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Director's Report



Kevin Reney

Well it's June, and we are starting to see some new faces.....

I love to see new members, so please invite your friends.

Please also tell those friends to let us know their thoughts, as we are always looking to improve the club. This is a club FOR its MEMBERS, so let's make it the best we can. Keep the ideas fresh, so we can help this club grow. With that being said, I don't care how many people are in the club, what I care about, is that those here are enjoying it. We need to make this the best club we can for those that want to be here. If those here are happy, new members will follow. So let's enjoy this lovely 3 weeks of Summer we get here in Syracuse. Well maybe 4 weeks, LOL.

So see you out there at some of these great events, and rides.

Stay Safe and Ride as often as you can....

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 new members and one guest.

Health and Welfare – Everyone is doing well!

Dealership – Bruno told the group that Karen Whedon, Christine Lanfair and Patti Reith went to the SPCA and fixed the PHD 'meet and greet' room. He apologized for the delay but congratulated the great job so far. He mentioned that he has more items to contribute to the room at a later time.

The PHD Open House was incredible; from the door counters alone 1300 people came in and out of the dealership, which means that we probably had 1500-1700 people. This Open House and Bike Blessing were the biggest turnout in his 7 years at PHD- he stopped counting bikes there were so many!

The first Bike Night in May was chilly and Bruno estimated that there were between 100-150 people in attendance. Our second Bike Night, June 16th, will showcase the band *Scars and Stripes* and should be a good

turnout. Bruno then wished everyone a safe riding season.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston announced that we had very little activity this month and have approximately \$2500 in the bank. No big expenses until the picnic in September. We welcomed 11 new members in April.

Membership – Mike Piston announced that we currently have 101 members for 2017. Please sign in at each meeting! He also asked for our starting mileage for 2017 for future awards, which will be based on highest/ average mileage at the banquet.

Road Captain – John Kresse announced that Dan Marsh's July 8th ride has been moved to July 1st.

John can't be at the Marcellus parade on June 3rd but mentioned that it would be a nice ride down Route 20 before the parade. Jim Gascon then talked about the parade, which is based on the 'old home days.' There will be a jar of chance, rides, music and a carnival in the Marcellus park to raise money for charities in Marcellus. Jim is in the Rotary in Marcellus and they are in charge of the parade, which is at 3pm. Bikes will meet behind the bowling alley near the ice cream stand. He gave us his contact information to let him know about our involvement.

The VA HOG group wants to ride around the Finger Lakes and if we have any ride ideas they would love them- please talk to John. The VA members registered for the rally in Utica...everyone signs up individually but they keep track of how many group

members you have from your chapter. Barb mentioned that we haven't been asked to do anything for the HOG Rally in Utica this year, which is July 13th and 14th. At our June 8th meeting, one of our new members is going to bring his truck as an eye opener about how our bikes look to other drivers.

Safety – Kirk Wilson reminded us that May is National Motorcycle Awareness Month and to please read the article for reminders and safety tips.

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.

Community Service – Karen Whedon was unable to make the meeting, so Christine filled in. She thanked Patti again for her help with the SPCA room, and we can go see it anytime. Kevin wants to purchase the new HOG flag because it's double-sided and use the old one to mount on the wall at the SPCA.

Ladies of Harley – Terry has use of her bike again and will be able to lead her rides. She talked about the Marcellus parade on June 3rd and told us the Rolling Wall will be in Port Byron from July 1-4th. We are continuing to collect sundries for the veterans, as well as new clothes with tags.

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 – Terry brought in an award she acquired for the bookcase in the conference room.

Webmaster – The password for our website hasn't changed. If you need it, please contact an officer. Patti may be our new webmaster, but would appreciate help with getting started.

Assistant Director – Steve mentioned that Open House was wonderful and thanked the members for their help with security and traffic.

Director – Kevin reminded us that there will be NO JULY MEETING.

Old Business – None

New Business – Dave asked for members to bring in old and tattered flags for the Watch Fire. They are needed by Friday or Saturday before the fire. Jennifer Marsh mentioned that she is doing a fundraiser for a friend with Stage 4 Colon Cancer and left information. The Cicero American Legion is having an open house on June 4th. Tickets are \$20 presale, and includes a meal, bands and raffle items (including a 55" TV and tickets to see Miranda Lambert in Colorado).

T-Shirt Bingo – Kevin explained how it works for our guests. There was no winner last month so the total was \$20. Florida was chosen and we had two winners that each took home \$10.

Pig Pot – Total was \$100.00. Paul Allen won and took home \$50.00.

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



Safety Officer



Kirk Wilson

Safety Officer Newsletter – June 2017

As HOG members, many of our rides are in a group. According to motorcyclebasics.com, group riding has its own set of challenges, and there are things we can all do to improve our group riding experience. Here are a few reminders:

1. **Communication**- Unless the group uses intercoms, hand signals are the best way to communicate when we are riding. Basic hand signals can help convey turns, hazards in the road, the need to stop or other issues. Keep your eyes

open for hand signals to the group.

2. **Keeping the group together-** Stop lights/signs, turns or other vehicles make it very easy to get separated. There are ways to keep this from happening and make the ride safer. The leader can slow down and allow a light to turn red if they know not everyone will make it through. If not everyone gets through a light, the leader and group can pull over and wait for the rest of the group to catch up.
3. **Organization-** The entire group should know the destination and the route before the ride starts. Having designated breaks in advance helps in case of separation.
4. **Staggered Formation-** The leader should be in the front left of the lane, which is the blocking position, with the group staggered behind him/her. This makes the size of the group more compact and gives each rider a 'safety cushion' around them. There should be about 2 seconds between each rider for optimal safety.
5. **Single File Formation-** It is safer to use this formation during turns, ramps, passing slower vehicles, construction zones, narrow bridges, roads with parked cars, pedestrians or bicycle riders, and streetcar tracks. If the group is passing a slower vehicle,

each rider should spend as little time as possible on the other side of the yellow line. The group should not try to pass together.

6. **Lead Rider/Chase Rider-** The leader is responsible for setting a pace that everyone in the group can follow safely. The last rider is considered the Chase Rider, and is responsible for keeping an eye on the group. This rider should have a fair amount of experience if something were to happen.

'Riding in a group is not about competing with each other; it's about working together as a unit. If you want to compete, go to the track!' ~motorcyclebasics.com

Safe riding!

Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

During the month of May, transactions were few. On 5/31/17 our bank balance was \$2605.35.

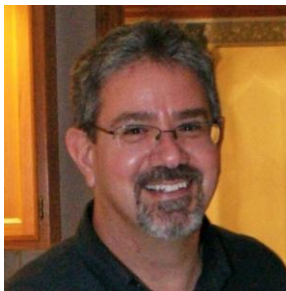
If you have any questions regarding the club's finances, please contact me at treasurer@syracusehog.com.

Joanne Piston



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.

Membership Report



Mike Piston

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017; so far this year, we have 105 members. Last year, 2016, we ended the year with 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 (lapsed)
July 2017:	Jennifer Marsh Joel Soccio

Happy HOG Birthday !!!!

June 5 Darwin Gensel
14 Duane Erwin
18 Dan Sturtz
26 Jim (LoBo) DeMayo
27 Joyce Cianciola

July 3 Jody Van Auken
7 Marcella Becker
9 Kristine Wilson
11 Bob Metrick
16 Marjorie Canino
21 Mary Bell
21 Carol Brizzi
22 Steve Knowles
25 Mike Barbato

Community Service



Karen Whedon

HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROOM AT THE CNYSPCA

It was a dark and stormy night as well as a bit hectic when Patti Reith, Christine Lanfair and I arrived at the SPCA on Molloy Road. There was a rabies clinic going on the same evening. We did manage to get the supplies into the building without being scratched or bitten by the 100 plus animals and owners that were milling about waiting for their shots.

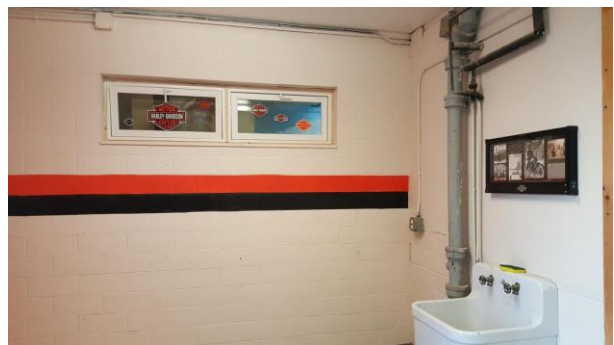
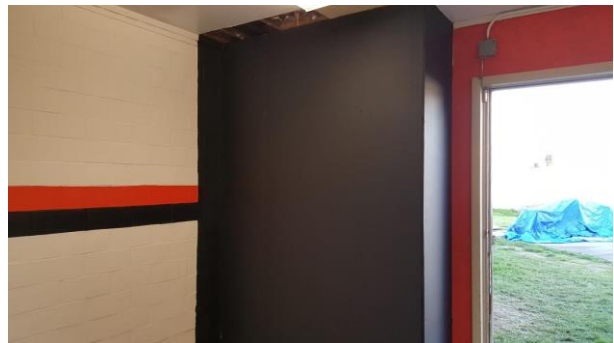
Once inside we had to wait for the room to be cleaned and disinfected before we could begin. That took about half an hour, but we used that time to decide on how and what was needed to be done and developed a plan of action.

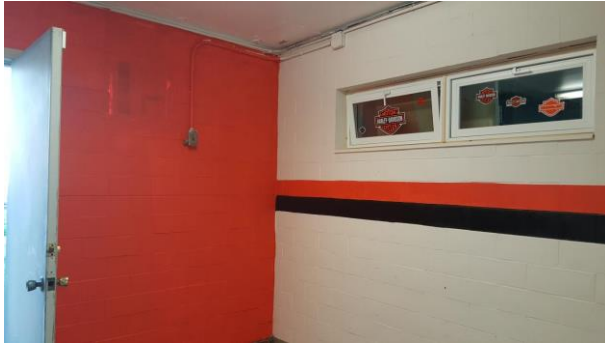
Then it was time to get to work.... Shortly we were taping and painting and once we got started it went relatively smooth. The major painting is done, a little touching up still needs to be done. Decals are decorating the windows and a plaque is hung over the sink. Once the big 3 X 3 banner is delivered to PHD,

we will hang that as well as 3 or 4 posters and possibly an old PHD shirt that Bruno has obtained for us. Also, Christine has donated a sign that will be hung on one of the doors. In addition, Darwin Gensel has offered to make a bench which can be painted black and orange to match the room décor.

So as you can see from the pictures, the **Harley-Davidson Room at the CNYSPCA** is pretty much finished. Unfortunately due to the recent internal issues at the CNYSPCA, it may be awhile before we can get back in to put up the finishing touches. I will keep everyone posted.

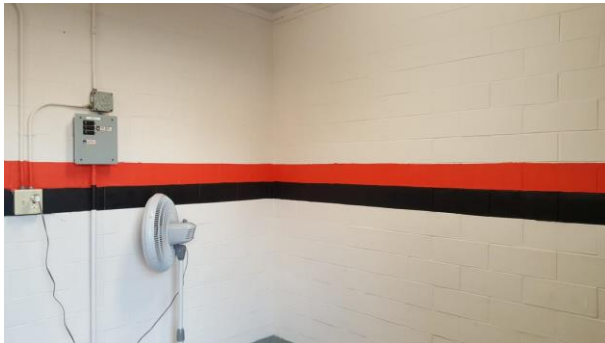
Again, thanks to two SUPER ladies, Patti Reith and Christine Lanfair, the hard part is over.





PACKING FOR A MOTORCYCLE TOUR

What to pack and where to pack it



[Tamela RichMoto Tips](#)[batteries](#), [duct tape](#), [field repairs motorcycle](#), [how to pack for a motorcycle trip](#), [motorcycle tours](#), [packing for a motorcycle trip](#), [safety items for motorcycle](#), [zip strip](#)

I've lived off my motorcycle for up to six weeks. Rarely have I wished I'd packed another T-shirt, but occasionally I've wished I'd packed more duct tape. Here are four tips and a checklist to help you enjoy this year's riding.

Ladies of Harley



Terry Lynn Clark

**HI ALL,
I HOPE THIS FINDS US ALL
RIDING, EVEN IF ITS DODGING
RAIN DROPS.
I LIKED THIS ARTICLE.**

In the wind,
Terry Lynn

TIP ONE: "Low and Close." Make physics work for you by packing the heaviest things as **low** and **close** as possible to your bike's frame. It's tempting to keep piling up-up-up on the seat behind you, but when you do, you're building a sail that will catch wind while you're moving and make your bike unstable in parking lots. Packing low and close avoids that problem. Low and close gives you more stability when making sudden stops and when riding on less-than-ideal surfaces.

TIP TWO: Stick to a packing system. If you always pack the same things in the same places you can locate what you need in a hurry. **BONUS:** you're less likely to leave something behind. On that note, pack your rain gear in an easily-accessed place, not in the bottom of your luggage.

TIP THREE: Put new gear through a dry run. Whether a new sleeping mattress, tent, riding gear or doo-dad, practice using your new gear before you hit the road. You might find a manufacturer's defect or even decide to return the item for something that suits you better.

TIP FOUR: Stash your cash and cards. Don't keep all your cash and cards in one place. Put a little in your pockets, your riding gear, and in your luggage.

REMEMBER THESE MOTORCYCLE ESSENTIALS

- **Zip strips and duct tape.** Between the two of them, you can handle most field repairs. Consider re-wrapping your duct tape around a small-diameter cylinder to reduce the space it takes up in your pack.
- **A physical map.** While GPS and phone apps have revolutionized the way we travel, things go wrong. Always bring a physical map of where you plan to travel.
- **A spare key.** If you're traveling with a companion, trade spares. By yourself, either place it in an inner pocket of your riding jacket or secure it on the bike with a zip strip or duct tape—better yet, both!
- **Your flashlight and fresh batteries.** A flashlight can help not only after dark, but also if you need to shine a light into a

dark space on your bike for a field repair. Of course no batteries, no light—so pack replacements.

- **Protein and fiber.** Fuel your body to balance blood sugar and maintain mental acuity with good protein and starchy veggies. In addition to balanced meals, pack snacks that are nutrient dense like mini packets of almond butter, homemade trail mix. Apples will keep nicely. Skip commercial granola bars and crackers, while opting for whole food bars like RX or Epic for energy on the go.

Finally, ship some stuff home. You might find that you're not using some clothes you packed or want to buy a souvenir for which you don't have room. Stop at a post office or package shipper and mail it home. They all have boxes and packing supplies, and your motorcycle will handle better with less weight.



Assistant Director



Steve Knowles

Hats off to PHD, Hostile Crew and all you HOG members!

A big **THANK YOU** to those who helped with security during the HOSTILE CREW Stunt Show at PHD's Spring Open House.



Kingston Ontario International Ride Plan

By
Assistant Director
Steve Knowles

Date: July 30th, rain date TBD
Start time 8:30 from PHD

This is an all day, scenic ride about 8 to 10 hours with lunch and a few breaks along the way.

- Must have Enhanced driver's license or Passport
- Must have cash for the ferry \$4, cash for Tolls \$3.50, plus money for lunch and fuel.
- Make sure you and your bike are ready for a long journey

The plan is to ride up the coast of Lake Ontario and into Cape Vincent. Then ferry over to Wolf Island and Kingston Canada. From Kingston, we will head east on Queens Hwy-2, along the Canadian coast of the St Lawrence River towards the International bridge. From there we'll head south back to the Good ole USA! We'll do a lunch stop near Alexandria Bay and then head home by either 81 -highway or scenic way down route-3.

FYI... This could be your "\$100 HOG ride"!

Log your ride, take photos and save your receipts. Write to the HOG Magazine's ... and enter your own article by emailing your submission to "**\$100 RIDES**" as the subject line to hogmagazine@harley-davidson.com with 750 words or less. If your submission appears in **HOG**, you could win a \$100 Harley-Davidson gift card!

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>	
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	Rob L.	8:00 AM	
July 8	Saturday	Mystery Ride	PHD	Dan Marsh	10:00 AM	
July 13	Thursday	Delphia's	PHD	Terry?	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	Rob L.	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 L.	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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