



The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Fall Riding 101

It's October and we all know what that means.

The leaves are changing colors, the days are getting cooler, and the views are getting more vivid. Does that mean that Syracuse HOG stops riding? Well, of course not. It just means we need to prepare accordingly. For some that means heated gear (yes, I am one of those), while others just bundle up more. Then we do what we do best, and that is ride.

This last weekend, a group of us headed south on Friday night. We left Syracuse and headed down 81 to 17, ending our first night in East Branch, New York. This was to be the start for our adventures on Saturday. Friday night consisted of dinner at the Beaver-Del restaurant with some fun and entertainment watching the locals. That night we split into two groups lodging in different hotels. Saturday was where the real trip started. The trip was up Route 30. Running alongside the East Branch of the Delaware River and the Pepacton Reservoir made for some spectacular views on our way to Margaretville. From there we continued on to Broadalbin for lunch at Russo's Adirondack Grill. If you like to eat, this is a place to add to your list. Portions were huge and the food was very good. From there we continued our voyage, passing through many little towns, including Schoharie. With all the wonderful colors and things we saw, we made good time and finished our day in Malone, NY. Once in Malone we relaxed before going out to dinner, by having a little fun at the hotel. Then we walked next door for dinner at a new restaurant. I will tell you, from the outside it wasn't much, but the food and deserts... Well, they made up for it. I will say that Bob Davidson led a great ride, and had some perfect choices for places to eat. We wandered back on Sunday via Route 11B (I think)

until we hit 11 down to Adams. This would be our last stop as a group. We gassed up and everyone headed back via 81 to their final destination.

Thank you Bob for a wonderful ride.

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 two guests and two previous members!

Health and Welfare – Carl Barber passed away; we sent around a card for Terry Lynn.

Dealership – No one from the dealership was available so Kevin stepped in with their announcements. He thanked everyone for coming to Bike Night- it was a great time! Next weekend is Open House at PHD and they would like our help. September 30th is the last flea market of the season; PHD will be selling take off parts and will have closeouts on clothing.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston was out of town.

Membership – Mike Piston was also out of town. We have 112 members to date this year. Starting tomorrow and through the December meeting, if you sign up for the year, your name will be added to a raffle for a free membership. This will be announced at the Annual Dinner on January 19th.

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter and showed us examples of various ear plugs. He also asked about patches for the group; PHD sells Syracuse HOG patches. Bob Davidson will be leading a Fall Foliage ride at 5pm on October 5th.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about the picnic after the meeting.



Membership Report

Mike Piston



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.

Photographer – Please send pictures to Kevin or Jason!

Historian – We welcomed Mike Gorzynski as our new historian!

Webmaster – Jason is setting up a web-based text messaging system for members for updates, cancelled rides and important information. This is not replacing Facebook or email blasts. If you would like to be a part of the text messaging system please contact Jason.

Assistant Director – Steve passed around a sign-up sheet for bike games for the picnic and explained the games. He reminded us to put our mileage on the sign in sheets for awards at the Annual Dinner.

Old Business – None

New business – We earned the Iron Adventure banner, which is posted on the board in the conference room. Does anyone have any ideas about where to have the Annual Dinner? Check out the HOG Revolution Facebook page to find more information on the two rallies they are planning on for 2019- one in VT and one in NY.

T-Shirt Bingo – New York was chosen with ten winners! \$20 was available so everyone took home \$2.

Pig Pot – Total was \$110.00. One lucky winner took home \$55.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:42. Ride to follow unless you are staying back to help with the picnic!

Hi everyone!!! This year to date we have 117 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. 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.

Current members who renew their membership for 2019 before the end of the calendar year will be entered into a drawing for a free membership for 2019 – yes, you will receive a refund !!!

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!!

October

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

November

James Allen	Kenneth Dawe
Janine Fabian	Joanne Piston

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER John Kresse



This month I'd like to talk about some of the nuances of group riding and in particular, bike spacing. That is, the distance between you and the next rider.

But first, I have a story about one unfortunate soul who got up-close and personal with someone's front lawn.

On the Clear Path for Veterans Ride on Sunday October 1st, approximately 375 bikes went for a little ride around eastern Onondaga and western Madison counties heading north to the lake, then east on RT 31 and then south on CR 5 east of Lakeport and towards Canastota.

About half way between RT 31 and Canastota, there was an incident that left one man picking himself up from the grass and dirt and fortunately, as far as I know - unharmed.

My first impression was that he just drifted a little too far to the right and got into trouble because of a soft shoulder or gravel. But apparently what happened was that the person in the left tire track of the lane bumped him on a slight curve and sent him down an embankment and onto the lawn of a resident. From the best I can remember, this happened just south of Pine Ridge Road on a slight curve to the left.

A couple things come to mind but foremost is spacing. On our rides, we try to instill the idea of the 1 second/2 second rule. When riding in a group, the safest thing is to ride in a staggered formation. When you are the next bike in line, if the person in front of you is in the left tire track, you should be in the right hand tire track - a minimum of 1 second behind. If you are directly behind someone in their tire track, you should be a minimum of 2 seconds behind. The faster you're

moving, the longer the distance gets between you and the bike in front of you. This isn't something you pay attention just once on a ride. Keeping safety in mind at all times, you adjust continuously for your changing circumstances and conditions.

While riding next to your buddy may seem cool, the feeling may not last very long. The object is that your 'space' on the road is 1 motorcycle long and 8 feet wide; the width of one lane. As long as everyone respects that guideline, everyone on the ride has the space necessary to brake or especially - to swerve - edge to edge of the lane to handle any circumstance that arises and it won't interfere with anyone else. As soon as you let your 'space' overlap someone else's 'space', you're looking for trouble. And if the *following* rider lets his space encroach into the space of the bike in front of him or her and they happen to bump a leading rider, that leading rider will have no visual cues to something happening and may be taken completely by surprise. Tell me how much you like surprises while on 2 wheels. Obviously, you don't.

So on future group rides, I will no longer presume that everyone is familiar with some of these group riding nuances and make a point of addressing this during our pre-ride brief.

Additionally I'll say that if you have any desire to ride in one tire track or the other, I will also try to address this so that everyone rides where they are comfortable. Which track you choose isn't important. Staying safe on the ride is.

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer

John K.

Treasurer's Report Joanne Piston



September's financial activity included picnic income and expenses. The club came close to breaking even for the overall event. There were also a few memberships received.

The cash balance at the end of September was \$2625.25. If you have any questions or concerns about the club's finances, please contact me at treasurer@syracusehog.com.

Assistant Director

Steve Knowles



Official Riding Club of Harley- Davidson-The Future

As Harley Owners Group is the Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson; the Motor Company is investing in the future of H.O.G. The philosophy has not changed, we ride, we have fun and we are darn good at it. Together we continue the strong

relationship between H-D Dealers, H-D Owners, H.O.G. chapters, rally teams and the Motor Company. A strong relationship today, continues into the future.

As the evolution of H.O.G. continues to grow, a new H.O.G. Program System has been introduced on hog.com. HOG.com has a new look and new functions where members and chapters stay connected, plus handling chapter business online just got a whole lot easier.

Have you logged into members.hog.com lately? If not, please, take time to go check it out.

The new system includes new digital functionality for each H.O.G. member. This includes the ability for all global users to view their Mileage Program submissions or register into the program. Dealers will have the ability to enter member's mileage program miles digitally ... *Sorry no more printing the form, filling it out; now just go to your dealership and they'll handled for you!* All members will be able to register for a H.O.G. Rallies or H.O.G. Officer Training through the hog.com website.

Finding H.O.G. Events around the world just became easier. No more copy and paste, no more searching the Internet; all can be found on one page. You can access every H.O.G. rally, Pin Stop or other H.O.G. events from one page. Yes that's right, go to the individual rally and onto the event website with one click.

Stay tuned, as new technology upgrades continue to roll out. Such as the new Harley-Davidson App and Ride Planner which is now available at:

<https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/owners/plan-your-ride/harley-davidson-app.html>

Congratulations to the 2018 Picnic Bike Game Winners

Kristine & Kurt Wilson, Jason Sutliff, John Kresse and Steve Knowles



Bike Wash, Harley Hoops, Ball Drop, Road Kill, Hotdog Bite, new this year... Barrel Roll

These games were fun and we thank PHD for their support!

Activities Director
Anne Marie Camardella



Hello everyone!

I want to start off by thanking everyone for attending the picnic and despite the heat. I hope you all had a good time! I also would like to thank all the volunteers! Without you, this would not have happened. From set up to selling tickets to clean up – you're all amazing! Thank you again!! I want to say a special thank you to Steve – what an excellent job he did on the games!!

Next on the agenda will be the Annual Dinner . I have a few places that I printed out menus for and we need to pick a place since unfortunately January is right around the corner. We can also have a brunch or get together in November or December. We'll talk about it at the meeting. Let's keep the fun happening!!

Anne Marie Camardella

Ladies of Harley

Terry Lynn Clark



Don't forget we are doing the Red Kettle again this year. Please take a bit of time to ring the bell.

Don't forget the vets! Save your hotel beauty items, buy sweats, games and recreational items.

Thank you for the heartfelt sympathies for the loss of Carl. Life will continue, right now I am just on hiatus.

Truly in the wind,
Terry Lynn

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