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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Happy September everyone.

As you read this it's probably Picnic Day.

Hopefully you came out and had a wonderful time. Without you this club would not be here, so I thank you for all you do. I also would like to thank Performance Harley for helping out with the picnic by letting us use the facility and donating door prizes. I also want to say thank you to all of you that have come out to support the events at the dealer as well as those that have planned and taken our group on rides throughout the year. Between the local bike nights, club rides, overnights and spontaneous last minute rides, it's been a wonderful year to ride.

Here's to each and every one of you.

Thank you.

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 and one guest!

Health and Welfare – Nothing new.

Dealership – Brad was unable to be at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne told us that we have approximately \$3600 in the bank. We are at the same place as last year at this time. She is taking money for the picnic.

Membership – Mike told us that we have 104 current members. If he doesn't have your birthday or mileage, please email him to make sure everything is updated. Make sure that your name is on the sign-in sheet.

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter and about the Ellicottville ride. There were 640 registered bikes, and he was able to go on three different rides when he was there.

Activities – Anne Marie reminded us that our Annual Picnic is Sunday, September 15th! The picnic will be held at PHD after the meeting and a short ride. Limp Lizard is catering. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. She needs a head count for food; please RSVP on Facebook. There will be door prizes!

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn reminded us about TELOC in the winter. She had a great time in Ellicottville! Please continue to save your beauty products and sundries for

our vets. She would like to plan a LOH ride with no men allowed. ☺

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 wasn't at the meeting.

Webmaster – Jason was unable to be at the meeting.

Assistant Director – Dwayne thanked the people that participated in the gold tournament.

Historian – Mike was unable to be at the meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – Bob needs to move the NYC ride to the spring.

T-Shirt Bingo – Texas was chosen with no winner. Next month the winner will receive \$40!

Pig Pot – Total was \$111.00. One lucky winner took home \$56.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:54.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



Ride safe everyone!

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to September 2019, we have 104 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 have 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!!

September

Ed Van Auken	Mari Lynn Mocyk
Garry Canino	Doug Jones
Jason Sutliff	

October

Mary Bell	Carmen Rinaldo
Ron Lundgren	Joseph Swierk
Paula Beard	

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



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

By: James R. Davis

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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



Hello everyone!

I don't have an article this month because its Picnic Day!!! Time for a fun afternoon with good food and great people!! See you all there!

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

TEASURER'S REPORT
Joanne Piston



In August we began to collect money for our annual picnic on September 15. We did purchase some prizes for the picnic and had regular meeting expenses.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,520.59.

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



We are always collecting clothes, games, and sundries for Veterans.

In the Wind,
Terry Lynn

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



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.

The **Canned Food** drive for the CNY Food Bank will

Thank you everyone

Karen Whedon

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