

# SYRACUSE HOG

  CHAPTER 3424



## The High Road

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## Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Well, I'm at a loss for words again. But, we do have some exciting things coming up very soon.

The Annual Picnic in September, some cool rides, and Harley will be announcing the 2019 model line up soon.

My focus, of course, is the Picnic. For those that don't know, I LOVE to eat. LOL So get ready to Pig Out and have some fun.



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 four new members! Our special guest was Ronda Brown, from Rolling with Ronda and the Fingerlakes HOG club. She rides her motorcycle around the country for Law Tigers and also joined our HOG chapter at the American Flat Track ride to Weedsport.

Health and Welfare – We welcomed Tim Alexander back!

HOG Manager – Brian talked about motorcycle maintenance, the Maine trip and the PHD anniversary ride in September. Every rider is responsible to remember to have their bike inspected, get the oil changed, etc. If you haven't had a routine inspection before any upcoming big trips, please make an appointment; service is scheduling about 2 weeks out.

Dealership – Bruno talked about the July 27 bike night and July 29 Flea Market. Last months activities were a huge success!

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

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

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about upcoming rides; he will put them on Facebook and will update the calendar. He also talked about his article in the newsletter.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about options for our annual picnic, which will be September 16th after the HOG meeting. The club decided on

having the picnic at PHD, catered by the Gem Diner. We talked about inviting the Finger Lakes HOG group to the picnic; Ronda will ask them if they are interested. Brian asked us if we wanted the store opened or closed that day; the consensus was that it was up to him. Bathrooms will be available either way. We need volunteers for games, judging and set up at the picnic.

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 has stepped down from the position. This is not a recognized position by the National HOG so we aren't going to worry about a replacement at this time. Karen will be missed and we appreciate everything she did for the group!

Editor – Christine wasn't at the meeting but the newsletters are here!

Photographer – This was also Karen's position. Is anyone interested in stepping up? If you take pictures, please email them to Jason.

Historian – Jim had to step down because he is too busy with work. Please let Kevin know if you are interested in this position.

Webmaster – Jason thanked everyone for last weekend (Weedsport) and gave a special thanks to PHD for tickets to the race. He also thanked Ronda for joining him.

Jason talked about how to better communicate with the ride calendar- maybe a texting service through Google Voice to make people aware of rides? Phone numbers would be confidential. Kevin has Team Snap already set up for the club; if you're interested in that please email Jason with your phone number.

Assistant Director – Steve talked about the Iron Adventure ride and came up with an event planning sheet. There were still hotel rooms available on site.

He is looking for 3 barrels for the picnic bike games. Brian offered some, as well as Dave Ferguson.

Old Business – None

New Business – Dwayne Scott talked about his after meeting ride. Bob Davidson talked about classic motorcycle runs on the beach at Lake Michigan. John Snyder talked about leading a ride on the Thursday the 19th at 6pm and Saturday, September 1st.

Kevin talked about the Ontario Club coming down. They gave us one of their patches and had a great time! Hopefully we can plan another meet with them.

T-Shirt Bingo – Tennessee was chosen, and one lucky winner took home \$20!

Pig Pot – Total was \$100.00. One lucky winner took home \$50.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:11.

## **Membership Report**

### **Mike Piston**



Hi everyone !!! This year to date we have 103 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!!

August:

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

September:

Ed Van Auken	Mari Lynn Mocyk
Garry Canino	Vicky Cole
Carl Barber	Jason Sutliff

### **ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER John Kresse**



At last month's meeting I had mentioned that I would look into gasoline with ethanol and find out what the deal is; is it really ok? Does it cause problems? Should you try to use non-ethanol fuel? etc.

Of course, my favorite source if information; the Internet, had lots to say about it. Some of it is a little hard to decipher as in most cases, I was reading about someone's personal experiences and while any given situation or problem or non-problem may be true, there wasn't a lot of cold hard facts to back it up.

I went right to my '07 Softail Custom Service Manual and in about 3 minutes, had a boatload of info right out of 'the book' which as far as I'm

concerned, is the gospel according to Harley Davidson.

In Section 1.2, which is pretty early in the manual considering how thick it is, there are warnings about the explosive nature of gasoline and its fumes. Right after those, it says is to use a "good quality unleaded gasoline" with an at-the-pump octane rating of 91 or better. The first full section talks about gasoline blends. It specifically states that an alcohol additive such as "Methanol" will cause starting and drivability issues and will damage critical fuel system components. As far as I know and in my experience, I have never even seen a methanol blend available at the pump. But that doesn't mean it doesn't exist somewhere.

"Ethanol" on the other hand, which is grain alcohol, is just about everywhere and a blend of up to 10% is perfectly acceptable. That's called E10. My reading on line stated that typical gasoline as it's refined is about 100 octane. After all the additives, it drops to what you see at the pump. The Ethanol actually raises the octane level and a higher octane actually make the fuel LESS combustible because what we're really trying to avoid is pre-ignition. Pre-ignition was called engine knock years ago. Knocking indicates that things are really hot and maybe there's some small spot of build up or carbon that's glowing red hot. The fuel then ignites before fully compressed and before the spark plug has a chance to fire. This can lead to internal damage, pitting inside the cylinder, the piston, the head etc. If you get stuck and there's nothing else available, they recommend you ride gently; easy on the throttle and pull over to let the engine cool if need be.

Gasoline's called "E15" are 15% Ethanol and are not recommended.

My reading said that the Ethanol helps with emissions but actually only contains about 66% of the same amount of energy as gasoline. The result is a cleaner running machine and fewer emissions but you'll get 3-4 miles less per gallon. One article says that well, so you use the Ethanol free gas but, the person before used the 87 octane E10 from the same pump. According to this article there's a certain amount of fuel still in the lines, which makes sense, and typically, the most residual non-desired gas you should ever get is about 1 quart. Basically, that's what's left in the hose. So for example, if you're close to empty

and put in 4 and 1/2 gallons that's 18 quarts one of which contained 10% Ethanol. Your total Ethanol level should be very low; maybe around a percentage point or 2. Their comment was, it will have only a negligible affect if any at all and pretty much 'don't worry about it.'

"Reformulated" or "Oxygenated" (RFG) fuels are also acceptable. Personally, I try to run ethanol-free 91 octane but my favorite station just stopped offering it. So I'm searching for a new source.

Another comment on-line mentioned additives as in the ones you'd put in yourself. They said "read the label." No matter what the product claims it'll do for your fuel system, if it contains Ethanol or some other form of alcohol, your counter acting all your efforts to run Ethanol free.

Remember that some of this above is what the manual said for my '07 Soft tail. I can't imagine the manuals for other late models would say anything radically different BUT, please consult your model of bikes' Service Manual to see if there are any variations or check with PHD service, just in case.

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

### **Treasurer's Report Joanne Piston**



During the month of July, we received a handful of membership renewals and new memberships as well as the Pig Pot income from the July meeting. Donuts for the meeting was our only July expense. The bank balance at month end was \$2324.55.

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**



Iron Adventure ...Got this one DONE!

### **Iron Adventure Rally**



**We earned our Flag Streamer**

Our Trip began Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> at PHD as we tacked on 5 days of blissful Mountain-Range Riding through the NY Adirondacks and Green Mountains of Vermont on famous scenic route 100 where covered bridges are still in use. Our ride took us into the White mountains of New Hampshire and Maine, on winding route-2 through quaint little towns with breath-taking views of New England's fieldstone walls and bubbling brooks all the way to the seas coast at Old Orchard Beach in S. Portland, Maine.

### Iron Adventure Rally Parade Pictures

Big shout out to these IAR-1000-mile participants... Darwin, Bob, Jason & Teresa and Steve



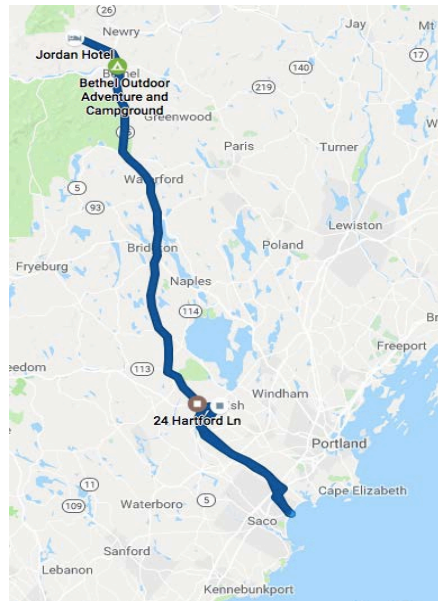
Shown off our Chapter flag with our new streamer



Covered Bridge on VT-100, (Bob & Steve)



Fireman's Honor guard (Bob)



From the Mountain to the Sea



Darwin Gensel (with Nancy as our IAR parade Goodwill Ambassador)



Old Orchard Beach, South Portland Maine



**Bike Games anyone???**

Bike Games at this years' Picnic, might include: Bike Wash, Harley Hoops, ROADKILL, Slow Race and possible the Barrel Roll.

We'll need staging staff, Judges, photographers, and most importantly... a weather Guru on our side!

Any thoughts???



**Activities Director  
Anne Marie Camardella**



Hi Everyone,

As you all know by now, the picnic will be on September 19, 2018 and will be held at Performance Harley-Davidson. The food will be catered by the GEM Diner. We haven't decided on a menu yet, maybe we can do so at today's meeting. Steve is coming up with some very creative and fun games for everyone and we will be using the area to the left of the building to play the games. We will try and set a price for the picnic as soon as possible and get that information out to everyone. If anyone has any ideas for games or food, please let us know. Also, anyone is welcome to bring a dish to pass or a dessert. Remember, this is our group, our picnic, our enjoyment! Let's make this fun!

Anne Marie Camardella

**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

**Community Services Report**

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.

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