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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



I know it's hard to believe this, but we are in 2019 already. That means it is time for the Annual Dinner, Chili Cook Off, and so much more. So, make sure you are paying attention to our website and Facebook page. February is the Ride Planning Meeting so start coming up with some ideas to share. You don't need to lead the rides, but the more ideas we have, the better.

So, make sure you come on out and join us.

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!

Health and Welfare – Jason told us that Ronda (of Rolling with Ronda) had an accident in Tucson; she fractured her pelvis in 4 places and totaled her bike. She just got out of

the hospital and plans to continue her 50 state tour- she has done 40 states already!

Dealership – Brad attended and talked about the HOG shopping day (after the meeting). He also mentioned that you should log into HOG to make sure your mileage is correct. You can talk to Rick in service about your mileage if needed.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston told us that we have a lot of money coming in and are in good standing. Raffles and wrapping at PHD made the club approximately \$600, of which \$200 will be used for Chinese auction items for the Annual Dinner.

Membership – Mike Piston told us that we have 123 members for the year so far. Approximately half of the club has renewed for 2019. Please renew your yearly memberships! 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 wasn't at the meeting, but Kevin told us that the club donated \$200 worth of clearance HD gear to vets because of our generosity at the last meeting when he mentioned it.

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 is looking for help to set up tables and door prizes. If anyone is planning on bringing stuff for the Chinese Auction, please get it to her in advance. Set up will start between 5-5:30.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn passed around Christmas cards for the vets. Please continue to collect sundries and other items for our vets!

Community Service – Karen talked about the Red Kettle bell ringing and wrapping at PHD and TELOC. We are invited to work TELOC n 11 from 8-11pm. There will be free food and fun! More information will go out online. Canned food drive is looking good!

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

Photographer – Honeybun (Brad) told us that he will be at everything he can be to take pictures!

Webmaster – Jason is putting together a slide show for the Annual and needs to replace the pictures in the HOG board at PHD. We are only using text alerts for ride cancellations so it will be inactive for the winter. If you can't get the Google calendar through our webpage, Jason can assist you.

Assistant Director – Steve thanked the club for a good year. Thanks to John Kresse for the great ride calendar, thanks to people for stepping up to lead rides. He will be travelling a lot and will see us at the Bike Blessing next year!

Historian – Nothing new.

Old Business – None

New Business – 2019 will be the last Rolling Thunder. Book your hotels now if you want to go! Vermont will host a Rally the 3rd week in July. The 2nd week in August there will be a Rally in Ellicottville, NY! That one is around 200 miles; Jason volunteered to lead or co-lead a ride to the rally!

T-Shirt Bingo – Alaska was chosen with no winner. The winner next month will take home \$20!

Pig Pot – Total was \$141.00. One lucky winner took home \$71.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:39.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Thank you to all of our 2018 members; this past year we had 123 members and about half of the 2018 membership are already 2019 members. Last year, 2017,

we also ended the year with 123 members. Let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG and look forward to a great 2019. Congratulations to Carmen Rinaldo who won the drawing for a free 2019 local membership. Let's all ride (hopefully sooner rather than later) 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.

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!!

January:

John Snyder	Eduardo Odom
Sheri Cartner	Kenneth Kotwas

February:

Mike Piston	Dave Farina
David Todd	Richard Yaroski
John Kresse	Ken Hannam

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Happy New Year everyone! We've turned the corner; the good news is that the winter solstice has passed and the days are getting longer ever so slightly every day. The bad

news is we're about to hit the real cold, long days of winter. But, try to smile. Think about your bike: the way it sounds when you first fire it up. That low rumble, the 'potato, potato, potato' sound. The bright flashes of chrome as it hits the sunlight. It's been waiting all winter to get its throttle cracked and we're ready and willing to oblige. Almost gives you goose bumps doesn't it?

Ok, enough of my attempt at a great literary work although I do like the sound of it. Let's get serious.

Several years ago, the Club had arranged a day at the Groton Cycle Center for an afternoon of some serious motorcycle safety training. I spoke with the rep at GCC on Tuesday the 8th and got some information from him about putting together a class basically, just for us.

Here are some details. It's still early so we can pretty much have our choice of dates after April. If we can get a minimum of 10 and max of 12, the cost is \$100 per person which is the same price as 2 years ago! Otherwise it's \$125 per person. We will need to pay in advance because we need to guarantee them that 10 people will show up but I don't see that as a problem. It's a rain or shine event. Even though I took the class a couple years ago, I will go again.

The man at GCC also said that if we want, he'll come up to one of our meetings and run through the whole thing with us which I thought was a great idea. So depending on interest I'm hoping to shoot for him to be here in February.

I want to put this out to the Club early this year and see if we can drive some interest to make it a great ride and training opportunity. I also believe that when we hit '10' completions for the club, (I think we have 7 or 8 so far) HOG gives us a certificate! Pretty cool.

Let's talk about it more.

Enjoy the party!

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer

John K.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Anne Marie Christopher



Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. For those of you reading this at the Annual Dinner, welcome and thank you for coming! I hope you have a fun time. We've got some great raffles and the dinner, I hear, is very good.

We have a paint night coming up on February 8, 2019 at Performance H-D. Our own Barb Snyder will be the artist hosting the event. She has come up with a painting I think you'll all enjoy. The cost is going to be, I believe, \$30 cash only. You can bring in your own drinks and if you want, a snack to share. Barb is providing all the painting necessities. I wouldn't wear anything fancy since it can get a little messy. Brad is going to post it as open event so bring a guest if you want. The doors open at 5:30pm and painting will start at 6:00pm.





The following event will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Yes – two more months and it's spring!! Let's hope we can ride in the parade this year. We rented an open trailer from U-Haul last year, put a picnic table on it and I think it worked out great except it snowed, but other than that, I think everyone had a great time. Let's try that again this year, only with sunshine.

If anyone has any ideas or wants to meet for brunch some Sunday, we can make an event and plan it.

Let's have some fun,

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



We finished 2018 in good shape! The tips from gift wrapping and the income from the raffles we held brought in \$836!!

We will be able to use the money to improve our club events. The cash balance at the end of the year was \$4,507.83.

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

LADIES OF HARLEY

Terry Lynn Clark



TOOL KITS AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

A few tips for every day riding.

By A.C. Reeves

I've been riding a motorcycle since catching the fever in the mid-1960's. Like most of us, over the years I've acquired additions and improvements to my gear, equipment and, hopefully, skill sets.

I've read lists of suggested items to carry for roadside repairs, first aid, etc. One thing that may be grossly overlooked is notification and identification.

Most of us carry a cell phone, upon which is a list of contacts, often of persons to be notified in case of emergency.

Most of us carry a billfold with ID, driver's license and such. I personally don't like to sit on a wallet, so I normally stow mine in the car console or the bike trunk when traveling.

In my 50 years of riding, I have lost but a few friends – some from mistakes they made, one by a lightning strike that was not obvious beforehand, and some from other vehicles making contact.

A few years ago, a close friend was nearing home on her bike when a woman in a car crossed two lanes of traffic, clipped a trash truck my friend happened to be behind, then hit the cycle nearly head on.

My friend died at the scene. Due to some mishandling of the incident, her bike was taken to an impound lot and

she was taken to a hospital. Her family was not notified, as authorities had no contact information. Her purse was in her bike truck, and no one looked there. Her husband, who arrived home a bit later, made several contacts trying to locate her, since she had not preceded him home.

Tragic yes, but I have a suggestion to make identification simpler. I take business-card-sized stock, format text on my computer on one side of the card to contain all my contact information, family, doctors and insurance. On the other side, I have me medical, prescriptions, cardiovascular stents and other meds.

I have the card laminated, and I put in on a chain. It hangs next to my helmet at home. As part of ATGATT, I slip the chain over my neck.

If we think about it, that wallet or cellphone may not end up where we are in a crash. It may be in a ditch somewhere, unnoticed.

This small card may well be what saves my day and life. And it could save yours as well.

Terry Lynn Clark

many donations for the Syracuse Veterans Hospital totaling approximately \$350.00 in clothing and sundries.

In addition we helped our sponsoring dealership, Performance Harley Davidson, with the many people who manned the gift wrapping table, where we collected \$473.02 in tips.

Plus members of HOG volunteered at many of the several events that the dealership held throughout the year.

It was a very successful year for all concerned.

Thank you everyone
Karen Whedon

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



WELL DONE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Four people showed up to man the phone bank on Saturday, January 11, 2019, at the WCNY Travel Auction. It was fun, it was inside and warm, we got a free meal and it was for a great cause.

Finally, I want to thank everyone that helped out this past year with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing, where we collected \$420.97; the Canned Food drive for the CNY Food Bank ending in 327 lbs. of foodstuff; and the

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