

# SYRACUSE HOG

  CHAPTER 3424



## The High Road

Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter

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## Director's Report

### Kevin Reney



Where do I start this month? There are so many things on my mind.

I guess we will start with the somber news....

The passing of a wonderful man, and member, Carl Barber.

For those of you that don't know, he was a Navy Veteran, and Terry Lynn's best friend. He was always joking around and loved to have fun. He will be greatly missed.

On to the good news.

By the time you read this, you will (or should) be participating in the HOG Picnic.

This year's party is at PHD and the food will be from the GEM Diner.

Steve will be headlining with the Bike Games, and you will get to see our NEW TENT.

Thank you so much to Performance Harley (Brian and Anna) for making this happen.

I am still in shock that they did this for us, and I am very grateful.

This means it's time to start thinking about 2019.

The Annual Dinner is in January, and we need lots of ideas on where to host the party.

There will be Officer Training in February and March, depending on what National decides, and the location we pick to go to. There will be open officer positions for 2019 if anyone is interested in stepping up to help out, please let me know. We are always looking for new, and exciting people to help make this club better.

And last but not least.....

HOG has hinted that there will be 2, yes 2 Rallies next year.

1- will be in July in Vermont

2- will be somewhere in New York in August (8-10th)

So stay tuned to the HOG Revolution Facebook page for more information.

Thank you all for what you do.

Kevin

## Meeting Minutes

### Kristine Wilson

#### Chapter 3424 Secretary



Submitted by Joanne Piston.

The meeting came to order at 10:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Members and Guests** – We welcomed 2 new members!

**Health and Welfare** – Michael Barbato has been dealing with health issues and surgeries. A card was sent around for members to sign.

**HOG Manager** – Bruno announced his resignation from PHD. He will become the sales manager at the local Ziebart stores. He is working on the creation of a motorcycle protection program. He announced that the 2019 pre-release party will be held on 9/6 at PHD.

**Dealership** – PHD has donated \$500 in prizes for the HOG picnic. The dealership will start selling ‘safety green’ men’s HOG t-shirts in Motor Clothes. They will have the chapter name on them. If enough women show interest in purchasing women’s tees, they will carry those as well.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Joanne Piston reported that in July we received several memberships. Our bank balance on July 31 was ~\$2350.

**Membership** – Mike Piston reported that we now have 108 local members.

**Head Road Captain/Safety** – John Kresse reported that his newsletter article this month discusses different types of gases and additives. If anyone has ideas about future rides, please let John know.

**Activities** – Kevin and Ann Marie reported on next month’s club picnic. It will be held on September 16 at PHD. Cost to members will be \$12.50 and guest will cost \$20.00. The Gem Diner will provide the food. The menu includes pulled pork, beans, salad, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and water. There will be a Chinese auction. If anyone has items for the auction, please let Ann Marie know or bring them to the picnic. There will be bike games. Volunteers are being sought to help with set-up after the meeting and to help with the bike games. The PHD store will be open for the picnic.

If anyone has venue ideas for January’s annual dinner please share them with Ann Marie.

**Ladies of Harley** – No Report

**Community Service** – No Report

**Editor** – Christine Lanfair asked that anyone with ideas for future rides or an article to include please email them to her at [editor@syracusehog.com](mailto:editor@syracusehog.com).

**Photographer** – This position is open. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Reney.

**Historian** – This position is open. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Reney.

**Webmaster** – Jason Sutliff asked that members visit [syracusehog.com](http://syracusehog.com) to sign up for email blasts. The Google calendar listing rides can also be found there. Jason is setting up a text messaging notification system. Those interested are asked to

give him the phone number at which they want to receive the notifications.

**Assistant Director** – Steve Knowles had to leave the meeting early. No report.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Bob Davidson is planning a ride the weekend of 10/12 up toward Malone. More information to come. Dave Farina said that next weekend’s ride has been changed to Utica Club brewery tour. Dave Ferguson announced that Victory for Vets had a successful fundraising event at Sharkey’s. The group raised over \$20,000. There will be a ride on 9/30 benefitting ClearPath for Veterans.

**T-Shirt Bingo** – New Mexico was drawn. As no one won, next month’s prize will be \$20.

**Pig Pot** – \$100 was collected. Kevin Reney won \$50.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:56 AM.

## Membership Report

### Mike Piston



Hi everyone !!! This year to date we have 112 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!!

September

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

October

Michael Bell	Carmen Rinaldo
Ronald Lundgren	Patti Reith
Bruno Schirripa	Joseph Swierk
Steven Tryon	Paul Killian

**ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER  
John Kresse**



Wind noise in your ears while riding is to say the least, annoying. If you put up with it long enough, the worst outcome is permanent hearing loss! So as Ricky used to say to Lucy, I "Have some 'splaining to do!"

It's a natural part of moving down the highway that the air is acting like a barrier of sorts but, one that we can easily pass through. Once we added motion to the equation the air, a gas, now takes on properties of a fluid. Say it's a calm day so there's no cross wind, head wind, tail wind etc. so they aren't going to be a factor. It's just you and the air. As you move through the air, it's essentially not moving but you and your bike represent an obstacle. So, it's kind of impossible for 2 things to

occupy the same space at the same time so the air will move around you. We're not paper thin and the air presents a resistance to our movement. If you've ever hung your arm out the window of your car on a nice day when the windows are down, you can feel that resistance.

So you are an obstacle that's not easily passed and because we don't all have super smooth edges everywhere, the result is turbulence. That turbulence occurs just about everywhere but we notice it in our ears because some of that turbulence is happening around our helmets. So how well your face shield and helmet seal to your head is a factor.

Once again, the Internet had a lot to say about wind noise. One site specifically said that if you're not wearing a full face helmet, they did not want to talk to you about it. They were trying to make an additional safety statement which I can't say is true or not about a full face helmet being safer, better, etc. But they do seem to be quieter because of how they allow the air to flow around your head and close off more exposed space under your chin and neck thus eliminating some of the turbulence and the noise that goes with it. Personally, I wear a 3/4 helmet because I like it. I think a full face helmet obstructs some of my peripheral vision. I guess you chose your battles.

One article talked not so much about the helmet but about the space between your helmet and shoulders. The claim the author made through personal experience was that by trying to close that space (somehow) he was able to dramatically reduce wind noise. There wasn't a lot of detail of how they did it. I tried shrugging my shoulders as high as I could. It seemed to help but not a realistic long term solution.

I don't have particularly high wind shields but I have to imagine if that's what you like, they must work well.

One contributor to an HD forum pretty much said "Duh. Ever hear of ear plugs?" And as a matter of fact I have. Typically I'll carry around a pair of the soft foam disposable type. When I get them inserted really well, wind noise is really cut down. They're reasonably comfortable and inexpensive. The plus side is that you can still hear enough of the outside world (I think) to stay safe.



I did purchase a pair of "Pinlock" ear plugs on line. They were 17 bucks plus shipping so they weren't what I'd call cheap. Again, when inserted well, they work well even better I think, than the foam plugs. I also thought that they're difficult to remove or at least annoying. But they do come with 2 sizes and a nice little carrying case. They have "CR certified" rating of 24dB reduction in wind noise.

I also ordered a set of ear plugs from Radian. They were less than 10 bucks but still 3 bucks for shipping. This is the type that comes in 2 parts a lot like a 2-part epoxy. You split the 2 pieces in half and mix one set together and gently press it into your ear, wait 10 minutes but of course following their instructions. They claim an average of 26dB of noise reduction. As of this writing, I haven't had a chance to try them out but I hope to by the time the meeting rolls around.

So if wind noise is an issue, one of the most popular ways to go is earplugs. I've personally seen quite a few other riders pulling their earplugs when they pull in. The choice is up to you.

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer  
John K.

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



August's activity included new memberships and deposits for the upcoming picnic on September 16. The current bank balance is \$2784.97.

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**



We're Getting 'ER DONE!

#### **Miles of Accomplishments**

I actually met our H.O.G. Regional Manager, Bruce



Motta at the IAR in Sunday River. Bruce's message is now that summer 's upon us, which in many states is defined by a (temporary) lack of snow. So, make sure you're taking advantage of it! At H.O.G. we're doing our part by putting together some great riding adventures, including The Iron Adventure of New England and the Northeast Ride Home—both taking place in our region.

Well... we've been doing our part and been having a pretty good ride season so far! Lot's going on with our evening club rides, PHD ride-series and a few of us have participated in these recent H.O.G. event rallies such as the 115<sup>th</sup> and Iron Adventure Rally!

#### **Grab Life by the Bars: Ride 365**

Remember to log your miles as the RIDE 365 program is in full swing and it's free to participant. Ask me how to log your miles if you're not sure!

#### **RIDE365 program to date:**

Top Chapter is the Fort Lauderdale Chapter with 444,850 miles

The Syracuse HOG chapter so far this season: 15 ...club members have signed up to participate in the Ride365 program

1922 ...Syracuse chapter total accumulated miles as a club, recorded to date

0 ....individual miles reported to club Manager or service department to date

So to improve our chances of winning the RIDE365 program, we recently began entering miles onto our ride calendar once a ride has been completed. It's just another way we can show support for our club membership activities and the RIDE365 program. If you're the ride leader, send the mileage and number of participants to our club's Head Road Captain, John Kresse at [roadcaptain@syracusehog.com](mailto:roadcaptain@syracusehog.com) .

### **Picnic Bike Games anyone???**

### **Syracuse H.O.G. Chapter Picnic September 16th following the General Meeting!**

With your help, I'm hoping we can do a few Bike Games. Need staffing to help set up the games and Judges, plus Awards too. Suggested bike games could be something like this:

#### **Doubles (2up)**

-Bike Wash... Catch the water balloon or Kerr Splash!

-Harley Hoops... throw a series of foam dart through 3 different height hoops

-ROADKILL... Scoop up as many stuffed animals as you can (it isn't as easy as it looks).

#### **Singles (1up)**

-SLOW Race Line up... 1 for the money, 2 for the show, 3 to get ready, 4 to SLOW

-Barrel Roll... push and roll the barrel through the course and across the finish line

#### **Trikes**

-under construction... but Maybe???? something special for all the Trikes out there.

Our rides, our gatherings, our picnic and bike games are just another great way to bring members together and celebrate what unites us... our love of all things Harley and the bliss of riding camaraderie.

**Hey, check this out...**

**New Harley-Davidson App and Ride Planner** now available at: <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/owners/plan-your-ride/harley-davidson-app.html>

### **Activities Director Anne Marie Camardella**



Hey everyone – well that was a quick summer, hot and sticky, but quick! I hope everyone was able to go on some great adventures. As you all know, today is the picnic. There will be a ride right after the meeting and then returning to PHD for some great food, games, raffles, prizes and fun! If anyone can stay and help with set up, it would be appreciated.

I'm starting to work on our annual dinner which is being held in January. I'll pass around some menus during the meeting and next month we can decide where we want to have it held.

I have some exciting news to share, Performance Harley-Davidson along with the Ladies of Harley and Stilettoes on Steel are having a ladies night on Friday October 19 from 6-9pm. There will be several vendors, a leatherworker, photographer, food and beverages. Anna will be posting more information about this soon!!

Let's hope we have a long warm fall and short winter!

### **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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