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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



I want to thank all of my Brothers and Sisters that have served our country.

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 new members!

Health and Welfare – Nothing to note, although Bob did mention that his a** hurts. ☺

Dealership – No dealership representative was available for the meeting. Brad from PHD will be stepping into this role.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston told us that our bottom line is much better than it was last year at this time. We have approximately \$2600 in the bank.

Membership – Mike Piston reminded us to sign in at meetings. We have 118 members for the year so far. Please renew your yearly memberships! If

your membership is in by the December meeting your name will be put in a drawing for a free membership!

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter and about the Clearpath Ride. There was an issue with a bike hitting gravel; Bob reminded us that we can drop out of a ride if we are uncomfortable. Our safety is our own responsibility.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about options for our annual dinner, which will be **Saturday, January 19th** at **Justin's Tuscan Grill**. This dinner is our January meeting. We discussed various options and will finalize menus at our next meeting. It will be \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn thanked the club for the cards, thoughts and prayers during Carl's passing. Please remember the vets...Christmas is coming and they always need sundries.

Community Service – Karen wasn't at the meeting but will be helping with bell ringing and wrapping at PHD. She will find out the dates, but Black Friday will be one of them.

Editor – Christine mentioned that if anyone has anything to add to the newsletter, let her know!

Photographer – This is an open position, please email pictures to Kevin or Jason. Let us know if you are interested in being the photographer!

Webmaster – John thanked Jason for helping him connect his phone with the HOG information. Jason talked a little bit about syncing and connecting phones. Nothing new!

Assistant Director – Steve wasn't at the meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – Bob Davidson asked if there was any interest in a NYC ride. Hands went up, so he will look into it.

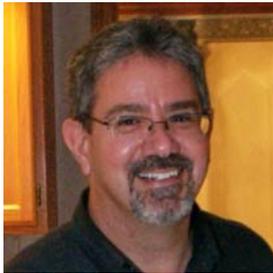
T-Shirt Bingo – Iowa was chosen with no winner. \$20 to the winner next month!

Pig Pot – Total was \$105.00. One lucky winner took home \$53.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:41.

Membership Report

Mike Piston



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/ending mileage through email or on the monthly meeting sign in sheet.

Current members who renew their membership for 2019 by the December meeting (12/16) 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!!

November:

James Allen	Kenneth Dawe
Janine Fabian	Joanne Piston

December

Barb Snyder	Jeff Mocyk
Robert Henry	Dave Ferguson
Cindy Lancette	James Lanfair

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Over the summer, this article was forwarded to me via Joanne Piston our esteemed Treasurer. During that time I had a couple other ideas I wanted to explore so I put this one on the back burner to save for a rainy day. Well, we've had a couple weeks of 'rainy days' so it looks like it's time to pass on this information. I thought it made for very interesting reading.

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Six Stubborn Myths about Motorcycle Safety Debunked

by **Michael Bersani** – Michaels & Smolak
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At M&S, we are big on safety, and that includes motorcycle safety. But safety requires some study and practice. We like to say that "safe riding is no accident!" We urge our biking clients to read up on and follow the strictest biking safety guidelines. But unfortunately, there are many FALSE biking safety tips out there. And some myths never die no matter how much evidence accumulates to debunk them. For example, remember when they used to tell you that eating before you swim was a no-no because it could cause you to cramp up and drown? Turned out to be false! Still, many people still believe it to be true.

Here are the most common and enduring myths about motorcycle safety. Share these with any friends or family members who bike:

MYTH 1. Full-Face Helmets Restrict Your Visibility

This is totally false. The Department of Transportation's safety standards require helmets to provide at least a 210-degree field of view. This means it is impossible for your peripheral vision to be affected (unless your eyes are on the side of your head). The full helmet is safer not only because it protects more of your head and face, but also because the visor on a full-face helmet protects your face and eyes from falling distraction such as rain and bugs. Fewer distractions mean fewer accidents.

MYTH 2. If You're About To Crash, It's Safest to Lay Your Bike Down

Biker bars often feature a guy who tells the story of how he deliberately laid down his bike to avoid a car that suddenly pulled out in front of him. That guy of course wants his audience to be amazed at his quick wits, daring, and skill. In the early days of motorcycling, before anti lock brakes, there might have been some truth to the myth that laying down your bike was at times the best way to avoid a collision. But nowadays it is difficult to imagine a scenario where braking and steering would not be safer than simply laying the bike down. Today's bikes are so well designed and built that braking and swerving will almost always keep you safer than laying your bike down. If you have time to lay down your bike, you have time to brake and swerve. Don't lay down your bike.

MYTH 3. Leather may be cool, but it's no safer than other fabrics.

Actually, wearing leather on a bike is advisable from a safety perspective. Sure it looks cool, but it also protects your skin from abrasions if you go down. It won't save your life, but it might minimize skin damage or even scarring if you go down.

MYTH 4. Loudness Saves Lives

Some bikers – usually those with loud pipes – proclaim — loudly of course — that their noisy pipes make them safer. After all, their ear-catching pipes will catch the attention of nearby motorists, right? Well maybe, but not the ones that matter. The exhaust pipe's roar is directed *rearward* so that it's unlikely a driver approaching from the *front* – the one most likely to collide with you — will hear you coming.

Especially if his windows are rolled up and he has the radio on. Forget about loud pipes. You are better off trying to be *seen* rather than *heard*.

MYTH 5. Size matters: A Bigger Bike Is a Safer Bike.

Supporters of this myth base their claims on two "facts": (1) a big bike is more visible and audible, and thus is less likely to be ignored by other motorists, and (2) a big, powerful bike can accelerate its way out of trouble in an emergency. Although there may be some truth to these contentions, there are other facts that act as counterweights to their supposed safety value: A smaller bike is quicker to handle, maneuver, steer and brake, so that you can weave and brake your way out of trouble more easily, if need be. And while it is a rare occurrence that accelerating will help you avoid an accident, quick braking and steering can and do save lives on a regular basis. Smaller is safer. Really.

MYTH 6. Riding on roads and streets is safer than on the Interstate

This myth is based on the fact that speeds are higher on the Interstate. More speed, more danger, right? Not really. According to a study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 90 percent of all crashes between a motorcycle and a four-wheel vehicle occurred on non-interstate roads. That's because despite the higher speeds on the Interstates, the traffic there is smoother, steadier, and more predictable. More important, Interstates have no intersections and no oncoming traffic, which are the two things that cause most crashes with motorcycles.

STAY SAFE ON YOUR BIKE. Follow *real* safety rules, not fake ones.

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

Treasurer's Report Joanne Piston



October marked the beginning of 2019 membership application income. We are doing well for the year as a whole and we are in good

shape for the annual dinner in January. The cash balance at the end of October is \$2863.25.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club's finances, please contact me at treasurer@syracusehog.com.

Assistant Director

Steve Knowles



Annual Service on Harley-Davidson Motorcycle

Do you remember the Texas gas station phase, "TRUST THE MAN WHO WEARS THE STAR"? I'll put a little spin on that phase... TRUST THE MAN WHO WEARS THE Harley Davidson BAR & SHIELD!

I like to just ride my motorcycle and leave the service work to those guys who wear the HD BAR & SHIELD uniform. For me; bringing my motorcycle into the dealership for service gives me a sense of comfort knowing I can trust the HD certified Technicians with my motorcycle. I can also trust that all the service is performed to the high standards of the Harley Davidson requirements. One of the nice things about Performance HD; is the Tech's are open to explaining any of the problems that they find and offer an opportunity to see for yourself.

In this article, I want to share my experience on a recent 5K Service to my motorcycle.

First, let me introduce the HD technician who performed the work; Tim Ryan (with his permission). My Motorcycle FLHTCU, has 35,803 miles on the odometer. Performance HD has always done the annual 5K's, 10k and 30k's so

they know my bike. I've always used SYN3 fluids since the bike was new.

Oui... as in ouch. The typical 3-figure \$\$\$ service, quickly grew to 4-figures \$\$\$\$ when Tim found a 'few' problems. The dealership called me up and I went to the shop to see what's up. Tim politely explained the problem and as I was shaking my head in like the, 'oh-No' fashion. Tim then offered to take me in the repair bay and show me what he found.

Lesson 1

Tim first showed me where the 'Shift Shaft Seal' was leaking oil. I'm thinking, gee that's not bad at all. Then Tim explains, the oil leaking from the Shift Shaft Seal, drops to the ground directly in front of the rear tire, there-by creating a safety issue as the rear tire runs over the oil and the tire becomes its own oil-slick surface. Ok, that's a no-brainer; go ahead and fix it!

I never heard of 'one-time-use' bolts before, but again, it's one of those "HD requirements", hence, nearly 4 hours later and a slue of parts; Ching-Ching \$421.75

Lesson 2

For the next 'Show & Tell', Tim took me around to the right side and pointed out a Rear Rocker housing gasket leaking oil. I saw the dry stain but hey wait; I haven't seen any oil on my garage floor where I park my bike. Tim says that's because the oil burns off as it leaks down the piston jugs and over cooling fins. Essentially the oil burns off before it hits the ground, therefore you may never notice the leak on your own! So if I keep oil level in check, what's the problem? Well, Tim explains, as the hot oil drips down, it'll permanently discolor everything it touches, yes chrome too. So among other things, it also a matter of how finicky you are at keeping your bike looking good.

Tim suggest that 80% of the time, the cause for this type of leak is due to either excessive overheat, such as in Parade rides or southern hot climates, but mostly in our area it's due to not allowing your

engine to warm up adequately before riding off into the wind. Tim says a slight touch to the engine jugs; they should feel good and warm to the touch. Ok, so almost 2 hours later and another basket of parts, Ching-Ching \$198.49.

Lesson 3

I bought a new rear tire during last year's PHD holiday sale, so while my bike was in the shop for the annual 5k, it was also the perfect time to install the new rear tire. One of those "HD requirements" is to replace the valve stem with a tire change. I've always had a hard time getting an air chuck in between the Mag narrow-line spokes and onto the tiny valve stem. So along came a quick decision to replace the standard \$2 valve stem with one of those new fancy right-angle valve stems. Ching-Ching another \$12 bucks, but it'll sure make for a simpler air pressure check when doing a CLOK.

Lesson 4

Lesson 4 is Good News! While performing the Shift Shaft Seal, Tim had access deep into the internal primary area and performed an inspection on many moving parts. In his opinion, there was essentially none or very little wear on these moving parts. In Tim's opinion this is most likely due to excellent Annual maintenance and good oil; i.e. SYN3.

The 5k Service for a big twin like my bike with SYN3, no surprise: \$336.96 as expected for top notch service, cause its "More Than an Oil Change".

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1. Inspect engine oil level and make plug firing.
2. Check operation of all electrical equipment, lighting, and controls.
3. Inspect front and rear tire tread depth and air pressure. Check tightness of all valves (if equipped).
4. Inspect front end of front brake and check master cylinder. Check torque of rear screws.
5. Check torque of switch housing screws, check level handlebar clamp screws, and master cylinder fastener screws.
6. Check engine coolant hoses, petal and inspect for leaks. Check radiators.
7. Check oil, light primary chaincase, secondary oil, drive plug firing.
8. Grease and replace transmission lubricant and drive plug firing.
9. Check torque of right foot height screw and top screws and tighten master to foot connection screws.
10. Inspect oil, bulbs, and fuel lines and filling the bulbs, contact, or switches.
11. Inspect rear brake master for proper level. Check torque of rear screws.
12. Inspect front brake pads and discs. Secure pad thickness to correct specifications.
13. Inspect rear brake pads and discs. Secure pad thickness to correct specifications.
14. Check torque of front and rear axle nut.
15. Inspect and lubricate (if needed).
16. Lubricate chain with correct grease. Properly adjust and level chain free play.
17. Check air filter and clean, replace or clean as needed.
18. Lubricate and adjust wheel nut. Inspect wheel bearings.
19. Check rear air suspension pressure, operation, and leakage.
20. Inspect exhaust system for leaks, cracks, and loose or missing portions of exhaust pipes.
21. Check battery, clean connections and top. Recharge if needed.
22. Lubricate the front fork, swing, and chain.
23. Check for open recalls, correct suspension, handle cables, and engine management system updates.
24. Inspect front work component and replace fasteners.

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'Annual Maintenance' is more than just maintenance.

A wise individual once said, "its better that they find problems in the shop rather than you find'em on the road.

Happy Riding!

**Activities Director
Anne Marie Camardella**



As most of you already know, our Annual dinner is January 19, 2019 from 6pm – 10pm and will be held at Justin's Tuscan Grill located at 6400 Yorktown Circle, East Syracuse. We tried for Barbagallo's but who knew all three rooms would be booked on that date? Crazy! I will definitely start looking earlier next time. The cost is \$25 for members and \$40 for guests.

Our menu will be:

Appetizers during cocktail hour 6pm – 7pm

Mixed greens salad with garden veggies

Roasted lemon garlic chicken

Roast Top round of Angus beef Au Jus

Pasta in Creamy Vodka Sauce

Roasted Potatoes

Utica Greens

Desserts:

Sheet cake and Italian Cookies

Coffee, tea and water is included

Cash bar.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me, Kevin or Joanne. This is going to be a great event! We're also having a DJ and don't forget about door prizes! We always have a good time getting together. Also, I'm going to get together with Anna and Barb Snyder about having a paint night at Performance. Barb has a friend that is an artist

and she is willing to come to Performance. I'm sure she would be more reasonable than the Paint Night companies. I'm looking for some time in February. Stay tuned!

As always, let's have fun!

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.

Please remember the vets! Save your hotel beauty items, buy sweats, games and recreational items.

In the Wind,

Terry Lynn

**Karen Whedon
Community Services Report**



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There will be **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing** at Performance Harley Davidson. I need volunteers for the following dates:

Black Friday November 23, 2018 – There are special sales all day. So come early and get in on the bargains then

help with the bell ringing for an hour. It's a WIN- WIN for Syracuse HOG, Performance Harley Davidson and the Salvation Army. I will need volunteers for one hour shifts from 10:00 until 3:00. I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the November meeting or you can e-mail or phone me.

December 8, 2018 - This is PHD's Christmas party so many of us will be there already volunteering to help them make it a huge success.

So why not ring the bell for an hour, help PHD with the party and then spend the rest of the time eating, shopping and mingling with your fellow bikers.

You know you're going to be at PHD sometime during the day!!

Saturday December 22, 2018 - Time to catch those last minute shoppers and maybe do some last minute gift getting yourself. Shifts available all day and are for one hour unless you wish to stay longer.



Do you enjoy **GIFT WRAPPING???** Once again Performance Harley Davidson has requested that we volunteer for their holiday wrapping booth. The chapter gets to keep the tips that we earn. They will be announcing dates at the

November meeting but last year they were on Thursdays and Saturdays in December, so keep that in mind.



We will be collecting **CANNED GOODS** at the November 18th and December 16th Syracuse HOG meetings. Please bring items that have an extended shelf life. Do not bring any items in glass containers or past their expiration dates. Delivery will be made to the CNY Food Bank in time for their Christmas Basket distribution.

Since you will probably be at Performance Harley Davidson for at least one of the holiday events, bring in a can or two any time you stop in to shop or volunteer.

Let's make it a great food drive one more time !!!

I will be passing around signup sheets for each of these events at the November meeting. You can also let me know by e-mail, phone if you are willing to help out with any or all of these holiday events.



After all... **TIS THE SEASON...**

Thank you,
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