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The High Road

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HAPPY HARLEY®-DAYS

Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your efforts this year. I think this year was very successful as a club.

We had some wonderful rides and events and I'm looking forward to next years. We met a lot of people and even had a few join us as new members. Without you, this club would not be here. I look forward to 2019 with you all.

We also had a lot of fun helping our sponsoring dealer and their appreciation definitely shows.

So here's to the ending of a wonderful year and to next year being so much more.

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 one new member and welcomed Karen back!

Health and Welfare – Nothing new.

Dealership – Brian attended the meeting and talked about HOG 365. The service department can help with mileage if needed. Please have your mileage into PHD by December 31st. Your mileage will count for the overall patch, and we also do mileage awards at the Annual Dinner. He introduced Brad ‘Honeybun’ Evans as our dealership liason. He talked about the holiday schedule, and told us that the HOG shopping day will be after the December meeting. We are still looking for gift wrappers – this is a fundraiser for our club; a sign-up sheet went around the room. PHD will provide the wrapping paper and tape.

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 \$2860 in the bank, a lot of which will go towards the Annual Dinner.

Membership – Mike Piston told us that 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. Please sign in at each meeting and add your beginning and end of year mileage if you haven’t already done so. If you

would rather email him your mileage, that’s fine.

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter. He also offered to take monetary donations to purchase PHD clearance and sale items to give to the vets at the hospital for the holidays.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about our annual dinner, which will be **Saturday, January 19th** at **Justin’s Tuscan Grill**. This dinner is our January meeting. She went over the menu. It will be \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. She also talked to Anna about having a paint night as a winter activity, preferably at PHD.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn reminded us to please remember the vets...Christmas is coming and they always need sundries (preferably hotel size but will take anything). They are also collecting games and cards.

Community Service – Karen talked about the Red Kettle bell ringing at PHD and passed around a sign-up sheet. She gave dates for both bell ringing and wrapping, which she will also post on our Facebook page. We are still participating in the canned food drive. They prefer canned foods but will take glass containers if necessary.

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

Photographer – Honeybun offered to take over this position! If you have any pictures, please send them to Kevin or Jason via email.

Webmaster – Jason wasn’t at the meeting, but wanted to let us know that we can email him with any questions regarding the Google calendar. There is also a link on the website for text alerts and ride cancellations.

Assistant Director – Steve is stepping down and thanked the club. This is now an open

position- if you are interested, please see Kevin.

Historian – Mike wasn't at the meeting, but is going to try to make everything digital.

Old Business – None

New Business – The question was asked whether or not we should do a raffle during the gift wrapping. This would make money for the club; people could buy a ticket and the winner would receive a PHD gift card, a wreath made by Joanne and maybe little things people have acquired from HD.

T-Shirt Bingo – Arizona was chosen with one winner. The winner took home \$20!

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:51.

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!!

December:

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

January:

John Snyder	Eduardo Odom
Sheri Cartner	Kenneth Kotwas

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Hi everyone! This year to date we have 123 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; embership@syracusehog.com.

Also, if you would like to be in the running for 2018 mileage awards you can send in your 2018 starting

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER John Kresse



Happy Winter one and all. It sure did arrive in a hurry and with a vengeance to be sure. The snow and cold arriving weeks before Thanksgiving were definitely uncalled for and certainly not welcome. But, that's why we live here. Unpredictable weather and all.

Being as wicked busy as everyone else is at this time of year I wasn't able to make the time to do any research or think of an interesting safety or Road Captain issue to dig into and produce an

informative article. So kudos to the rest of the leadership crew for their contributions. Also, I won't be at this month's meeting as I'll be in Fort Myers FL visiting my 93 year old father in law.

The idea of wearing helmets comes to mind because there's no helmet law in FL and every time we visit, we're astonished at the bikes buzzing around with riders with no helmets. Every time we've gone to visit, we hear of a motorcyclist getting killed. There's dozens of factors involved a few of which are... their speed, the sheer number of cars on the road all the time and probably... not wearing a helmet. Helmet Laws are a touchy issue for some so this will not be a political tirade meant to start an argument. NY has a helmet law. Personally, I don't care. I'd wear a helmet anyway.

When I was in my early 20's, a buddy and I rode from VA. Beach up to his folks place in Maryland for the weekend. It was only a 3 or 4 hour ride and it was a blast. We went out to the races Saturday night and when decided to head home we said "Hey, let's not wear our helmets! There's no Helmet Law here." That was the scariest 20 minutes of my life.

Just my little story about helmets.

Enjoy the holidays all! We hope to see you before January at PHD sometime soon.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT **Joanne Piston**



The month of November brought in several 2019 memberships and reservations for the annual dinner in January. There were minor expenses.

The cash balance at the end of November was \$2970.25..

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

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Steve Knowles



HO HO HO



Well the time has come to pass the baton as my wife and I will be spending more time in the sunshine state and traveling the good ole' USA. As I depart the leadership roll of Assistant Director, I think about all the fun stuff we did together and I wish our future leaders the best and brightest for our club.

One of our clubs' goals was to have lots of rides for our member and I believe we achieved that with a robust ride calendar consisting of over 90 rides listed. Plus, many new ride leaders stepped up and led rides to so many interesting and awesome destinations. Much of this was introduced as part of our Harley Officer Training (H.O.T.) all of which makes a full circle back to you, or members.

Over these recent years our club has participated in a large variety, such as the 1st MSP Safe Riding Course, International Ride to Kingston, the 2018 Iron Adventure HOG Rally earning our club yet another flag streamer and HD's Flat Track racing. Plus, growing our club while helping out in the PHD event series that also brings new riders into the club.

We managed to get through the non-ride season with things like becoming a bell ringer or a gift wrapper during the PHD Holiday events! The fun continues to ROLL with the WCNY Travel Auction and wintertime 3H social gatherings. Plus, we have been known to be Float Builders at the St. Patty's day parade ROLLS around. Soon after comes the Bike Blessing and then the PHD Bike nights bring us back into our favorite season. Let's Ride!

It's been a fun ride ... Thank you.



Results are in...

Clear Path for Veterans... the numbers according to Eagle News of CNY

On September 30th, with rain and gray skies our club members participated in the "Ride for Clear Path". Together with more than 400 motorcycle riders and the Southern Hills Posse as event leaders, this sixth annual "Ride for Clear Path" raised \$43, 570 for Clear Path for Veterans! The Ride for Clear Path features a scenic, one hour long motorcycle ride covering parts of Madison and Onondaga counties followed by a BBQ lunch prepared by the culinary program at Clear Path. More details about the raffle winner can be found in the November 21st Eagle News/PennySaver.



I'd like to say...

Hats off...to all those who rode and supported this fundraiser, especially Syracuse HOG Chapter 3424.

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
Anne Marie Camardella**



I really don't have anything new to report. By now everyone knows about the Annual Dinner on January 19, 2019. We need your RSVP's by January 5 so we can give Justin's a count. I'm going to stress again, this is our dinner, so wear whatever you want to wear. No one has to wear a suit or formal attire. If you want to do so, that's great! I would love to have a couple of volunteers to help with set up, if anyone is willing, please let me know. Thanks!

Barb and Anna are working on a paint night at the dealership for some time in February. We'll have more details as they become available.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Health New Year!

Cheers!!

Anne Marie Camardella

**LADIES OF HARLEY
Terry Lynn Clark**



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

In the Wind,
Terry Lynn

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT
Karen Whedon**



***“THE SPIRIT of
GIVING”***

***APPEARING NOW AT PERFORMANCE
HARLEY DAVIDSON***

AND STARRING

***THE MEMBERS OF THE SYRACUSE
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP***



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 sign up 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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