



The High Road

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Our First Ride of the Season



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Director's Report



Kevin Reney

Well for starters I want to thank everyone that showed up to Performance for the open house. There was a great turnout. They had so many bikes show up, that we ran out of places to park them. Even though the weather was cool, it stayed dry and it's rumored that over 500 bikes showed up. The show put on by the stunt team was also entertaining, and loud...I tried to talk Brian into letting me take a Rental bike out to try my luck with the stunt crew. That obviously didn't pan out. Oh well, maybe next time

Now for the club news. I will be looking for some help with ideas for the display case, and decorating it. I've run out of ideas at the moment, so any help would be appreciated. I also had a large ride schedule printed up for the showroom floor. Bruno and I hung that up on one of the bulletin boards near the new bikes. This will hopefully help draw some new people to the rides.

Here's to an exciting season.

Kevin



Meeting Minutes



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 three guests.

Health and Welfare – Everyone is doing well!

Dealership – Bruno attended his first HOT Training and it was spectacular! He's still going through his notes, and wants everyone to know that we are appreciated and the dealership will do anything it can to help our HOG group thrive.

PHD's Spring Open House and Bike Blessing will be April 29th. There will be a stunt troop performing and they expect around 800-1000 people at the event. He asked us to please supply security and help with parking, as we need to leave room for the stunt show. Bruno is looking into the issue of serving alcohol at events- the person who serves the alcohol is liable in case of a problem, and they don't want HOG members to have that liability. He is going to see if the caterers can serve the alcohol. The bike blessing is at noon, and he asked us to be there at 11 to help with arrival. Please wear your safety vests if you have them.

PHD's first Bike Night of the season will be Friday, May 18th. Sylvan Beach does their bike nights on Tuesdays starting soon.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston announced that we have approximately \$2400. No big expenses until the picnic in September.

Membership – Mike Piston announced that we currently have 93 members. Please sign in at each meeting! He also asked for our starting mileage for 2017 for future awards. He told us that if you are a national member, you are allowed to have as many associate members under your membership as you would like. You don't have to be a HOG member to participate in rides; if you aren't a member you just have to sign a waiver.

Road Captain – John Kresse announced that John Snyder would be leading a ride after the meeting to the Limp Lizard in Liverpool. He talked about his article about checking equipment before you head out. He also attended the HOT Training and talked about SEE- Scanning with your eyes, Evaluate (what if) and Execute (have a plan). To reduce risk and liability, let the car win- swallow your pride to be safe!

Safety – Kirk Wilson was (re)introduced as the new Safety Officer.

Activities – Christine Lanfair stated that there is nothing new going on, and if you have any ideas, please send them to Christine, John or Kevin.

Ladies of Harley/ Community Service – Karen Whedon announced that Terry Lynn Clark is having back issues and her ride on the 27th is questionable at this point. She announced that we are still collecting new clothes and sundries for the VA (including books, crossword puzzles, shampoo, etc.) and continuing the canned food drive. She announced that she just took 53 pounds of food to the food bank on April 13th. We received a thank you letter from the VA. She also wants to thank everyone that participated in Teloc;

we had new helpers and everyone had a great time!

Photographer – Please send Karen your pictures- anything HOG related- email them to her because it's easier to download than to transfer from Facebook. This is how she makes the disk for the end of the year.

Historian – No history this month.

Editor – Anne Marie thanked Joanne Piston for help with the newsletter!

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

Assistant Director – The theme for HOT Training this year was 'No Boundaries.' Steve made a video slide show to show the group different ride ideas from their brainstorming groups. He mentioned that one idea was a 'Dealer Ride,' where we invite the PHD employees to ride with us. We had 7 people attend the HOT Training this year.

Director – Kevin pointed out one big change from the HOT Training: we will no longer state that the ride is over once we get to the destination of the ride. If something happens on the way home, insurance doesn't apply if the ride is over. If you are drinking, you are no longer a part of the ride.

Old Business – None

New Business – Kevin told us that we have been invited to create a Harley Davidson 'Meet and Greet' at the SPCA. Bruno is working on it, waiting to hear back with more information.

T-Shirt Bingo – Kevin explained how it works for our guests. No winner this month (Rhode Island) so it will be \$20 next month.

Pig Pot – Total was \$136.00. Tim Alexander won and took home \$68.00.

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



Safety Officer



Kirk Wilson

Safety Officer Newsletter – May 2017

Thank you for welcoming me as the new Safety Officer. If anyone ever has any questions regarding safety, please let me know.

May is **National Motorcycle Awareness Month**. To celebrate that, the following list of *Top Ten Overlooked Safety Tips* (Troy Siahaan, 5/14/15) from motorcycle.com are worth mentioning:

1. *Helmet Age*. The article recommends changing your helmet every 5 years. 'Over time the glues, polymers, resins and other materials that make up the inside of your helmet will start to degrade. Sweat and oils our bodies produce also take their toll on helmet material over time, too.'

2. *Tire Condition*. Monitor your tires regularly and replace bald tires!
3. *Check Your Fluids*. We often check our oil, but often forget about brake fluid. '[Brake fluid](#) absorbs moisture in the air over time. Neglect to change it out regularly and it could result in spongy feel at the lever and less stopping power.'
4. *Tears in Gear*. Check your gear often for rips or tears. If you've had an accident in your gear, it may not work as well to keep you safe for a second time. Check the warranties on your gear.
5. *Covering Levers*. If you're in tight or difficult traffic especially, it's a good idea to cover the brake and clutch levers with at least one finger so they are ready to go if you need them. It's a good idea to have the right foot at ready in case some rear brake is needed, also.
6. *Bring the Right Face shield*. If you regularly wear a dark face shield and get caught after the sun goes down, your ability to see everything you need to see could be in question. Transitions shields are a great alternative for all times of day.
7. *Check Chain Slack*. It's important to check chain slack every 500-700 miles. 'Neither a tight or loose chain is any good, nor are stuck or worn out links. At the very least, clean and lube your chain...and if your chain does need adjustment, be sure to follow the factory recommendations for proper chain tension...inspect the condition of your sprockets as well. Dull sprocket teeth can cause the chain to jump under acceleration...It's always a good idea to change chains and sprockets at the same time. If your bike has a belt drive, it's a good idea to look those over, too...Look for fraying edges or loose strands as a sign that a replacement is imminent.'

8. *Use Your Mirrors.* 'Situational awareness is key when you're riding, and being aware of your surroundings – in front, behind, and on both sides – will help you ride at an appropriate pace for the conditions. You do this by looking at your mirrors.'
9. *Tire Pressure.* Maintaining the proper tire pressure on your bike is easy and important. Check your owner's manual for information considering your tires.
10. *Stay Focused.* 'We're all guilty of wandering off, especially if we're cruising along the interstate without another soul in sight, but maintaining focus is key in the event an emergency arises. That doesn't mean riding wide-eyed and with a death grip on the bars, but stay alert, be aware of what's around you, listen to your motorcycle, and most of all, have fun.'

Safe riding!



Membership Report



Mike Piston

Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

During the month of April we collected dues for 11 members and had our regular pig pot income. Our expenses were minimal. On 4/30/17 our bank balance was \$2510.35.

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

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017.

So far this year, we have 100 members. Last year, 2016, we had 145 members. So let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG. Non-members and anyone who has not renewed their local membership this year may participate in club rides by filling out a guest waiver form.

Let's all ride and have fun !!!!

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

March 2017: Korie Allen (lapsed)

May 2017: Walter Bialobreski (active til 5/31)

Just a reminder, the local membership to Syracuse HOG is for the calendar year; your National HOG membership may cover a different time period.

Your local membership to Syracuse HOG requires an active National HOG membership

Happy HOG Birthday !!!

- May 5 Kirk Wilson
6 Renee Sager
7 Terry Lynn Clark
11 Joel Soccio
14 Patrick Cavanaugh
17 Peter Wynyard
20 Vanessa Ross-Wood
23 Kevin Reney
27 Bill Czelusniak
30 Rob Lancette
- June 5 Darwin Gensel
14 Duane Erwin
18 Dan Sturtz
26 Jim (LoBo) DeMayo
27 Joyce Cianciola

Community Service



Karen Whedon

Syracuse HOG Night at WCNY TEL-AUC 2017

We are getting really good at this
and the station loves us.

It was another get together of members of Syracuse HOG volunteering for the annual WCNY Tel-Auc that took place at the station in downtown Syracuse.

We manned the phone bank on Saturday
April 22, from 8:30 until 11:00

We met at the station about an hour early and enjoyed a free dinner put on by Peppino's restaurant. I thought the food was terrific and I think everyone else did also.

Thank you to the following individuals who gave their Saturday evening to help: Jim Allen, Marjorie and Garry Canino, Carol and Steve Knowles, John and Barb Snyder, Barb and Dave Witek and of course yours truly...

We had a great evening filled with food, fun, laughs, and all while helping Public Broadcasting.

Karen Whedon



Ladies of Harley



Terry Lynn Clark

Happy May,
The sun is a shining to welcome the day...
Welcome to the best Harley Davidson season yet.

I found an appropriate article for the weather that seems to follow us where ever we go, heavy rain.. As you are traveling, please remember our veterans and pick up hotel sundries for them. and maybe a t-shirt you see on the road. Hopefully we will be having some great rides this season, hope to see you on them.

In the Wind,
Terry Lynn

On Saturday April 29th, the day of PHD's open house and Bike Blessing, I met for breakfast at the Gem with a couple of folks from the Fairfax VA. HOG. They are extremely excited to be returning to central NY and are really looking forward to buzzing around the Finger Lakes in July and to be able to take in the HOG rally in Utica.

What they would really like is if, there was someone-anyone who might have done a great ride in the past to let them know of it or better yet, be willing to lead a ride into the Finger Lakes region. They are very open to suggestions and would be very grateful for any and all ideas of routes; places to see, places to go, places to eat etc. If you have any information you'd like to pass along, let me know and I can get their contact info to you. These guys seemed like some serious travelers; this was an easy ride for them to CNY that weekend to check out lodging possibilities. I highly doubt a long day ride is going to bother them at all!

In other news, in relation to our ride schedule, please keep in mind that all ride leaders are responsible for getting the word out about whether the ride is on, any changes or it is cancelled. All un-assigned rides will hopefully have someone step up to lead them. If no one steps up, and if I can't lead it, I'll have to make the call to cancel. Please keep in mind, not all rides have to be Club rides. If you want to bring guests, feel free to. If you can't make it to the take off point, you can also meet up at the destination.

ROAD CAPTAIN



John Kresse

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>RideLeader</u>	<u>Ride Time:</u>
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 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 S	6:00 PM	
June 23-25	Fri-Sun	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	Fri-Sa	HOG Rally In Utica	PHD	John K	TBD	
July 15	Saturday	#2 PHD Ride Series	PHD	TBD	TBD	
July 16	Sunday	Post Meeting Ride- Wolf Mountain	PHD	John K	11:00 AM	
July 22	Saturday	Eisenhower Lock	PHD	TBD	8:00 AM	
July 27-29	Thur-Sat	Canadian 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	8:30 AM,	Passport or EDL
Aug 1	Tuesday	Stella's	PHD	Jeff	6:00 PM	
Aug 10	Thursday	Caz Farms	PHD	John S.	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,				
Sept 16	Saturday	#4 PHD Ride Series	PHD	TBD	TBD	
Sept 17	Sunday	Annual HOG Picnic	TBD			
Sept 23	Saturday	Lake Placid	PHD	Jason S	8:00 AM	
Oct 7	Saturday	Antique and Cheese Factory: Catskills Fall Foliage Ride	PHD	Bill	7:30 AM	



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