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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



I would like to thank everyone from the club that made the trip to the Enchanted Mountain HOG Rally. It was a great time with good friends and some wonderful views while riding.

Don't forget that next month is the Picnic and we need you to RSVP. Payments can be made this month at the meeting.

See you all soon

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 two new members

Dealership – Brad – Bike Night had minimal attendance due to the weather and so many other events in the area. Ladies Night is July 27th, 6-9 p.m.

Brad is going to try to get more photos from upcoming events.

Assistant Director – Dwayne said the golf tournament is 7/27 at 8 am at Pinegrove. The tournament will be 18 holes with a cart for \$22.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne told us that we have approximately \$3600 in the bank including new tips and the Pig Pot.

Membership – Mike told us that we have 99 members.

Mike and Joanne have two tickets for Watkins Glenn for sale, please see them for details.

Head Road Captain/Safety –John discussed his article on Braking that is in the July newsletter. The ride to Canale's in Oswego is leaving right after the meeting if anyone wants to go. The Carl Barber ride is this afternoon as well.

Activities – Anne Marie told us that the annual picnic will be here at PHD and will be catered by Limp Lizard, package 1, which is explained on the menu being passed around was the popular choice. The fees are \$15 for members, \$20 for guests. You can RSVP and pay as of right now. The Annual Dinner will be January 19, 2020, at Barbagallo's.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn was getting ready for the Carl Barber Memorial Ride and unable to attend the meeting. Please remember our vets, all donations are appreciated.

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 mentioned the Texting notification system and linking the HOG calendar to phones. Please see him for help. He is also working diligently on updated the HOG screen in the showroom.

Jason also updated everyone on the plans for riding out the Enchanted Mountains HOG Rally on August 8th. There is one bed still available. There are many planned events, including several scenic rides.

Historian – Mike was not at the meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – None.

T-Shirt Bingo – Hawaii was chosen with no winner. Next month the winner will receive \$30.

Pig Pot – Total was \$116.00. Mike Piston took home \$68.00 as the winner.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:34.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



Wow where does the time go?

For those that came out and played a round of golf, thanks, it was a great day and a lot of fun!



Glad to see all that had the chance to go to the HOG Rally enjoyed it. I miss that area and go there every chance I get. Family matters prevented me from making it out.

The Grand Canyon of the East run will be moved to September 27-29th due to work. We will be leaving late Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday.

Everyone is welcome!

Ride safe everyone!

September

Hope to see you there!

Ed Van Auken
Garry Canino
Jason Sutliff

Mari Lynn Mocyk
Doug Jones

Ride Safe

Dwayne

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



**You Only Hit That Car ...
If You Don't Quite Stop In Time**

By: James R. Davis

Welcome to August 2019, we have 1037 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!!

August

Tim Alexander
Tammy Wiggins
Ronald Barry
Ray Nourse

Christine Lanfair
Steve Dickinson
Tom Moyer

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It takes most people about 4.5 seconds to read this sentence.

4.5 seconds is not a lot of time - but it could be the rest of your life. 4.5 seconds is also (not really a coincidence) about how long it SHOULD take you to stop your motorcycle after applying your brakes at 60 MPH!

Stopping a motorcycle as fast as possible requires that you master only a few fundamentals:

- Alertness - No matter how fast your reflexes are or how skillful you are with your brakes, if you don't see the need to stop, you won't.
- Reflexes - First you need time to recognize a threat and decide to react to it, then your fast reflexes take over and make the difference.
- Skill - Under-utilizing your brakes is just as dangerous as over-doing it.

Let's get a feel for magnitudes.

It usually takes about .7 seconds to recognize a threat. A person with normal reflexes takes about .3 seconds to start braking from the moment he realizes he has to do so. Combined, that's about 1 full second from the time a threat presents itself to you and you begin to slow down.

At 60 MPH you travel 88 FEET in 1 second!

That it takes you about .7 seconds to recognize the threat is a mental reality. But it does not necessarily take .3 seconds to react to it. The simple practice of always covering your front brake can shave a full tenth of a second (1/3!!) of that time away. That's almost 9 FEET!

Assuming you have read the tips on braking methods earlier, you have a good idea about how to use those brakes. Now let me try to give you a sense of magnitude associated with the skill part of braking.

Traffic Engineers have some rules-of-thumb they developed over time. They, for example, have found that if the street surface is dry, the average person can safely decelerate an automobile at the rate of 15 feet per second per second (fpsps). That is, an average person can slow down at this rate without any real likelihood that they will lose control in the process.

If the surface is wet they assume a deceleration rate of 10 fpsps is safely attainable by almost anyone.

Let's assume a wet street surface and that you are moving at 60 MPH. At a 10 fps deceleration rate it will take you 8.8 seconds to stop after you begin applying your brakes. (A total of 9.8 seconds from the time the threat we earlier talked about presents itself.) The distance you would travel before coming to a complete stop is 475 feet.

If, however, the road is dry, it would take you only a total of 6.9 seconds to stop, (including the 1 second recognition/reaction delay.) and the distance traveled until you came to rest would be 346 feet.

Clearly the more effective your braking is, the less time it takes to stop, and the less distance traveled.

I think most of you know that your motorcycles can stop more quickly than can an automobile. Indeed, a professional motorcycle racer can obtain a 1g deceleration rate, or more, on his motorcycle. (1g

deceleration is 32 fpsps.)

With practice, your braking skills should easily allow you to attain deceleration rates in excess of 20 fpsps. What would that mean in our example threat scenario?

It would mean that you could stop your motorcycle in a total of 5.4 seconds (including the 1 second delay.) and your total stopping distance would be only 281.5 feet!

By enhancing your braking skills with practice you can shave 64.5 feet and 1.5 seconds off 'normal' results. And you could shave off another nearly 9 feet just by covering your brakes. That brings the distance traveled before stopping down by about 73.5 feet.

73.5 feet is about four car-lengths!

The message is clear: You only hit that car if you don't **quite** stop in time. You might not hit it at all if you cover your brakes and practice your braking skills.

Be safe in everything,

HRC and Safety Officer

John K

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
Anne Marie Christopher**



Hi All,

This isn't really activities related but definitely HOG related. A group of us just got back from the Enchanted Mountain HOG Rally – what a great event! Michelle Beeman booked a chalet for us all to stay in and it was beautiful. I think everyone had a great time. They had guided rides which were really nice – the scenery alone was beautiful. That was my first HOG rally and I would go to another one.

I'm in the process of finalizing the picnic on September 15th. I would love to have some volunteers to help with set up and clean up. I will pass a sign-up sheet around. The cost is going to be \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Most of you already know Limp Lizard will be providing the food.

In the Wind,
Terry Lynn

Hope you're all getting a lot of riding time in during this wonderful summer we're having!!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TEASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



July's financial activity included meeting income and expenses and we received a few new members. There was also some event tip income.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,571.59.

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



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

Karen Whedon

THE BIKER COMMANDMENTS



DON'T TAKE ANY BULL.

Be kind to women, children, and animals, but don't take any bull. This is an essential part of being a biker; it has to do with respect and honor. Anyone can be a brash, quick-tempered lout. Be cool, stand tall, and back up what you say with action.

NEVER LIE, CHEAT, OR STEAL.

Another way to think of this is to always tell the truth. Bikers are always the greasy bad guys in movies, but every real biker knows that his word is his bond. Your word is all you have in life that is truly yours. Guard it carefully and be about something noble, for you are a true knight of the road.

DON'T SNITCH.

If you see a wrong, right it yourself. If you are about anything, you'll take care of problems yourself and never feel the need to snitch someone off. Snitches are the lowest life forms on the earth, right up there with bike thieves. This rule goes hand in hand with the next one...

DON'T SNIVEL.

Absolutely no one likes or respects a sniveler. Another way to say this is to 'hold your mud.' Still another way to think of it is, "Don't sweat the small stuff." Most of life's little inconveniences work themselves out whether you snivel or not. Keep your chin up, darn it. You're a biker, not some lowly mollusk.

NEVER SAY DIE, AND NEVER GIVE UP.

Whether it's in a fight, a debate, or a business deal, no matter how bad it gets, a biker never gives up. That's why you see a lot of wealthy bikers these days—because they don't know how to quit in any element of their lives. In the biker world of rugged individualists, only the strong survive.

HELP OTHERS.

When a brother or sister is broken down by the side of the road, stop and help them. Even if all that you can give is moral support, it's better than riding on by. Remember that life is about the journey, the ride, not getting there. You already are there. Don't just help bikers, though. Show the world that we are better than our image portrays us. Courtesy costs you nothing and gives you everything.

STICK TO YOUR GUNS.

Do what you say you'll do. Be there when you say you will. This is called integrity. This also goes back to standing for something. Like the song says, "you've got to fall for something, or you'll fall for anything."

LIFE IS NOT A DRILL.

Yeah, this isn't a dress rehearsal; this is life. Go out and take big bites of it. You've got no time to lose. Bikers don't stand around waiting for the party to come to them. You only go around once. Tomorrow you could be road-kill thanks to a chain-smoker asleep at the wheel of his Caddy. Live life now. Make the most of each moment. This is *not* a drill.

Alright, now let's review. You are a biker, a modern-day knight of the road. Protect the weak, walk tall, and stand proud. Your word is your bond. Stick to your guns. Don't take any bull. Life is not a drill. Now go forth and ride. When in doubt, ride. That's what we do...RIDE. If you want to ride around in a day-glo Hawaiian shirt and sandals, go for it. But, if you intend to look like a goon, at least don't act like a goon. These commandments are just a few of the broad strokes; there is a lot more to being a biker than buying a bike. If you just buy a bike, you are a motorcyclist. Being a biker is a way of life—A proud way of life we hold in high regard and with a burning passion for the open road and for life

NOW RIDE, DARN IT. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

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