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Harley Davidson Greetings and More by Lady Riders

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Director's Report



Kevin Reney

Well here we are in November already.

What does that mean? For some, it means it's time to put the two wheeled steed into storage. For others, it just means trying to sneak in a ride here and there. It even means some head SOUTH. But this does not mean we are going into hibernation. We have the Annual Dinner coming in January, and we are definitely open to off season ideas.

We need your input to help improve this club for everyone. So, put your thinking caps on and share your ideas with us. We want our members happy, and enjoying what this club has to offer.

Please let us know of any ideas you have. If you can't make a meeting to share them, please email us.

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.

Health and Welfare – We passed around cards for Tim Alexander (illness) and Kathy Crouse (motorcycle accident).

Dealership – Bruno was on vacation, so no dealership report this month.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston announced that most of our expenses were for the picnic last month. We have a \$1975 balance in the bank.

Kevin added that he heard after the fact that people thought that the picnic was expensive. Last year the club spent \$7 per person on the picnic, and this year the club spent \$8.50 per person. We had

the added expense of bike games; we decided to purchase the materials for the games so we can use them each year. The materials will be stored in our storage cabinet at PHD.

Membership – Mike Piston announced that we currently have 122 members for 2017, which is down about 20 from last year. From now until December, we will have a drawing for a free membership renewal for 2018. You need to be an active national member of HOG to be a local member. Please sign in at each meeting!

Road Captain – John Kresse was not at the meeting. Kevin told us that we received a nice letter from the Fairfax, VA HOG group thanking us for our hospitality.

Safety – Kirk Wilson wasn't at the meeting so Kristine Wilson reminded us to please read the article for reminders and safety tips.

Activities – Christine Lanfair led a vote for the annual dinner- Fireside or Barbagallos. The Fireside Inn opened 2 weeks ago and we went to Barbagallos 2 years ago. Fireside won, and we will have an open buffet and cash bar. We will have ticket prices next month.

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 and games. We are hoping to do more next month before Christmas. We are still collecting food for the food drive, and hospitals like new sweats and flip flops as well as sundries.

Community Service – Karen reminded us to bring in our canned goods for the Food Bank of Central New York. The food bank needs food all year; they also send food to calamity areas. She also sent around a signup sheet for Black Friday and before Christmas bell ringing at PHD.

Karen reported that Bruno wants us to lay low with the SPCA HOG room until the dust settles with the SPCA, but thanked us for all of our help with the room.

Editor – Anne Marie reported that the newsletter is on our website, but there are no copies this month.

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 – Jim Lanfair stepped up as our new historian! He will be asking for help for things we can use later on to keep making history instead of going over the stuff we've already done.

Webmaster – Patti Reith is in training!

Assistant Director – Steve reminded us (and for new members) that our Facebook page is open, but our website, syracusehog.com is private and password protected. If you need the password we can give it to you.

Director – Kevin didn't give a report. Keeping it short!

Old Business – None

New Business – Mike Christopher offered to get donuts in Tim's absence.

T-Shirt Bingo - Wisconsin was chosen with no winner.

Pig Pot – Total was \$74.00. One lucky winner took home \$37.00.

Motion to adjourn was made around 10:40.

Assistant Director



Steve Knowles

Brain Buckets

For us northerners, it's not often that we're fortunate enough to get a November ride in while the weather is still on our side. So, it feels great when we can steal an opportunity to grab one more ride day!

It was November 2nd, temps hovering around 66 or so, the sun was peeking through a few thin clouds and the day was shaping up as a good riding day. Every time I walked by my Electra-Glide the lights would blink at me and those grunts sounded more like a tease than a security announcement. I begin thinking, all in all, this day is totally in my favor, I'll get my errands done before we depart for our planned Myrtle Beach vacation and I'll get a ride in too.

So, I'm out enjoying a fantastic ride when I see this car on the side street waiting to enter the intersection. I cautiously watch his next maneuver and decide to move into the left lane to create a cushion of space between the two of us. Sure enough, the car comes out into the right hand lane and I figure I'm good, no worries. Well, that quickly changed when the car abruptly moved into the left-lane directly in my path! SNAP; my adrenaline kicks-in as did evasive maneuvering and then my Electra Glide's ABS went into action! That was close!

I would guess that most of us have been in a situation similar to this kind of unexpectedness. When that happens, there is no time to put leathers on, or don a helmet, lest any other safety gear. So, when you ride, act like a Boy Scout and "always be prepared".

When we arrived in Myrtle Beach a few days later, the weather was phenomenal, several bikers are enjoying it and we quickly noticed **NO** helmets!



Photo of 2017 Myrtle Beach Bike week (MBBW)

Treasurer's Report



Joanne Piston

During the month of October, we put down a deposit at the Fireside Inn for our annual dinner in January. We also had our regular meeting Pig Pot income plus a few memberships. On 10/31/17 our bank balance was \$1667.26.

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

ROAD CAPTAIN



John Kresse

Greetings all. Happy Fall. Yup, it's true, fall has arrived and I've already seen postings on FB of folks storing their bikes for the winter. It's sad but you know it was going to happen. Is your bike ready?

Just like pulling your bike out in the spring, putting your bike away in the fall should be just as detailed and exact. You take precise steps before you ride: I think you should follow a similar routine after you ride. In fact, most of your storage procedure should be about the same as retrieval procedure.

Let's go back to the spring... what did you do? You checked your lights: headlight, running lights, directional's, license plate illumination and brake light. You checked your tires for wear and damage and proper inflation. (The fall is usually a good time to score tires on sale.) You checked your fluid levels; brake reservoirs, engine oil and primary if possible. You checked your clutch handle top play; about an eighth of an inch. How about your shocks and forks? Any signs of leakage?

Check your brake pads. How do they look? A little thin? They may pass inspection but it might be something to keep in mind as a job that'll need to get done in the spring or early summer.

Did you add any fuel stabilizer? Read the labels. Some may not be the best for fuel with ethanol. And then don't forget a trickle charger. While for quite a few years, I stored my first bike in a warm dry garage and didn't have any issues starting up in the spring. But a trickle charger helps keep your battery at peak levels. You know your bike; do you think there will be any kind of drain going on over the winter? Is going 5 months untouched going to be an issue? If you have doubts, a good charger isn't expensive and they last for years.

Finally, the first thing you did in the spring was pull the cover so now the last thing you do is cover it back up. It's all tucked in and ready for a nap. You give it a little pat on the seat and say "Good night sweetheart"! :-)

Take care all, be safe in everything.

Head Road captain.

John Kresse

Activities Director



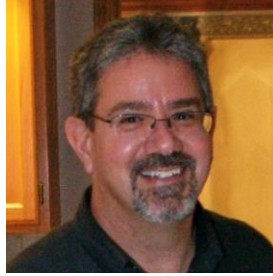
Christine Lanfair

The holidays are upon us, take time to relax and enjoy. While you are wading your way through all the craziness, please keep in mind the Syracuse HOG annual dinner is on Saturday, January 20th, at the Fireside Inn in Baldwinsville.

We will have pricing and menu information for you at our November meeting. We need the attendance count in very early January so please, let me know if you are able to attend.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Membership Report



Mike Piston

Thank you to all of our 2017 members; this year we had 122 members. Last year, 2016, we ended the year with 145 members. Let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG and look forward to a great 2018. Just a reminder, any 2017 member that renews their local membership prior to the December meeting will be entered into a drawing for a free 2018 local membership. Let's all ride and have fun !!!!

Many of our members provided their starting mileage at the beginning of the riding season for 2017. You can submit your ending mileage on the meeting sign in sheet or through email; membership@syracusehog.com. I believe there may be prizes at the annual dinner. The following members National HOG memberships have or are about to expire:

July 2017:	Steven Johnson
July 2017:	Joel Soccio
September 2017:	Joel Campagnola
November 2017:	Christine Lanfair Duane Erwin

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!!

November 2	Ray Liepke
3	Donald Myers
3	John Romanowicz
5	James Allen
20	Joel Campagnola
23	Janine Fabian
23	Joanne Piston
December 1	Barb Snyder
8	Jeff Mocyk
16	David Witek
17	Robert Henry
19	Steven Johnson
21	Dave Ferguson
22	Cindy Lancette
28	Donn Brown
29	Jim Lanfair

Ladies of Harley



Terry Lynn Clark

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Hi everyone,

Fall's weather is coming to a close for sure. I rode to work this morning in the rain, but it was 60 degrees. Imagine days of fall warm weather... hard to believe that is what we have just experienced.

It's nearly time to put Destiny up for the winter, though it may be harder this year after our beautiful fall.

Winter is coming...

Wash, wax, change the oil and stabilize the fuel. Leathers needs to be cleaned and treated. Go over everything so you know what needs to be repaired on the cold winter nights... as we dream of summer.

Christmas IS coming...

Please remember those less fortunate than us. We have the RED Kettle going at the dealer Black Friday and another day in December. Volunteering for that might go on your list. We would like to make a trip to the VA with gifts and the beauty products that they need on a regular basis. Think of the veterans when you are shopping. Games, books, crafts, sweatshirts and pants, slippers, flip flops, t shirts, playing cards, projects, models, hand crafts and any other thing you think they will appreciate.

Cheer up spring IS coming. It's just around the corner.
In the wind,

Terry Lynn

Community Services Report



Karen Whedon

"THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT"

PRESENT BY SYRACUSE HOG AT PERFORMANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON

We will continue to collect ***CANNED GOODS*** at the November 19th and December 17th Syracuse HOG meetings. Please bring canned meats, vegetables, condiments, pasta and any other items that have an extended shelf life. Do not bring any items in glass containers or past their expiration dates.

Delivery will be made to the CNY Food Bank in time for their Christmas Basket distribution. You know you're going to be at Performance Harley Davidson for at least one of the holiday events, so bring in a can or two any time you stop in to shop or volunteer.



Let's make it a great food drive again !!!

Next is the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing**  at Performance Harley Davidson. I will need volunteers for the following dates:

Black Friday November 24, 2017 – There are special sales all day. So come early and get in on the bargains then help with the bell ringing for an hour. It's a WIN- WIN for Syracuse HOG, Performance Harley Davidson and the Salvation Army. I will need volunteers to take one hour shifts from 10:00 until 3:00. I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

TO BE DETERMINED - This is PHD's Christmas party so many of us will be there already volunteering to help them make it a huge success.

So why not ring the bell for an hour, help PHD with the party for awhile and then spend the rest of the time eating, shopping and mingling with your fellow bikers.

Besides... you know you're going to be at PHD sometime during the day!!

Friday December 22 - Time to catch those last minute shoppers and maybe do some last minute gift getting yourself. Shifts available all day and are for one hour unless you wish to stay longer.



Do you enjoy **GIFT WRAPPING???** Once again Performance Harley Davison has requested that we volunteer for their holiday wrapping booth. The chapter gets to keep the tips that we earn.

Bruno will be announcing dates at the November meeting but last year they were on Thursdays and Saturdays in December, so keep that in mind.



I will be passing around signup sheets for each of these events at the November meeting. You can also let me know by e-mail, phone if you are willing to help out with any or all of these holiday events.



After all... ***TIS THE SEASON...***

Thank you,
Karen

Safety Officer Report



KIRK WILSON

WHEEL TRAPS

By James R. Davis

As agile as we know our motorcycles are there are times when two wheels simply are not up to the tasks we present to them - unless we know HOW.

For example, assume you are riding along and notice that there is a trough in the middle of the road extending for as far as the eye can see. It also just happens to be about four inches wide and about one inch deep. Like a magnet, that trough sucks your front wheel into it, the rear wheel obligingly joins it and suddenly your wheels are trapped. You cannot steer out of it.

OK, OK, I can hear it now: 'Get real!'

Fine, so it's not down the center of the road. It's along side and some people would call it a rain gutter.

Or it is down the middle of the road, but it only has one side - they resurfaced the road, one lane higher than the one next to it.

Or you eased off the pavement and there was about a one inch drop to the apron beyond.

Or you are on a surface street and pull over to the curb and your front tire slides right up against the curb, parallel to it.

You get the picture. There are all kinds of traps out there that we don't normally have to deal with but that can be encountered at any time, and you will have no choice but to deal with them.

In every case I described above the problem is that you must either ride up and over one side of the obstacle or you must turn away from that obstacle - both of which turn out to be more difficult than first expected.

The problem, of course, is that you often simply cannot turn your wheel because it *IS* trapped. An effort to turn away from the curb that your front tire is hugging finds that the rear edge of the tire must push against the curb in order for the front edge to turn away from it. A mere one inch of height is sufficient to stop you cold - your bike will fall over before you can turn the wheel.

In this particular case you have no choice but to stop completely, lean the bike away from the trap, and walk the bike free.

► **Never get within 6" of a raised surface that runs parallel to the direction you are moving!**

If the surface is only 1" high you can ride over it without much concern so long as you approach it at any meaningful angle. (Greater than 20 degrees.)

Anything higher than about 1" and you must put as great an angle of attack to it as possible. Ideally you want to cross over it with a 90 degree (perpendicular) angle.

► **Always approach a trap that you must cross over with more than a 20 degree attack angle.**

It is not so much that you should fear that your front tire will fail to get over the trap, it is that you must be concerned about getting your rear tire over it. What happens if your attack angle is low is that you instinctively turn your front wheel into the trap to get over it, so it does, but your rear tire, having a lower attack angle, slides along the trap rather than going over it. This immediately twists your bike into the turn and presents an ever increasing attack angle for that rear tire. At some point (quickly) the attack angle will be sufficient and the rear tire will grab and ride over the obstacle. Unfortunately, while it was sliding along you and your bike turned the front wheel in the direction of the slide. Thus, when that rear tire grabs it is analogous to the classic conditions of a highside. About 2/3s of a second later you will hit the ground.

► **Before trying to ride over a trap that is relatively close to you, turn away from it and then towards it in order to build the largest attack angle possible.**

About 1/2 second before your front tire hits the obstacle, accelerate. That unloads your front shocks. At the same time shift your weight to your pegs and lift your butt off the seat. When the rear tire hits the trap the rear-end of the bike will get quite a vertical jolt - possibly enough to throw you off the seat and

cause you to have to fight for control if you have not already raised that derriere

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