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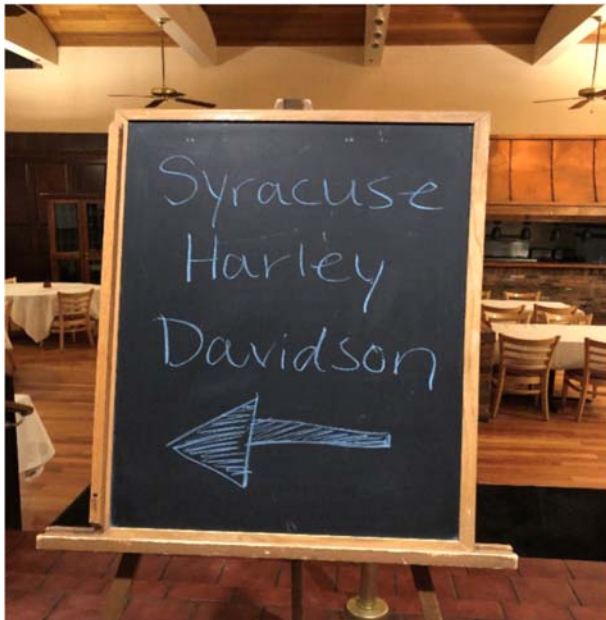
Kevin Reney



I want to thank everyone that came out for the Annual Dinner. I hope you all had as much fun as I did. Everyone involved did a wonderful job with getting things done, and set up.

Thank you all for pitching in to help out. Don't forget that this month is Ride Planning Meeting.

Get those thinking caps on and bring in your ideas.



Meeting Minutes
Kristine Wilson
Chapter 3424 Secretary



There was no meeting in January due to the Annual dinner.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott

First off, I just want to say thank you for the opportunity to be Assistant Director. Taking over for Steve won't be an easy task but I will do my best.

So, with football season now behind us, its time to start thinking about planning for this year's rides and events. I personally will be leading a few rides and possibly doing a couple of overnight rides. Don't be shy, throw a ride idea out there and lead a ride ... you'll be glad you did!

Hope to see all of you out and riding soon.

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to 2019, we have 63 members that have joined or renewed memberships for 2019. Thank you to all of our 2018 members; last year we had 123 members. Let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG and look forward to a great 2019. 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!!

February:

Mike Piston
John Kresse

Dave Farina

March:

Judy Metrick
Michael Christopher
Anne Marie Christopher
Dwayne Scott

Sharlene Rinaldo
William Cartner
David Bugin

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



This is an article I found on line sponsored by Geico that had enough of the right things to say without going into a 4 page dissertation and won't take up too much space and ink. My only edits were to change all the subtitles from blue to black and up the font size for easier reading. By using this article I nor the club in any way advocate for or against Geico.

Motorcycle Safety Tips

Make motorcycle riding safety your top priority!

Operating a motorcycle takes different skills than driving a car; however, the laws of the road apply to every driver just the same. A combination of consistent education, regard for traffic laws and basic common sense can go a long way in helping reduce the amount of fatalities involved in motorcycle accidents on a yearly basis. It's important to understand some basic motorcycle safety tips to make sure your next ride is a safe one.

Follow these tips for safe riding:

Always wear a helmet with a face shield or protective eye wear.

Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect against severe head injuries. A motorcycle rider not wearing a helmet is five times more likely to sustain a critical head injury.

Wear appropriate gear.

Make sure to wear protective gear and clothing that will minimize the amount of injuries in case of an accident or a skid. Wearing leather clothing, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves can protect your body from severe injuries. Consider attaching reflective tape to your clothing to make it easier for other drivers to see you.

Follow traffic rules.

Obey the speed limit; the faster you go the longer it will take you to stop. Be aware of local traffic laws and rules of the road.

Ride Defensively

Don't assume that a driver can see you, as nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. You should always ride with your headlights on; stay out of a driver's blind spot; signal well in advance of any change in direction; and watch for turning vehicles.

Keep your riding skills honed through education.

Complete a formal riding education program, get licensed and take riding courses from time to time to develop riding techniques and to sharpen your street-riding strategies.

Be awake and ride sober.

Don't drink and ride, you could cause harm to yourself and others. Additionally, fatigue and drowsiness can impair your ability to react, so make sure that you are well rested when you hit the road.

Preparing To Ride

Making sure that your motorcycle is fit for the road is just as important as practicing safe riding. Should something be wrong with your motorcycle, it will be in your best interest to find out prior to hitting the road. To make sure that your motorcycle is in good working order, check the following:

- **Tires:** Check for any cracks or bulges, or signs of wear in the treads (low tire pressure or any defects could cause a blowout)
- **Under the motorcycle:** Look for signs of oil or gas leaks
- **Headlight, taillight and signals:** Test for high and low beams (make sure that all lights are functioning)
- **Hydraulic and Coolant fluids:** Level should be checked weekly

Once you've mounted the motorcycle, complete the following checks:

- **Clutch and throttle:** Make sure they are working smoothly (throttle should snap back when released)
- **Mirrors:** Clean and adjust all mirrors to ensure sharpest viewing

- **Brakes:** Test front and rear brakes (each brake should feel firm and hold the motorcycle still when fully applied)
- **Horn:** Test the horn

Check out more motorcycle riding tips from GEICO and AMA Daytona Sport bike Champion Martin Cardenas in this [video. https://www.geico.com/information/safety/motorcycle/riding-tips/](https://www.geico.com/information/safety/motorcycle/riding-tips/) (This is the link to the article above if you'd like to watch the video. It's short and a bit 'cartoony')

As always...

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer

John K.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Anne Marie Christopher



First off, I hope those that attended the Annual Dinner had a good time. I heard compliments about the food which is always good. I want to thank those that helped, I couldn't have done this without all of you. We had almost 50 items to raffle, you guys did a great job getting them together. I want to thank Performance Harley-Davidson for their donation. We made 2 big baskets for door prizes.

Coming up is the St. Patrick's Day parade. I have already paid for HOG to be in the parade. I put in my request for a nice sunny day as well. We're due. The last two years have been horrible, so this year is going to be perfect riding weather. I think we should discuss getting an open U-Haul like we did last year, too. I'm going to pass around a list as we will need volunteers to help decorate. We also would like people to walk the parade and hand out candy (not throw). Last year we put a picnic table on

the float, we can possibly do that again this year for those who can't walk.

I would like to book Barbagallo's for our Annual Dinner next year since that's where we wanted to go originally. We can vote on that or vote on starting all over again with a different place.

And lastly, would anyone be interested in doing a HOG night at a Syracuse Mets game? I'll pass around info on it.

If anyone has any other ideas, please feel free to share.

As always, let's have fun!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TEASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



January brought very little activity since our annual dinner got postponed until February. The dinner cost the club between \$650 and \$700.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$4537.83.

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



With spring approaching in less than 30 some odd days, we will soon be back on the road. Some will wait for the rains to wash away the salt, some will wash and wash and wash to remove the salt after riding and others will just wait.

I will be a "waiter" until the rains come and wash the roads clean of all that salt that has kept us safe in our cages. I do not want to ride until the roads are free of salt, thank you.

It's a hard wait with the weather so crazy, cold, warm, windy, snowy and icy and my PMS (parked motorcycle syndrome) is just screaming that I need wind therapy. We all know that the next 6 weeks will be tough but St. Patrick's Day is looming on the horizon, so we will be back on the road before we know it.

So, hunker down, go over your bike, do a preseason check and make the appointments you need. And, put on those presents and purchases from the winter, the countdown has begun for the season start.



In the wind,

Terry Lynn Clark

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



The **Canned Food** drive for the **CNY Food Bank** will continue during the summer. Try to remember to bring a canned good or two to the meetings and any time you might be at Performance Harley Davidson. Hunger knows no season.

COMING EVENTS FOR HOG COMMUNITY SERVICE



Once again I will be asking for volunteers to work the phone bank for **WCNY's TEL-AUC**, being held on April 25th thru 27th and May 2nd thru 4th. I will have more information and sign-up sheets at the next couple of meetings.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Also we will continue collecting clothing and sundries donations for the **Syracuse Veterans Hospital** all during the year.

Thank you everyone
Karen Whedon

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