



The High Road

Monthly Newsletter of the Syracuse H.O.G.® Chapter
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Veterans

Thank You

By Lora Duerr

On Sunday September 26, 2010, The American Legion Riders, The Patriot Guard Riders along with bikers from the HOG chapter and other chapters around the area embarked on a ride to raise money for the "Gregory J. Harris Military Courtesy Room."

The room itself was created out of concern for those in the military who were forced to spend several hours on layovers at Hancock Airport. Whether they were on their way back to their base, on their way to their next assignment or were just trying to get home.

Loren Davis, Commandant of the Emerald City Detachment and Homeland Security Officer/TSA Supervisor at the airport along with Leroy Bowen, Iraqi war veteran and Quarter Master of the VFW Post in Pulaski, became concerned because servicemen were having to spend long hours at the airport waiting for flights or for rides to their next destination.



Photo by **Mike Waters**

Pat Christensen, regional road captain for the Patriot Guard Riders and membership officer for Syracuse HOG, gives instructions to riders prior to leaving on the Military Courtesy Room Benefit Ride.

Some even had to bed down for the night. Realizing this was unacceptable; they decided to do something about it. Putting their concerns into action, they set about to have a room set apart for active duty personnel to have a place where they could rest, get a bite to eat or even a hot cup of coffee.

Hancock Airport was generous enough to offer a room for that purpose down near baggage claim area "A."

Through the support of Mayor Matt Driscoll, and Airport Commissioner Mancuso, under the auspices of the Emerald City Detachment of the Marine Corp League in Chittenango, this room became a reality. With the first corporate sponsor, AmeriCu Credit Union, Mayor Matt Driscoll, along with the Harris family and representatives from several branches of the military present, on July 29, 2008, cut the "yellow ribbon" officially opening the Gregory J. Harris Military Courtesy Room. This room is staffed solely by volunteers. Any

furnishings, food drinks etc. are all donated. There have been more than 23,000 military and families through this room in just more than two years.

This ride was an opportunity for us to give back to our military for their unwavering courage and service. The benefit ride started and ended at the American Legion Post 787 in Cicero. We left the parking lot around 11:30

John Snyder Director



Director's Chatter

The last scheduled HOG Chapter ride of the season is a distant memory, the leaves are off the trees, and I see white stuff floating in the air. No doubt it's time to start thinking about putting the bikes up for the winter. But wait, the weatherman says next week we might get a couple of days in the 50's and even tickle 60 degrees, so I guess I won't be putting it up on the jack stand just yet. Meanwhile, the folks at PHD are ready and able to winterize and store your baby if you don't have room in the

Meeting Minutes October 17, 2010 Barb Snyder, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and the membership stood for the Pledge of

Allegiance.

Approval of the August minutes as printed in the *High Road* was called for. Jim Shepard made a motion to approve, Lee Reney seconded the motion and it was carried by the membership.

Assistant Director: John Muldoon asked for anyone interested in meeting for a Website User's Group to come Wednesday night 10/20/10 at 5:30, the conference room at PHD.

The Valley Desperados lost a member this week to a tractor accident. There will be a ride/escort for him Monday 10/18/10 from the Limp Lizard on Onondaga Blvd. at 9 a.m.

Treasurer: Jeff Crouse gave a summary report of the Chapter Checking Account as of the end of September 2010. He stated that a complete report is available to any member upon request.

Health and Welfare: Aileen Jackson, a former member of

garage at home.

It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner.

The Hog-O-Ween Party at PHD was a hoot. Lots of fun, food, and laughs, as always! A big thanks to Don and Karen for making it all seem so easy.

During this Veteran's day please remember our soldiers past and present. Please thank them for their service. Although there's no official HOG celebration of Thanksgiving, I do believe we are all in training for that day every time we ride to eat!

Remember to take a minute this Thanksgiving season to appreciate all we have, our families, friends, enough to share, and the open road that is America!

John

Syracuse HOG passed recently.

Membership: As of this meeting the membership stands at 268. Fay Christensen is here to collect membership forms, waivers and money for 2011. Remember to pay your 2011 dues before the December meeting and be entered in the drawing for free memberships.

Road Captain: Bob Davidson thanked everyone for a great season of riding. He encouraged all to layer-up and continue to ride till the snow flies!

Today's ride to the Glenwood Pines in Ithaca is the last official ride of 2010. Watch the Bulletin Board for 'pick up' rides on nice days.

After the February Chapter meeting, plan to stay for the 2011 Ride Planning meeting. Be thinking of new places to go and different roads to take to get there!

Activities: Don and Karen Peck thanked all who helped at the roadside clean-up. We all had a nice ride after to Bob's in Little York for barbeque. The 'HOG-O-WEEN Party will be October 30 at PHD. It will start at 10:30, please wear a costume and bring a dish to pass if you can. Starting today we will be collecting for the Annual Dinner, January 8, 2011, at the Glen Loch in Jamesville. \$15 for members and \$26 for guests.

Safety Officer: Steve English

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Photos by **Mike Waters**

Bikes of all makes and models, line up at the Cicero American Legion prior to taking off on the ride.

a.m. for a ride 88 miles long. We were fortunate to have both police and firemen escorting us and blocking intersections allowing us to ride in safety. Our group headed out State Route 31 along the south shore of Oneida Lake. We picked up State Route 46 and headed north. From Rome we traveled west on State Route 69 into Parish.

The scenery was impressive as fall was donning its bright colors of crimson, gold and amber. The scenery out in the countryside this time of year is breath-taking. It's like nature's last "hurrah!" before everything is covered with a blanket of snow.

In Parish we turned onto Interstate Route 81 to head back towards Cicero. Between Central Square and Brewerton, the three lanes narrowed down to one because of construction. We rode in the farthest left lane, the lane necessary for us to pass



Jim DeMayo, a Syracuse HOG member and U.S. Navy veteran was one of the many club members that participated

through the area under construction. Before the lane narrowed to one lane there were many vehicles passing us on the right trying to budge into the group. At one point I understand one biker was forced to the shoulder. A kindly trucker had taken notice of our dilemma and pulled his rig along the right lane of our group and slowed to barely a crawl, blocking all traffic until our group was safely through the construction zone. We appreciated the consideration of that man!

Once back at the American Legion, we enjoyed partaking from an enormous buffet. There was a live band, raffles and 50/50's. It was encouraging to see so many come out in support and those that were there donating their time to put this all together.

The ride itself stirred my heart to



Riding three abreast on Interstate Route 81 south, prevented cars and trucks from getting in the midst of the ride, on the home stretch, north of Cicero.

see the unity and purpose of each rider. I sat on the back of the bike and looked at the long procession ahead. Some had flags or banners flying to signify their cause - The Patriot Guards and the American Legion Riders. There were the POW/MIA banners that still fly even though the war was officially over in April of 1975. No war ever waged probably ever carried such deep sadness and regret for such an extended period of time. The enormous problem and heartbreak of soldiers that continue to be held as prisoners or missing in action have left deep scars on the hearts and minds of fellow comrades, family and friends.

One such soldier was Gregory J. Harris. He joined the Marines in 1963. He was sent to Vietnam and was operating as a radio-man, in what ended up being one of the most hotly contested

wars in which the United States was involved. There were demonstrations at the Pentagon, at Washington monuments and on college campuses. There was burning of draft cards and those that fled across the borders to avoid the draft. It was one of the most troubling and divisive times in U.S. history. Greg Harris was captured in June of 1966 and is still MIA!!!

We cannot undo the past, but we can give our military all the support we can. We did just that! We rode out 164 bikes strong that day to raise support for the Courtesy room. We were able to present them with a check for more than \$20,000.00 dollars!!! We all sent a statement to our military that day....We support you!!!!

Thanks

One of the benefits of being a member of Syracuse HOG that doesn't get mentioned enough is the willingness of our members to step up when you need help. When I asked for ride captains for the Military Courtesy 2010 Benefit Ride, I was overwhelmed by how many of you wanted to help, whatever it took. Nearly all of our RC's that day were from our group and ensured everyone had a successful and safe ride. Lora Duerr

has written an article this month with the details of the benefit but I wanted to express my thanks on behalf our Benefit committee to all our members that helped us out that day. We have a few corporate sponsor's but most of the monies we need come from the public as well as the volunteers that staff the shifts 19 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Pat Christensen
Syracuse HOG
RC NY Patriot Guard Riders
American Legion Riders
2010 MCR Benefit Committee



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asked that we be extra careful with leaves and other debris on the road this season. Also with the growing number of trikes in the group, please be aware that they ride in the center of the lane and can stop faster than a motorcycle.

LOH: Sandy English advises us to dress in layers for the colder riding weather. You may also want to consider heated gear.

Photographer: Please share the pictures you take at HOG events, either on CD, thumb drive, or email. Ron is in the process of starting the Annual CD of Chapter pictures.

Web Master: There will be a meeting of anyone interested in using or helping with the Website on Wednesday 10/20/10.

Old Business: More than \$20,000 was raised September 26 for the Military Courtesy Room at the airport. At the rest stop 164 bikes were counted, most had a passenger along with the rider.

New Business: A big thank you to Kevin Baker for the nice pictures he took of our motorcycles at the Open House at PHD.

T-Shirt Bingo: Kentucky is the winning state. There was no winner and the pot will be \$40.00 in November.

The 50/50 was won by Dan M with a payout of \$82.00.

Pete Swanson made a motion, which Kathy McCabe Crouse seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Snyder
Secretary

National H.O.G.® Renewals Due

There are no national memberships due for renewal until January 2011.

Head Road Captain Bob Davidson



Never Too Late...Or Too Early

If you would have told me a couple of months ago that we'd have a solid week of riding in November I would have shaken my head and said something that we can't print. But lo and behold...here we are with an extended season (for those of us who haven't put our scoots up yet.) Time is flying by—we're only about a month from the winter solstice, which is what I consider to be rock-bottom of the year. Any day where the sun is only out for about three hours doesn't even warrant getting out of bed. Take comfort in knowing that as of our November meeting we're only 91 days from the Ride-Planning meeting and 130 days from our April Fools kick-off ride. Hang in there—we can make it.

In the last week or two the 2011 motorcycle calendar of events around the US of A has been starting to get active. AMA has announced their Vintage Motorcycle Days schedule, and most of the regular rallies have been scheduled. Check the web and start making plans. In the meantime, I recently discovered the writing of Neil Peart, the drummer for Rush. He's an avid motorcyclist and actually rides between the band's gigs. His latest book is titled *Roadshow; Landscape with Drums—A Concert Tour by Motorcycle*. He's a good writer, and his descriptions of many of the places he's visited are right on the mark, though better said than this author could ever hope to do. Check it out.

Don't forget that you can day-dream through the winter doldrums on the web as well—with sites like www.openroadjourney.com; www.motorcycleroads.us; www.motorcycleroads.com and www.sunday-morningrides.com. Have fun.

In the meantime—watch the bulletin board. If it gets above 40 during December, you might just hear the call...

Screw It! Let's Ride!

Safety Officer Steve English



Cold weather maintenance:

With colder temperatures and less riding it's a good idea to add fuel stabilizer to your gas tank to keep your gas from going bad. Also, you should either remove your battery for winter storage or use a battery tender to protect your battery from freezing. Before storing your bike for the winter the oil should be changed. If you are concerned about your tires place a piece of plywood under each tire. This helps to maintain an even temperature throughout the tire.

Visibility:

The subject of safety vests arose recently and I feel they are a good idea. Sandy and I decided to buy them for ourselves. You may have seen this type of vest on road crews. They come in lime-yellow and blaze-orange with wide reflective strips and zip up the front to hold them securely in place. They work well for motorcyclists too. These vests can come in handy in a variety of circumstances. The low sun in the afternoon at this time of year makes it particularly difficult for motorists to see. Anything that makes a motorcyclist more visible is a good thing. Since these vests are made of nylon they dry quickly. They can be worn over a jacket in the rain to enhance visibility and for night riding as well. They are light weight and pack down small. You can fit them into a zip lock bag for clean dry storage in your saddle bag or day bag. Many local stores carry these and they are not expensive. Most Wal-Mart stores have them in the men's work clothes section. Tractor Supply and other stores that sell work clothes carry them also.

Be sure to check around as prices can vary.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME _____

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER



SYRACUSE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP CHAPTER MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

CHAPTER #3424

To better serve our membership, please complete this supplemental information sheet. No information will be shared with any outside organization.

SYRACUSE H.O.G. MEMBER NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: (Month and day only): _____

MOTORCYCLE INFORMATION:

MAKE MODEL YEAR MILEAGE

BIKE ONE: _____

BIKE TWO: _____

BIKE THREE: _____

COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Syracuse H.O.G. is a volunteer organization. If you would like to help out on any our committees, please check the boxes below, and one of our officers will contact you. Thanks for helping out Syracuse H.O.G.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies of Harley | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Captain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | |

SYRACUSE H.O.G. YELLOW PAGES (OR BLACK AND ORANGE PAGES):

Many of our members like to do business with other members. If you've got a business that you'd like to let the membership know about, please list the information here. A member directory will be published both in print and as a download from our web site.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NO: _____

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION (50 words or so--no more): _____

Send form and payment for dues (\$10.00 per member) to:
Syracuse HOG
c/o Performance Harley-Davidson
807 North Geddes St.
Syracuse, NY 13204
OR Leave at the Parts & Accessories Counter at Performance H-D



It can sometimes be a challenge getting a bike to fit an individual, especially if you are short. Ever wonder which seat or handle bars would work best for you, or if you will like they way the look? Would it help to lower your bike? Harley-Davidson has taken the guesswork out of it by offering a "Fit Shop." You can try out a number of seats ranging from their super reach to the tallboy. A variety of handle bars are also available. The seats and handlebars are located next to the model bike. Simply select the seat and handlebars you want to try and place them on the model bike. Since the bike is secured in an upright position you can sit on it to see how they look, and feel. There is also a floor mat next to the bike that will let you see what it would be like to lower your bike. Being able to try out difference seats and handlebars as well as height adjustments helps to ensure a proper fit without a lot of guesswork and avoids making multiple adjustments. If you haven't already seen the Fit Shop at Performance Harley-Davidson, stop in and take a look.

This year we have seen an increase in women riders as new members, and current members who have gotten their motorcycle endorsements and their own bikes. Congratulations to all who are now "riding their own."

It's been a pretty good summer and the club has had another good riding season. Many of us also like to go wandering on our own and find enjoyable roads, restaurants and sights. So, why not "write about your ride." Even if it's just a few paragraphs describing a scenic day or evening ride why not share your story with the club. If any of the ladies would like to write about a ride they enjoyed, please attach it to an email and send it to me and I will have it put in the *High Road*.

Activities Don & Karen Peck



Hello everyone

We had a great time at the Hog-oween party, we want to thank everyone who brought the great food and some cool costumes. Kevin and Kathy Baker and their kids wore some exceptional costumes hand made by Kathy, very nice. As usual Kevin Baker came to work and took a bunch of pictures, thank you Kevin.

We also want to thank everyone for all the help with set-up and clean-up. With so many pitching-in it took just minutes to pack up the tables and finish the clean-up.

A Big thank you to Brian and Dave Sedlack and the PHD staff for clearing a nice spot for the party and providing candy, sandwiches, cookies, and some great beverages. Thank you also to PHD for a great raffle and prizes, we're looking forward to another party next year. Much appreciated

The Annual HOG Dinner is planned for Saturday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m., at the Glen Loch in Jamesville. This year's Menu is: Roast Top Sirloin, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Chicken Florida, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Chocolate Cake, Baked Sugar-Glazed Ham and Mixed Vegetables.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$26 for non-members; we are collecting money NOW so please send us your check. The Deadline for Money is at the December HOG Meeting on December 19. We prefer that you mail your check to us at; **Karen Peck, P.O. Box 15099, Syracuse, N.Y. 13215**. Checks should be made payable to Syracuse HOG and please include all names attending on your check. Please feel free to call us with any questions at 256-2308. We're looking forward to a great evening with our friends and hope to see you there.

John Muldoon Assistant Director



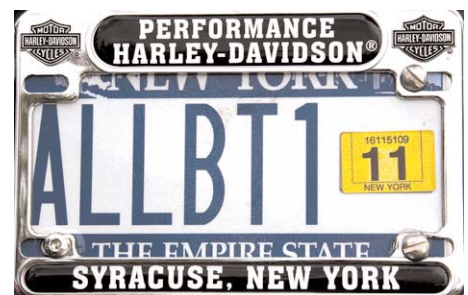
Aaahhh...November, should we put the bike away or keep it out for the one last ride!

November is also when we like to try to encourage you to renew your membership to our club. To entice you, if you renew by Nov. 31, you will be entered into a drawing. The five lucky members that are drawn will receive a FREE membership for the next year! WOW, how can you beat that? Sincerely, this club is made up of a lot of different ideas and involvement, without ALL of you we wouldn't be what we are, so PLEASE RENEW!

I would also like to thank Bob Davidson for putting up a mailbox on our HOG bulletin board so we can handle our membership applications/renewals more securely.

November is also the month that I put together an annual NEW YORK CITY trip.

Yes, back by popular demand and for its third consecutive year, I will be organizing a bus trip to New York City. This is NOT A HOG EVENT! (I have to say that for the legal aspect) The date is Saturday January 22, the weekend of the International Motorcycle Show at the Javits Center. We will leave the parking lot of PHD at 6 a.m. and return at approximately 12 midnight. The cost is \$35 per person. I keep this to Syracuse HOG members first, if by the December meeting, we haven't filled the bus then I open it to friends of members. You can pay by cash or check (made out to me). FIRST COME FIRST RESERVED! Any questions either call me 315-243-7832 or email jmuldoon305@gmail.com



Guess Who?

Membership Pat Christensen



We are nearing the end of the year and it is time for our annual membership pitch. As we have done in the past we will be offering five free memberships for early renewals. Anyone who has their application into me by the November 21, meeting will have their name put into a hat to be drawn before the Annual meeting. You can either defer the money towards 2012 dues or get a refund for this year.

Remember our memberships now run from Dec. 1 to Nov. 30. Your mileage is due on this date as well. This allows more time to process the new applications and determine the mileage awards. You will find a chapter application in this month's High Road as well as on Syracuse HOG's website. Either drop them off at the sales counter of PHD or get them to me at the monthly meeting.

Last years winners were:

Roger Brundage
Pat Christensen
Jon Roewer
Jim Shepard
Ed Van Auken

PERFORMANCE HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Thank you to all the members who attended our Hog-O-Ween party last month. It was a good turn out that made what would have been just another Saturday at work an enjoyable afternoon with lots of food to snack on. Depending on feedback, I would like to have similar gatherings here in the store more frequently. I encourage anyone with ideas or suggestions on how PHD could become more accommodating to let any of the officers or me know.

PHD as a couple things we have been working on to help improve the club. We have created a new opportunity for all of our motorcycle purchasers to become more involved with the club. Each purchaser will be referred to the Syracuse Chapter and will then be contacted by one of the officers. This will help increase membership and hence make it a better experience for all. We are also considering creating a new section of HOG that would entice younger riders to join. After observing and listening to a number of riders, customers, and members it is apparent that the motorcycle community could benefit from a young adult group. We have communicated our interest to the officers and strongly encourage anyone who might know of such a person who would consider

joining to please notify them of the opportunity and please report to the club or us your feedback.

Lastly I would like to invite all of you to our annual Holiday Party on December 11. Complimentary food, beverages, and music will be provided while you shop. Also, if you have not signed up for our Performance Points program yet, please stop down and ask any of our sales associates to register.

Sincerely,
Brian Sedlack

Web Master Kevin Reney



This is just a quick note to let you all know about some changes to the Web Site.

Chris Blakley will be taking over the lead on the web master position and I will be assisting. We have also made all the officers' email addresses generic. They are listed on the web and in the newsletter. This is going to make emailing officers easier, as addresses will not change when officers change. If you have any questions, please email one of us.

Guess Who

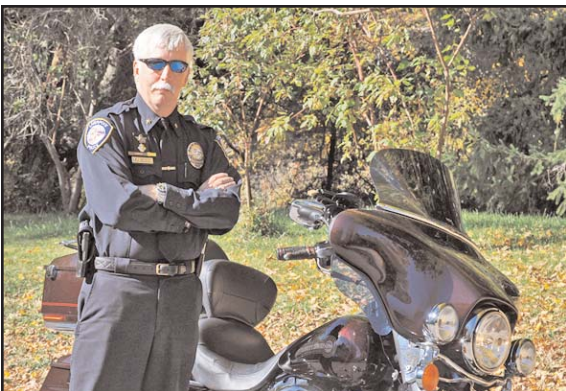


Photo by **Marcella Becker**

Bill Becker is the proud owner and rider of a 2007 Electra Glide Classic® bearing the license plate number LP3899. Having completed a 23-year career with the Town of Manlius Police

Department, Bill retired as a sergeant in 2007. Shortly after his retirement in December of 2007, Bill had the honor of being selected and appointed as the chief of police for the Liverpool Police Department. In celebration of his new position, he purchased his very first Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the 2007 Classic® that he rides today. Bill selected the Electra Glide as his first Harley based upon his experience riding the Electra Glide Police Bike used by the Town of Manlius Police Department's motorcycle patrol. As Bill's choice of selecting **LP3899** as his license plate, the LP stands for

Liverpool Police and the 3899 is his current radio call sign, which designates Bill as their chief.

Bill began his riding career in 1976 when he purchased his first bike, a used Moto Guzzi 500. At the time he was 17 and serving in the U.S. Air Force while stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Since then the chief has owned several motorcycles to include a Kawasaki Vulcan 750 and a Suzuki 750 Intruder. Bill has been a member of the National HOG since 2008 and joined the local Syracuse Chapter along with his wife Marcella in 2009. Marcella who rides a 2009 XL883 Low Sportster is also an avid rider with the chapter as well as the Ladies of Harley group.

The following people have joined Syracuse HOG since the last issue of the *High Road*:

Chris Blakely
Terry Bradley
Kennett Carter
Irinio Ferrer
Michael Harrison, Sr.
David Mellone
Brien Montgomery
Paul Nageldingo
David Palmerton



Fall Roadside Cleanup



Pat Schwald and Dave Sedlack at Hog-O-Ween party.

Scavenging a Win

By Dan Winslow

Continued from October



LUNCH BREAK

From Penn Yan to Syracuse was going to be one of the longest hops of the day. I got to just outside of the New York State Thruway entrance when I needed to stop for gas. Just as it began to rain I pulled into a gas station and decided to wait it out for a bit.

Lunch came in the form of a bottle of Gatorade© and a slice of Gas Station pizza. Perfect.

The forecasters were right about the rain, but there was definitely no cool down. It was still very hot, only now the humidity was about a million and one percent.

As I was pumping my gas a gentleman pulled up in a red Dodge Caravan. He told me that his seats lay down and that we could put the bike in the back so I could avoid the rain. I thanked him and told him that I had it covered. I tried to picture getting my 900 pound motorcycle into the back of

this mini van.

I decided to get into my H-D rain gear and old riding boots. Time was getting late and I still had 5 stops to go. I headed out into a light rain onto the NYS thruway.

Gas: 4.6 gallons for 188 miles equals 40 miles per gallon. All the advantage of a hybrid without having to drive one.

The rain stopped just as I got on the Thruway. As the sun came out, so did the orange signs and the orange cones. "Construction Work Zone next 40 miles." Perfect.

Note to Self: They grow a lot of corn in NY. Why does it cost so much for a dozen ears?

PERFORMANCE H-D

I stopped at the mother ship PHD to get a visor that was missing on my helmet. The very nice lady at the counter told me they were "out of stock." Perfect.

STOP #6 Pyramid Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse

Mileage: 18501

Time: 3:08 p.m.

I knew this would be one of the hardest things to find on the entire Hunt. Oakwood in huge. The clue "it's in the Dedication section" didn't help much. As I pulled in I saw a gentleman walking toward me with a camera with a very long lens. Ghost Buster? I explained I was on a Scavenger Hunt and that I was looking for a Pyramid. He

seemed to enjoy my story, and pointed in the direction of where I would find it. I saw a stoned road that seemed to be a short-cut and asked him if that would take me there. He told me I'd be better off with the "loop road" that goes the long way. I remembered my Google route didn't include any long ways. I said that the stone road looked like "fun" and I'd go that way. He told me that my bike looked awfully clean, and was I sure I wanted to get it dirty? I smiled and rode on. What do Ghost Busters know about motorcycles?

Note to self: When the Ghost Buster tells you to go the long way, go the long way.

My short cut ended up being harrowing ride down gullies and dirt paths that were designed more for a 2-stroke dirt bike than my 900 pound Ultra. Not sure how I made it. Divine Providence I guess.

It was really hot now. My air temperature gauge read 100. My H-D digital oil gauge said 258. I think if I had used it rectally on myself it would have gone up higher.

I said a short prayer in honor of all the people that were there with me. They remained quiet.

Two hundred and fifty miles. I was at the half-way point. Four more stops to go.

To be continued.

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