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Harley Officer Training – April 24-25, 2015

By Rob Gabor:

Bill Becker, Ken Yackel, Debbie Yackel, Mike Standen, Cindy Standen and myself all attended HOT Training this month. The experience was fantastic, and each one of us took away many

tools and learning experiences that we will be applying to the group. We met many new people from all over the country who all shared positive tips, plans and practices that we hope to implement in our chapter in the days to come. Within each session, we never

lost our overall focus of HOG, which is to “Ride and Have Fun.”

While we hope to use everything we learned to enhance every experience in the club, we want to continue to focus on making sure that everyone’s input is valued. We urge everyone to continually approach us with any kind of feedback, ideas or enhancements that we can make to make our riding and group experiences the best that they can be.



Breakfast before classes

For me personally, it wasn’t just about the classes, facts, rules or taught knowledge. Being a newer officer, I was elated to use this time to bond with the other officers in the chapter. As we get to know each other better, we can find more ways to work together for a better future. I encourage everyone to come together and get to know others in our group so that we can make this club as enjoyable as it can be. Syracuse HOG is a result of what everyone in this club contributes, not just the officers. This is your club as much as anyone else’s.



Representing the Syracuse chapter

Harley-Davidson took great care of everyone and made sure to provide us the resources we need year round. Their success is partially dependent on our successes, happiness and love for riding. Not only did we learn how to keep good relationships throughout the chapter, but also how to maintain communication with the dealership and the Motor Co.



Introduction to HOT Training

Feel free to reach out to me at any time with ideas, suggestions, comments or any type of feedback you would like to give. Also, send in your ride pictures along the way, as I’d love to include them in our publications.

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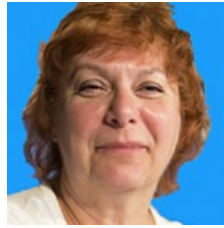
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Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Assistant Director:



The meeting was called to order by Director, Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill stated that today was our “Loop the Lake” ride, and a count was taken on how many were going on the ride. We had approximately 20 bikes going.

We then welcomed new members Tom Barnard and Terry Esposito.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dave Sikorski on the passing of his mother and to Lynn Sturtz on the passing of her mother. Word was out that Tim Duerr has taken ill and Mike Waters is on the mend.

News on the table: a tear-off sheet for save the date for the MDA Muscle Ride.

Sponsoring Dealership Report from Rich Milazzo reminded us that next month is the first Back Yard Barbeque, the Cancer Ride (Poker Run), and Demo Day taking place at the dealership. Rich is looking for volunteers for Demo Day, as well as looking forward to having the membership table set up for each event. There is a lot going on at the dealership, so check their website.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel reported that volunteers were needed for the Bike Blessing. He then introduced Katherine Pitsley from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Katherine spoke briefly about the Muscle Ride, which will take place on June 14, 2015 starting at PHD and ending up at the Limp Lizard on Onondaga Blvd. They are looking for volunteers, and if you are interested, you can contact Katherine at kpitsley@mdausa.org.

Ron Blakley gave the Treasurers Report in Dick Davidson’s absence. We have money, we spent money, and we’re getting money. As always, the books are open for your review.

Jim Shepard, our Membership Officer, reported that as of today’s meeting we are currently at 137 paid members.

Road Captain Kevin Reney reminded us to check the PHD website for anything going on at the dealership. We have their activities on our calendar, but if they change or cancel an event contact them. Kevin then went over the rides listed for the month. If you cannot make or need to change or cancel your ride, PLEASE contact Kevin. We can either find someone else to lead the ride or reschedule.

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Safety Officer Rob Gabor again reminded us that this is the beginning of the riding season, so please check your registrations and insurance. Also, make sure to do your T-CLOCK check.

Activities Officers Cindy and Mike Standen also reminded us about the PHD Back Yard Barbeque and needing volunteers for the membership table. Volunteers will not be needed at the first Back Yard BBQ, but we will need them for the next 3. Jeff Moyck then spoke about the Watch Fire. If you are planning on going, you will meet at the Watch Fire and then go on the ride. This is not a HOG event. Jeff is planning on setting up a tent at the Watch Fire so everyone can hang out. The Watch Fire is May 24th, Memorial Day Weekend.

LOH Officer Terry Clark said she is still collecting hotel samples for different shelters. Terry also volunteered to take anyone who is uncomfortable riding in large groups on a short one on one ride. If you are interested, contact Terry.

Editor Rob Gabor reminded us that this is everyone's newsletter and if you have a story or pictures that you would like to see in the newsletter, send them to him. Keep in mind that benefits connected to clubs cannot be put in the newsletter or on the website, as well as, things for sale.

Historians Garry and Marge Canino reported that this was their first time volunteering at WCNY for Tel-Auc, and had the best time. They suggested that everyone should get involved as it was a lot of fun. They also mentioned that if you have anything pertaining to the History of our club to pass it on to them.

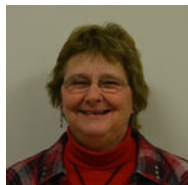
Old Business: Bill brought back to the membership's attention that several officers will be attending HOT Training in Rhode Island and asked the membership if there were any objections to the club paying a third of their bill (room only). A vote was taken and there were no objections.

Pig Pot – Today's state is HAWAII – We had one winner for \$80. The pot will start next month at \$10.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 with 53 members in attendance.

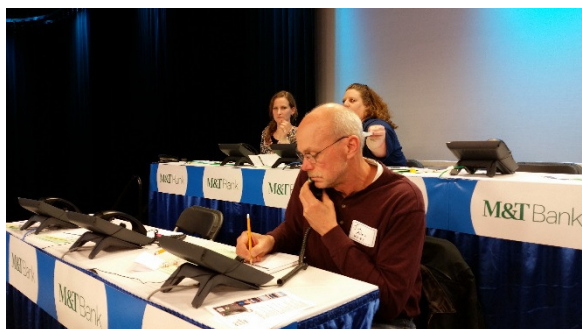
COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



Syracuse HOG Night at WCNY TEL-AUC 2015

Once again members of HOG volunteered at WCNY for the annual WCNY Tel-Auc held at their station in downtown Syracuse.



Jim was a loner

We manned the phone bank on Saturday April 18, from 8:30 until 11:00. Volunteer jobs consisted of working the phone bank by taking incoming bids and answering any questions.



Runner!! Runner!!

We met at the station for dinner. The free meal provided by Mesa Grande was very good and consisted of tacos, burritos, salad and a dessert cake.

We even got on camera a couple of times during the evening.



Where's the candy dish?

Thank you to the following individuals who gave their Saturday evening to help. Jim Allen, Bruce Chimene, Terry Clark, and Gary and Mary Canino, and Patty Reith

It was a great way to spend a fun evening filled with laughs, good times and helping Public Broadcasting at the same time.

MEMBERSHIP

By Jim Shepard:



We have 139 members as of today.

The following national memberships expire in May for these members:

Walter Bialobreski, Fay Christensen, Rob Gabor, Nickolas Rinaldo, George Slavinski, Dan Sturtz, Weslie Tooke, Richard Yackel

June

Carol Brizzi, Nick Brewster, Mike Connolly, Richard Dickerson, Robert Dempster, Linda Fields, Ronald James, Jeff Mocyk, Alane Oliveri, Patrick Sawyer, Mark Sloan, Kathy Sloan, David Tubolino, Deborah Yackel

DIRECTOR

By Bill Becker:



What a productive weekend we had in Providence attending HOT! I know that the officers attending were able to bring back some great information to share with all our club members.

I would like to THANK all of our members that had assisted with the Blessing of the Bike detail on April 25th and to those who signed up to assist with the Spring Demo Day. Without your efforts and diligence we wouldn't be able to support these activities.



Bill participating in discussion at HOT Training

Spring is now officially here and the temperatures are finally warming up. We have a calendar full of great rides planned and with a little assistance from the weather 2015 has all of the possibilities of being a great riding season. This is the time of year we have waited for all winter. The weather is better and our rides are starting to kick into full swing. Now we can concentrate on going out and do what we love...Ride.

This is just a friendly reminder that the MDA Ride for Life is a little more than a month away. It would be really AWESOME to see

a large turnout from our Club! Please consider this worthwhile charity as your charity ride for this year. Remember, please watch the calendar for our upcoming rides and check the website for any changes. If you have a doubt based on the current weather about a possible cancellation just call the Performance Parts counter. If you haven't already taken advantage of it, contact our Webmaster to add yourself to the email and text alerting system. It's really the best method of staying up to date on ride changes.

So let's get out there and...Ride and HAVE FUN!!!

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



So we have had our 1st real ride of the season. It went off without a hitch (well almost). Loop The Lake is

always a fun time.

The group was a good size, and if it's a sign of what's to come, oh boy. Going to be a good year.

Just a few reminders:

- 1- DOT helmets are a MUST for all rides.
- 2- Make sure you check the site to verify the ride time, as we have a few with different start times.
- 3- All ride leaders should have waiver forms for each ride, as well as accident report forms.
- 4- Ride and Have Fun!

Shiny Side Up!
Sharks Rule. (Right Ken?)

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



With April behind us, I look forward to many sunny and pleasant days for our club to enjoy many miles of riding. April was a busy month for many club members. After our monthly meeting, our club Director led us on our first official club ride, a scenic ride around Skaneateles Lake. Thanks Bill. With several nice eateries around town, many of us split up. Deb and I ended up Doug's Fish Fry along with several other members.

Then there was H.O.T. Training in Providence, RI. The trip down was nice until we got past Utica. Yes you guessed it...SNOW, on and off all the way through Mass. Many spots on the Mass Pike were really blinding storms, but well worth the trip. The knowledge and information we learned was invaluable. We learned many new ideas on ride leading, retaining and recruiting new members, some of the classes also pertained to legalities and taxes that the club is responsible for. For those who have never attended, this is two eight hour days of intense classroom training.



Curbie's new ride

While we were at training, the Blessing of the Bikes took place at P.H.D. Thanks to all of our members that assisted in this event.



Curbie participating in HOT Training

In ending, there will be changing of some officers come the end of the year. If you are interested, please contact me at my email address at your convenience so that we can commence in a mentoring program.



Dinner on the night before HOT Training

Last but not least, a fellow HOG member Tim Duerr has passed away on April 23, 2015. There will services in June of this year to celebrate his life.

With all that said, lets RIDE AND HAVE FUN.



ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



At April's meeting we had two new members present – Terry Esposito and Tom Barnard – great to meet you, and we look forward

to see you out at some of our rides this year.

Upcoming in May our scheduled rides look like a lot of fun and we can't wait to get out on the road. In preparation for that, PHD is having their **Spring Demo Day** on Saturday 5/9/15 beginning at 10:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to help us out at the sign-up table as well as the Membership table.



Cindy at HOT Training

We are also looking forward to assisting PHD with their participation in the **1st Annual Cancer Charity Ride** on May 17th. Although it starts at the same time as our monthly HOG Chapter Meeting, anyone is welcome to come and help out if they aren't planning on the Orientation Ride immediately after our meeting. We'll need help parking incoming bikes before their ride as well as helping those coming back to the dealership about 1:00 p.m. with parking. They'll be Dinosaur BBQ later in the day as

well so come on out and share some good times !



Mike and Rob learning about taxes at HOT Training

Later in the month Mike and I are especially excited about the **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 103 Memorial Day Watchfire** at the State Fair Grounds. Jeff Moyck is planning a ride from PHD to the Watchfire lot where we'll then meet up with all other riders for the Memorial Ride before the pyre lighting. Also we are setting up a tent on the grounds for all of us to gather at – before and after the Memorial Ride. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, a cooler or some chairs; please bring them to PHD between 10 and 11:00 a.m. on the 17th. Mike & I will be sure to get them to the fairgrounds for you so you can enjoy the ride and have your things waiting when you get there. We'll make arrangements to get your things back to you the next day.

Please keep checking the **HOG Chapter 3424** website for upcoming events and rides. Also like us on Facebook – **Syracuse HOG** – to catch what is new and what might be happening spur of the moment with your fellow HOG members.

SADDLE UP – LET'S RIDE!!!



LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



It's spring, the sun is out and bikes are on the road. Please be more watchful than usual until the cars get used to seeing motorcycles on the road again. I am a little late getting on the road this year because of the weather but I will make up for it this summer. Baby's getting new shoes the first of May and I intend to wear them out again this year.

The weather for the Bike blessing was a little cool but the sun came out so it was good. Over 130 bikes showed up and more that missed the ceremony by arriving late. It was a good start for the season, hope you were blessed.

I would like to have more ladies rides, breakfast, lunch or dinner or just for fun. Let me know if you have any ideas. There are rides scheduled for dinner, rides for ice cream and rides 'cause we love to ride. Now, get out there and ride!!!

For those that will be packing to travel this season, here are a few tips from Janet Green at bikerchicknews.com.

Traveling? Load your bike with FLEAS!

Whether you're already an expert, or brand spankin' new to traveling long distances on a motorcycle, it's important to know how to properly pack and load your bike. Your goal, of course, is to maintain the bike's overall balance and center of gravity so that maneuvering isn't any more difficult with the added weight of luggage and *stuff*.

Like every good problem-solver these days, I've devised an acronym to help remember how to most effectively pack the bike for a trip. So get ready to pack your bike with FLEAS!!

Forward - Keep your load forward, meaning over or in front of the rear axle when possible. A load that is too far to the rear can affect turning or braking, or cause the bike to wobble. Use common sense, of course: a tank bag, while certainly forward, should not interfere with your ability to manage steering or hand controls.

Low - Keep your load low, meaning inside saddle bags as much as possible. Of course, this isn't always possible – just remember that a load carried on the passenger seat should not be stacked too high, and should not be allowed to shift when traveling. (When we traveled to Sturgis, I had to learn to swing my throw-over leg over the luggage bungeed to the sissy bar, but I didn't feel like the bike was unbalanced. It felt like I had a lightweight passenger on the back.)

Even - Distribute weight evenly between saddlebags so the bike doesn't want to list left or right.

Accessible - Keep important items accessible even when the bike is packed. Rain gear, cell phone, tool kit, camera... whatever is on your must-have list should be available easily when you stop for a break, so you don't have to unpack the whole bike just to get to them.

Secure - Goes without saying you should batten down the hatches as completely as possible, especially if you have a T-bag, roll-bag, or other "loose luggage" to attach to the bike. I use multiple bungee cords, criss-crossing them over the bags and making sure they are super-snug. It's also helpful to know your bungee plan when using multiple cords. I hope FLEAS can help you remember how to pack for a trip...

Stay safe and watch out for the other guy, he may not see YOU!



SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



At HOT Training, I learned a lot about alcohol consumption and how it affects the body. Here's an article from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation with some useful information:

QUICK TIPS: The Importance of Riding Unimpaired by Alcohol or Other Drugs

Theory: Alcohol And Motorcycles Are Incompatible

- At a BAC* of 0.01 to 0.04%, judgment begins to lessen, the drinker is less critical of their own actions, reaction time is slowed, and indications of mental relaxation may appear.
- At a BAC of 0.05 to 0.07%, judgment is not sound, thinking and reasoning powers are not clear, and the ability to perform complex skills is lessened.
- At a BAC of 0.08% or above, judgment and reasoning powers are severely hampered, and the individual cannot complete common simple tasks without error.

Proof: Statistics From Recent Studies (by NHTSA, Florida, Kentucky, and Australia)

- Having any alcohol in one's body increases the chance of crashing by five times.
- Having a BAC greater than 0.05% increases the risk of crashing about forty-fold.
- 46 percent of all motorcyclists killed in crashes were using alcohol.
- One fourth of all fatal alcohol-related motorcycle crashes involve motorcyclists running off the road, overturning, or falling from the

motorcycle rather than striking another object.

Explanation: Alcohol Affects Your Ability To "SEE"

SEE is the acronym for MSF's strategy to help motorcycle riders maintain a safety margin as well as remain ready and able to respond properly to traffic situations. SEE stands for:

- **Search** for hazards that might lead to trouble.
- **Evaluate** how the hazards might interact to create risk; prioritize multiple hazards to deal with one at a time.
- **Execute** an action to maintain a margin of safety.

Alcohol affects these three human elements of safe motorcycle operation by impairing your vision (**Search**), judgment/decision-making ability (**Evaluate**), and coordination/reaction time (**Execute**).



Representing Syracuse at HOT Training

Recommendation: Plan Ahead

- Riders should never mix alcohol with riding. Even low, legal limits of BAC increase your risk while riding a motorcycle.
- Riders who are away from home and decide to drink should either (1) wait until their BAC has returned to zero before riding, even if it means staying overnight, or (2) leave the motorcycle in a secure location and find alternate transportation home.

HISTORIANS

By Garry and Marj Canino:

In approaching our new position as HOG historians both Marj and myself will endeavor to make our tenure, enlightening, humorous and at times give people tidbits of information that they might find valuable.



This might be one such occasion. For the past two years, Marj and I have been fortunate enough to spend a month in the winter at Panama City Beach Florida. Where we stay is about three blocks from Harley Davidson of Panama City Beach, a relatively new (three year old) Harley Davidson dealership.



While it in no way substitutes for our "home" affiliation with "Performance" it is nice to be with people who have the same interests. Of special note they are open seven days a week and the weather

being Fla. weather it is nice to be able to sit outside at a picnic table in January.

Harley Davidson of PCB offers many of the same services as most of the other dealers, including bikes, clothing, merchandise, test rides. In addition they offer two programs that are unique and of interest. One the

Harley Davidson Riding Academy, which is for all intent and purposes a new rider training program, limited to about 15 members, the program is held Saturday and Sundays in the parking lot off to the side at the dealership.



Another unique program that I didn't see but read about is called the Jump Start Program, the program combines a Harley Davidson bike with a specially designed stationary support stand. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary, as the bike will not tip over. You go through all the experiences of riding, including shifting, leaning on the throttle and are safely and securely attached to the jump-start platform.



Saturdays and Sundays at the dealership offer hotdogs and music on the lawn while bikers come and go. It makes one really jealous of the Florida weather. Marj and I come back and count the weeks until we are able to ride our bikes with our Performance friends.

Annual Blessing of the Bikes at Performance Harley Davidson on April 25, 2015

By Karen Whedon:

It was a chilly Saturday morning in central New York, but it was also the day for the annual bike blessing at PHD, and cool temperatures were not enough to keep Syracuse bikers from receiving the blessing for a safe riding year.

The bikes started pulling in around 10:30. There was coffee and donuts courtesy of PHD and everyone received a special "I was blessed..." sticker for their helmet or bike.

Over 130 bikes came to be blessed and share the camaraderie of a very special event.

Bishop Cunningham arrived with a police motorcycle escort and took the stage. Bruno Schirripa and Brian Sedlak thanked him for taking time from his busy schedule to do the bike blessing.

The Bishop then said a few prayers and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable riding season. He blessed all who were there and then walked up and down the rows of bikes sprinkling holy water as he went.

It was a great day. A big "Thank You" goes out to Performance Harley Davidson, who arranged for the Bishop's participation. In addition, thanks to the many Syracuse HOG members that helped to direct the bikes, line them up, pass out stickers and keep things moving smoothly and organized.

And again this year, a very special Thank You to Bishop Cunningham for supporting Syracuse's motorcycle riders.



Upcoming Rides & Events

(Please check the Syracuse HOG website for all updates and cancellations)

Date	Day	Ride Name	Leader	Time
05/07	Thursday	Mystery Ride	Terry Lynn Clark	6:00 PM
05/09	Saturday	PHD Demo Day	PHD Event	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
05/09	Saturday	PHD Workshop	PHD Event	12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
05/12	Tuesday	Ice Cream	Kevin Reney	6:30 PM
05/16	Saturday	Mystery Ride	TBD	10:00 AM
05/17	Sunday	PHD Backyard BBQ	PHD Event	12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
05/17	Sunday	Chapter Meeting		10:00 AM
05/17	Sunday	Orientation Ride	Kevin Reney	11:00 AM
05/21	Thursday	Gem	Jeff Mocyk	6:00 PM
05/24	Sunday	Ride to Watchfire	Jeff Mocyk	5:30 PM
05/24	Sunday	Watchfire	Non-HOG Event	
05/27	Wednesday	Rudy's	Terry Lynn Clark	6:00 PM
05/30	Saturday	Toucan - Kingston, Ontario	Bill Becker	8:00 AM
06/04	Thursday	Destination Ride For Cookout	The Caninos	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
06/06	Saturday	Americade		(TBD)
06/07	Sunday	Screaming Eagle Inlet	Ken Yackel	(TBD)
06/10	Wednesday	Tailwater Lodge	Rob Gabor	6:00 PM
06/13	Saturday	Catskills	Bill Becker	9:00 AM
06/14	Sunday	MDA Muscle Ride	Non-HOG Event	
06/17	Wednesday	Red Brick	Bill Becker	6:00 PM
06/20	Saturday	PHD Workshop	PHD Event	12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
06/21	Sunday	Chapter Meeting		10:00 AM
06/21	Sunday	Sodus	Dan Sturtz	11:00 AM
06/24	Wednesday	Doug's Fish Fry	Dave Ferguson	(TBD)
06/25	Thursday	Mickey Moo's	Bill Becker	6:00 PM
06/28	Sunday	Poolville	Terry Lynn Clark	9:30 AM



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