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Director's Report



Kevin Reney

Well it's September....

What does that mean?

The 2018 models are out, and the riding season is almost over. But that doesn't need to be the end of our fun. The picnic, and annual dinner are still on the list. We have many other opportunities that we can add to the list as well.

Anyone want to do a sleigh ride, haunted house, or maybe even a bus trip someplace? There are many options to be able to get together during the off season. So, let's try and come up with some fun ideas.

On a CLUB note, with the new year, brings new Officer position openings. If anyone is interested in any positions, please reach out to me, and let me know.

We have the following positions needed to be filled:

- Historian
- Activities Director
- and anyone wanting to help out, or shadow any other position.

We want to make this Club as welcoming as possible, and always welcome input from our members.

Thank you all for being a part of
Syracuse HOG

As Always,

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 one new member and one guest.

Health and Welfare – Everyone is doing well!

Dealership – Bruno thanked the group and John Kresse for a fantastic ride yesterday. Kevin swept and Dave Ferguson was a great help, and the Red Knights were thrilled. He also got a call from the Fairfax, VA HOG group thanking us for our hospitality.

The final PHD ride is September 16th. If anyone has any ideas, please let John or Bruno know.

HD is releasing the new 2018 models! On Thursday, September 07, PHD will host a HOG preview with a light dinner provided (6ish). More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

September 23rd is the PHD Open House. Bruno said that there may be a test ride that day instead of a demo day...he's thinking scaling down on food, and more bikes.

The PHD Holiday Party is going to be modified to make it better. Bruno is working on making it a charity event with the Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse. Children are the future leaders, and Bruno's motto is to give a 'hand up' instead of a 'hand out.'

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston announced that we had very little activity the last two months and have \$2262 in the bank. No big expenses until the picnic in September.

Membership – Mike Piston announced that we currently have 117 members for 2017. Please sign in at each meeting!

Road Captain – John Kresse announced that the ride yesterday was a blast! He will come up with a plan for the next PHD ride this week.

Safety – Kirk Wilson reminded us to please read the article for reminders and safety tips.

Activities – Christine Lanfair reminded us that the picnic is Sunday, September 17th after the HOG meeting at Jamesville Beach at the Sandpiper Pavilion (picnic at 12, food at 12:30). \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. Christine needs to know by September 7th if you are planning on attending. Bella Domani is catering. There will be a Chinese auction, so please bring your money! This year you will be able to purchase as many tickets as you would like and can win as many times as your ticket is drawn. If you have items for the auction, please bring them along!

Community Service – Karen Whedon was unable to make the meeting, but please email her pictures!

Ladies of Harley – Terry reminded us that we are continuing to collect sundries for the veterans (hotel samples), as well as new clothes with tags. We are still collecting food for the food drive, and hospitals like new sweats and flip flops as well as sundries.

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 – This position is open- if you are interested in being the historian, please let Kevin know!

Webmaster – Rob Gabor is still filling in and Patti Reith is helping.

Assistant Director – Steve told us that the Kingston ride was awesome and thanked people for participating! Volunteers are needed to help with bike games for the picnic!

Director – Kevin thanked everyone for coming on the ride yesterday- there were 50 bikes with the Red Knights! Lobo received his 15 year certificate.

Old Business – None

New Business – One of our new members invited us to ride through the Catskills on September 10th.

T-Shirt Bingo – There was no winner last month so the total was \$20. Louisiana was chosen and Pat Metcalf won!

Pig Pot – Total was \$108.00. One lucky winner took home \$54.00.

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

Assistant Director



Steve Knowles

Syracuse HOG goes international... Um; just for a day 😊

Nine bikes including a trike and 10 members traveled 273 smiling miles on our Kingston HOG ride as we loop the USA & Canadian seaway trail. We rode through the 1000 Islands via bi-ways, ferries and international bridges, and soaked-up amazing scenic shorelines and Windmill fields along Wolf Island. The weather was perrr-fect (*July 30th*), and IF you missed it, oh man, you missed a good one. Hey, just saying cause, it was FUN!



Left to right: Rick, Steve, Dan & Jennifer, Dave & Tenille on their new Trike, Marcella & Bill, and new HOG members; son & father teaming for the journey; Steve and Curt Johnson with their brand new bikes!



Ok? So where's that little Cape Vincent *FERRY*!



Rick, Dan, Bill, Steve, Jen and Marcella 'up-top' on the big Kingston ferry



Old Mc Donald had a 'ferry' and on his ferry he had a bike,
with a bike bike here and a bike bike there,
here a bike, there a bike, everywhere a bike, bike....



Reporting an injury using a HOG Injury Report form



Harley-Davidson Insurance Services

Ok, so we had a little mishap on one of our rides recently and I accepted the responsibility to write-up an injury report; something I've never done before. However, I found it rather easy to complete and submit the HOG Injury Report form.

First thing, I notified Officers, Bruno Schirripa and HOG's Manager, Bruce Motta of the incident. Bruce simply said, fill out the injury report and submit it. Bruce did not give me a timeline, but suggested it's better to have the injury report before the lawyers get involved. Soon after, I received an email from HOG's Dealership Insurance Representative, Lisa Squires, with simple instructions.

Lisa requested a completed HOG Injury Report form along with a copy of each injured person's signed Release form and include a police report if available. FAX these documents using the contact numbers on top of the Injury Form as soon as reasonable possible.

Simple right? Well let me tell you how I got'er done (you know ...if /when it's your turn)...

Items & Form info you'll need to complete this mission:

- Signed Release Form...
- Request a copy from Membership Officer (currently Mike Piston)
- Injury Report Form...
Located in the HOG file drawer in our meeting room (or see any officer).
- Chapter Name... **Syracuse HOG**
- Chapter number... **3424**
- Chapter Insurance Cert... **"On File"**
- Place of injury...
Simply write Road/ intersection /or define place of occurrence
- Name(s) address, age of injured...
Personal info comes from the members' release form on file.
- Name, address, phone of person who saw the incident... **This is pretty straightforward to write-up**
- Where, when, how injury occurred...

Provide as much detail as you know

- Type of injury... **Check the appropriate box**

Once completed, Fax all forms and documents to 1-800-699-2142 or current fax number. Lisa Squires, our HOG Dealership Insurance Representative, will send you an email, acknowledging her receipt of your documents. Send Lisa's acknowledgement to Officers.

You're Done!



Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

Treasurer's Report for June, July & August 2017

During the months of June, July and August, we received dues from several new and renewing members, as well as our regular meeting Pig Pot income. The club purchased a new flag and table cover for events. We also put a deposit down for our September picnic. In August we also received a few reservations for the 9/17 picnic. On 8/31/17 our bank balance was \$2514.10.

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

Joanne Piston

Membership Report



Mike Piston

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2017; so far this year, we have 118 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 are about to expire:

July 2017: Steven Johnson
July 2017: Joel Soccio
August 2017: Michael Christopher
September 2017: Joel Campagnola
October 2017: Leigh Bishop

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!!

September	3	Ed VanAuken
	12	Mari Lynn Mocyk
	13	Ron Amyot
	16	Garry Canino
	20	Vicky Cole
	23	Carl Barber
	25	Dena Sinnigen
	29	Jason Sutliff
October	1	Mike Bell
	1	Walter Bialobreski
	4	Carmen Rinaldo
	7	Cathy Damiano
	7	Anthony Lapcznski
	17	Patti Reith
	22	Bruno Schirripa
	23	Joseph Swierk
	31	Paul Killian

Community Services Report



Karen Whedon

FOOD, FOOD, AND MORE FOOD



Now that riding season is "sort of" winding down, I plan on making another delivery to the **Central NY Food Bank** in October. Hopefully we will have a lot of donations, which would be great. If you would prefer to give me money, I will do the shopping for items needed.

I have been unable to be at club events during the summer to remind you of the food bank collection; but with fall coming, and my summer job ending, I hope to become visible once again starting with the October meeting.

PLEASE continue to bring in canned goods. Even the smallest saddle bag will hold a can of soup. And don't forget sundries for the Syracuse VA Hospital. And last but not least, with the support of Performance Harley Davidson, we will hopefully be ringing the **Salvation Army Red Kettle** bell again this year. More information regarding dates and times will be in future newsletters.

Thank you for caring!

Karen Whedon
(Community Services)

Safety Officer Report



Kirk Wilson

Accident Management

Help your fellow riders by thinking ahead, being prepared

By Elaine Anthony

After an accident, the people you ride with want to be useful. They will feel helpless enough if they aren't medical professionals with adequate gear to start making a difference, for in serious accidents, first aid seems superficially valuable or is even impossible to render. If they have access to communications and to important information, however, they can still help save your life. In light of Karen Miller's accident last November, here are some tips I gleaned from dealing with an emergency situation. The first four are offered to enable your fellow riders to help you immediately, the rest over the longer term.

- ▶ **Carry a cellular phone when you ride, if possible. If you don't have one, ask who in the group has one and where on the bike it is kept.**
- ▶ **Carry legible ID and keep it current. If you've moved since your driver's license was issued, you can get a ticket for failing to update it -- as well as cause confusion about such basics as "where does she live?" Check or sign the organ donor box on it, if you would want to donate in a worst-case scenario.**
- ▶ **Carry a list of medications you take routinely and keep it current. List allergies or medical conditions that EMS techs/doctors need to know about to treat you.**
- ▶ **Carry a list of persons to contact and their current telephone numbers, including area codes. If those living with you are likely to be hard to reach, or you live alone, friends who ride with you should be able to figure out easily who to call from information on your bike or your person. (Even if they can gain access to your home by taking your keys from the scene, it doesn't mean they can find your address book.) Karen had thought to carry**

names and telephone numbers of relatives and friends with her, which saved her fellow riders a lot of stress after LifeFlight left, when they started the notification process.

Hospital and emergency personnel will presume that an unconscious person has given them consent to save his or her life. But even when a rider has a close family member who can legally take over subsequent medical decisions (as far as the hospital's lawyers are concerned), your fellow LSL members may still be uncertain about which family member should be given your valuables, your keys, your jewelry, and access to your home -- especially if the family members argue about it when they get together to meet the witnesses and pick these items up.

It is unfortunately only a cheerful fiction that all of a downed rider's brothers and sisters and in-laws will be getting along splendidly the week that an accident happens -- not to mention the new lover and the ex-spouse. Would you want your cousin who's on parole rummaging through your mail while you're laid up? If you have no skeletons in your closet of relatives, you can ignore these suggestions. But for many of us, there are some troublesome realities among our relatives. So, for the longer term...

- ▶ **Have a durable Power of Attorney prepared appointing someone close to you to be in charge of your business and legal affairs, in writing. "Durable" means the person designated can act for you even if you could not act for yourself (i.e., if you were unconscious, or sedated for a long time). This is not a "form" document that you can buy, but it is usually inexpensive to have it prepared. "Close" means living in your area as well as close by relationship: if someone is making decisions critical to your well-being, he or she will be better informed after talking to your doctors face to face, if possible.**
- ▶ **If you have given someone verbal authority to act for you in an emergency, do not leave written authority appointing someone else. Revoke conflicting Powers of Attorney and have a correct one prepared. Then tell someone who rides with you whom you designated! If you don't want to discuss this every time you go out, put a copy of the durable Power of Attorney with the list of phone numbers on your bike, or leave it with someone who is on that list of persons to notify in case of an accident.**

If you're riding with someone who goes down and are helping at an accident scene, get the name of the investigating officer in charge and find out where the vehicles are going and where the accident report will be. Take photos if you can. Retrieve the rider's ID, insurance card and personal items from the bike and protect them. Find the lists of phone numbers and medications as soon as possible.

Riders who witness a serious accident will be somewhat in shock even if they were uninjured. If you are managing an accident scene where a friend has been hurt, let bystanders help you as well as your friend, if they can. Don't rush to get to the hospital once your injured friend has been removed. Take time to collect yourself before riding again. Have a drink of water (shock can make you dry-mouthed), and try to remember to thank the emergency personnel and any bystanders who helped you, before you leave.

Ladies of Harley



Terry Lynn Clark

Hi all,

Fall is here. I was hoping for a few more warm days, but it's not looking real promising. As I was cruising through articles I thought this one was interesting from Raceway ATV. It's one we don't talk about much.

[How to Safely Handle A Fall From Your Motorcycle](#)

Falling from your motorcycle is dangerous at any speed, and there is probably not much you can do about it. When you're in the moment, it's nearly impossible to think clearly about what you should and shouldn't do with your body position, and you may have no ability to control yourself even if you can think of what to do anyway. However, on the outside chances that knowing the proper techniques may help at least one person through a fall from their motorcycle, let's examine two schools of thought.

First, let's talk about a low side fall. This is when you dump and your bike winds up out in front of you. You really, really want to stay behind your motorcycle. Really. So logic dictates you need to increase your amount of friction with the ground to create as much drag as possible. If you can, try to roll onto your back and spread yourself out to make the most surface contact possible. Do not attempt to get up in anyway until you're completely sure you have come to a full stop. Tumbling breaks bones.

Now let's talk about high side falls. In this case you have the unenviable position of being in front of your motorcycle after the spill. You really want to make sure you don't come to a stop until after your motorcycle does. Really. In this case, your best bet is to tuck your arms and legs in to lessen your amount of surface friction to keep moving longer, hopefully avoiding your motorcycle catching up and impacting with your body.

While we realize that there may be no way to control your body during a fall from a motorcycle, hopefully knowing the correct way to handle it in theory will help your situation if it ever happens to you.

Please remember our veterans when you are at hotels traveling. The VA loves our donations of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Also, new t shirts, sweats and flip flops are needed. Games and recreational items are ALWAYS welcome.
See you at the picnic.

In the Wind,

Terry Lynn

Ride Captain



John Kresse

Greetings all.

You probably remember that June and July had more wet days than dry but personally, I was able to get a few weekend rides in. I hope you did too. Our last PHD ride was a great success out through Manlius to Chittenango and up RT 13 to Caz along the creek and passing the falls. Burgers, dogs, sausage sandwiches and sodas were ready for us upon our return. Thank you PHD!!

Let's look at a safety thing that happened in June. A person fell off the back of a bike and was subsequently struck by another bike following behind. So, I know absolutely nothing about the actual causes and circumstances except what I've heard in the news but, and this is a crucial but, we can make a few presumptions and I think I may not be too far off from reality.

First, let's not jump to conclusions and presume that the victim fell off due to multiple possibilities and all I can do is ask a few questions. Was there a back-rest? Were they hanging on? (Apparently not) What was the driver doing? Was he engaging in horse play? Was it a sudden start and the passenger wasn't ready? All good questions.

Next, how about the person behind? How close were they? (2 second rule) Were they in staggered formation? How fast were they going? Were the riders behind also fooling around? More good questions.

Well, we don't get to find out the answers to those questions but you can make a lot of presumptions and I'd bet most of us would come up with the same answers and most of them would probably be right. I'll leave that to you to think about.

But here is something else to think about. Your passenger is one of your highest priorities. Anything and everything you do affects their safety. Their job is to sit still and enjoy the scenery. Your job is to ensure that they can. In other words, SEE what's going on ahead. Survey. Evaluate. Execute. If something happens to cause your stomach to jump, you

can bet the same thing happened to your passenger and we always want our passenger to feel comfortable and safe. That's why we enjoy it so much.

Take care all, be safe in everything.

John Kresse

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>
September 24		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

Sodus Point, Capt. Jack's Ride

Sunday 8/20/17

What a beautiful day for a ride. After our Member Meeting, 14 bikes headed out for an hour's drive thru Onondaga, Cayuga and Wayne counties heading towards Sodus Point. Along the way we had a pretty, blue sky filled with some light clouds, plenty of sunshine and some very green rolling fields. At the Cato- Meridian Central School we broke off Rt. 370 and took some back roads over to Rt. 104 in Martville. Mike and I have lead a few rides in the last four or so years but there's never a time that you can't learn something new. There is something to be said about checking out your route a few days in advance just to be sure that you don't run into something unexpected. On Bradt Road outside Cato we turned on a recently oiled road. It probably was done a week or so ago but there was still some loose gravel. Google Maps says a ride down this 4.1mile road should take six minutes. I think we went over that a bit! Safe to say, we all tested our skills on that road. Onward and over to Rt. 38 in Martville. Unfortunately, we came across another recently oiled road and at the end of that was Rt. 38. That corner was a real test. My apologies to everyone! I really love the back roads much better than the usual main corridors we travel but checking out the route ahead of time is very important. Lessoned learned!

So, it was time for a break and nice leisurely ride west on Rt. 104 to Alton and up to Sodus Point. We dined at Capt. Jack's on the rear deck by the water and watched the fishing boats come in. One charter brought back about six very large king salmon that looked amazing. Lunch was very nice and relaxing and some great conversations were had. We had a new member who joined us after our earlier meeting and that gave us a chance to find out what he was all about. Glad you joined up Brett! We also had a guest with us, a personal friend of my husband and mine. Janice has been riding a few years but hadn't done any group riding so this was a new one for her.

After lunch, we headed back home with a ride thru Wolcott, over to Rt. 104 and then Rt. 370 back to Cato and Baldwinsville. This was actually our first chapter ride we have been able to be on this season and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Dan Sturtz usually heads up this ride but was enjoying a weekend away at the Jimmy Buffet concert. We didn't want this ride to be cancelled because Sodus Point has been on our chapter's ride calendar for quite a few years and it is always a good time, a great destination. Hopefully we keep this one going for many years to come. Thanks everyone who joined us and it was great to see you all and spend the afternoon with you.

Cindy & Mike Standen





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