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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Please see the information regarding Iron Adventure Rally of New England, Northeast Regional Rally 2019.

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 – There were no new members or guests this month.

*Next month's meeting will be **Saturday, April 13th** at **10am**. Otherwise the meeting would fall on Easter, so we are trying to avoid that.*

Health and Welfare – Condolences to William for his mother's passing and Christine for her brother's passing.

Dealership – Next month starts "Hot Dog Saturdays" at PHD. Brad asked for volunteers; these events will be one Saturday a month from 9-4. The annual PHD bike blessing will be April 27th at noon. Every Tuesday from 9-

12 PHD offers free breakfast for first responders so please join them! The PHD ride series begins in June.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Piston told us that we have approximately \$3200 in the bank minus today's expenses.

Membership – Mike Piston told us that we currently have 74 members. Please sign in at each meeting and write down your mileage!

Nametags are \$8 each with a minimum of 12 per order. Please let us know if you would like one!

Head Road Captain/Safety – John Kresse talked about his article in the newsletter. He talked about what you need to know to lead a ride and stayed after the meeting for interested parties. John is going to contact the gentleman about a date for the motorcycle class and put out an email blast about availability. April is check your helmet month!

Activities – Anne Marie wasn't at the meeting. She is working on picnic venues and a date for us to go to the Syracuse Mets.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn asked us to continue to collect sundries and other items for our vets! She also received a letter of thanks from the VA for the Christmas cards we sent in December.

Community Service – Karen talked about bringing in canned goods...hunger knows no season! TELOC is April 27th in the evening, which is always a good time. She sent around a sign up sheet to volunteer.

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

Photographer – Brad has great ideas for summer photos. He wondered if anyone was willing to get a phone mount for their bike to take pictures on rides. Reach out if you want pictures taken!

Webmaster – Jason told us that the St. Patrick's Day parade was a ball! PHD supplied a beautiful green bike. He thanked everyone that came, helped with set up, food, etc. The American Flat Track is July 13th- he led the ride last year. If you are interested in learning to lead a ride, he found that riding second and sweeping helped him learn the ropes. Ronda (Riding with Ronda) is feeling

better. She bought a new bike from the Fingerlakes HD and is headed to Arizona. She has 10 states left!

Assistant Director – Dwayne told us that he has heard a lot of negativity about HOG on social media. If you know anyone that is on the fence about HOG, invite them to a meeting! They can attend as a guest and go on as many rides as they would like as long as they fill out a waiver. If you hear of anyone that doesn't 'like' us, find out why! Great Ideas Start With You!

Historian – Not at the meeting.

Old Business – Kevin thanked everyone that came to the parade.

New Business – Bill was selling 50/50 tickets for the Burn Foundation. There is a ride on July 20, KSU 12pm at the Nedro Fire Department. It will be 100 miles and end in Deruyter at the Big M with the Red Knights. Also, Deb and Sully are getting married today- congratulations!

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

Pig Pot – Total was \$112.00. One lucky winner took home \$56.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:45.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



It's a secret which I will tell you all about at the next meeting Hint – PHD.

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to April 2019, we have 76 members that have joined or renewed memberships for 2019. Last year we had 123 members; so 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 soon) and have fun !

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter!

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 2019 mileage awards you can send in your 2019 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!!

April

Tracy Lundgren
Dan Marsh

Lynn Sturtz

May

Kirk Wilson
Patrick Cavanaugh
Bill Czelusniak

Terry Lynn Clark
Kevin Reney

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Controlling Your Lane Two wheels are enough to own a lane

By: James R. Davis

Lane position should be chosen based, among other things, on establishing escape routes, making yourself visible to others, staying out of the blind spots of other vehicles, and road conditions. What is often overlooked, in my opinion, is the concept of 'controlling your lane'.

For example, assume you are riding on surface streets in a city and are stopped at a traffic light preparing to make a right turn. Logic suggests that you should be in the right track of your lane, but it is safer, I suggest, to be closer to the left track.

Why? Because while nearer the left track of your lane you CONTROL the lane. There are people that upon seeing you in the right track with your right turn signal flashing will slide their vehicles into the lane beside you and try to share the lane - to get a jump off the line when the light changes.

That you only have two wheels is of no consequence - you OWN the whole lane that they would try to share with you. If you were to change your mind and elect to not make that right turn, you would be in trouble. Worse, should that sharing vehicle actually decide to make a right turn too, you could easily be forgotten (in his blind spot) and he could drive right over you while making that turn.

Controlling your lane is as important as any other

consideration when you choose your lane position.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

As always...

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer

John K.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Anne Marie Christopher



Happy Spring!

As I'm typing this, I'm looking at about 4" of snow that fell overnight. Mother nature played an April Fool's Day joke on us.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. You all did a fantastic job decorating the floats. I think it was a lot of fun despite the freezing cold temperature and winds!

I don't have much going on in the Activities area right now. I talked to Jose at the Syracuse Mets and he has us penciled in on June 14 for a picnic/game. They're also having fireworks that night. I'll pass along the details at the meeting. Also, if we want a different date, we can probably change it, he seemed pretty flexible.

Blessing of the Bikes is April 27, I'm sure PHD is going to need some volunteers to help with parking and crowd control.

We are penciled in at Barbagallo's for January 18, 2020 for our Annual Dinner. We can discuss menu options at a later meeting.

I have 2 BBQ places to contact for our picnic:

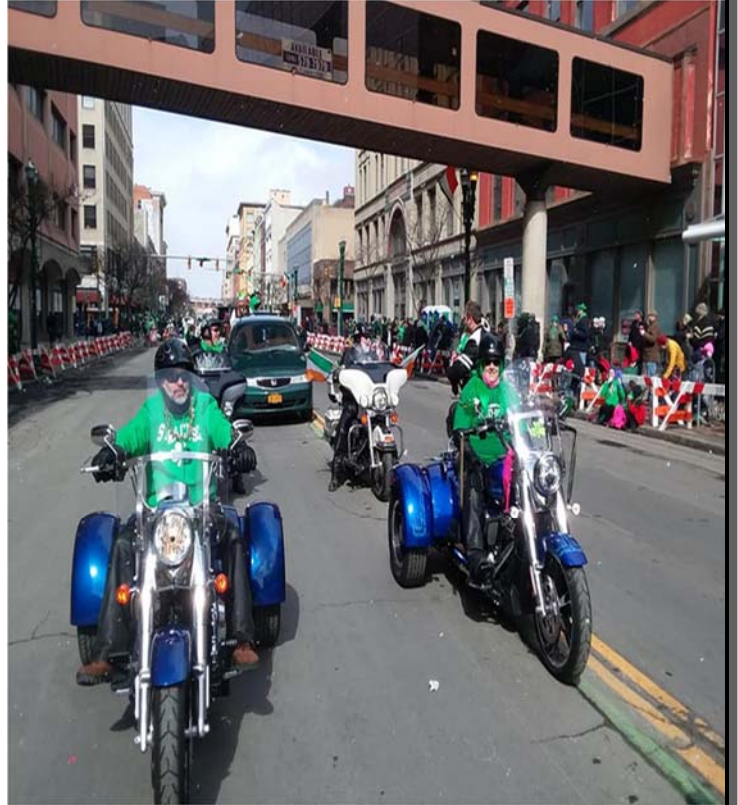
Big Bear BBQ and Smoke, Inc.

Menus and prices will be in the next newsletter.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and can get out, ride and have fun!!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer



TEASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



There were expenses in March for the St. Patrick's Day parade including new logo magnets for the truck and trailer rental. We did receive a few memberships (both new and renewals).

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,167.22.

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

LADIES OF HARLEY

Terry Lynn Clark



Hi all,

Spring is here...well, the date rolled in anyway.
This is a good article for your review.

Debris: On ramps and off ramps will usually have areas of sand or gravel that accumulate beside and in the middle of the main lanes of travel. Also, early in the riding season, watch for pea gravel from the winter. This material will be a hazard until there are vacuum crews or some good hard spring rains to help remove it. And let's not forget leaves, road kill and animals running across the lanes. Scan ahead and be ready.

Slick spots: In hot weather, watch for oil or grease on the exits as well. It can be slippery, especially when there has been a rain shower.

Be seen: Keep out of blind spots of cars and, especially, large trucks. Always be aware of trailers that have poorly secured cargo that could fly off and become a deadly hazard.

Also, closely watch anything tied or strapped carelessly to a car's roof rack.

Tractor trailer tires: Be aware of the scent of burning rubber or the thump-thump-thump of a tire getting ready to blow. The "gators"—parts of a retread in the travel lane after a blowout or retread coming apart—can cause a crash if you hit it or if it hits you.

Braking: Since motorcycle braking distances can be short, keep one eye on the mirror, so you know whether or not the cager behind you is paying attention.

Buffeting: Wind is another factor. Gusts and the wind change when pulling out from behind a semi and can startle an inexperienced rider. Always be aware of wind gusts when reaching the end of a guardrail or noise wall or when coming from under an overpass or exiting a tunnel. Wind can move you across a lane.

Rough pavement: Always watch for pavement issues. Gashes or cuts in the asphalt can grab a tire and cause a crash. Stay off the paint, and try to keep off the "tar snakes." Watch for the diamond ground/cut pavement that has been ground down before repaving. Also, rare but still out there, the steel grates of some bridges.
By Steve Gettel AMA magazine

We will all be out there soon. Don't forget TelAuc and collecting beauty items and recreational articles for the Vet hospital.

Be careful and stay safe.



PLEASE NOTE TEL-AUC DATE CHANGE

I need **10** volunteers to work the phone bank for **WCNY's TEL-AUC.** on the evening shift on **Friday April 26th** from **8:00 until 11:00** at the station on West Fayette Street.

The sponsor for that evenings programming wanted to fill the entire phone bank with their own people; but because we have been loyal volunteers for so many years, WCNY is doing us a favor and holding 10 spots for us. Please don't let me down!!!

If you want to enjoy the free meal that is served to volunteers, you should be there by 7:00. If you have never done this before, not to worry, there will be a training session before we man the phones. I will have a sign up sheet at the April 13th meeting or contact me directly.

See you soon.

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.



SYRACUSE HOG COMMUNITY SERVICE April 2019



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

Thank you everyone
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