



The High Road

Monthly Newsletter of the Syracuse H.O.G.[®] Chapter
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I Love a Fall Ride

By Lora Duerr

I love a fall ride!!! When autumn comes, we welcome each day we can ride as a special bonus.

Every day prior to the scheduled ride of Sunday, October 9, I would check the forecast on the computer. As you may have found, the forecast changes about every other day. On the morning of October 9, the day came with sunshine and brisk temperatures. It was 48 degrees. The temperature was supposed to climb into the 70's, but for now my heated gear was a necessity. I even warmed my leathers in front of the heater.

The HOG group was to meet at Good Golly's on state Route 49 in



File Photo by **Kathy Baker**

While returning from apple picking last fall, I could not pass up taking a picture of the vista at Makyes and Abbey Road. This view from the roadside was made while my husband patiently waited .

Central Square. We arrived early to find that most of the riders were already there. All were in good spirits and excited to be able to ride with good

weather as well. Pat Christensen was our group leader, Mike Waters was sweeper. Pat was very efficient, he printed out very detailed directions, along with maps pin-pointing the roadways and towns we were to travel through. A good size group had assembled - many familiar faces and some new ones as well.

It was nearly 10:00 when we lined up in formation. Approximately 40 bikers in all started out on a very scenic route to The Pine Tree Inn in Brantingham.

We headed out onto Route 49 and made our next left onto county Route 37. For whatever reason, the back

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John Snyder Director



Director's Chatter

With the last official Chapter Ride after the roadside clean-up, I logged 28 out of the 65 or so scheduled Chapter rides. With 12 or so cancelled due to rain. I think I made a fair amount for the season. Hopefully it means enough memories of sunshine, wind in my face, and lots of laughs to get me through the weary winter.

Barb and I rode for a while today (Sunday) and passed a few diehards out on the road, all bundled up against the elements. Now I can add November to the months I rode my bike in this year. We filled up with gas just in case this is the year's last ride but I'm not ready to winterize just yet.

In case you haven't heard, HOG National has a new competition for us.

If we, as a Chapter, raise \$500.00 for the USO before December 31, 2011, we will receive a plaque in honor of our efforts. But more importantly the USO is such a worthy cause and help to our troops! We had a special 50/50 at the HOG-O-WEEN Party and have raised \$169.00 already. There will be more opportunities to contribute on your part, so please consider a donation.

November 11, is set aside as a national holiday to honor our veterans, but don't limit yourself to one day, thank a vet or an active duty soldier at every opportunity.

And one more thought, there's no official HOG celebration of Thanksgiving, but 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 freedom of the open road in America!

John

Meeting Minutes October 16, 2011 Barb Snyder, Secretary



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

Chapter Director John Snyder asked for a moment of silence for member David Sadowski, killed in a recent motorcycle accident. Calling hours are from 1-4 p.m. today at Buranich Funeral Home 5431 W. Genesee St., Camillus. John then welcomed new members attending a Chapter Meeting for the first time, and guests. He asked them to introduce themselves and tell us what they ride. New Chapter members are listed each month in the *High Road*. There are new copies of *Thunder Press* on the table.

Treasurer: Jeff Crouse gave a summary report of the Chapter Checking Account as of the end of September 2011. He stated that we are ahead of what we had at this time

last year and that a complete report is available to any member upon request. He will be taking shirt orders at our next meeting for delivery before Christmas.

Membership: As of this meeting the membership stands at 274.

Road Captain: Bob Davidson tells us that today's ride is the last on our calendar. If you do ride into the colder weather please be careful and bundle up!

Activities: Don Peck thanked everyone who helped out at the picnic. He also announced the bike game winners and handed out their prizes. The HOG-O-WEEN Party will be Sat. October 29, 12-4 p.m. at PHD. It is a dish to share event and costumes are appreciated. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive and a canned food drive going on also. Don then introduced Peggy and Marie, who will be the activities officers next year, to tell us about the Annual Dinner. It will be January 7, 2012, 6-10 p.m. at the Camillus Elks Club (6117 Newport Road Camillus 13031). The cost to members is \$20.00 and non-members \$26.00. Peggy handed out flyers with

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roads are always more scenic than the main highways.

We continued on to Potter Rd and then county Route 26 to Williamstown. Williamstown always reminds me of strawberries; I used to pick those years ago with my parents at the farm on the main drag.



Photo by **Mike Waters**

At the lunch break, a member consults a map, to determine where we are.

We picked up county Route 17 and headed out towards Lorraine. My parents used to live up that way and we passed the old homestead that morning. The many hardwoods were displaying their autumn finery with bright yellow, russet and crimson leaves. Sumac with its blazing colors lined the roadways. The trees with their foliage had taken on a profusion of color, while the wild flowers tended to be drabber; their time of glory was passing. There were the occasional purple New England Aster, the sunny yellow Wingstem, and the pale blue Chicory.

We continued our ride up through county Route 92, and then hit U.S. Route 11, and rode up through Adams Center, home of Iron Block Harley-Davidson.

We proceeded east on state Route 177 out of Adams Center and took a left into and through Rodman; once well known for the North Rodman Cheese factory.

Our ride took us out through Copenhagen, Deer River and High Falls. It is very evident by the names of the different little towns that there are many winding rivers and secluded waterfalls. It is hilly country, with bubbling brooks and ponds that reflect autumn's glorious colors.

In some areas we passed by large outcroppings of rock and shale. Some roadways were so thick with growth along the shoulders that it formed a canopy for us to ride through. While some areas were heavily forested, others had sprawling farms with rolling hills and pastures. Hay was baled up into long white fattened "Anacondas." Corn fields as far as the eye could see, the stalks bleached and dried rustled in the breezes.

Continuing on, we rode through Croghan, New York, in the foothills of the Adirondacks. To some of you that may sound familiar. Croghan is well known for a very tasty, "world famous" ring bologna. The recipe originated in Switzerland. If you are ever in the area you can purchase this product at the Croghan Meat Market.

We followed our route down through several small towns and finally reached Brantingham. My stomach had been growling for some time and I was anxious to grab a bite to eat. We stopped at the Pine Tree Inn for lunch and had a whole room practically all to ourselves. There was only one waitress for the group, but she was very efficient. There was quite an array of choices on the menu. I settled on the chicken taco salad. Everyone enjoyed their meals. I heard no complaints. Our Hog group loves their food!!! Filled to the max, we donned our gear and headed back out on the road.

After leaving Brantingham, we headed down through Turin, noted for Snow Ridge ski resort. The area is considered to have the East's heaviest snow fall!

The ride took us through many small villages, and old mill towns. The area is dotted with lumber mills, because of the hardwoods. Maple syrup sale signs are posted along the sides of the road. Due to the abundance of sugar maple, the locals take advantage of the sweet sap that runs freely in the very early spring.

Our journey took us down through Osceola, a little town well known (in this area) for The Osceola Hotel and its "turtle races." It is also home to the Fiddler's Hall of Fame.

Further down the road we rode

through the village of Camden. "The Queen Village," the sign read. I had to google that to see just why it was considered such. As the story goes, in the 1800's the village of Camden and surrounding villages had a contest to decide what village was the prettiest, most attractive village. Camden won because of its beautiful, well-kept lawns, trees and flower gardens as well as its many historic buildings. There never was another contest again so Camden kept the title. You can still see many very old, ornate Victorian homes, and well-kept flower gardens in the center of the village.

We continued our journey down into Cleveland and picked up state Route 49. We followed Oneida Lake back through Bernhards Bay, Constantia and West Monroe, back to our starting point, Good Golly's.

The weather couldn't have been better. Fall rides can be so "iffy" with the weather changing along with the leaves. I understand that somewhere in our travels a moose was sighted and I even heard reports of a llama in someone's driveway?!!!! It was an interesting ride! We had ridden through farmland, hills, and valleys, past brooks, streams, and ponds.

The areas buzz with activity with every season. The winter brings out the skiers, snowboarders and snowmobilers. In the spring, summer and fall we see the fisherman, kayakers, and canoeists enjoying what the waterways have to offer. Four-wheel-



Photo by **Mike Waters**

Mike Standen does little dusting at lunch.

ers are out on the trails and bicyclists take to the scenic roadways. It was an awesome day, a fantastic fall adventure, because the best way to enjoy fall's splendor, is on a Harley.

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dinner information and Marie read the menu which sounded yummy. The Officers are also looking into some kind of entertainment for the evening along with the 'Chinese Auction'.

Safety Message: Please be extra careful and watch for deer this time of year.

Community Service: Lori Robbins tells us that our Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday October 23, 10 a.m. at Tabitha's Rest. on Rt. 370, weather permitting. There will be a ride after. The blood Drive at the HOG-O-WEEN Party is scheduled from 10-2; you do not need to sign up in advance.

Photographer: Ron will be making a disc of this year's pictures for purchase at the Annual Dinner in January.

Webmaster: Chris Blakely reports that the new web site continues to roll out. Thanks for your patience as these changes are made.

T-Shirt Bingo was New Hampshire, Dan and Bernie will split the \$50.00 pot and we will reset at \$10.00 in November. The "Pig Pot" was won by Steve D. with a payout of \$61.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Snyder
Secretary

Membership Steve Moretti



Syracuse HOG welcomes the following members who have recently joined the chapter:

Mike Connolly
William Killgore
David Lepage
Dan Sturtz
Lynn Sturtz

Current membership stands at: 261, which is more than we had at this time last year.

Activities Don & Karen Peck



Hello everyone

We want to thank everyone who came to the Hog-O-

Ween party and special thanks to those folks that brought the great food and some cool costumes.

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.

Again this year, thank you to Brian and Dave Sedlack and the PHD staff for clearing a nice spot for the party and providing food and beverages.

Big thank you to Pat Schwald for running the benefit raffle to raise money for the USO, she worked the crowd hard and raised a nice donation. Harley Davidson is asking all HOG Chapters nationwide to raise money for the USO as part of November's Military appreciation month. Special thank you to our own Director John Snyder for donating his winnings back to the USO; way to go John.

The Annual HOG Banquet is planned for Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elks Club in Camillus.

This year the banquet is being planned by your new 2012 Activities Team Peggy Neary and Marie Tubolino, they are putting together a great evening and we urge everyone not to miss this dinner, its going to be a great time. The cost is \$20 for members and \$26 for non-members, Peggy and Marie are collecting money NOW, bring your payment to the next HOG meeting or mail your check to them at: Peggy Neary 220 Avery Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Checks should be made payable to Syracuse HOG. Please include all names attending on your check.

Our two year term as your Activities Officers is coming to the end; we want to thank Peggy and Marie for volunteering to take over our position. We know the group will be well served.

See you at the next meeting.

Assistant Director John Muldoon



Aaaahh...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, who 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!

Our Annual Hog-O-Ween Party was a Hoot! Thanks to those of you that came dressed in costume. It really adds to the party. The food was also a treat and our club cooks are the best!

Please make sure you sign up for our Annual Meeting, the committee is working hard to plan an event that is fun and entertaining. The rest depends on you being there.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Community Service Lori Robbins



What a beautiful day we had for our highway clean up! Thanks so much to John Reidy, Peter Swanson, John and

Cindy Standen, Bill Czelusniak, Dave Tubolino, John Sullivan, Paul Allen, Chris Blakely, John and Barb Snyder, David Sikorski, Peg Neary and Ron Blakely for turning out to groom our adopted mile of highway along Route 370.

Ron Blakely then lead the last official ride of the year through Oswego County, ending at Zeb's for a burger and a Pumpkin Ale. Unfortunately the Pumpkin Ale was gone before the group arrived...sorry guys.

The HOG-O-ween blood drive was Spooktacular! The people from

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If you haven't put your bike up yet, and you are not intimidated by cooler weather, you may be able to squeeze in another month of riding.

The weather has definitely gotten cooler, especially in the morning, with temperatures in the low forties to start your day. But it is actually easier to ride when it's cool than in extreme heat. The trick is to keep warm. Heated gear is the best option, with heated jacket liners, vests, gloves, pant liners and boot liners not to mention heated grips and heated seat options, there should be no excuses for not riding in cool weather.

Why miss out on any road time before the snow comes?

While these items are certainly optimal, it is also good to have a back-up plan to keep warm and comfortable. Hypothermia is not just an inconvenience, it is dangerous. When your core temperature drops it makes you lethargic and, therefore, slows your mental processes and reactions. Neither is good on a motorcycle.

So why worry about getting cold if you have all the necessary heated gear? Well for one, while heated gear is nice, like anything mechanical, it can and does malfunction or wear out. So it is good to think out your options ahead of time. You might want to carry an extra pair of heated gloves or buy some hand warmers like the kind the hunters use. You cannot put them directly on your skin, but if you insert them in a glove on top of a piece of fabric they will keep your hands warm. I have done this myself when one of my heated gloves stopped working.

I had on a Shampa thermal shirt with extra long sleeves that covered part of my hands so I stuck the hand warmer on the fabric and put my hand back in my glove and it kept my hand warm.

Foot warmers are also good. You can find them in any sporting goods store or department in the hunting section, and some hardware stores carry them also. Be sure to read the instructions carefully before opening the package as exposure to the air activates the warmers and they only last about four hours.

If your jacket liner or vest stops working you could try stopping at a store and seeing what's available. Even an extra layer around your core will help.

In an absolute pinch, the old newspaper trick will help deflect the cold. Buy a thick newspaper or a couple of regular ones and put them under your jacket. The paper will help keep the wind directly off of your front and allow some body heat to build up between your core and the newspaper.

If going any distance, it's a good idea to take frequent breaks and get something warm to drink or eat. Hot coffee and soup will warm you from within.

Take your coat off indoors to allow yourself to warm up to the room temperature.

Many rest rooms have electric hand dryers. These are good for warming your hands too.

If you are travelling, and you can't warm up, it's time to get off the road and find a place to stay.

To save time and avoid leaving home without necessary items, why not make a check list in advance. One for cold weather riding and one for hot weather riding. Keep your gear in one location to avoid hunting all over for things. Keep your check list near your riding gear. Before heading out, check the day's weather and look at your list to see what you will need. There were many times I wished I had something that I forgot to put in my saddlebags.

Live and learn, hindsight is always 20/20.

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the Red Cross said this was the best turnout ever! Thanks to all who so generously donated. This makes such a difference in the lives of so many.

It is such an honor to work and play with such a community minded group. Thank you again for all the support!

As always, ride safe!

Panic Stop

by Marcella Becker

Yep, it finally happened, I had to do a panic stop on the motorcycle when an object was coming in my path and I did not feel it was safe to swerve left or right due to the traffic around me.

So there I was tooling down the road and saw something was definitely going into my path and I hit the brakes. Of course having taken the MSF course which states don't use your rear brake heavily; now I remember why.

When I saw the object was going to go into my path of travel I was yelling inside my helmet, "No, no, no, no, no, no," (yea like that's a lot of help) and I hit the brakes. My rear tire slides to the left of me and my mind goes "Uh oh, this is not good" and then the object in my path clears. It seems the sound of my squealing tire stopped it. So I let go of the brakes and the rear tire swung back around behind me. I thought it was safe to give the bike some throttle and then the second uh oh happened. Can you guess?

Physics came into play again. When a tire is sliding, has no grip and then the grip comes back your bike will wobble left and right. So I am hanging on as the bike is jerking me left and right. I was able to ride it out and come to a stop.

I had another two and one-half hour ride home so I had to get that scare out of my mind and keep going. When I got home I was looking up articles on the internet and it seems it was a good thing I was going straight and not in a turn or leaning the bike or I probably would have gone down.

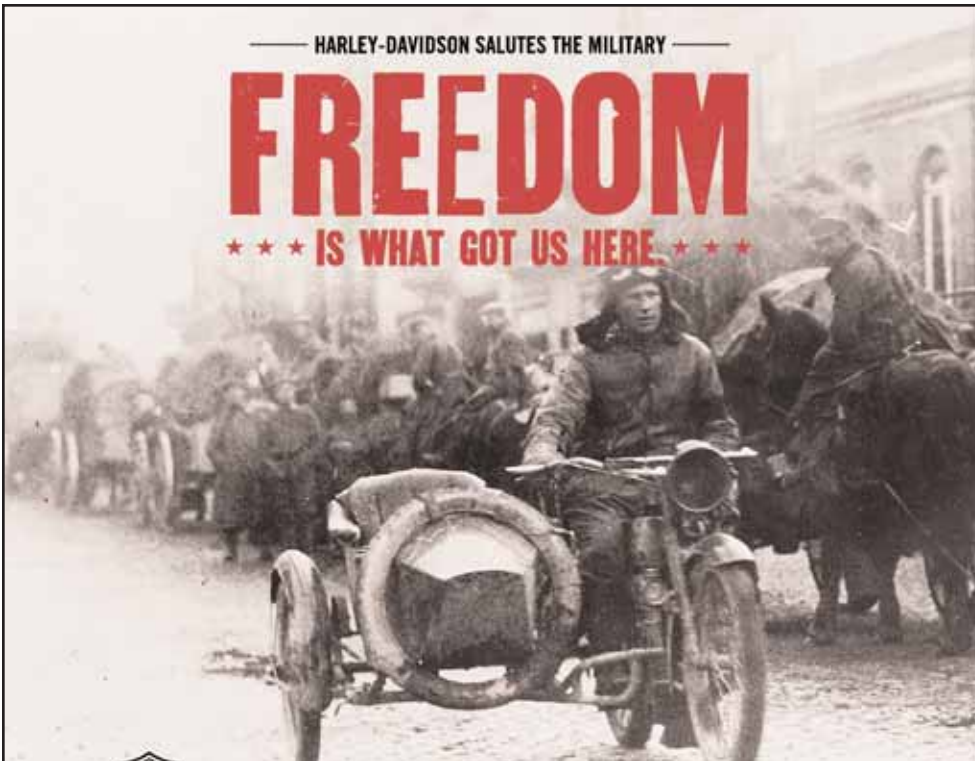
I remember practicing in the MSF course of doing panic stops using the front brake. I definitely need to practice that more often so it becomes muscle memory.

Hopefully sharing my oops with others will help so no one else makes the same mistake.

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Safety Officer Steve English



Fall is a great time to get out and ride but there are some things we need to be aware of.

This time of year we need to pay attention to the overnight temperature. After a night of freezing temperatures it isn't unusual to find patches of black ice that are hard if not impossible to see. We need to be extra careful when setting out in the early morning especially areas of the road that are in the shade and don't get the sunlight.

If you are driving east in the morning or west in the evening you need to be extra careful as other drivers may not see you due to the sun in their eyes. Intersections are always dangerous for motorcycles and this only adds to the problem.

It won't be long before we have to set the clocks back. As the daylight gets shorter, it will be harder for other motorists to see you. Those reflective vests can be a lifesaver.

Anything you can do to make yourself more visible is to your benefit.

If you are riding on wet pavement and you find the temperatures are dropping, remember riding in cold, slippery conditions is much like riding in the rain. Slow down a bit to your shorten stopping distance, cover your clutch and brake to reduce reaction time and ride in the tire tracks for the best traction.

Remember those pretty leaves you were admiring not long ago. Well they're now on the ground getting wet and rotten and just waiting to snag your front tire and send you sliding. Avoid riding through leaf piles even if they appear dry on top. If you have to make a quick stop you will most likely loose traction and go

down. The same goes for rotten fruit in the road. After it has lain on the road and gotten wet it can be a mushy, slippery mess.

Always look for the best area of traction.

Even though it is late in the season there is still some road paving going on. Don't be surprised to see those road work signs still out. This holds true for parking lots also.

Cooler weather also makes the wildlife more active. Deer are plentiful and can be found in some unexpected places, not just out in the country, so keep an eye out.

Enjoy the fall and always ride safe.

In Memoriam David Sadowski

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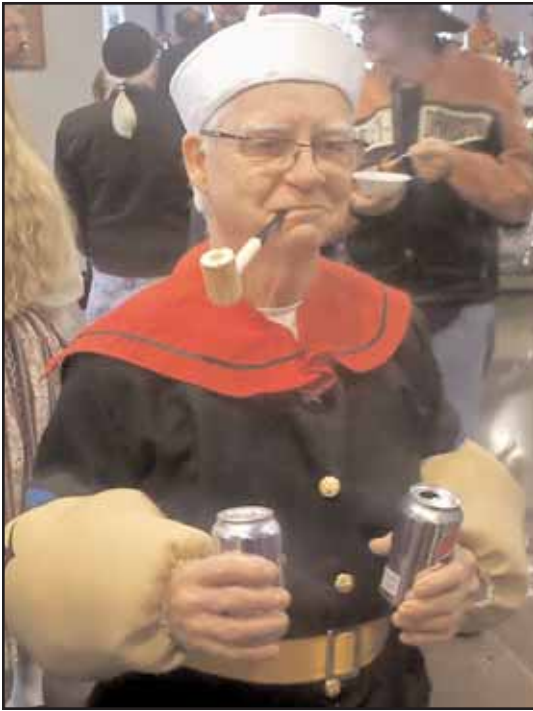


Photo By **Lori Robbins**

Bill Schwald, seems to have decided that Diet Pepsi is better than spinach for a meal from a can.



Photo by **Mike Waters**

Pat Christensen, framed by a Patriot Guard Riders and American flags, enjoys a bit of humor prior to the start of the Veterans Day Parade at the New York State Fair Grounds. Pat was one of a number of Syracuse HOG members who are also Patriot Guard Riders and rode in the parade.



Photo by **Mike Waters**

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and member of the Marine Corps League, checks out Roger Brundage's H-D trike prior to the Veterans Day Parade.



Photo by **Mike Waters**

Sandy Allen, whose husband Paul is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, survived a V-Rod ride with Chris Blakely during PH-D's Demo Days. Here she tries to sweet talk a N.Y.S. Park Police horse into a ride in the Veterans Day parade.

Hog Shots

Rob Lancette strikes a swashbuckling pose during the PH-D Hob-O-Ween party.

Photo by **Lori Robbins**



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