addition to the the vets that participated in the ceremony, those in attendance included: Carmen Rinaldo, an avid vet supporter; Kathy McCabe-Crouse, Dick Davidson, Bob Davidson, Barb Poole, Barb Snyder, Mark Walker and John Muldoon who photographed the event.

Reflecting on the event, Dave Sedlack exclaimed, "It was a proud moment for me. I was warmed by 3

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club's concern for the reverence of the front of the building. Further, I was tickled in how the ceremony was very formally conducted." That feeling was echoed by many in attendance.

Director Dick Davidson expressed himself on how impressed he was the way the veterans in the club handled the old and new flags. He was proud to be there and said, "It was a wonderful job. Norm was outstanding and once again, Syracuse HOG came through shining. It was Americans paying tribute to the American flag and an American motorcycle."

John Snyder feels it would be appropriate to make this an annual event and suggested it be held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. It's your call, you can express your feelings at the next chapter meeting.



Jeff Crouse, James Shepard and Randy Stevermer fold the old flag.



## ROAD CAPTAIN



John Kresse

We've recently had a few very warm days, at least warm as far as CNY goes and they have felt awesome. Along with the sunshine and migrating birds, I've seen a few bikes out and about. Those of us who didn't brave an early ride are probably getting the 'itch'. The itch to ride.

Let's examine a few things first.

Start with your gear before you're ready to ride. Helmets, jackets, chaps, gloves, boots, sunglasses or other eye protection to name the most readily thought of items. Give everything a good visual once-over. Check your helmet for overall integrity and condition. I've heard it said that you should replace your helmet every 3 to 5 years. New materials and technology are always being introduced.

Check your jacket and other leather items for previously unseen rip and tears. Check zipper operation including the jacket vent zippers. The last thing you'll want is to be overheated and struggling with a stuck zipper 50 miles out.

Look over your boots too. Check the soles for any obvious damage and clean off any residual oils you may have picked up last year and have your eyewear ready to go. Find them, clean them, put them in a safe place that you'll remember when 'that' day comes. Another thing you don't need or want is to be hunting for your sunglasses when you're otherwise ready to hit the road.

Then, before you fire it up, give your baby the once over, maybe twice. Check your head lights, tail lights and turn signals. Fluid levels. Tire pressure. Suspension. Tire wear. Belt wear. Re-familiarize yourself with the radio controls so you're not fumbling around while moving.

Well, with any luck at all, we'll get some serious rain in the next few weeks and the roads will be washed clean of salt and sand and we'll be able to say we've already been able to make a mile before the next meeting.

Take care all, be safe in everything.

### **2017 Syracuse HOG Ride Schedule \*\***

Please note: All ride times listed are "Kick-stands Up"

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Day:</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Meeting Point:</u>	<u>Ride Leader:</u>	<u>Ride Time:</u>	
March 11	Saturday	St. Patty's Day Parade	PHD	NA	TBD	
March 25	Saturday	Swap Meet in Horseheads, NY				
April 1	Saturday	Bruno's Show				
April 22	Saturday	Strong Museum Rochester	PHD	Kevin	9:00 AM	Rain or shine; will switch to car
April 23	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride.	PHD	TBD	11:00 AM	

April 27	Thursday	Moe's Cowboy BBQ, Camillus	PHD	Terry	6:00 PM **	
April 29	Saturday	Blessing of the Bikes and Open House	PHD		12-4 PM	
May 6	Saturday	Ride w/Stiletto's on Steel	PHD	Ann Marie	TBD	
May 13	Saturday	Rudy's	PHD	TBD	11:00 AM	
May 17	Wednesday	The Distillery -Dewitt	PHD	Dan Marsh	6:00 PM	
May 21	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride.	PHD	TBD	11:00 AM	
May 28	Sunday	Vet's Watch Fire	PHD	Jeff M.	5:30 PM	
June 3	Saturday	Marcellus Parade @ 3PM	PHD	TBD	TBD	
June 4	Sunday	Fleur De Lis, Seneca Falls	PHD	Kevin	10:00 AM	
June 6	Tuesday	Gem Diner	PHD	Jeff	6:00 PM	
Jun7-10	Weds-Sat	Americade	TBD	TBD	TBD	
June 11	Sunday (CANCELLED) SPCA- How we Roll (CANCELLED) Date is open: 9:00 AM Molloy Road SPCA					
June 17	Saturday	#1 PHD Ride Series: EAST	TBD	TBD	TBD	
June 18	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride-Blue Canoe	TBD	TBD	11:00 AM	
June 22	Thursday	Greenwood Bistro	PHD	Barb Snyder	6:00 PM	
June 23-25	Friday-Sunday	Thousand Islands River Run				
June 24	Saturday	Downsville	PHD		8:00 AM	
July 8	Saturday	Mystery Ride	PHD	Dan Marsh	10:00 AM	
July 13	Thursday	Delphia's	PHD		6:00 PM	
July 14 -15	Friday-Saturday	HOG Rally In Utica	PHD	John Kresse	TBD	
July 15	Saturday	#2 PHD Ride Series	PHD	TBD	TBD	
July 16	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride- Wolf Mountain	PHD	John Kresse	11:00 AM	
July 22	Saturday	Eisenhower Lock	PHD	TBD	8:00 AM	
July 27-29	Thursday-Saturday	Canadian National HOG Rally, Ottawa				
July 29	Saturday		PHD	Bill Becker		
July 29	Saturday	Morrisville Lake System	PHD		8:30 AM	
July 30	Sunday	Kingston Ontario	PHD	Steve Knowles	8:30 AM, 9AM	Passport or Enhanced Drivers Lic. Rain Date 8-27
Aug 1	Tuesday	Stella's	PHD	Jeff	6:00 PM	
Aug 10	Thursday	Caz Farms	PHD	John Snyder	6:00 PM	

Aug 12	Saturday	Naples, NY	PHD	Rob	8:00 AM
Aug17	Thursday	Green Shutter	PHD	Terry	6:00 PM
Aug 19	Saturday	#3 PHD Ride Series	PHD	TBD	TBD
Aug 20	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride: Sodus Bay	PHD	TBD	11:00 AM
Aug 23	Wednesday	Mystery Ride: Ice Cream Only!!	PHD	Dan Marsh	6:00 PM
Aug 26	Saturday	Big Moose	PHD	Dan	9:00 AM
Aug 27	Sunday	Clayton Marina	PHD	Kevin	9:00 AM
September		Clear Path for Veterans Date TBD, Will participate			
Sept 16	Saturday	#4 PHD Ride Series	PHD	TBD	TBD
Sept 17	Sunday	Annual HOG Picnic	TBD		
Sept 23	Saturday	Lake Placid	PHD	Jason Sutcliffe	8:00 AM
Oct 7	Saturday	Great America Antique and Cheese Factory: Catskills Fall Foliage Ride	PHD	Bill	7:30 AM





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