

# SYRACUSE HOG

 CHAPTER 3424



## The High Road

**Syracuse H.O.G. Monthly Newsletter**  
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## Director's Report

**Kevin Reney**



It's so hard to know where to start.

When I joined HOG in 2004, I didn't know what to expect. I wasn't expecting much to be honest with you, but that obviously wasn't the case.

Needless to say, after a few get togethers and meetings, I was happy I joined. I certainly never expected to take part as any type of officer when I signed up. Little did I know that wouldn't be the case for long. Among the positive I have held are Photographer, Webmaster, Road Captain, Assistant Director (for 30 seconds) and then Director.

I certainly never expected to hold the Director position from 2016 until now. I will tell you that along the way I have met some wonderful people, gone some amazing places, and had on heck of a time.

There are so many things this club has accomplished throughout its history, and I am honored to have been a part of it.

Its great to see all the ne faces and know that this club is headed in the right direction with Dwayne and the rest of you.

I will tell you that you are all amazing people and that I am thankful to have taken part in such a great club.

See you all at the Annual Dinner in January!

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.

The Annual Dinner was discussed and voted on by the members who attended the meeting. It will be January 22, 2022, 3 p.m. at The View in Tully.

We have several positions open if anyone would like to become an officer.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**Dwayne Scott**



The Annual Dinner is coming up fast, please RSVP as soon as you can.

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: [membership@syracusehog.com](mailto: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.

## 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



The long winter is upon us so indoor activities are on the roster. It's also a good time to think about what we would like to do for next year's riding season.

The annual dinner is January 22 at 3 pm. It's at The View, 4586 Octagon Road, Tully, NY. Members are \$36 and guests are \$41. If you have any items you would like to donate to the raffle table, please bring them. We will be doing raffles and Pig Pot.

We are looking to participate in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will be able to get more information on January 2<sup>nd</sup> after they open the application portal. In the past we've rented a trailer for people to ride in who do not want to ride their bikes or walk. We throw candy to the kids and usually have a trailer hauling a bike from Performance. We meet early at Performance to decorate the trailer and bikes.

If anyone has any experience in charity benefit rides, we will be discussing at our next meeting the possibility of doing one next summer for a charity that benefits children.

I will look into getting a group together next year and going to Lake Lazurne for a tubing day. You rent tubes and a bus takes you about 3 miles back into the Adirondack Mounts. You tube about 2 miles down the Hudson River on a nice slow, relaxing pace. Tubes can be rented to float your snack and coolers. The last time I did it the cost was about \$30 a person. We were in hysterics just watching each other trying to gracefully get on the tubes.

Activity suggestions are welcome!

Stay safe and Happy Holiday!

Michelle

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Joanne Piston**

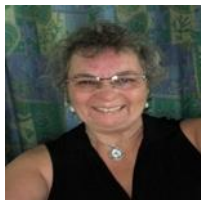


The current balance will be given out at the meeting.

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

### **LADIES OF HARLEY**

**Terry Lynn Clark**



I hope everyone has the Christmas that they want and need.

Please remember our Veterans by bringing sweats, books, games, new T-shirts, beauty supplies and whatever you think might make their Christmas brighter. Write a box of Christmas Cards thanking them for their service.

If you are traveling on bikes or by car, travel safely. Remember, spring will be here before you know it.

Happy New Year to everyone.

In the wind,

Terry Lynn Clark

### **HISTORIAN**

Historian needed, please see Dwayne if you are interested.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

**Karen Whedon**



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the HOG members that showed up to help make PHD's holiday party a success.

#### BELL RINGERS

Terry Lynn and Deb  
John Kresse  
Mark Scro

#### GIFT WRAPPERS (on very short notice)

Jodie VanAuken  
Dana Baker

#### FOOD SERVICE (also on short notice)

Gary Schipani  
Ray Nourse

If anyone else was there and helped, I apologize as I did not see you.

Gift Wrappers on 12/12/21

Jodie VanAuken  
Christine Lanfair  
Bill Czeus  
Michell Beeman

PHD has also requested that we man the gift wrapping table on Saturday, 12/18/21. **Remember this is \$\$ for the club nod PHD.**

I will be there around 10 a.m. and Christine Lanfair has volunteered also. If anyone cares to join in the fun, let me know or just show up.

Also don't forget the **FOOD DRIVE** and **Veterans** collections. Please bring donations to the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

I will be delivering to the food bank and probably the VA on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your support.

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