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The High Road

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Director's Report

Kevin Reney



Well this year sure has been flying by. I hope you all have gotten to enjoy some great rides, sites and adventures. As most of you already know, I have moved from Syracuse to Elmira officially. In July, I bought a house down there and sold my Syracuse home in October. This obviously makes it harder for me to participate as I should, and I really need to thank all the officers for what they do. A big shout out to Dwayne as well, for taking the reins in my absence and for agreeing to lead the charge next year. As far as the November meeting goes....

You guessed it, I won't be there. On a good note, I will be in Leesburg, Florida, for Bike Week (I'll send some pictures).

I hope you have a great turnout for the meeting and that you enjoy Thanksgiving.

Kevin

Meeting Minutes

Kristine Wilson Chapter 3424 Secretary



Minutes for August 21 meeting:

Dwayne called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Congratulations to the five members who completed the covered bridge challenged. Each member present had a choice of a patch or a water bottle as their reward for finishing the challenge. Ray Nurse received a patch in recognition for his contribution of recommending specific bridges for the challenge. He also rode to each bridge as well.

Several members are headed up to the Lake Placid Rally of 8/26 and offered everyone the opportunity to ride along with them if they would like.

Dwayne mentioned a 9/11 memorial ride on Saturday, 9/11 leaving from Ontario Beach Park in Wolcott at 9 a.m. If anyone is interested in going along, just let him know.

There are currently 80 members of our HOG club.

The editor read Karen's note that should have been in the newsletter. We are hoping to be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army this holiday season and will be looking for volunteers. Please remember those in need with canned goods and our veterans with new clothing and toiletries.

Road Captain: Please send John your mileage. He will forward your information to Brian who will submit it to the HOG site in order for you to receive your mileage patches.

The safety rouse is a no-go for this year, please contact Joanne for reimbursement. John will pursue again next year.

Ride safe!

Dwayne had two boxes of 1992 HD trading cards. John Kresse and Dave Porter took them.

Activities: The Annual Picnic is September 5 at 1 p.m. at Kristine and Kurt's house in Tully. \$10 for members, \$20 for guests. There will be raffles, Pig Pot and games. Meet at noon at PHD for a ride down to the picnic if you would like.

One of our members is starting a sign shop. The shop will be making signs for bikes and hot rods. There is a HOG discount available.

John mentioned brining clothes and toiletries for the Vets.

Pig Pot was \$43 to the winner.

T-shirt bingo drawing was for Michigan. No one won so the prize will be \$20 at the next meeting.

Michelle mentioned her trip to Nassau County Harley Davidson, they have tons of bikes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34.

membership@syracusehog.com. Also, if you would like to be in the running for 2021 local HOG club mileage awards, you can send in your 2021 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.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dwayne Scott



We need to make a decision on the annual dinner soon as that time of year is fast approaching.

Also, don't forget about elections for board members this coming January.

Enjoy the rest of the riding season and I hope everyone is doing well.

Dwayne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mike Piston



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:

ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

John Kresse



Greetings all HOG member,

The days are growing shorter by the ... day (duh). As we ride more into the evenings, the usual fall precautions must again be brought to mind. Obviously, its getting darker earlier and dusk is one of the most difficult times of day to see what lurks down the road. Just because someone is in a car, that doesn't mean that things are any less difficult for them to see what's going on. They, however, have the luxury of the metal cage around them and like some of us, we might get complacent. It becomes our job to be at that much more of a heightened state of awareness. Always try to be on guard and anticipate what that bonehead might do. Maybe ease up on the throttle, shift your hand and foot to the brakes, look for an escape route.

In particular, I'm told by folks who have been paying attention to and have had the opportunity to see, the deer have been starting to "herd up". That means the rut is getting near and the deer have become more mobile at dusk and at night. Keep in mind, of course, that even in a car, if you see one deer, a second one is probably close behind. Be prepared and anticipate seeing the next one and just your speed accordingly.

That's all for now. Ride Safe everyone.

John K., HRC and Safety Officer.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Michelle Beeman

We are still looking at places to have our annual dinner. The main place we wanted, The View in Tully, didn't have the 15th but when we checked, at the time, they did have the 22nd available. Two of the 4 other places I checked were booked for those dates. I am checking on other places that we can discuss at the meeting. We have to have the group's decision before putting down a non-refundable deposit.

Michelle

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joanne Piston



The current balance will be given out at the meeting.

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

LADIES OF HARLEY

Would anyone like to help out and take over the Ladies of Harley position?

HISTORIAN

Historian needed, please see Dwayne if you are interested.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Karen Whedon



After a year hiatus due to Covid, we will once again be ringing the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell** at Performance Harley Davidson November 26, and December 11.

I would also like to continue the **Canned Goods** drive especially before Thanksgiving. I will be placing a bin at PHD next week.

Thanks for your participation in these events.

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