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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 three new members and one returning member this month.

Health and Welfare – William sprained his ankle.

Dealership – The “Hot Dog Saturdays” have begun at PHD. They will be the second Saturday of the month from April through September. Brad is making a sign-up sheet and asking us to sign up for 1 or 2 hour shifts so we know there is coverage available. Please see Brad or e-mail him to sign up.

There is a new Harley app for smart phones. You can check in at any dealership, it records rides, etc. Brad is happy to help anyone get it set up.

Bob Davidson received his 2018 High Mileage Award.

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

Assistant Director – Duane went to the HOG Training and noticed that vests do not have dealership sponsored patches for HOG members. He has spoke with PHD and they are looking into having some made for us. They will be 3-4 inch round patches. When he inquired, many people were interested in obtaining one of these patches when they are available.

Membership – Mike Piston was unable to make the meetings but we have about 76 members. Please remember to 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 was unable to make the meeting.

Activities – Anne Marie reminded us about the Syracuse Mets game on June 14th. She is looking into a few different venues for the Annual Picnic in September and will get back to us in May.

Barbagallos has us penciled in for the Annual Dinner in January 2020 but she is looking into Drumlins as well. She will update us in May.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn asked us to continue to collect sundries, sweats, t-shirts, flip flops, and other items such as games and magazines for our vets!

Community Service – Karen talked about bringing in canned goods...hunger knows no season! TELOC is April 26th in the evening, which is always a good time. She sent around a sign up sheet to volunteer. Also please, bring your flags for the watch fire into the meeting room as soon as you.

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

Photographer – Brad is asking us to take pictures when we are out and about and send them to him and/or Jason to be added to Facebook. Videos are welcome as well. You can send videos to Brad using wetransfer.com.

Brad will talk to Brian about putting a TV or Apple TV in the HOG Display to replace the digital picture frame we have currently.

Webmaster – The ride calendar will be posted soon!

Historian – Not at the meeting.

Old Business – Bob updated his plans for Rolling Thunder. He plans to leave Friday, May 24, at 8 a.m. from McDonalds in LaFayette. If you come at 8:01 he will be gone. Bob plans to leave for home Sunday, May 26th.

John Snyder mention the Medium Training Class. Please contact John Kresse about being in the class. The price is \$100 per bike if there are 12 bikes attending.

New Business – Bob is going to get back with us regarding a date for a New York City ride. Many were interested and looking forward to this ride.

Bob is also thinking of going to Touring Weekend in Snowshoe, WV, August 1-4. If you register before June 30th, the price is \$255 which includes T-shirt, some meals, entrance to all the activities. You must get your own hotel room. If you are interested, give Bob a call.

T-Shirt Bingo – Wisconsin was chosen with one winner. The winner took home home \$10!

Pig Pot – Total was \$116.00. One lucky winner took home \$58.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:45.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



Well spring has finally sprung along with the snow changing to rain. The sun will be here soon but not soon enough!

So with better weather here I know we all love to ride our bikes but, we also have other hobbies. So, my new thought was to put together a grudge golf tournament between us and the Finger Lakes HOG Chapter. I will be reaching out to them to see if there is any interest on their behalf. I'm also asking all of you if you would have any interest in doing a tourney?

This would be for a trophy for the club to hold for the year.

Details will be forthcoming as I find out how many would like to par take.

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to May 2019, we have 88 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 had 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!!

May

Kirk Wilson
Patrick Cavanaugh
Bill Czelusniak

Terry Lynn Clark
Kevin Reney
Rob Lancette

June

Darwin Gensel
Don Daly
Jim "Lobo" DeMayo

Bob Davidson
Dan Sturtz

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



18-Wheelers

Often make good 'riding buddies'

By: James R. Davis

When I was on jury duty a few months ago I had occasion to spend a lot of hours with a trucker who explained to me many of the things that I have always been curious

about. Not the least surprising of which, considering the setting, was how many truckers manage to accumulate far more miles in their rigs than the law allows with the illegal use of a second set of log books. (The message here is clear - many truckers out there are TIRED - morning, noon, or night.)

[I have only been inside the cab of an 18-wheeler once in my life, when I was a kid. The driver had allowed me to ride with him between LA and Monterey along the California coast. I could not believe how hard it had been for him to drive that rig - it had a 'brownie' (second shift-lever) that he managed by looping his arm through the steering-wheel. Well, technology has come a long way in long-haulers and brownies are a thing of the past. But the driver's job remains a tough one, and motorcycles often just add one more worry for them to have to deal with.]

This trucker that I mentioned above claimed that two-wheelers, particularly those driven by women, (though they often get 'cat-calls' from his friends), are actually held in high regard by truckers - especially if they seem to know what they are doing. Motorcyclists, he said, are smart to keep their distance from the trucks. He said that though retreads have been banned from automobiles for many years, there are still trucks that ride on them and if one should blow the energy released is roughly equivalent to a stick of dynamite. A motorcycle that happens to be nearby would not stand a chance.

And though it is not possible to completely avoid riding on one side or the other of an 18-wheeler, he said, a smart motorcyclist would not linger there and would pass as soon as they could. He also said that motorcyclists that pass a truck only to then pull in front of it are smarter still if they do not pull in too quickly. He described a nightmare accident he once had where a small Toyota had pulled in front of him on the open highway then hit its brakes. He was hauling a load of steel rebars and there was absolutely no way he could even slow down before running over that car. Mass and inertia have their own rules.

As to motorcyclists in general, he said that he was no longer surprised at the number of times he would say something about a 'good looking bike' on the road near him to another trucker in the distance only to have that

biker thank him with his CB. This, because he has come to understand that most touring bikes have CB radios and that they seem to have realized that truckers can make good 'riding buddies' when the motorcyclist is riding solo. He described dozens of times riding 'escort' for a solo biker, and sharing a meal with a few of them along his way. That they invariably talked about their bikes (and he about his rig) while eating and how impressed he had been that they were really 'into' and knowledgeable about what they (the bikers) were doing.

I thought I would post this here because we often hear bikers describe 18-wheelers in rather nasty ways - like they were generically dumb, illiterate, drunk, mean, and dangerous. Truth is they are just people with a hard job and they are on the roads with people that do not have sufficient respect for how much time it takes to slow/stop those rigs so are constantly put in risky situations as a result.

My experience with truckers has been almost universally good. Hope this little Tip causes a few readers to re-think their attitudes about them. A trucker can be a life-saver in time of need. Why not maximize the odds?

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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



I'm bringing in some menu choices for the picnic. We need to decide where to have it. I'll print out information on parks but I don't know how they are as far as having bike games there. It would be really helpful to give me an idea as to what we would like as in a destination ride to a BBQ place or just a catered picnic? It would help to narrow it down.

We also need to decide where to have the Annual Dinner in January. We are penciled in at Barbagallos and Drumlin's.

July 27 PHD is having another Ladies Night. Sounds like its going to be another fun night!!!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TEASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



As the 2019 riding season gets going, we are receiving several memberships – both new and renewals. There was \$83 in tip income from the hot dog event.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,428.22.

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



Hi all,

Spring is here, its just a little wet. My rain suit is getting a workout... though I haven't gotten wet riding to school yet. Saturday I had a new rear tire put on and it was a cold ride in 42 degrees, better than rain. Hopefully the weather will improve and we will be able to ride in the sunshine more often.

Please remember our service men and women at the VA. They can't get out to enjoy the weather like we can, so they need recreational things like crafts, books, all those things.

Riding Tips: Riding in the Rain

By
Woman Rider Staff
-
April 15, 2018

Even if you're one of those "fair weather" riders, it's bound to happen sometime. Rain. If you don't do it regularly, riding in the rain can be a stressful, not to mention uncomfortable, experience. So we've thrown together ten simple tips to help you stay safe when things get wet.

Tip # 1 – Smooth and steady

Tip # 2 – The pavement is most slippery when it first starts to rain

Tip # 3 – Get all your braking and downshifting done before turning

Tip # 4 – When turning, stay a gear higher than normal

Tip # 5 – Painted lines are a potential danger zone

Tip # 6 – Stay relaxed!

Tip # 7 – Good tires can make all the difference

Tip # 8 – Give yourself extra space

Tip # 9 – Watch for standing water

Tip # 10 – Gear up!

In the wind,
Terry Lynn Clark

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT Karen Whedon



SYRACUSE HOG COMMUNITY SERVICE April 2019



Thank you to the HAPPY group that volunteered for TEL-AUC on Friday, April 27th. Jim Allen, Terry Lynn Clark, Steve Dickinson, Bob Henry and Barb and John Snyder. The food was from "Organic Grain" and was very good. WE had a lot of un and as you can see, a

couple of us even got into the 50's Spirit. Thank you all for making HOG look good.



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.



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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**IAR Rally Committee OPEN Meeting Minutes
Saturday – May 4, 2019**

Present: Corey Zahares, Tony Baker, Sue Lamontagne, Barry Bicarell, Carl Harris, Dan Barnette, Anne Zahares (for Secretary) Sandra Lea, Allison Alper, Martin Lemier, Jim Picanzo **Absent:** Don Poirier and Barb Harris

Called to order at 1:00 pm by Corey, Rally Coordinator.

Corey – Rally Coordinator

- Welcomed everyone and thank you for coming. There are 12 members in the audience.
- The demo truck will not be at the Rally this year and also will not be at Americade. Harley Davidson has severed their ties with Americade.
- The Rally team is looking for a Media Coordinator for the 2020 Iron Adventure Rally – would work on Facebook posts and the rally booklet. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Corey know.
- If you are trying to get on hog.com, it will automatically take you to Harley's website, where all the rally information is.

Barry – Site Coordinator

- There are a lot of local VT people interested in our Rally
- The shuttle will run Thursday – Saturday 5PM to midnight.
- A shuttle to the town of Chester will run during the day Friday and Saturday (maybe to 8-9 PM)
- Thursday – Saturday there will be vendors in Chester. This is not sponsored by the Rally – the town is doing this on their own.
- A local restaurant DuJour (57 Pond ST) will have discounts for dinner and a band Thursday. Any questions please let Barry know
- A New hotel is opening later in May in Ludlow – Main and Mountain Bar & Motel, 122 Main Street, 802-242-1608. They will take reservations now.
- The Ludlow Colonial Motel, 93 Main Street is only half full – rooms are available. 802-228-8188

Tony – Rally Treasurer

- We are getting lots of merchandise from our sponsors

- 30 dealers/H.O.G. Chapters are sponsoring the Rally
- Thank you for your support
- We have lots of support from the people in Ludlow and Chester

Carl – Events Coordinator

- Discussed the Rally Schedule
- On Thursday everything is at Okemo – Opening ceremonies, fire pits and music, biker bingo,
- Self-guided rides will be on paper and gps
- Thursday – Saturday is the Mt Grey Lock scavenger hunt. You must return your entry by noon on Saturday.
- Quilts of Valor will be at the Rally
- On Friday's schedule
 - There will be a Poker Run on Friday along with 9 guided rides and the self-guided rides
 - Best in Show Bike Show will be at Okemo 3-5 PM
 - Harley Trivia
 - Entertainment provided by Okemo
 - Fireworks – rain date Saturday
- On Saturday's schedule
 - 9 guided rides
 - The Scavenger hunt needs to be completed by NOON.
 - Parade of Flags will leave Okemo at 4:30 PM heading to Chester
 - Closing ceremony will be at the Town Green in Chester – also a pie eating contest, Best Beard and Best Tattoo contest
 - Screaming Eagle Band at Okemo
 - Rain Date for the Fireworks if needed.
 - It is possible VT. Gov. Scott will meet us and participate in the Parade of Flags

Corey for Peter – Volunteer Coordinator

- There will not be a demo truck at this year's rally
- We have lots of volunteers but can always use more – this will allow others time to have fun.

Sue – Registration Coordinator

- We now have 682 pre-registered for the Rally – hoping to hit 800 OR MORE.

- The Orange Package is \$35 and includes a t-shirt, pin and patch
- The Black Package is \$25 includes a pin and patch – NO T-SHIRT
- Pre-registration closes June 13 for the Orange Package but you can still pre-register for the Black package
- Some merchandise will be available at the Rally but cannot guarantee what will be available.

Dan – Media Coordinator

- Rally information and videos are on Facebook
- Lodging is available at Ludlow Colonial and Main and Mountain Motels in Ludlow.
- The host hotel is full, but if you want, keep calling in case there's an opening.
- If you don't make it to the Rally and would like your package, the Rally does not mail out the packages. They are returned to H.O.G. who will then send them to you for a fee. You will need to go to hog.com for information.

Sandra – CT Delegate and Chapter Challenge

- There are 20 Chapters registered for the Chapter Challenge
- You can still register. The form and information is on Facebook.
- Registering your Chapter will earn you points along with other activities to be announced.

- The winning Chapter will win a plaque, bragging rights and \$100 to the Charity of your choice.
- Needs ad from CT dealers by June 1

Martin – Canadian Delegate

- There are great response from Canada
- 82 have pre-registered

Allison – NH/VT Delegate

Jim – MA/RI Delegate

- Has visited the Chapters

Janine – Guest

- Suggested a seminar/class to be held at the Rally regarding technology on the bike.
- Dan has Harley's entertainment information and will post on Facebook.

A question was asked why don't we have a main headliner act at the Rally and was advised that it really doesn't draw more attendees. At past rallies we have had big name entertainment and after the first set, there were few people in the room. Also it is very expensive.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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