

# SYRACUSE HOG

 CHAPTER 3424



## The High Road

Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter

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## Director's Report

**Kevin Reney**



Well we have a few things going on this month already.

We got a visit from the Eastern Ontario Ottawa Canadian HOG Chapter.

They have already made plans to be back next year from July 5th-7th and they would love to have us hang out with them. Maybe we can plan a day trip ride to include them on while they are here. They had somewhere around 80 members come down to visit.

They also extended an invite to the Club to come up there next year if anyone is interested.

We also had the opportunity to go to the American Flat Track races at the Weedsport Speedway.

And thanks to PHD, we had some free tickets to go. Around 25 of us went to the races, and we had a good time.

The Factory Harley Truck was there with a few bikes, and PHD had some employees there to help out.

Jason reached out to Ronda (Rolling with Ronda) to join us. She rode as Jason's passenger, and a few from tThe Finger Lakes Chapter joined us as well. So far it's been a fun month. I'm looking forward to some more rides and some new destinations.

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 three new members!

Health and Welfare – Tim Alexander is said to be in good spirits. One of the Fingerlakes HOG officers, Ronda had an accident but is okay. Dick has back problems.

Dealership – Bruno thanked us for helping with Bike Night. Sunday, June 24th is the PHD Flea Market from 11-3; HOG presence would be fun but we don't need to help at this one. July 7th is the Weedsport race. PHD will be getting some tickets from Harley Davidson to disperse; Bruno is waiting for more info. PHD will have a major presence at the event. July 14th is the next ride from the PHD Ride Series, and Brian is planning on attending. He will try to make events known through all social media outlets so everyone knows what is going on.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston told us that there was very little activity this month other than memberships coming in, and that we have about \$2170 in the bank.

Membership – Mike Piston reminded us to sign in at meetings. We have 92 members for the year so far. We have membership forms at PHD next to the service desk. He can also email an electronic copy if anyone needs it. He reminded us to sign in at each meeting, and add our bike info and mileage. If you would like your birthday

in the newsletter, please get that information to Mike!

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter and about the after meeting ride.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about options for our annual picnic, which will be September 16th after the HOG meeting. Several options were discussed, including having the picnic at a park, venue or PHD. More information will be available next month. One of the goals is to lower the price of the picnic to hopefully get more people to attend.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn wasn't at the meeting, but please continue to remember our vets with donations. They are in need of new sweatshirts, sweatpants, games, crafts and books, as well as sundries.

Community Service – Karen wasn't at the meeting but asked Kevin to remind everyone to bring in canned goods for the VA.

Editor – Christine wasn't at the meeting.

Photographer – Please send pictures as Karen!

Historian – Jim wasn't at the meeting, but notebooks were on the tables with previous HOG years- thank you!

Webmaster – Jason talked about the Weedsport race on July 7th; he is leading it and it is also considered a HOG Rally ride. He will put out an email blast with more information. The password for the website has changed; ask Jason if you need it.

Assistant Director – Steve reminded us that in the newsletter there is a place for suggestions. He talked about the Iron Adventure Run in Maine August 2-4. Twelve people are interested so far and 5 have committed to go. He sent around maps of ideas for those interested and said we would earn a streamer from HOG with participation as a club. Barb Snyder then explained that the 4 streamers on the left side of the bulletin board in the conference room were from National HOG rallies. There was a discussion about how the new HOG flag has the eagle facing the future rather than the past.

Old Business – None

New Business – John Snyder asked who was in charge of refilling the pamphlets and information in PHD on the HOG wall; it is empty! Dave Ferguson talked about ordering actual 'Syracuse HOG' shirts; you can ask the associates at the retail desk.

T-Shirt Bingo – Georgia was chosen with no winner. \$20 to the winner next month!

Pig Pot – Total was \$96.00. One lucky winner took home \$48.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:54.

## Membership Report

### Mike Piston



Hi everyone !!!

This year to date we have 95 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!!

July:

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

August:

Michelle Beeman	Christine Lanfair
Tammy Wiggins	Steve Dickinson
Ronald Barry	Thomas Moyer
Raymond Nourse	

### ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER John Kresse



As I had talked about last month, I was on a mission to cure the case of "Bagger Wobble" that my '13 Street Glide exhibited. Some Internet research found at least a dozen different devices to bolt on somewhere to solve all my troubles. Some were cheap, as in looking and cost so I didn't give them much credit. Could they have worked just fine? Maybe. But I decided that I didn't want to dive bomb this thing and spend hours under my bike swapping out different brackets etc.

So, I made a phone call to "True-Track" and talked to one of their guys. It turns out safety when riding is a pretty important thing and in particular, my safety is paramount. I decided that I wasn't going to let my bike surprise me like that

again and this was one thing I wasn't going to 'cheap out' on. The rear mechanism was \$419 and the front was \$219 but I liked the design, the materials it's made of, (6061-T6 aluminum) made in the USA and how it attaches to the bike. It's a pretty beefy mechanical arrangement.

I had the rear stabilizer mounted for the ride up to Clayton June 30th but didn't have time to install the front at that point. I can say it worked as advertised. There was a new feeling of stability in the rear end and there were no additional vibrations felt, which of course is what they told me. I had to remove my LH exhaust pipe to get access to the rear of the oil pan. It easily bolts to the frame cross member and the rear bracket replaces 5 bolts at the back of the oil pan. One added benefit is if you ever worry about bottoming out on something, like a curb, or road debris kicking up, your oil pan has a new layer of protection.

I installed the front stabilizer a few days later and got to give it a test run on the way to work this morning. It's actually a very interesting and different feeling; my Street Glide feels really tight. One thing I paid attention to was how the bike reacted when transitioning from normal road surface to a bridge deck at highway speeds. There's always a bit of a "thump-thump" and the suspension flex's a bit. I distinctly recall that I would feel a small wobble and just not pay attention to it. Now that I'm paying attention to it, I noticed that it's gone. Unfortunately, I won't have any more time before the July meeting to continue with my highway tests but it sure does look like my experiment was a success.

Please remember that this isn't something that affects every bike under every circumstance. Chances are if you've had your bike for a while and have put it through its paces and haven't experienced the "wobble" you may not experience it. So please don't ride in fear of it. Also keep in mind that it can be exasperated by aggressive riding. But if you do experience the wobble, ease off on the throttle and it should settle out. It's just like anything else and especially when you're on a motorcycle. You have to be thinking 'safety' all the time.

If anyone else would like to chat about this maybe we can hook up after the meeting.

Be safe in everything.  
HRC and Safety Officer  
John K.



## Treasurer's Report Joanne Piston



During the month of June, we received a handful of membership renewals and new memberships as well as the Pig Pot income from the June meeting. Donuts for the meeting was our only June expense.

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



## Packing For a Road Trip

By Eagle Rider

With American Flat Track HOG Rally behind us and the Iron Adventure of New England HOG Rally just a few weeks away, preparation for a long ride is key to success and the goal of getting ready for the ride of a lifetime is all in the preparation. You are going to experience a wide range of temperatures, weather, and road conditions. The key to enjoying yourself along the way is early preparation, planning, and effective space management. Over the years Eagle Rider has narrowed down the items that they know will make your ride an enjoyable, while ensuring you

have only what you need and then the only thing left is just thinking about is the ride and the rally.

Here are our tips for what to bring. Of course use your experience and best judgment to supplement this list.

### Helmets and Communication Systems

- Bring your own personal helmet. If you require communication systems (Intercoms) please it with you.

### Cold Weather Gear

- Cold Weather Jacket(s) – For tours at the beginning or end of our summer riding season, we recommend a “Layering” system of base layer of wool or Capilene\* (polyester) shirt, wind jacket, and cold weather jacket.
- Cold weather – wind proof / waterproof pants.
- Cold weather riding boots, socks, and gloves.

### Wet Weather Gear

- Weather can be unpredictable even in the warm summertime – carry a lightweight rain suit.

### Warm Weather Gear

- We recommend long-sleeve white t-shirts and some type of face covering (i.e. bandana) for desert or mountain crossings.
- Swim trunks, shower sandals, long sleeve and short sleeve shirts, warm weather shorts.

### Daily Use

- Personal Hygiene (toothbrush/toothpaste, comb/hairbrush, razor, tweezers, deodorant).
- Ear-plugs, Sunglasses/Eye Protection, Sunscreen (recommend 35 SPF or greater).
- Eye protection/clear glasses for evening riding or cloudy days.
- Wool or Capilene socks, underwear, gloves.
- Neck scarf for protection from neck sunburn

## RX Medications

- Daily prescriptions. Note: please advise your riding friends of any special precautions or special medical conditions before and during the ride.
- Aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, eye drops, allergy medication.

## Communications

- Smart Phone.
- Laptop/USB Drive (optional).
- Camera with extra batteries and storage cards.
- IPOD or other MP3 player (optional).
- Credit Cards, we recommend you notify your card companies of your travels.

\*Capilene is a polyester base layer with minimal bulk, chemically treated like just about every other base layer to wick moisture faster than untreated polyester. <https://www.patagonia.com/capilene-polyester-baselayer.html>

Iron Adventure of New England HOG Rally  
This three-day HOG Rally begins August 2nd 2018 and is located at the Sunday River Ski resort in Newry, Maine.

If you're interested, but haven't made your mind up to going; open registration is available at the Rally check-in point at the Grand Summit Lodge. Some Syracuse HOG members are going on Thursday 2nd and some are going up on Friday 3rd. Contact Steve Knowles for more information!

### Iron Adventure Rally

July update from the meeting coordinators

Rally Dates are Aug 2nd through Aug 4th 2018, Sunday River Resort in Newry, ME.

Everyone is encouraged to register early. Go to <https://members.hog.com>

Onsite Registration is available too.

- Rooms are still available (as of 7/7) – 800-543-2754 then 1 for Reservations.
- Buses are scheduled for bringing people around on the resort property and off property. 5-11 pm shuttles will be running for your use.

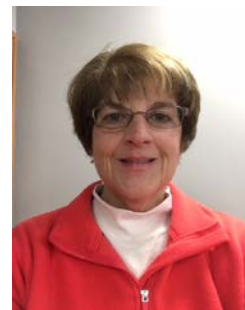
- Demo truck – will have food available Thursday – Saturday for your pleasure.
- Biker Games have been eliminated from the schedule.
- 825 members are currently registered
- 37 Chapters are registered for the Chapter Challenge
- THE MEAL PLAN MUST BE PURCHASED by July 19th. Call 800-543-2754 then 1 for Reservations.

Aug 2nd BBQ chicken \$20  
Aug 3rd Ham, baked beans \$20  
Aug 4th Brisket with Pulled Pork, sausage and chicken \$29

- YOU CANNOT PURCHASE THE MEAL PLAN ON SITE OR AFTER JULY 19TH.

See Steve Knowles at the July 15th general meeting for planning details and/or send a text message to 315-456-9473

### Activities Director Anne Marie Camardella



At today's meeting we will be voting on a venue for our end of season picnic and also on a caterer. Steve is going to be in charge of the games. I will be asking for volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up. Once we get the venue and caterer picked out, we'll get with Joanne and find out what other costs are involved and get a better idea of how much it will be per person. We're trying to keep this as low as possible so we get more people coming to these events. We have a great group and we can be even better with more participation. We have a lot of new people in the group, let's show them what being a HOG member is all about!! I think Ottawa gave us a great example!!

**Community Services Report  
Karen Whedon**



**Ladies of Harley  
Terry Lynn Clark**



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



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.

# **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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