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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Hello everyone. I hope you are all exercising your Social Distancing and staying healthy. I know we all have that urge to get out and RIDE... I do as well.

With everything going on right now we are not going to be holding our April meeting.

So, PLEASE be careful, and if you are out riding, remember to keep your distance from others. Thankfully we can still ride while this is going on. Keep an eye on our website, and Facebook for updated information as we get it on upcoming rides and such.

See you out on the road...

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 one new member!

Health and Welfare – Nothing new.

Assistant Director – Dwayne led the meeting because Kevin was out of town.

Dwayne talked about Ride 365, which has changes and incentives (especially if you are a HD credit card holder). Once you are at a dealership, use the app and it will automatically register your miles. For every mile you ride, you can redeem points for up to 50,000 miles per season.

You can win a \$500 gift card! If you don't have the app set up, you will need to go to service for them to register your miles.

Performance HD has revealed their schedule for the year:

May 9th – 12pm – Open House and Bike Blessing
May 30th – Flea Market
June 6th – Flea Market
June 12th – Bike Night (TJ Sacco Band)
July 10th – Bike Night (Scars N Stripes)
August 14th – Bike Night (Showtime)
September 18th – Bike Night (Infinity)
September 26th – Open House

Treasurer's Report – Joanne was unable to make the meeting, but gave the message that we have approximately \$2800 in the bank with not a lot of activity.

Membership – Mike was unable to attend the meeting. We have 75 current members for 2020. If your name wasn't on the sign in sheet, please add it to the bottom and make sure you have renewed your membership!

Head Road Captain/Safety – John is collecting checks for the safety course on June 6th. He believes he has 9 participants; he needs 10 with a maximum of 12. If you are interested please get ahold of him. In order to participate, you must wear long sleeves, gloves, and over-the ankle boots. If you leave the course early, you won't receive your certificate. If we hit 12 people but you are still interested, get on the waiting list in case someone doesn't show up.

John asked about interest in the Cumberland Rally in Maryland June 25-28. John Snyder mentioned the Race of Gentlemen Beach Drag Races for vintage cars and motorcycles. The event takes place in Wildwood, NJ from September 30th – October 4th.

Activities – Anne Marie thanked those who were going to participate in the parade before it was cancelled/postponed. She's not sure when/if they will reschedule. She has started to think about the Annual Picnic, which will be **Saturday, August 29th** at Kirk and Kris Wilson's house in Tully. Please save the date!

Ladies of Harley – Terry Lynn was unable to be at the meeting but asked us to continue to collect sundries and other items for our vets!

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 – Karen wasn't at the meeting, but you can send her pictures anytime!

Webmaster – Jason was unable to be at the meeting.

Historian – Nothing new.

Old Business – We will be participating in the Watchfire this year if it happens. Please bring in your old flags that need to be retired.

New Business – We talked about having a membership table at Bike Nights this year.

T-Shirt Bingo – Georgia was chosen with one winner. They took home \$10!

Pig Pot – Total was \$90.00. One lucky winner took home \$45.00.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:37.

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!!

April

Mark Scro
David Dickerson

Lynn Sturtz

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



This is paraphrased from the "MC rider" website and a video called "It's a mind game."

We all know the feeling of getting on your bike and getting that feeling of freedom and relaxation and satisfaction as we head out to make a mile. While this is one of the reasons most of us ride we still need to be aware of our surroundings and not get complacent. In other words, don't relax too much. A momentary lapse in judgment or concentration can have a very bad affect and the nice ride you were planning on can turn ugly real fast.

Mistakes are going to happen, it's a fact of life. Hopefully circumstances will allow you to move safely past these mistakes and you can also try to learn something from what happened. If the incident shakes you a bit, that may be ok. Pull over if you need to - to clear your head but right then is not the time to run a complete self analysis. You need to settle down and get back on the road. You also need to let it pass so that that one incident doesn't snowball into a situation where you almost create new incidents and you become completely unsafe. The time to review and evaluate what happened will be later – after the ride.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- ☐ Do you find yourself daydreaming while riding?
- ☐ Are you an emotional rider? Does anger or other emotions come into play while you're riding?
- ☐ Do you lose track of where you're going and suddenly find yourself having travelled some distance and not having any recollection of it? All of these are warning signs that you're losing your focus at critical times while riding. The video states that the concept of 'multi-tasking' is indeed untrue. What's really happening is that you use the same parts of the brain and only one task can be accomplished. All that's happening is that your brain is switching between tasks.

Watch the full video and try the self test with the red and green numbers; about half way through.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=motorcycle+safety&docid=607998542167539945&mid=374E4DE667877EE1AD96374E4DE667877EE1AD96&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

What happens is that while you think you are multi-tasking, something else puts up. A traffic situation; road debris, an animal... something, and now your brain hesitates to make a judgment on this new factor.

So if you can stay focused, you will be better equipped mentally to handle these sudden, little surprises.

This is my summary only up to about 9 and a half minutes of the video (total 15:29). I'll stop here so as not to create a novel. I do think that it provides some interesting food for thought. To be continued.

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

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Anne Marie Christopher



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is healthy and staying safe as this too shall pass.

Anne Marie Christopher

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



During the month of March we received quite a few memberships – both new and renewals. WE paid expenses related to the St. Patrick's Day parade and our website domain registration. There were also regular meeting expenses.

The cash balance at the end of the month was \$3,650.90. The balance included \$700 which had been collected for the Groton safety course in June. If the class ends up being cancelled due to COVID-19, we will return the funds to the payers as soon as we know.

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



Hi everybody,

Well this is a heck of a spring. Quarantine and shelter in place, can you believe it?

I found a list of movies, motorcycle movies. Some are old standbys... Try to find these on the days you are home and can't ride.

The Wild ones 1954. Amazon Prime
The Wild Angels 1966 Vudu
Easy Ride 1969
The World's Fastest Indian 2005 Amazon Prime

Being Evel 2016 Prime Video
One In The Blood 2019 AM, Itunes
On Any Sunday 1971, Amazon Prime
HD and the Marlboro Man 1991, Prime Video
Chopper Town: The Sinners 2005 Amazon Prime
Girl on a Motorcycle 1968 Amazon Prime
Hot Rod 2007 Prime
The Greasy Hands Preacher 204 rebull.com
Stone 2014 (dailymotion.com)
Cycles South 1971
Knight Riders 1981
Beyond The Law 1993, Amazon Prime, Vudu

Try to find some of these and save the list for a rainy day, or a snow day in Central New York

In the wind,

Terry Lynn

HISTORIAN

Jim Lanfair



If you are out there riding when the weather permits, take pictures, let us know where you are going.

Stay healthy, ride safe.

Jim

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



The Canned Food drive for the CNYFoodBank will continue once we get back to a regular routine. They are going to need our help more than ever as their supplies are being depleted with this COVID-19 pandemic as they try to help even more people. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Please keep remembering those who are less fortunate.

In lieu of a group community service, each one of us can help during this sad time.

If you know of someone in your neighborhood that is elderly or alone, why not take the time to knock on their door, just say HI, ask them if they need anything, and simply reassure them that they are not forgotten. You can still maintain social distancing and yet make someone's day a bit brighter.

I live alone and not one of my neighbors has called or stopped by and it is rather disappointing to me that people can be so uncaring...

Please don't be one of my neighbors!!!!

On a lighter note, I will be searching for some new volunteer opportunities for the future and there will probably be a lot of ways we will be able to help to get life back to normal after this pandemic is over.

If anyone has a suggestion or idea, please contact me and I will check into it.

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