

# SYRACUSE HOG

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## The High Road

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## Director's Report

**Kevin Reney**



So here we are in JUNE already....

It seems like this year just started and I blink my eyes and it's June????

This year is flying by already and that means we have lots of events coming up. The PHD ride series, multiple weeknight rides, weekend rides, and the PICNIC are all coming up. So let's get out there and ride. Remember this is your club so keep sending us ideas for Rides, Events, and ways to improve the club. The more we do to improve it, the bigger we will become. Please make sure you are signed up for the e-mail blasts, and if you have Facebook, find us there too.

Ride on and ride safe...

Kevin

## Meeting Minutes

**Kristine Wilson**  
Chapter 3424 Secretary



Please refer to the May newsletter for the minutes from the April meeting.

## Membership Report

**Mike Piston**



Hi everyone !!! This year to date we have 89 members in our HOG club. Let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG. Let's all ride 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!!

June:

Don Daly	Bob Davidson
Jim "Lobo" DeMayo	Darwin Gensel
Laurie Hannam	Ross Marshall
Dan Sturtz	

July:

Mike Barbato	Mary Bell
Carol Brizzi	Marjorie Canino
Steve Knowles	Bob Metrick
Jody Van Auken	Kristine Wilson

**ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER  
John Kresse**



I recently experienced for the first time an interesting if not dangerous phenomenon with my 2013 Street Glide called 'Bagger Wobble' or 'Tank Slapper'. Here's what happened:

A couple of weeks ago, I was out for a little spin by myself and heading home on RT 5 east bound passing the Warner's Road overpass. I wasn't exactly speeding like a maniac but I was "a few" miles over. Traffic was light, I was in the center lane which, as you pass the Fairmount off-ramp on the right becomes the right hand lane. I'm leaning into the corner and there was some change in the pavement that made the suspension compress (front and rear) and that produced a momentary misalignment of the wheels and you guessed it... "Bagger Wobble". I was able to quickly get out of trouble by backing off on the throttle. It turns out this is a common issue and not unsolvable but can be exasperated by aggressive riding. Here is an excerpt from an article I found at [www.baggersmag.com](http://www.baggersmag.com).

"Basically, a couple of different things can cause it. One is that when a rider is riding aggressively and goes into a corner, there is considerable pressure applied to the rear of the bike that makes the whole rear suspension want to deflect (basically, stand back up). Well, that pressure pulls on the back of the transmission case, which in turn pulls on the primary drive and the engine. The rubber mounts initially give, then they push back, and this movement of the engine and transmission starts a vicious cycle that makes the back of the bike shimmy. In the second scenario it is the same thing that causes it, but it happens when you hit those evenly spaced "waves" on a concrete highway during acceleration. It starts pulling back on the swingarm while the engine is trying to pull the bike forward. Again the tug-o-war

starts between the pressure being applied to the rear wheel and swingarm, and the engine and transmission and all of it (motor, tranny, swingarm, etc.) starts rocking around inside the chassis on the rubber engine and transmission mounts. That rocking of the entire drivetrain turns into a shimmy or wobble felt by the rider."

So what they are saying is that a lot of things come into play. It's part tires and tire pressure, motor mounts, suspension, speed, road surface, swing-arm bushings, weight distribution and I'm sure extended research would uncover even few more and even more subtle causes. And from what I've read, this is NOT purely an HD condition. Just about any bike brand and model when subjected to the right set of circumstances can experience the 'Tank Slapper'.

The upshot is, if you're an aggressive rider, you may want to pay extra close attention to the safety items I listed above and then do some research on your own to find out the best method for you to correct the problem.

Be safe in everything.  
Head Road Captain and Safety Officer  
John Kresse

**Treasurer's Report  
Joanne Piston**



During the months of April and May and as the riding season ramps up, we received a couple dozen renewal and new memberships as well as the Pig Pot income from the April meeting. There were only very minor expenses during the two months. Our current bank balance is \$2152.50.

As always, if you have any questions about the club finances, please don't hesitate to contact me at [treasurer@syracusehog.com](mailto:treasurer@syracusehog.com).



## Assistant Director

**Steve Knowles**



### Ride Opportunity Galore!

With our riding season in full swing, I wanted to remind you of additional opportunities to get out and enjoy your Harley-Davidson with other H.O.G. members this summer. So, in addition to our eighty-three Chapter rides and PHD Ride Series events, we have these other opportunities:

**July 5-7:** American Flat Track, departing from Boston Harley-Davidson to the race at Weedsport, NY

**August 2-4:** Iron Adventure of New England at Sunday River, ME

(Steve Knowles is leading this ride; departing from PHD Fri 8/3; see Steve for more info).

If you're considering going and looking for ACCOMMODATIONS, we still have one double queen room available. If the room reservation is not taken soon, we may have to surrender it by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**August 7:** Honor Our Veterans Ride to Mt. Rushmore.

**August 22-28:** The Ride Home from Portland, Maine to Milwaukee, WI, (The 115<sup>th</sup> !)

You can get more information on any of these rides at [members.hog.com](http://members.hog.com)

### REMINDERS...

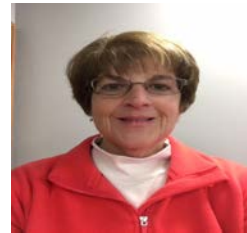
- 1) Memories last forever; brake fluid, not so much. Remember to have your brake fluid changed every 2 years.
- 2) Log your miles! See Kyle in the Service department or, Bruno our H.O.G. manager and get your miles recorded.

**HELP...** Does anyone know the history of these flag streamers, i.e. who led the rides, etc?



Please see me, or our club historian Jim Lanfair, with any info on these flag streamers.

## Activities Director Anne Marie Camardella



Happy Summer! Well almost, since we really didn't have a spring. So happy we're finally able to get some riding time in.

Just wanted to update where we are on the picnic. We have some choices as far as venues to discuss at the meeting:

- 1) Green Lakes
- 2) Camillus Park
- 3) Performance Harley-Davidson

Green Lakes is the only one that would incur a fee and I'm not sure if there would be adequate space for games. Camillus Park is free, but again, not sure if we would have the parking lot available for games. Performance is offering the use of the facilities for free and we would have ample space for games, a stage for a DJ (if we have enough money) and plenty of shelter in case of rain.

I will also have some catering menus to pass around and vote on. If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to bring them up!!

**Ladies of Harley  
Terry Lynn Clark**



Good day all,

The weather has finally broken and we are out riding. I was at the Limp Lizard one night the first part of the month for our Thursday night get-togethers, no one showed. Dave Ferguson told me later he was waiting at PHD for a ride to start. ☹

I was asked to put together a ride for International Female Ride Day on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. I arrived at 9:30am after a pre ride with Carl Friday night in the crazy winds and rain. What's with the weather, anyways? A group of us left PHD on a historical tour on a beautiful sunny day. Patti Reith, Dave Ferguson and I rolled out to the west on 690 and headed for Route 31. We stopped at Cook's diner in Weedsport for a quick bite to fuel up. Nice chicken and biscuits, Cordon Blue chicken soup and a hot chocolate with a mile high topping of whipped cream.

Next stop Port Byron Lock 52 museum. You can enter from the thruway or from Rt. 31. It's a beautiful piece of history that has been enclosed in a museum for all to learn what went on back then before iron ponies.

We headed west once again on Rt. 31 to Montezuma seeing the HUGE (Billy Fucillo huge) goose on Rt. 89. It's a large "sign" for Goose Watch. We didn't stop, just a roadside attraction to make note of.

Next we visited Mays Point. It's a good fishing spot and a good place for pictures.

Ever moving westward on Rt 20, we headed for Waterloo, Home of Memorial Day. We drove through Waterloo, parked at the Trooper station and walked over to the famous Scythe Tree. In 1861, a young man walked out of the field, hung his scythe in a tree next to his home and left to sign up to fight in the Civil War. He told his parents not to remove the scythe until he came home. Sadly, he did not come home and the tree has grown around the scythe

over the years. The scythe is still there, though you can barely see the tip, its painted yellow to distinguish it from the tree bark. We did the photo op thing, Smile! Click! and headed east for the next and last stop on our tour, Waterloo.

This is the village where the National Womens Museum is located. We took a pass because of time and went across the street. Here we found the bridge from "It's A Wonderful Life" with Jimmy Stewart. We were walking back over the bridge when Patti and I saw Dave trying to climb over the rail. We got him back- what would we have told his family? ( You have to know the movie to get the gist) After a beautiful day with open roads and friendly fellow riders we reluctantly turned our iron horses back to Syracuse. Thanks for the company today, guys. Let's do another one soon.

Don't forget the Veterans, save your hotel beauty items, buy sweats, games and recreational items. I will collect them at the next meeting.

In the Wind,  
Terry Lynn

**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.

I need photographs from any and all HOG events that take place, especially the ones I cannot attend myself. If you only want to post them to Facebook, I can download them from there but it is easier if you send them to me in an email or even a text from your phone.

JUST KEEP TAKING THOSE PICS !!!

## **Victory For Vets Inc 5th Anniversary Music Fest**

**We are THRILLED to announce the details for our 5th Anniversary Victory For Vets Music Fest!!!**

**Saturday August 11th Sharkey's Sports Bar in Liverpool from noon - 9:30**

**Featuring.....**

**The TJ Sacco Band w/Briana Jesse**

**Victory For Vets 3rd Annual Motorcycle Ride In**

**Opening Ceremony w/ National Anthem performed by Briana Jesse**

**Hard Promises**

**The Country Legends Tribute Tour - North Americas #1 Country Music Tribute show featuring the music of the biggest names on the American scene including Toby Keith, The Zac Brown Band and Keith Urban. Each singer will perform a string of hits from the featured artist complete with authentic costume changes. There will be a grand finale with all three artists.**

**Tickets will be available soon for JUST \$20 General Admission!! Active Duty/Veteran just \$15 with Military ID, kids under 12 free with paid adult ticket.**

**New this year!! With your paid pre-sale ticket, you will receive a raffle ticket to win some fabulous prizes the day of the event!! Do not need to be present to win and raffle tickets will be available for sale that day.**

**As always, there will be 50/50 raffles, basket raffles, silent auctions and MORE!! Mark your calendar now and plan on joining us on August 11th at Sharkey's for Victory For Vets 5th Anniversary Music Fest!!**

**Where else can you go 9 hours of incredible music and fun for just \$20! Don't miss THE event of the summer - and help support our local Veterans who deserve so much!!**

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