***A HUGE $UCCE$$***

***HELPING OTHERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS***

Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse Harley Owners Group sponsored a Salvation Army Red Kettle on Black Friday November 27, 2015.

It was Black Friday and Performance Harley Davidson was having special sales and people were in and out of the store from 7:00 until closing and the kettle got a workout.

Many HOG members stopped to say hello and it was a fun day to be ringing the bell

Thanks to all the volunteer’s efforts, and the customer’s of Performance Harley Davidson,

 we collected a total of **$241**.**25**  ***THAT IS ABSOLUTELY AWESOME, PEOPLE !!!!***

I want to acknowledge the individuals that gave of their time and energy to make our first Black Friday Bell Ringing event such a great success.

First is **Brian Sedlak** who came up with the idea and allowed us to “ring the bell” on one of the busiest days of the year at Performance Harley Davidson. It made a definite difference in how much money we raised

The bell ringers that helped to make the day such a huge success were **Ken Cook, Christopher Croad family,** and the camera shy ringers were **Terri Clark, Ken Kotwas and Jeff Crouse.**

Thank You for taking time out of your busy holiday weekend.

Once again, Performance Harley Davidson and Syracuse HOG were able to show that bikers care and are willing to lend a hand to help the community. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Now that we have patted ourselves on the back, let’s keep it going. Please remember the following events that are taking place in the near future.

We still need **CANNED GOODS FOR THE CNY FOOD BANK.** We are collecting canned goods at the December 20th Syracuse HOG meetings. You can bring canned meats, vegetables, condiments, pasta and any other items that have an extended shelf life. Do not bring any items in glass containers.

In December we will take whatever we have collected over to the CNY Food Bank. I have also had a couple of other suggestions that we could donate to local food pantries or the Rescue Mission. I am open to any ideas. Just talk to me at the meetings or contact me.

I still need volunteers for the **RED KETTLE BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY** on Saturday December 12 and Saturday December 19. Shifts are only for one hour unless you want to stay longer. I need additional people for both days, but definitely more for the 19th. Please contact me if you are interested in ringing the bell on either day. 315-963-1941 or at snooper101@msn.com

Don’t forget on the 19th, there will be an UGLY SWEATER CONTEST for the bell ringers.

There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest for all members at the meeting on the 20th.

 The only rule is that it cannot be the same sweater from last year; and yes we have pictures..

I also will be putting out a reminder for **TRAVEL AUCTION AND TEL-AUC:** These two events are not until after the first of the year. Travel Auction is Jan. 14-16 and 22-23. Tel-Auc will be April 21-23, 28-30 and May 6-7. We usually do a Friday or Saturday evening but definite dates will be decided on at the December meeting based on other HOG events that are scheduled. There will be a sign up sheet but this is for WCNY as they need an estimate of the number of people that are coming. We usually get a good turnout at this event and it is a fun evening answering phones and being on TV.

These are the coming events for community services. Check your calendars and see if you can find some time to help out on any or all of these worthwhile events.

Remember doing good makes Syracuse HOG look good…a win-win situation.