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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Well, I think that was a successful ride planning meeting. Thank you to those that attended.

We talked at the Ride Planning Meeting about so many new places and lots of new ideas. I really think we had some good input last month and I am really excited about the coming season. I am

thankful for those that came and shared your ideas.

I will be looking into meeting with the Finger Lakes Club as well, to see what type of get together we can plan with them. I was also contacted by the Ottawa HOG and they plan to be in town July 6-8th. They want to get together with us and do some riding and eating. So, we have added them to the calendar and we will discuss some options over the next few months of how to welcome them. Keep those fingers crossed for a DRY and WARM riding season.

Please remember that this club is for each and every one of you, so PLEASE share your ideas with us to improve the club.

Kevin

Meeting Minutes 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 this month.

Health and Welfare – We are thinking about Tim Alexander. Patti Reith was in a hiking accident and was in the hospital but is doing better and home now. Cathy Crouse is also home and doing better after her motorcycle accident.

HOG Manager – Brian Sedlack came for the ride planning meeting to check out our new schedule. He handed out magnets for the 2018 summer events at PHD. He mentioned that he would like to include the HOG group with more care and consideration as we move forward.

Brian also talked about flea markets and swap meets mentioned on the magnets. On Sundays PHD will be using the 727 building (the small building across the street) to sell clothing and used (take off) parts at discounted prices (dates listed on magnets).

Bike Nights are scheduled (4 Friday nights on the calendar). PHD is going to bring in more members with a possible HOG bake sale during that time.

Brian also mentioned the suggestion page located on the last page of our newsletter. Please feel free to give suggestions- they are open to new ideas!

Dealership – Bruno expanded on Brian's talk and reminded us that PHD is invested in HOG as much as HOG is invested in PHD. They want to increase our relationship.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston wasn't able to be at the meeting so no report.

Membership – Mike Piston wasn't able to be at the meeting so no report.

Head Road Captain – John Kresse asked us to read the newsletter and reminded us that the ride planning meeting is immediately following this meeting. He also told us if we have any questions about DOT safety or recalls to call the PHD service department.

Safety – Kirk Wilson talked about his article and told us to be careful of the salt on the roads.

Activities – Anne Marie Camardella talked about the St. Patricks Day parade (Saturday, March 17th) and sent around a sign-up sheet. We will be using trailers and bikes.

She also talked about a possible bowling party. She called All Star Alley and Tavern- they quoted her \$24.99 per person plus tax and gratuity. This includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes and food. They would need 16 people to participate and we would do it on a Sunday after a meeting. A sign-up sheet was sent around.

Ladies of Harley – Nothing new; we are still collecting items for the VA.

Community Service – Karen Whedon sent around a sign-up sheet for TELOC, which is April 21st. We answer phones at WCNY Public Broadcasting, have food catered in and have a lot of fun!

She also mentioned that she was taking the food from the canned food drive in this week.

Editor – Christine Lanfair told us that if we have anything for the newsletter to please email her.

Photographer – Karen told us if we would like a copy of the CD shown at the annual dinner, they are \$3 and to talk to her.

Historian – Jim Lanfair would like to put our history in digital form.

Webmaster – Rob Gabor still helps but Jason Sutliff is looking to step in.

Assistant Director – Steve wasn't able to be at the meeting so no report.

Director – Kevin asked that we make sure to skim through entire emails from HOG because sometimes attachments from the same day are put together (not on purpose.)

Our Facebook site is now public so PHD can share our posts. We have admins that approve posts. You are allowed to post anything motorcycle related as long as you're not trying to sell something.

Our website is still private. If you need the password to the website, ask Kevin. There is also a google calendar on the website with everything listed to mix with your own personal calendar.

Old Business – None

New Business – We have a welcome packet for new members, including a pamphlet with lots of information. PHD will look into doing a free local membership to new clients to help grow our group. We talked about doing a bake sale on bike nights, and having a standard ride day during the week to make it easier to remember- Tuesdays won the vote, KSU at 6pm. At auto shows and swap meets, PHD said HOG could do a table with them at no cost to us. The next auto show isn't until February 2019.

Duane mentioned Victory for Vets in August, which is an event to raise money to train dogs for veterans. It will be a great event with 6 bands lined up and a silent auction- does HOG want to participate? Kenworth sponsors the event; he will bring in a flyer. \$20/person.

T-Shirt Bingo – Connecticut was chosen with no winner so next month it will be \$20.

Pig Pot – Total was \$120.00. One lucky winner took home \$60.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:56. Ride meeting to follow.

**Assistant Director
Steve Knowles**



Amazing Ride Opportunities!

This season is filled with amazing opportunities to get out and do what we love most, *ride!* There are regional rallies, touring rallies, the 115th and the 35th H.O.G. Anniversary ride, plus... our very own Syracuse HOG chapter rides!

One example is the Northeast regional rally, the Iron Adventure of New England. It's nestled in the beautiful western mountains of Maine. Uniquely hosted at Sunday River ski resort in Newry, where you can take an unforgettable journey up Mt. Washington (the highest point in the Northeast) and all the way down to the seacoast for lighthouses and lobsters. You'll enjoy winding roads, beautiful scenery and incredible food. Unique and exciting as always, you'll experience amazing camaraderie as you travel with your H.O.G. brothers and sisters.

I'm already registered and promoting this rally with hopes I can get a few of my Syracuse HOG friends to ride with me. I've secured accommodations in advance for just a few, but the 'pickins' are getting slim, so I highly recommend acting fast if you are interested in participating. You can ride your bikes up; trailer them or carpool and rent. But the idea is the have our Syracuse chapter represented at the event. Event registration is \$35; Hotel about \$109/night with double queen rooms, our reservations are for Aug 3,4 and 5.

Contact me at astdirector@syracusehog.com or simply send a text message.

New for this year, H.O.G. is partnering with **EagleRider**, the world's largest motorcycle rental tour company specializing in renting Harley-Davidson Motorcycles. One of the many added benefits of this relationship is now you can fly and

rent a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to attend a touring rally.

HOW EagleRider WORKS:

- Visit the events page on HOG.COM and click on H.O.G. rallies to see details for the event you want to attend.
- Register for the rally

There are 3 options for each of the rallies:

Option 1: For those limited in time to ride to any of the start locations for the rally.

EagleRider rents you a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle and books your lodging. Register for the rally you want to attend on hog.com. Call the number on hog.com for options on bike rental and hotel packages. *This option includes door-to-door luggage service along with a support chase vehicle throughout the rally*

Option 2: For those riding their own Harley-Davidson Motorcycle.

EagleRider books your lodging. Register for the rally you want to attend at hog.com. Call the number on hog.com for discount hotel packages. Note: Your price allows for a maximum of two people per room. *This option includes door-to-door luggage service and a chase vehicle throughout the rally.*

Option 3: Register for the rally you want to attend at hog.com. Ride your own Harley-Davidson Motorcycle and book your own lodging. This option does not include door-to-door luggage service and support chase vehicle

H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- [Great Smoky Mountain](#)
- [Southwest](#),
- [Iron Adventure of New England](#) (Syracuse HOG chapter go-to rally for 2018)
- [35th Anniversary of H.O.G](#)

This year, the H.O.G. organization planners are trying something new by adding several shorter touring rallies. Each touring rally will spend 3-5

days riding through some of the most scenic areas of the country.

H.O.G. Touring Rallies new for 2018

- [SoCal highlights](#)
- [Blues Trail of Honor](#)
- [Yellowstone and the Beartooth](#)
- [Rainforest, Rivers, & Volcanos](#)
- [Colorado & Black Canyon](#)

Sign into hog.com with your member ID to learn more about these riding opportunities.

Treasurer's Report

Joanne Piston



During the month of February, our only financial activity was the collection of a few more membership dues. On 2/28/18 our bank balance was \$1884.81. There were minor expenditures.

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

ROAD CAPTAIN John Kresse



This is a continuation of a great group riding article I found online. Again, any changes I made to reflect our terminology vs. the authors' I put in parenthesis.

Lane Changes & Passing

- Watch for and pass back to (Sweep) rider all turning signals from the Lead Road Captain.
- When the group changes lanes on a multi-lane highway all riders will maintain their positions within the lane. (Sweep) Road Captain will reposition into the new lane to open a gap for the rest of the group to enter.
- When passing other vehicles on a two-lane highway no more than one or two bikes should enter the passing lane at any one time. When they have passed and pulled in the next 1 or 2 riders may begin to pass.
- The Road Captain will increase his/her speed when passing any vehicle to provide room for the following bikes.
- The Road Captain will stay in the passing lane after passing, as long as the road ahead is clear, to create a large gap ahead of the passed vehicle. Following bikes pass as individual riders. Return to staggered formation after passing if appropriate.
- Other vehicles may enter the group for a short period. Respect their right to use the road. They usually leave the group at the first opportunity.

Group Separations & Dropping Out

- If you must leave the group, exit from the side of the group, preferably at a location that does not disturb the other riders. Signal to another rider that you are leaving so they may inform the Road Captain at the next stop.

- The (Sweep) rider will follow at the back of the group and will stop to help any rider who has to drop out of the group. When the (Sweep) rider stops to help someone, the last rider in the group becomes the (Sweep) rider and will inform the Road Captain at the next stop that riders have been left behind.
- If the group gets separated at a traffic light/stop the last rider of the forward group becomes the (Sweep) of that group. The lead group will stop or leave a rider to wait for and direct the following group at any intersection where the group makes a turn.
- If you become the lead of the trailing group and do not know the group ride route, then stop your group at the nearest safe pull off point and get a rider who knows the route to lead the group to the next scheduled stop.
- The Road Captain may send two riders back to check on the missing riders and/or opt to continue the ride.
- If your riding partner drops out you may choose to drop out to assist, but it is preferred you continue with the group to the next stop where the Road Captain will be informed of the missing riders.
- **ACCIDENT:** If a mishap occurs with a rider in the group the (Sweep) rider will stop to render assistance. Other riders should continue with the group. The group will pull off the road at the first safe place and respond to the incident. Do not create congestion on the roadway in the area of the mishap. **USE EXTREME CAUTION.**

Parking At Stops

- **FORMATION PARKING:** Watch where the lead Road Captain positions him/herself in the parking area. Slowly ride behind him/her and get on line. After everyone is on-line the group backs into the parking slots.
- **FIRST AVAILABLE PARKING:** If the Road Captain pulls into a small parking

space that's your cue to find your own spot to park.

Road Signals

- **START YOUR ENGINE:** Road Captain rotates index finger vertically over head.
- **ENGINE STARTED & READY TO GO:** Riders place their left-hand on windscreen or raise left hand vertically palm toward Road Captain.
- **TURN SIGNALS:** Electronic or standard hand/arm signals.
- **STAGGERED FORMATION:** Rotating hand with extended index and little fingers overhead.
- **SINGLE FILE FORMATION:** Extended index finger of hand overhead pointing up.
- **SPEEDUP:** Upward sweeping motion of left hand/arm with palm up.
- **SLOWDOWN:** Left hand/arm extended down to side with palm facing backwards.
- **ROAD HAZARD:** Safely point to it with left hand. Passengers should look for and point out hazards.
- **LOW FUEL:** Point to gas tank.

The rest of the article deals with the Road Captains pre-ride checklist and things to keep in mind if planning a ride. I'll put the 'planning' part in next month so you have a reasonable format to follow if you choose to plan a ride yourself. By all means, feel free to do so.

Take care all, be safe in everything.

Head Road captain.

John Kresse

**Activities Director
Anne Marie Camardella**



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Membership Report

Mike Piston



Happy New Year everyone !!! Thank you to all 122 of our 2017 members. This year to date we have 52 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. 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!!

March

Loretta Metrick Sharlene Rinaldo
Michael Christopher Anne Marie Camardella
Dwayne Scott

April

Lynn Sturtz

**Ladies of Harley
Terry Lynn Clark**



Hey everyone,

It's the first of the month again. I have seen riders out braving the weather. Much as I like to, not going to happen. I hope to be riding in the St. Patrick's Day parade but we all know you never know until that morning. Since I am the Ladies of Harley officer I want to bring up International Female Ride day, Saturday May 5, 2018. I found a short article describing it that I will include. It came out of the online mag, Motoress.

Every Year on the First Saturday in May

International Female Ride Day occurs on the first Saturday (formerly Friday) of May each year. Women motorcycle riders take part by simply being on their motorcycle to "JUST RIDE!". Women opt to...

- ... Ride to work
- ... To meet rider friend(s)
- ... To your friends IFRD event / fundraiser
- ... To a local motorcycle retailer or dealership
- ... Through your home town / city
- ... To a fitness class
- ... To a long winding country road
- ... To take an off-road or track day course
- ... To a shopping mall
- ...and so on.

International Female Ride Day® invites women to be on a motorcycle and it's their choice what to do from there. It is not a specifically organised ride nor is it a ride for charity as such. There's no directive other than to getting out there, be on your motorcycle, scooter or trike and "JUST RIDE!®".

It's a simple action intentionally designed not to dilute the ride day's core message to that of highlighting women motorcyclists and encouraging others.



It would be a nice day to ride ladies and as always, we do not exclude the men. Please email me with your ideas. I will put a ride on the ride calendar. It's early for a long ride but thinking about a couple hour ride for a late lunch...I will have to think on that. See you on the road, soon.

Community Services Report

Karen Whedon



We will continue to collect canned goods at the Syracuse HOG meetings. Please bring canned meats, vegetables, condiments, pasta and any other items that have an extended shelf life.

We will deliver whatever we have collected to the CNY Food Bank at the end of September. Please place all items in boxes in the back of the meeting room.

WCNY-TV's Tel-Auc is in April 2018. We are scheduled 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.

If you have any questions on either of these events, please contact me or catch me at the meetings.

Thank You for caring.

Safety Officer Report

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.

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

PHD Report

Lisa Czaplá

As we move into March, there are many exciting events taking place at PHD! Some important items worth mentioning:

- For your convenience, as of March 4TH, PHD is now open Sundays 11:00am-3:00pm until September. So, bring a friend and stop in to check out our latest apparel, parts, and accessories for the fast-approaching riding season.
- This year's St. Patrick's Day event, PHD will be offering light refreshments for HOG members at our dealership to help take the chill off after the parade.
- Are you a Winter Storage Customer? If so, please remember to call PHD one week prior to scheduling your bike for pick up.

With a new riding season almost upon us, PHD has the latest and greatest styles in H-D® products this spring to enhance your riding experience and your style, including:

Bikes:

- The all-new 2018 Softail® motorcycles. Eight totally re-invented bikes each with a ride of its own. See the bikes:
<http://bit.ly/2t3uHw9>

- The new Iron 1200™ motorcycle. 1200cc Evolution® V-Twin engine. Quick handling. And throwback tank art because we were there. Stop in at PHD to check it out today.
- Introducing the new Forty-Eight® Special motorcycle. The Sportster® motorcycle has been there, done that. And now does it even better. Come in to PHD for a test ride and see for yourself.

Parts & Accessories:

- Spring Customization with the new Bobber Accessories
- Brass Collection, Willie G. Skull Black Collection, Defiance Collection, and Chrome & Black Essentials
- The new H-D HOG Booster Portable Battery Pack, a vital necessity in your saddle bag when you find yourself alone and stranded, that has everything you need to get your bike running again in no time.

MotorClothes® Apparel:

- Genuine MotorClothes®, Garage Collection, 1903 Collection, 115th Anniversary Collection

Service:

- Winter Storage Reminder – Please remember to call PHD one week prior to scheduling your bike for pick up. This allows us time to perform a battery test, charge test and put on a fresh NYS Inspection sticker.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, April 1st - PHD will be closed in observance of Easter Sunday

- Thursday, April 19th – PHD will be hosting a “Freedom to Express Yourself Workshop” from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. It will be an after-hours, closed event by invitation only featuring a Pipes/Exhaust demonstration and the newest parts, accessories, and gear to add a whole new look to you and your ride! More details to come...
- Saturday, April 28th – PHD’s Annual Bike Blessing with Father Cunningham offering the blessing at 12pm along with “I was Blessed in ‘18” fork stickers, and light refreshments inside afterwards.

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BRING THIS TO A MEETING OR DROP IT IN THE
MEMBERSHIP BOX AT PHD.

