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## Director's Report



Kevin Reney

I want to thank everyone that came out for the Annual, and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

I think the venue was a great choice, and I had fun. The music was nice, atmosphere was enjoyable, and the company was wonderful. I want to thank everyone for their efforts to put on such a wonderful event.

If you did not get a chance to come this year, I hope to see you at the next one. I also want to thank all of the officers from last year, and all of those that stepped up for this year. We have a lot of ideas to move this club into the future, and help it grow. We have added a Suggestion page on the newsletter, don't be afraid to use it.

Some of the ideas already passed around are:

1- Same night of the week for the ride, and a rain date (Example: Tuesday for the Ride, Thursday for Rain date)

2- Getting together with other HOG Clubs

3- Booth at the Auto Show, Swap Meet, etc. for Membership.

4- A LARGE Calendar of rides in PHD Showroom (We did this last year)

5- A Ride Board at PHD that shows the next ride (Time, Date, Destination)

6- Saturday vs Sunday Meeting

Please keep the ideas coming, as I know our rides have not been as successful as they used to be.

I would love to see the day when we have 30 bikes on every ride again.

I know it does not fit everyone's schedule, as I also work out of town, but I would like to see this grow.

We already are looking into things to do this year, and the Parade is on that list.

Please come out to the February Ride Planning meeting with your ideas.

I hope to see you all there.

Kevin

## Meeting Minutes



Submitted by Kristine Wilson  
Chapter 3424 Secretary

Since January's meeting was the Annual Dinner, there are no real minutes to share.

We had approximately 55 people in attendance at the Fireside Inn in Baldwinsville. The place was very nicely set up and we had plenty of room for our Raffles and Chinese Auction. We had some Wonderful Prizes donated by Performance, as well as countless members. Thank you all for the donations.

We also had many service awards, and a few mileage awards this year.

Mileage Awards:

**High Miles:** John and Barb Snyder

**Closest to Average Miles:**

Anne Marie Camardella

**Special Miles:** Dave Ferguson

Anniversary Awards:

**5 Years:**

Cindy Lancette

Rob Lancette

Jody Van Auken

Kirk Wilson

Michael Noblot

Paul Allen

Sandy Allen

**10 Years:**

Patti Reith

Richard Yaroski

Terry Lynn Clark

Vicky Cole

**15 Years:**

Carol Brizzi

Larry Robinson

Ronald Barry

**35 Years:**

Bob Anguish

Carol Anguish

Congratulations to all of you!

If you could not make the Annual, we will have your certificates at the February Meeting.

## **Assistant Director**

**Steve Knowles**



Iron Adventure of New England

## **2018 H.O.G. Rally IRON ADVENTURE OF NEW ENGLAND**

**AUG 02 - AUG 04**



### **The Iron Adventure of New England**

In our February, March and beyond Syracuse HOG club meetings, we'll discuss this adventure and get a consensus of participation. I'm already signed up and registered for this event! Are you?

It's kind of crazy that we're going to a ski resort in the middle of summer! But hey, that's what we do... crazy but fun!

There are a lot of ways of getting to Sunday River Resort in Newry, Maine; considering one of the many, would be to take the Northway out of Albany and then across the mountains on route 93. Google says it's 7.5 hrs by car. By motorcycles, we might add an hour or two to that. We'll come up with a ride plan as the group begins to develop participants.

The \$35 cost to register, includes an event T-shirt and pin. Sign up is pretty easy, just go to your HOG members website page at:

<https://members.hog.com/website/hog-rallies/hog-rallies.jsp> - [/iron-adventure-new-england-me](https://members.hog.com/website/hog-rallies/hog-rallies.jsp#/iron-adventure-new-england-me)

Slap a credit card number down along with your email and *Wallaaa*, you're confirmation is emailed right back to you!

You can keep up with the action by following the event planners on their FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Iron-Adventure-of-New-England-368546179886574/>

In the meantime, here's a little more meat & potatoes...

Dinner Package... you may elect to purchase a dinner package for one or for all three nights, (all prices include tax and gratuity). This should be done when booking your room. If you are not staying at the Host Hotel you can still purchase the dinners. Call 800-207-2365 to purchase the dinner package.

Thursday Dinner \$20: Grilled BBQ Chicken, Mac 'N Cheese, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Cornbread, Chef's choice dessert.

Friday Dinner \$20: Sliced Glazed Ham, Honey Blueberry Chicken, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Buttered Biscuits, Chef's choice dessert.

Saturday Dinner "Meat Festival" \$29: per person, Grilled Chicken Quarters, Pulled Pork, BBQ Beef Brisket, Sausage Links, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn Bread w/ butter, Chef's choice dessert.

**The South Ridge Lodge at Sunday River is where registration and all events will take place for the Rally.** Busses will be available for transportation from 4:30 PM-12:00 AM nightly.

### **Lodging availability:**

Hotel Reservations are now open call 800-207-2365, use the Promo Code 85TOJT.

There are 3 hotels on property, prices are as follows; Snow Cap Inn \$89 per night, two queen beds, the Summit and Jordan; a single room with a queen bed \$109, a two bedroom \$225 a three bedroom suite \$325.

Other Hotels are as follows:

Bethel Village Inn, (207) 824-2983

88 Main Street Bethel ME

Rates: Single \$ 55.00 per night; Double \$70.00 per night

Mountain Village Lodge (207) 824-2002

134 Mayville Road – Bethel, ME 04217

[www.mountainvillagelodge.com](http://www.mountainvillagelodge.com)

Chapman Inn, (207) 824-2657

1 Mill Hill Road, Bethel ME 04217

Rates Single (Bunk style) \$35.00

Room Weekday \$89- \$109.00

Room Weekend \$119.00

**Note:**

**The following list shows the ‘distance’ each hotel or campground is from the South Ridge Lodge:**

Snow Cap Inn-.06 miles

Grand Summit Hotel-1.3 Miles

Jordan Hotel-5.9 Miles

Maine Ski Lodging Company condos on Sunday River Property-.08 Miles (.03 miles if you just walk the trail)

Mountain Village Lodge-5.6 Miles

River View Resort-4.5 Miles

Sudbury Inn-6.8 Miles

The Victoria Inn-6.9 Miles

Pleasant River Motel-10.3 Miles

Campgrounds

Pleasant River Campground-10.3 Miles

Stony Brook Recreation Camp-6.7 Miles

Steve Knowles

**Treasurer’s Report**



**Joanne Piston**

During the month of January, the majority of our income was for the annual dinner. Of course, our expenses were also mostly for the annual dinner. On 1/31/18 our bank balance was \$1974.81. There were a few other minor deposits and expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the club’s finances, please contact me at [treasurer@syracusehog.com](mailto:treasurer@syracusehog.com).

**ROAD CAPTAIN**



**John Kresse**

I found this great article on line and I think it pulls things together perfectly. I will not and cannot take any credit for its content although I sure wish I could. This is only the first 2 sections of the whole document. Any minor changes that I made to have it apply more to us are in parentheses. More will follow in future newsletters.

**Common Practices**

Group riding requires the full attention of all the participants. Riding in a group does not relieve any of the participants of their responsibility to exercise good judgment and does not place the responsibility for rider personal safety on the Road Captain(s). Riders should know their skill limits, the riding environment, limits of their

motorcycle and ride within those limits. All riders in (a Syracuse HOG or PHD) sponsored group ride will file an Event Waiver, for them and their passenger, if applicable, prior to departure.

Inexperienced riders should first ride with their friends and learn the basics of group riding before participation in an organized group ride.

A Road Captain will lead the group. Watch for his/her directions and signals. A (Sweep) rider [Road Captain] (if available or other experienced rider) will ride at the rear of the group to assist the lead Road Captain.

### Before the Group Leaves

- All riders are expected to be ready to depart the group ride assembly point with a full tank of fuel, a full stomach, an empty bladder, and be appropriately clothed, and prepared to ride for at least one hour before the next stop.
- A route map and instructions will generally be provided at the beginning of the ride. If you get separated from the group, make your way to the next stop and rejoin the group.
- Safety is everyone's responsibility. Do not consume alcohol or use any drugs or medication that could impair your judgment and ability to ride.
- Any rider appearing to be impaired or observed using drugs or alcohol during the ride or at stops will be asked to leave the group.
- Turn off passing lamps. Only your headlight should be on. This helps the Road Captain to spot the Trail rider at the back of the group.
- Examine your motorcycle for mechanical and load problems prior to leaving the assembly point.
- Ideally, large riding groups should be split into small groups of 6 to 8, each group led by a Road Captain and followed up by a (Sweep) rider. The groups will maintain a reasonable distance apart to allow room for other motorists to pass.
- Large groups may be a road hazard so riders must be aware of other motorists wishing to enter or exit the roadway and provide space for them to pass through the group.

- If you have any concerns about the group ride speak to the Road Captains and they will try to address them.

### On The Road

- If at any time you feel the riding intensity is beyond your current skill level you should drop out of the group ride. Trying to keep up with the group may be hazardous to you and other riders in the group.
- Less experienced group riders should ride near the front of the group. This minimizes the rubber band effect and aids the Road Captain in adjusting the pace of the ride.
- Less experienced group riders should ride in the lane position closest to the road centerline. This provides a larger space cushion and better visibility around curves.
- More experienced riders should ride at the rear of the group.
- Watch for signals from the Road Captain. Turning, staggered/single file, slowing and hazard signals are to be passed back through the group.
- Turn signals are given two times. The first time is the PREPARATION signal....pass it back. The second is the turning signal.
- Only official Police escorts may block intersections.
- The group will stop for all traffic signals and obey all traffic laws. Do not run stop signs.
- Watch for traffic signal changes and be prepared. Safely bunch up approaching intersections to shorten the group length. Do not run caution or red lights.
- Staggered formation is the norm on most roads. Single file formation is normal for twisty roads, Interstate entrance and exit ramps and construction areas. Watch for Road Captain signals.
- **PRIME DIRECTIVE:** Don't hit the bike in front of you...or any other bike either!
- Ideally, in staggered formation you should follow the bike directly ahead by 2 seconds and the bike in the other left or right lane position by 1 second. This is not always possible. See Prime Directive above.

- The entire width of the lane belongs to you or the other rider so do not ride beside another rider. Allow room to swerve in case of an emergency or road hazard.
- Maintain your location within the group and do not pass. If you need to change location in the group wait until the next stop then change your position when the ride starts again.
- If a staggered riding position becomes vacant the following rider in the same lane position is expected to move forward to fill the vacancy.
- It is common courtesy for the rider who is following, in the other position of the lane, to signal to the next rider in the lane with the vacancy to move up one position. If the rider does not signal, slowly begin to move into the vacant position, trying not to startle the rider you must pass.
- Maintain a constant speed within the group. Do not accelerate past another rider or brake late and pass another rider.
- Check your riding position by checking the rider's mirror ahead of you. If you cannot see the rider's face in their mirror you are too close or too far.
- When riding single file on twisty roads and in curves look well ahead and don't focus on the bike in front of you. Use the SLOW, LOOK , LEAN and ROLL technique.
- **CAUTION:** Ride single file on entrance and exit ramps to interstate highways. SLOW DOWN, bunch up and select a safe turning speed with a slight throttle roll on. Use the entire merge lane for safety.

To be continued.....

Take care all, be safe in everything.

Head Road captain.

John Kresse

## Activities Director



Anne Marie Camardella

Hi, I'm excited to be the new activities director. We have over 100 HOG members and I would love you come to our events. Kevin has made a suggestion form that is on the back of the newsletter and we welcome you to please fill it to see more of out with any suggestions or ideas that you might have to get more people involved in our group.

When I worked at the Post Office, I was on the Social & Rec Committee for 25 years and we had bus trips to the casino, clam bakes, golf tournaments, bowling tournaments, went to SU Football games, Syracuse Crunch games and yes, we even went to Wise Guys which led me to Bruno! I know some of these activities are a bit of a reach, but I'm sure we could come up with some fun activities to keep our group busy during the non-riding season.

Also, the St. Patrick's Day Parade is in one month and we're looking for people to ride (weather permitting) walk handing out candy, drive or participate in some way. I'm not sure if this is possible, but U-Haul has a 6x12 open trailer with a ramp for \$35. Maybe we can rent that and decorate it for the parade.

April 12 is opening day for the Chiefs. I can get group tickets if anyone is interested in going. The game is at 2:00 – we need 15 people to get the group rate of \$9 for level 200 seats. We were also tossing around the idea of a bowling party. I have a flyer from the All Star Alley & Tavern. The cost would be about the same as last year \$25 per person plus tax & gratuity. This includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, 3 choices of appetizers and soda. There is a 10 person minimum.



I'll send around sign-up sheets for the parade, bowling and baseball game.

Thank you.

Anne Marie Camardella

## **Membership Report**



**Mike Piston**

Happy New Year everyone !!! Thank you to all 122 of our 2017 members. This year to date we have 46 members that have signed up. Let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG. Let's all ride (spring is just around the corner) and have fun !!!!

If you haven't provided your birth month and would like to be recognized in the monthly newsletter you can send me the information through email; [membership@syracusehog.com](mailto:membership@syracusehog.com). Also, if you would like to be in the running for 2018 mileage awards you can send in your 2018 starting mileage through email or on the monthly meeting sign in sheet.

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!!

February:	Mike Piston Dave Farina John Kresse
March:	Loretta Metrick Sharlene Rinaldo Michael Christopher Anne Marie Camardella

## **Ladies of Harley**



**Terry Lynn Clark**

It's all about managing the lean.

One of the most fundamental rules in motorcycling is this: Friction used for braking cannot simultaneously be used for turning, and vice-versa. In a nutshell: Unlike in a car, you can't slam on the brakes and turn at the same time, or you will fall.

To ride a motorcycle, you need to carefully manage your acceleration, braking, traction, and lean angles all at the same time. This makes it significantly more involved than driving a car. Going too fast in a car and need to stop? Slam on the brakes. Going too fast on a motorcycle? If you slam on both brakes too hard you risk locking the brakes, which results in a skid. Jamming on the rear brake is safest, but you won't stop in time. And if you slam on the front brake your inertia can easily cause you to flip head over heels. You need to carefully apply increasing amounts of pressure to both the front and rear brakes, all while maintaining balance and control. There's simply a lot more going on than in a car.

Great if you're doing a stunt. Not so great if you're trying to stop.

To add to the thrill, motorcycles can lean so far over in turns, it almost seems to defy gravity. When you're leaning in a turn and feel that gravity will "win", you have confidence in the physics of friction, knowing that a quick twist of the throttle will accelerate the bike and get you out of the situation nicely. Leaning heavily into turns adds a huge amount of fun to the experience of riding.

There is truly nothing like it.

Please remember our veterans, bring books, crafts, games and beauty products to the next meeting. We WILL be riding soon.

In the wind,

Terry Lynn Clark

**Community Services Report**



**Karen Whedon**

**THANK YOU HOG MEMBERS**

I just want to say Thank You to all of the Syracuse HOG members that participated in one or any of the following community service projects that took place during **2017**.

WCNY Travel Auction – January

WCNY TEL-AUC – April

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing - Nov.  
Black Friday = \$180.80

Dec. PHD Holiday Party = \$182.16

Dec Christmas Weekend (bad weather) = \$63.43

Total collected = \$426.39



Gift Wrapping at Performance Harley Davidson -  
November/December \$225.00 (approx)

CNY Food Bank Canned Goods collection -  
Over the year donated 245 lbs of food



Syracuse Veterans Hospital donations (Ladies of  
Harley ) - All Year round



I hope that you are proud of yourselves and have a great feeling from helping out our sponsor dealership and our hometown.

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You are all so awesome in the giving of your time and goods. It is a great feeling to be part of a club that shares so much of their time and efforts and still has fun at that same time.

Syracuse is a better place because of Syracuse Harley Owners Group.

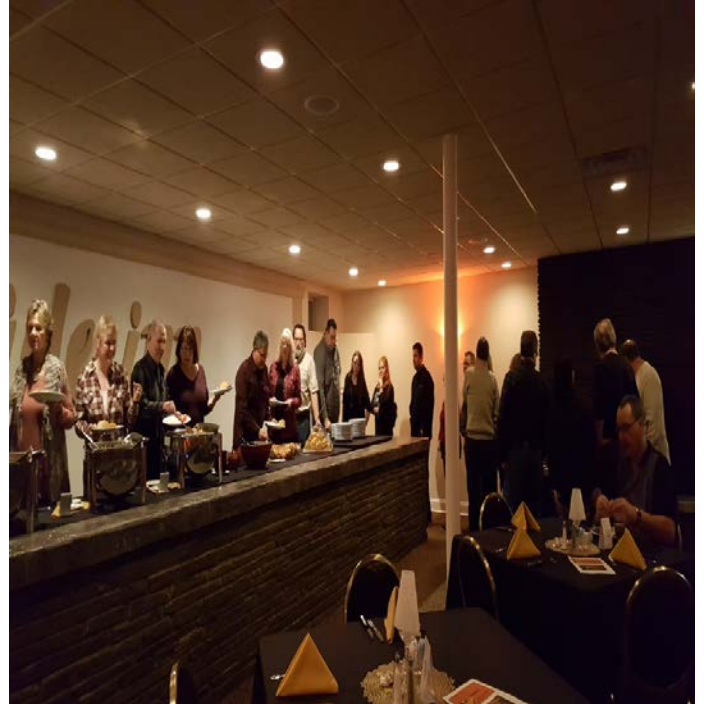
With that being said, there is one more event coming up in before I put away the community service hat for a while. (Picture from 2017.)



WCNY-TV's Tel-Auc is in April 2018. I am going to try and schedule us for working the phone bank on Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 – 11:00PM. If you have never done this before, I think you will find it is a fun evening. If you have done it before, then you **KNOW** it is a fun evening. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next couple of meetings.

More specific details will follow, but if you have any questions, please contact me.

I took a lot of pictures at the annual banquet at Fireside (which was an awesome event) but if you have any pictures that you would like to share, please e-mail them to me and I will add them to the 2018 album.



If you would like a copy of the 2017 slide show that was being displayed at the banquet, just let me know and I will make a CD for you. Only cost \$3.00 and has some great memories on it.

At least I think so...

Thank You, Karen Whedon  
Community Services/Photographer

### Safety Officer Report



KIRK WILSON

Too tame? Could be, but this rider likes it that way. In fact, I'd rather that the vehicle on my right was a bus or even an 18-wheeler.

By the way, it is safer that the vehicle be on your right than on the left. The closer you can be to the center of the intersection when you go thru it, the more air there is (on average) between you and somebody that comes at you from either side. This is just another way of saying that if you have to enter the intersection by yourself, do it in the left most lane.

Kirk Wilson

## One Rule

### That Will Keep You Alive On City Streets

By James R. Davis

Of all the things that we learn being out on the streets with our bikes, one stands out as the all time life-saver in my book.

► **If you can avoid it, never enter an intersection without another vehicle on your right side.**

(It should be noted that this advice assumes you ride in a country where people drive on the right side of the road.)

If you have to slow down in order to let a vehicle catch up with you on the right side, or if you have to increase speed a little so that you catch up with another vehicle, having one on your right side is as safe as it gets for entering an intersection.

Obviously this also means that if you are stopped at a traffic light and it turns green, you enter the intersection when the vehicle on your right does - no jack rabbit jumps if you want to live.



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PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US. YOU CAN  
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