

# SYRACUSE HOG

 CHAPTER 3424



## The High Road

Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter

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## Director's Report

### Kevin Reney



Here's to a fun and eventful 2020.

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 guests this month.

**Health and Welfare** – nothing new.

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

**Director** – Kevin told us that only seven 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. You need to make sure that you are registered for our chapter.

**Assistant Director** – Dwayne mentioned that if anyone wants to get together during the winter, send him an email and he'll set something up.

**Treasurer's Report** – Joanne told us that we have \$3800 in the bank to help with the annual dinner.

**Membership** – Mike told us that we have 108 current members for 2019. We have 38 renewals for 2020, so if you haven't put in your application please do. 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. 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 reminded us that our annual ride-planning meeting is after our February meeting. If you have any place you'd like to ride (as a rider or a leader!) please plan on attending. He talked about setting up the motorcycle safety course with the Groton Cycle Center for the summer months. Minimum 10 riders, maximum 12 riders. Cost is \$100 per rider and you must pay in advance. If we have 10 participants, we will receive an award through HOG.

He also accepted donations to purchase as many HD t-shirts as possible for the VA.

**Activities** – Anne Marie wasn't at the meeting. Kevin talked about our annual dinner at Barbagallo's on January 18th from 6-10pm. Members are \$15, non-members are \$30. We need a head count for the caterers, so please let us know if you're coming.

**Ladies of Harley** –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. The VA is looking for socks, flip flops, sweats, and craft items.

**Community Service** –Karen is taking canned goods to the VA on 12/22. She also needs gift wrappers for 12/21 and 12/22 for PHD. Thank you to everyone that has already helped!

**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 thanked us for the well wishes last month. He talked about our website; if you need to

password please see him. He can also help with your Google calendar setup. Please send any pictures you have to Jason so he can display them on the bulletin board, website, and the slide show for the Annual Dinner.

**Historian** – Jim mentioned that a picture from the 2016 St. Paddy’s Day parade is in the newsletter. Please send any older stuff to him (or Christine!).

**Old Business** – No old business.

**New Business** – We chose 2 people to get free memberships for the year because of their early renewals!

**T-Shirt Bingo** – Oregon was chosen with one winner and a prize of \$30. The winner next month will take home \$10.

**Pig Pot** – No Pig Pot today; the tickets weren’t available.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:36.

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**Dwayne Scott**



Hoping everyone had a happy holiday season.

Is it spring yet?

The nice thing about this time of year is if you like me, it’s upgrade season!

So, along with looking forward to spring, I’m also looking forward to the annual dinner! Hope to see you all there!

Want to thank Anne Marie again for all of her hard work and planning all of our events.

Great job!!!

Ride planning begins next month so bring your ride ideas to next month’s meeting. It’s never too early to start planning!

I’m thinking of doing a Falls ride this year which would include about 6 stops at different waterfall locations. Might possibly be an overnight staying in Niagara Falls. So bring your ideas and put them on the calendar.

Don’t forget about the St. Patty’s Day Parade...the more the merrier!

Dwayne

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Mike Piston**



Happy New Year! We had 108 members that joined or renewed memberships in 2019. We have 48 members who have renewed or joined for 2020 already; let’s remind our family, friends and those we meet to join HOG and have a great 2020. 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 e-mail: [membership@syracusehog.com](mailto:membership@syracusehog.com). Also, if you would like to be in the running for 2020 local HOG club mileage awards, you can send in your 2020 starting mileage through e-mail 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 coverage a different time period. Your local membership to Syracuse Hog requires an active National HOG membership.

Happy HOG Birthday!!

January

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

February

Mike Piston	Dave Farina
David Todd	Richard Yaroski
John Kresse	Jennifer Marsh

**ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER**

**John Kresse**



Happy New Year

Seeing as our climate lately hasn't exactly been conducive to riding your bike, or anyone's bike for that matter, it becomes a little difficult in the dead of winter, even though it sure doesn't look like it, to come up with some relevant information that would capture your interest. That being said, I'm going to wing it.

Here's something I thought that was at least... interesting. Recently, I had a couple of CD's that I really wanted to listen to over the holiday's but they were pretty well scratched up and there was quite a bit of skipping and jumping around which is of course - annoying.

I had a crazy idea. I found my Harley Davidson Bare Metal Polish, which I use on the back wheel of my '07 Softail Custom and I remembered that I didn't recall it having any grit or fine sand in it; it's just a paste. I didn't think I had much to lose at this point so off to my workshop I went with my CD, the polish and a soft rag.

After a few minutes of rubbing the paste into the surface of the CD, I was amazed! It was actually working! When I was done, I polished it clean with a fresh rag and applied F-11, the latest paint sealer that's supposed to do wonders for your paint job. It didn't appear to hurt the surface of a CD either. One CD made a full recovery and a second still has a pretty heavy scratch but it's one I can live with. You learn something new every day.

Once we get through the holiday party, I'm sure all thoughts will turn to spring and the upcoming riding season. Be sure to stick around after next month's meeting for our ride planning session for the summer months. We welcome any and all ideas of places to go and things to do and see. Even if you don't wish to lead a ride, that's ok. If you know of something or somewhere you think the group would enjoy, please let us add it to the calendar.

Lastly, keep in mind we'll be trying to get on the Groton Cycle Center's calendar early for an afternoon of rider safety training. I'll go over all the details as things get firmed up. Hope you all enjoy the party!!

Ride safe all,

HRC and Safety Officer

John K

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

**Anne Marie Christopher**



Hello everyone,

Happy New Year! For those of you reading this at the annual dinner, thank you for coming and I hope you're enjoying yourself.

Our next event is the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14. Let's hope we have good weather, at least warmer than last year. I'll send around a sign-up sheet at the February meeting. For the new members, we usually have a float with a picnic table on it for those that can't walk the route and we have walkers handing out (not throwing) candy to the little ones. WE also have some brave ones riding if there's no snow on the roads. It's always a good time!

That's all for now, as always –  
Let's have some fun!

Anne Marie Christopher

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Joanne Piston**



December brought in a few 2020 membership renewals and some annual dinner ticket income. We collected about \$115 in tips from gift wrapping.

We were able to break even for the year.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$4,138.84 which will be plenty to cover the costs for our annual dinner.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the club's finances, please contact me at [treasurer@syracusehog.com](mailto:treasurer@syracusehog.com).

**LADIES OF HARLEY**  
**Terry Lynn Clark**



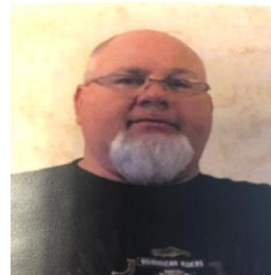
Please remember our veterans, we make deliveries throughout the year.

Be safe as you are out traveling around.

Looking forward to spring.

Terry Lynn

**HISTORIAN**  
**Jim Lanfair**



Enjoy the Annual Dinner! Let's make some memories.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Come join us, we always have a great time.

Jim

## COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



A big THANK YOU to everyone for the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing** at Performance Harley Davidson. I have not received the total collected from the Salvation Army yet, but hope to have a figure at the annual dinner.



Unfortunately, we did not do as well on the Gift Wrapping. I could not get the volunteers needed for all the days that PHD wanted us to offer the service. For those that did take the time and effort to show up, it was

much appreciated. I do not know how we did on the tips. I am hoping our Treasurer, Joanne, will be able to give us a figure at the annual dinner.



The **Canned Food** drive for the **CNY Food Bank** ended up with a total of 188 lbs. of food donated for the 2019 calendar year. Not as good as last year but every donation is greatly appreciated. Remembering those less fortunate is a part of what the holidays are about.



Last but not least, we were able to make a delivery to the **Syracuse Veterans hospital** the day before Christmas of all the items that were donated the last couple of months. It was close but they called me later that day and were very, very appreciative of the items and would be sure that they would get to the patients in time for Christmas morning.

Thank you to everyone for your support and giving for all these community projects. **Syracuse Harley Owners Group** has a better image in the area because of your efforts.

### [Now into the New Year](#)

WCNY television station contacted me asking for volunteers to man the phone banks during their annual Travel Auction. I have selected **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00** for our participation. If you want to have a fun evening, get a free meal and help both public broadcasting and the community all at the same time, then please contact me.

Karen Whedon

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