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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Happy July everyone.

I want to thank all of you for everything you do for this club. Without you we would not exist. I am thankful for all the support you give the club and the dealership. We have done well this year with our dealer sponsored events and have made some nice tips from them as well. This should go great at keeping the cost of the Picnic and Dinner down. We have some more fun events planned, so make sure you pay attention to the calendar and Facebook for updates. One of the bigger things coming up is the

ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS H.O.G. RALLY

The southwestern corner of New York State is known as "The Enchanted Mountains" and is the location of August 2019's Regional HOG Rally. Based on the Holiday Mountain Resort in Ellicottville, NY, you'll have access to some of the rides of a lifetime whether you join a guided ride or venture out on your own.

Endless ribbons of country roads yearn to be seen from the saddle of a Harley Davidson. Experience the sights and sounds of some of the hidden favorite rides of the locals. Meander through Alleghany or Letchworth State Parks, cruise over to Lake Erie or even Niagara Falls. Around every turn there could be a unique scene, a hidden waterfall, or one-of-a-kind experience. As the sun drops behind the hills, kick back and share your tales with fellow HOG members.

August 8-10 in Ellicottville, NY

Hope to see you all at some of the upcoming events.

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!

Health and Welfare – John Muldoon's mother passed away.

Dealership – Brad won't be able to be at the next HOG Saturday but will have everything set up for us. There were 14 bikes for the last ride series and next time he will plan ahead for pictures. He will also have the food ready for after the next ride because there was a hiccup for the last one.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne told us that we have approximately \$3500 in the bank. We have had money coming in from tips and a few new memberships. If you ordered a name tag, she has them for \$8.

Membership – Mike told us that we have 94 current members. If he doesn't have your birthday or mileage, please email him to make sure everything is updated.

Head Road Captain/Safety – John thanked everyone that came out to the ride yesterday. Nothing concrete has been set up for the motorcycle safety course because no one has returned his messages.

Activities – Anne Marie told us that our Annual Dinner will be at Barbagallos on January 18th, 2020. The baseball game has been cancelled because not enough people signed up. We talked about meeting on a Thursday for a game for dollar days. July 27th is Ladies Night!

We voted on BBQ for our picnic- Limp Lizard won!

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn told us that Barb’s paint night for Ladies Night was awesome, and John was an excellent cohost! Carl’s memorial ride will be July 21st at the Moose club in Solvay. Carl was a 37-year member, so it will be a 37-minute ride. Registration is from 12-1:45 with a \$20 registration fee. Kick stands up at 2pm.

Community Service – Karen was unable to be at the meeting, but please continue to bring in canned goods!

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

Photographer – Brad is planning picture opportunities for future events!

Webmaster – Jason took a poll as to where people get most of the HOG information (Facebook!). There is a hardcopy of our calendar in PHD, online and on our website. He continually updates the calendar. If you would like help with the google calendar or to receive text messages, please see him.

Jason also talked about details for the flat track in Weedsport.

Assistant Director – Dwayne hasn’t heard back from the Fingerlakes chapter for the golf tournament. If we want to do our own thing, he will set it up. He also told us that the HOG patches are at PHD on the patch rack. Retail is \$17.95 but HOG members get a discount.

Historian – Mike apologized for not being at the meetings recently; he recently accepted a job in Albany.

Old Business – None

New Business – The Enchanted Rally in Ellicottville will be August 8th-10th. Shelly rented a house and there is still room if anyone is interested. The ride will leave on Thursday- see Shelly for more information!

T-Shirt Bingo – Mississippi was chosen with no winner. Next month the winner will receive \$20.

Pig Pot – Total was \$130.00. One lucky winner took home \$65.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:58.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



Not much going on lately.

As far as the golf outing goes, I looked at the ride calendar and there doesn’t seem to be anything going on 7/27 so if anyone wants to get together and play, meet up at Pine Grove in Camillus at 8 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

Ride Safe

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to July 2019, we have 97 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 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 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!!

July:

Jody Van Auken	Kristine Wilson
Bob Metric	Marjorie Canino
Carol Brizzi	Michael Bell
Michael Barbato	

August

Tim Alexander	Christine Lanfair
Tammy Wiggins	Steve Dickinson
Ronald Barry	Tom Moyer
Ray Nourse	

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Brakes

Their Real Job Is NOT To Stop - it is to SLOW the bike

By: James R. Davis

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For some reason most motorcyclists seem to think that the job of brakes is to stop their motorcycles. Wrong!

If all the brakes had to do was stop you then all they would have to do is lock your wheels when you applied them - clearly not an optimum use of their enormous power. Indeed, from a safety point of view more often than not your challenge when using your brakes, particularly the rear brake, is to prevent the wheel from stopping (locking)!

By far the most important job of your brakes is to SLOW you down. In other words, your brakes are a negative accelerator. Unlike your throttle, you can vary your speed all the way from the bike's top speed to zero without having to shift gears - in less time than it took to get from zero to that top speed. This demonstrates pretty easily that they are far more powerful than your engine. Yet if used properly, they can be just as subtle in controlling speed as your throttle and clutch lever combined.

Since you can generate nearly 100% of your stopping power with the front brake on almost any contemporary motorcycle (meaning that you can reduce traction of the rear wheel to zero via load shifting), there is a pretty strong argument that can be made that you should focus your entire braking attention to the task of using it and ignoring the fact that you even have a rear brake. I would not go that far, however.

The use of both brakes together will invariably slow you down more quickly than using just one of them.

- The use of both brakes together results in LESS weight transfer than does using just the front one. (Assuming equal total braking force applied.)
- Use of both brakes tends to lengthen the life of your front brakes.
- If you need to stop or slow down on slick or gravel surfaces, the rear brake is just the ticket (in combination with a very gentle hand on the front one.)
- If you are going less than 20 MPH then both brakes are effective (and relatively safe.)

- In very slow maneuvers, the use of the rear brake alone often provides added stability and control of your motorcycle.

The most dangerous control you have on your motorcycle is your rear brake! This, because it is easy to STOP (your rear wheel) with it. The Restoring force produced by a moving motorcycle's front-end trail reacting to a change in steering angle is what provides the majority of your bike's stability. However, the gyroscopic effect of a spinning rear wheel is imposed on the frame of the motorcycle and substantially determines the attitude/stability of the entire bike except for its relatively insignificant front-end. To lock the rear wheel is, by definition, to remove a substantial amount of its attitude control and stability.

For this reason I am amazed that the MSF continues to provide a field exercise ('Controlling a rear wheel skid') to its students that invites them to harshly activate their rear brake only and skid to a stop. [Any bike that has integrated braking in any form is not required to do this exercise at all.] Surviving a rear brake lock at the modest speeds used in the exercise (less than 20 MPH) may well lead some students to the mistaken conclusion that they can recover from same at any speed. Still, the MSF goes out of its way to tell their students that use of the rear brake only is NOT a normal or recommended stopping procedure - but they fail to explain why not.

Yet another exercise they have the students perform is to stop (without locking the wheel) by using only their rear brake. This is one of three exercises designed to demonstrate that the use of both brakes at the same time is more efficient than using either one alone. It would be entirely sufficient to show how using both brakes together is more efficient than using the front brake alone. The first part of the exercise, which has the students apply their rear brakes only (but not so aggressively that they lock them), is simply too easy for a newbie to misunderstand to be just one more reasonable habit to develop - after all, "the MSF showed us how to do it."

During a panic situation your attention must be directed to the aggressive use of your front brake and at that time heavy application of the rear brake will almost certainly result in loss of control.

There is NEVER a time while riding a motorcycle that harsh use of the rear brake is anything but dangerous and wrong-headed.

And while harsh use of the rear brake, **ever**, is dangerous, there is one thing that is dumber still - using your engine to 'assist' during a panic stop. Your engine is NOT A BRAKE! Further, it only affects the rear wheel which we have already seen is easily stopped (locked) with even modest rear brake usage by itself. (In other words, during a **panic stop** situation you want your clutch lever pulled all the way to the grip. In no way is this to be taken as a suggestion not to use normal engine braking resulting from throttle roll-off.)

Use of the rear brake requires a gentle, controlled touch - EVERY TIME!

As always...

Be safe in everything.

HRC and Safety Officer

John K.

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
Anne Marie Christopher**



Hi All,

We're all set for our picnic on September 15. Limp Lizard is going to cater the event being held here at Performance H-D. If anyone has anything to donate for the raffle please let me know. Also the Annual Dinner will be held at Barbagallo's on Saturday January 18. I hope to have both menus by this meeting. Ladies, don't forget about Performance's Ladies night on Saturday July 27 from 6-9pm. We've got some great vendors, wine and snacks. Hope to see you there!!

As Always,
Let's have some fun!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TEASURER'S REPORT **Joanne Piston**



June was a "break month" for us. We took in memberships, tips and pig pot monies. We paid out \$200 to the caterer as a deposit for our September picnic.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,572.24.

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 everyone,

Thought I would share my travels from my trip last weekend to Front Royal, Va.

I belong to a group of women riders, two and three wheel, who raise money for cancer. We started out 27

years ago with Susan Komen but in later years started supporting two local groups in Southern Pennsylvania that help pay for expenses not covered by insurance. One is called Pink Out; the other, HOPE.

The group is called MAWMR, MidAtlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally. We even have a girl's salute. It all started as ladies met for a breakfast table in Arbutus, Maryland, grew to a weekend and extended to a three day weekend in cities like Gettysburg, Pa, Front Royal, Va and Ocean City, Md. Next year it will be in Yorke, Pa. Ladies attend from all over the US, Canada and a very large Spyder group came up from Florida again this year. This is a get together of women sharing experiences, being empowered and raising money for cancer. There are rides and workshops, dinners and activities. We went rafting, tubing and kayaking. Last year, there was zip lining too. There are rides, silent and Chinese auctions and make 'n' takes. Of course, there is Biker Bingo and Biker games to go along with the Bike show and Parade of Chrome through whatever town we are in. And a Corn Hole tourney as well as Clutch plates, an outside parking lot game with; you guessed it, clutch plates to throw. There is jewelry to be made and vendors to peruse. I also had a chance to demo an INDIAN and a Slingshot. The Harleys were calling but so was everything else. This year Rolling with Rhonda was at a workshop I attended speaking about her travels. I had a nice chat with her about the Weedsport Flat track race. I didn't meet her at the races, she was sitting a few people away with different people from our group.

I also met a woman, who will make your jaw drop with her stories, at the banquet dinner, Gloria Tramontin Struck. She kept us in stitches and awe as she told stories of her life. She wrote a book of her adventures which I had to buy to support her. Many are pretty proud about their riding curves on Tail of the Dragon. She said she was watching a go pro camera video and she kept waiting for the good part, the action, she said. Never saw it. She had ridden the Dolomite switchbacks in the Alps. Check them out if you don't believe me. The roads are narrow and you need the shoulders for two vehicles to be able to run the road.(nothing like our roads or shoulders) She and her family have ridden around the world. Her dad started a bike shop in Jersey in 1915 and the family lived above it. It has been in the family for over a hundred years. Gloria drove solo cross country in the 30 and 40's. Her daughter did a Cannonball Run on a 1915 Harley a couple of years ago. The daughter is learning to repair her own bike in the next race as she can have no assistance during a break down.

One of Gloria's understatement was "I only took my bike out 6 times a couple of years ago... and did 24,000 miles that year." BTW, Gloria will be 94 years young the last week of June.

We have watched as the ladies in the group have struggled with their own diagnoses. We have mourned when one of ours dies from cancer or from a tangle with something bigger than our bikes. This weekend we had a memorial service for a girl who joined us two years ago...she was hit by a car and did not survive her injuries. She sent us a note dictated to her husband as she lay dying telling us how terrific it was to join us for great times together. One of our Board members, Jan LaVan passed from breast cancer a few years ago, we struggled with that as she was a beacon of light in our group...always there, always helping, always giving. We have lost our share of members to that vicious disease and other reasons.

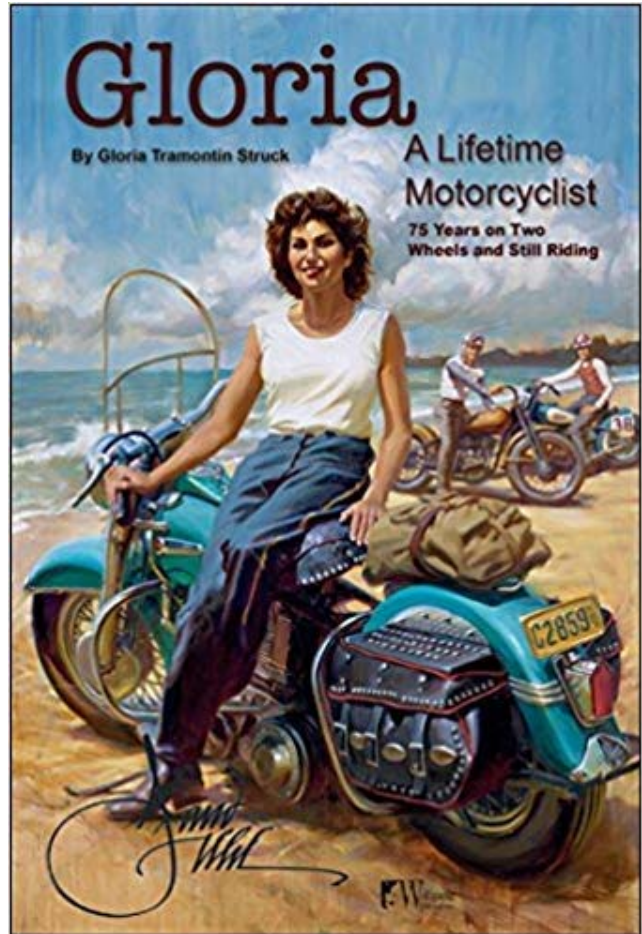
I have been attending this rally for 13 years or so, have lost count. I have ridden most years solo and had a terrific time. A couple of years friends joined me. And some may again.

During the time there, I have recharged my energy for the riding season, been blessed with help when I broke down and blessed with friendships with ladies I would have never bumped elbows with if not for this group. We are Women Riders riding for Good times and for a cause that needs to be obliterated once and for all so there are no more announcements at the Rally of those who won't be joining us this year.

Please remember our vets this summer who are unable to be "in the wind."

Rubber down and smiles up top.

In the Wind,
Terry Lynn





Hope you get some riding in.

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.



We will continue collecting clothing and sundries donations for the Syracuse Veterans Hospital all during the year. New Items only please.

Thank you everyone

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Carl Barber

Memorial Ride

**Sunday July
21st**



Registration is \$20 from 12 to 1:45 pm



Tigris Shrine Center

1121 Milton Ave

Syracuse, NY 13204

Kick stands up at 2 pm



Tigris Shriners

***We will be riding 37 miles for the 37 years Carl dedicated to
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