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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Happy Holidays Everyone!

The year is almost over. That means a lot of things.

1. The Annual Dinner is almost here. Please RSVP ASAP.
2. HOG 365 is coming to a close and we don't have many miles registered under the Chapter. Please check to see if yours show up.

I only see:

Gary S, John B, Mark F, Daniel S and myself on the list.

3. Make Sure you get Mike your miles as well so we can do some awards at the Annual.
4. Start thinking of some fun destinations for 2020.

Here's to a fun and eventful 2020.

Kevin
Director

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 this month.

Health and Welfare – Jason was recuperating from surgery.

Dealership – Brian wasn't at the meeting; no dealership report.

Director – Kevin told us that only five of our members have their mileage listed through Ride 365. You can get your mileage documented at any dealership. Log in to the HOG website to make sure your miles are there.

Assistant Director – Dwayne wasn't at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne told us that we have \$3600 in the bank to help with the annual dinner.

Membership – Mike told us that we have 108 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. For your new membership forms, the application can't be dated before the start of the new year to be in place for coverage (please write 2020 on the application). There will be mileage awards at the annual dinner and a drawing for two free memberships if you renew by December.

Head Road Captain/Safety – John talked about his article in the newsletter.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about our annual dinner at Barbagallo's on January 18th. Members are \$15, non-members are \$30. She talked through the buffet choices and will put an invitation on our Facebook page as an event. Please comment if you're coming and share with those that don't/can't see the post.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn talked about the Wreaths Across America ceremony, which will be December 14th at 12pm. You can go help distribute the wreaths at the Onondaga Vet Cemetery; make sure to get there early for parking. Our veterans also need Christmas cards!

Please continue to save your beauty products and sundries for our vets, as well as recreational

items such as games and puzzles. We have also been asked to include flip flops and craft items.

Community Service – Karen read a letter from the Salvation Army thanking us for canned goods. She talked about the Red Kettle bell ringing that we participate in at PHD on Black Friday, and gift wrapping opportunities at PHD every weekend in December. Lists went around the tables for both. Please continue to bring in canned goods, extra Christmas cards and prepaid phone cards!

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

Photographer – Please send pictures to Karen, Kevin and/or Jason.

Webmaster – Jason wasn't at the meeting.

Historian – Jim wasn't at the meeting.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – Cards went around the room for vets. PHD's holiday party is December 7th from 12-3. Please bring canned goods and get a picture with Santa!

T-Shirt Bingo – Virginia was chosen with no winner. The winner next month will take home \$30.

Pig Pot – Total was \$122.00. One lucky winner took home \$61.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:35.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



Happy Holidays to all!

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome to December 2019, we have 108 members that have joined or renewed memberships for 2019. We have 28 members who have pre-registered for 2020; let's remind our family, friends, and those we meet to join HOG and have a great remainder of 2019. Hope to see everyone at the annual dinner in January!

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 local HOG club 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!!

December

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| Barb Snyder | Jeff Mocyk |
| Dana Baker | John Sullivan |
| Bob Henry | Dave Ferguson |
| Cindy Lancette | Jim Lanfair |
| Howard "Tyke" Beard | Pete Dolan |

January

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| John Snyder | Deborah Sullivan |
| Eduardo Odom | David Porter |
| Rob Gabor | Erin Trexler |
| John Bock | Sheri Cartner |
| Ken Kotwas | Mark Froats |

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

I'm sorry to say that my Motorcycle Safety Group website may have been taken down. I've made about a dozen attempts to find it again and the result is always the same: "page can't be found." That blows my idea of having the next 360+ newsletters covered (there were 377 articles total!) so it looks like its back to the drawing board for me. If anyone does happen to come across ANY website that deals with motorcycle safety and you think it's a reasonable source of information, please feel free to let us know that it is and if you can't get it broadcast to the group, maybe we can. New sources of information are always welcome.

Obviously we won't be riding anywhere in the near future so we have to make our fun. There's the holiday party scheduled for January and then in February we'll have our ride planning meeting. If you have any place on your mind that you'd like to ride too, near or far, be sure to stick around after the regular meeting to have your idea added to the calendar. Any destination or date is what we want to see because that's what we want to do...ride. Even if you don't wish to leave a ride but still have an idea, that's ok too. Please let us know.

Also, I am going to coordinate early with the Groton Cycle Center in order to get us on their calendar early for the Motorcycle Safety Course. It'll be a full afternoon of classroom and practical experience. If you Google earth them you'll see that they have 2-3 acres of blacktop out back all marked out for all the various traffic things we'll go through. They're on Route 222 east of the Village of Groton. I can't say for sure yet but ... it should be around \$100 per person; minimum 10, max 12 and payment will be required in advance. It's a rain or shine event. We'll go over lots more detail as the time gets closer but it's be great to see a big turnout. Not to mention that, I believe, if we get 10 people to complete it successfully,

we'll get some sort of recognition from National HOG. (I also think we have 6 or 7 that have already complete it so we're well on our way. I'll look into it.)

Other than that, I hope everyone has a great time this holiday season with all your family and friends no matter how you choose to celebrate or partake in festivities. Stay safe and it's never too early to "think spring"! See you all at the holiday party.

Ride safe all,

HRC and Safety Officer

John K

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Anne Marie Christopher



Hello, all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Some of us rang bells here on Black Friday for the Salvation Army. I hope we were a success. There seemed to be a steady stream of people. We will be wrapping gifts today and the next couple of Saturdays and Sundays and could use some volunteers. Remember, the money that we get in tips helps us keep the cost down on the Annual Dinner. The money volunteers we get, the better for the club. One Hour is all we ask.

Now the Annual Dinner, as hopefully most of you know is January 18, 2020, at Barbagallo's. The cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for guests. Also, we have rooms reserved in our name. The cost is \$85 for a Queen or King room and \$119 for a Jacuzzi Suite plus 16% occupancy tax. If you want a room just call:

Sleep Inn & Suites East Syracuse
855-479-0732.

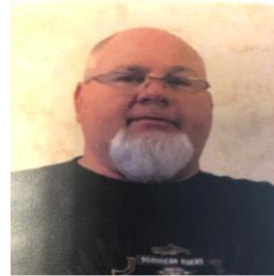
You book the room yourself and tell them you're with the Syracuse HOG group. Any question, email me – Activities@syracusehog.com.

As always,
Let's have fun,

Anne Marie Christopher

Activities Officer

HISTORIAN
Jim Lanfair



TREASURER'S REPORT
Joanne Piston

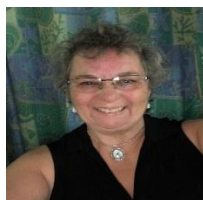


November brought in several 2020 membership renewals and some annual dinner ticket income. We paid the deposit for our annual dinner at Barbagallo's.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,869.84.

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



Happy Holidays!

.In the Wind,
Terry Lynn

I am already thinking Spring, so let's talk about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Back in 2016 we had a great day for the parade and were able to ride in our sweatshirts. Start thinking now about participating in the 2020 Parade. You don't have to ride, we have room for people to sit and throw candy and we are always happy to have members walk the route as well. We had 9 bikes in 2016 and about 20 people, including Kristine Wilson's boy carrying the banner.

Hopefully the weather will be nice and maybe we can get a record group of people to participate this year and set a new high for participation. Typically we have a low response so there isn't much to talk about historically, so let's get the fun going this year.

Happy Holidays!





A big THANK YOU to everyone for the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing** on Black Friday at Performance Harley Davidson.



There is one more bell ringing on December 7th at the PHD Christmas party and there are a couple of openings in the afternoon. Let me know if you want to help out.



Unfortunately, we are not doing as well on the Gift Wrapping for the weekends in December. I have volunteers for some of the Saturday shifts on the 7th, 14th, and 21st, but there are **NO** volunteers for Sunday the 8th, 15th or 22nd.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



There is no charge to the customers for the gift wrapping and Syracuse HOG gets to keep all the tips. The customers really appreciate the service and we made a lot of money last year !!



The **Canned Food** drive for the *CNY Food Bank* will continue. I spent the cash I was given at the last meeting and got a lot of canned goods.

Please try and remember to bring a canned good or two to the meetings and any time you might be at Performance Harley Davidson. The “cupboard” is looking a little bare and hunger knows no season. PHD is also collecting canned goods and will be consolidating with us.

Let’s make this year’s delivery to the food bank the biggest one yet!



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

Karen Whedon

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