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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Welcome to MARCH and riding season...

As I am sure you know, its time to start thinking riding on a regular basis. That means we need to know where you guys want to go as a club. John as an ice list already in the works, thanks to those that stayed after the February meeting. I am sure we still have some dates we can fit more in, so please let John know so we can get them added to the list.

Just a reminder that if you are interested in being an officer next year, let me know.

If you think you are interested, we can have you work with other officers throughout the year to help get you prepared.

Thank you for all you do.

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 three new guests this month.

Health and Welfare – Karen broke her wrist and had surgery. Jason is still dealing with his foot issues.

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

Director – Kevin thanked Anne Marie for all of her hard work on the Annual Dinner. He also thanked Dave Ferguson for 50 years of service to the fire department.

Assistant Director – Dwayne mentioned that he is planning an overnight ride to Niagara Falls July 11-12. He is looking at 6 stops along the way- let him know if you're interested in going.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne wasn't at the meeting but reported that with the annual dinner and new memberships, we have \$2739.04 in the bank.

Membership – Mike wasn't at the meeting. 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 told us that he ran into Bruno, who asked him to say hi to the group. He talked about a tentative date of June 6 for the motorcycle safety course with the Groton Cycle Center. Minimum 10 riders, maximum 12 riders. Cost is \$100 per rider and you must pay in advance. There are no refunds. If we have 10 participants, we will receive an award through HOG. If you'd like to participate, we will sign up next month with payment.

Activities – Anne Marie talked about the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14. HOG is signed up and we need volunteers to decorate the float. People are needed to ride on the float, walk, or ride their motorcycles, weather permitting.

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn thanked us for a very successful delivery to the hospital for veterans. 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.

Terry Lynn informed us that we can no longer have 'Ladies of Harley' rides because they are considered discriminating.

Community Service –Karen wasn't at the meeting but wanted to let us know that she had to cancel our participation in TELOC because of lack of interest. The canned food drive is still going on!

Editor – Nothing new!

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

Webmaster – Jason wasn't at the meeting.

Historian – If you provide pictures or information for the group, please include a list of the people present.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – John and Barb talked about a trip to Lexington, Kentucky for September 10-13 for the Bikes, Bourbon, and Bluegrass festival. Talk to them if interested!

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

Pig Pot – \$68 went to the winner this month.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:34; ride meeting immediately

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



With the setting of the clock ahead... spring is getting near! We are all itching to ride but please check your bike over before riding. For your safety and others.

Bring your ride ideas to the meeting and get them on the calendar and have a great riding season!

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



Welcome Spring! We had 108 members that joined or renewed memberships in 2019. We have 69 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. Time to start getting ready for riding season!

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. 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!!

March

Bill Stark	Judy Metric
Mike Christopher	Ann Marie Christopher
Dave Bugin	Dwayne Scott

April

Mark Scro	Lynn Sturtz
David Dickerson	

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



This is taken directly from the Politis and Matovina web page.

The 10 Most Common Causes Of Motorcycle Accidents December 9, 2016

As motorcycle enthusiasts ourselves, we understand the many challenges and dangers that motorcyclists face out on the road. As attorneys, we have also seen just how serious a motorcycle accident can be. Because motorcyclists lack any sort of surrounding protective structure on their vehicles, they are more likely to suffer severe or fatal injuries when they are involved in a collision. In fact, motorcyclists are, on average, 27 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash per vehicle mile traveled, and are over five times as likely to be injured.

The following are the 10 most common causes of motorcycle accidents:

- ❑ **Unsafe lane changes.** A driver risks colliding with a motorcyclist when he or she fails to check his or her blind spot or signal when changing lanes.
- ❑ **Car doors.** Some motorcycle accidents occur when a driver opens the door of their parked vehicle in the path of an oncoming motorcycle.
- ❑ **Speeding.** A leading cause of all types of auto accidents, speeding reduces a vehicle's chance of seeing and reacting to other drivers in time to prevent a collision. The higher the speed, the greater the impact and the more severe the consequences.
- ❑ **Driving under the influence.** Drivers who cause accidents because they were driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs may face both civil and criminal liability.

❑ **Lane splitting.** Driving between two lanes of traffic is called "lane splitting." This practice is not legal in Florida and is especially dangerous for inexperienced riders.

❑ **Sudden stops.** Rear-end accidents resulting from following too closely or an abrupt stop can result in serious injury or death to a motorcyclist.

❑ **Inexperienced drivers.** Inexperienced drivers are likely to make unsafe moves on the road that could compromise the safety of other motorists.

❑ **Left turn accidents.** Right of way errors or misjudgments of distance while making a left turn are common causes of injury and death to motorcycle riders.

❑ **Dangerous road conditions.** Crumbling pavement, potholes, debris, and a lack of necessary signals and signs can all increase a motorcycle rider's chances of losing control of his or her vehicle.

❑ **Motorcycle defects.** The manufacturer of a poorly designed or manufactured motorcycle part can be held liable for any injuries or deaths arising from use of the defective part. Just some food for thought as we get ready for the upcoming riding season. Try to remember that even though we're all chomping at the bit to get out and ride, it's the people in cars that won't be even slightly ready to see bikes on the road. Exercise extra caution in these early riding days.

Ride safe all,
John K., HRC and Safety Officer.

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**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
Anne Marie Christopher**



Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone who was/is willing to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. I hope they reschedule soon and that it will be a warm, dry day.

Think spring so we can get out and ride!

Anne Marie Christopher

**TREASURER'S REPORT
Joanne Piston**



January & February 2020

January's financial activity was mostly related to our annual dinner. During both January and February, we also received several renewals.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$2,789.04.

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**



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**



Remember to take pictures when you go for rides in group and write down who is in the picture so we will know who everyone is in the future!

Jim

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



WCNY TEL-AUC - There is no longer going to be a call-in phone bank. They are going digital and all bidding will be online.

There are a few volunteer needs as follows:

- Tech support for online bidders 7-9 PM
- Volunteers to make personal calls about changes.
- Certificate mailing and coordination.

There is nothing that will require a group effort. I do not have the dates yet, but if anyone is interested in still volunteering, contact me and I will get you the information.

The Canned Food drive for the CNY Food Bank will continue throughout the year. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Please keep remembering those who are less fortunate.

I will be searching for some new volunteer opportunities for the coming months, so if anyone has a suggestion or idea, please contact me and I will look into it.

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