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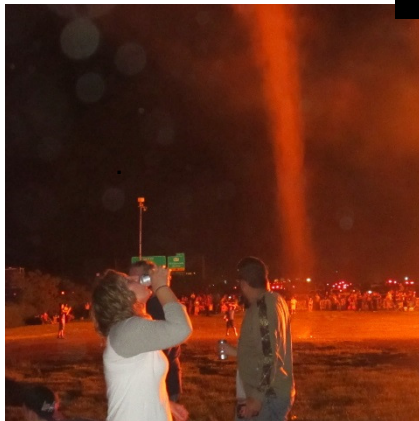
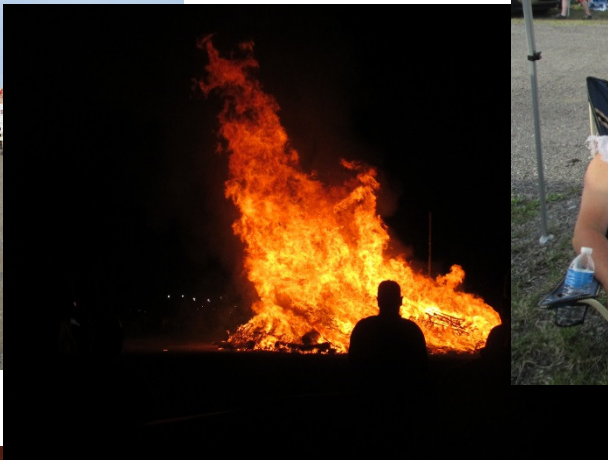
By Cindy Standen:

The Watch Fire stems from the military tradition that following a battle or long march, a large fire would be started so those missing or lost could locate and rejoin their comrades.

Using that time honored model symbolically, we use the warmth and light of our Watch Fire to guide everyone in reflection of those comrades who have gone before us and made our nation strong through their service and sacrifice.

Thanks to Jeff Moyck for initiating this event. Unfortunately he was not feeling well and could not attend but we had a nice group of members join us at PHD, loop Onondaga Lake and join us at our tent at the Watch Fire before the main Memorial Ride sponsored

by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 103. After they returned under the Solvay and Lakeside Fire Depts.' US Flag, we enjoyed a beautiful evening and an amazing tribute that honors all those who have served and given their all for our way of life. Our evening of approx. 20 members and friends was capped off with a small tornado caused by the cold air hitting the warm air of the fire – check out these pictures.



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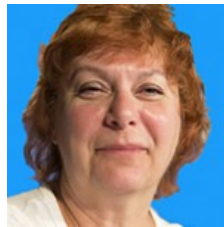
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Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Assistant Director:



The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Director Bill Becker who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then spoke about the busy day ahead. The Cancer ride that is taking place today, as well as, the Orientation Ride after

today's meeting and the Back Yard Barbecue at the dealership. Bill spoke about waivers/release forms for non- HOG members. Each ride leader should have the waivers in their bikes and ask at the ride briefing if there is anyone who is NOT a HOG member as they have to fill out the waiver/release form before the ride leaves. Forms are available at the dealership.

Sponsoring Dealer Report from our HOG manager Rich Milazzo thanked everyone who volunteered at the Demo Day. Rich also spoke about Bike Nights at Sharky's and firming up details at the Dinosaur, and that all of today's proceeds from the Back Yard Barbecue will go to the American Cancer Society. Also, in August there will be a fashion show and garage party showing new products for fall. Rich also spoke about the HOG website on Facebook and respects your freedom of speech; however, the website is for the positive not the negative aspects. It's about riding and having fun, telling about your favorite places to enjoy on rides etc. Again, Please, no negativity.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel spoke about the NYS HOG Rally which will be on July 16 – 18. Dick Davidson is helping with the games and is looking for some volunteers to help him. Ken also spoke about the Open House at the dealership in Ithaca. The Chief Executive Officer of Harley will be there, and they will be having a Chicken BBQ. Jim Shepard is stepping down as membership officer. If anyone is interested in taking over his position, please let Ken know. Ken also thanked Rob Gabor for the great job on the newsletter.

Treasurers Report was given by Barb Snyder for Dick Davidson. We have money, we spent money, and we get money.

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Membership Officer Jim Shepard reported that as of today's meeting we currently stand at 144 paid members, picking up 2 members at the Demo Day.

Safety Officer Rob Gabor stated that in watching riders doing figure eights at the demo day, it would be a good idea for everyone to practice them occasionally.

Activities Officers Cindy and Mike Standen – Cindy spoke about the survey she came up with that is on the table. She is looking for feedback. Cindy and Jeff Mocyk both spoke about the Watch Fire and firming up details. Also Cindy spoke about our Annual Picnic in September. If you have any ideas on a new venue, let her know. Marcella Becker our Photographer still has CD's available.

Editor Rob Gabor is looking for articles for the newsletter. If you have any pertaining to rides you've been on, send them to him.

Historians Garry and Marj Canino spoke about things suggested by the AMA before you hit the road. TCLOCK. Tires and Wheels – Controls – Lights – Oil – Chassis – Kickstand, as well as, things you should carry on the bike in case of emergencies.

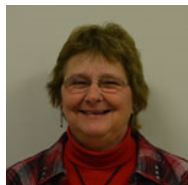
New Business – There will be a memorial ride for Tim Duerr on June 6th. Check the website for exact details. This is a Non-HOG Ride.

This month's T-shirt Bingo State is –ARKANSAS – No winner. The pot increases to \$20 next month. A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am with 56 members in attendance.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



The Inspired Tour comes to Performance Harley Davidson

The Spotlight article in edition #30 of HOG magazine, introduced readers to Lisa Brouwer and Kris Haase; two women that have decided to ride Harley Davidson motorcycles from New York City to San Francisco in 3 weeks, stopping at scenic sites and Harley Davidson dealers along the way. They are calling it "The Inspired Tour - Reflect on the Past, Inspire the Future"

On Saturday, June 6th they made a stop at Performance Harley Davidson and Rich asked the members of Syracuse HOG to be a welcoming committee. It was a last minute request, so a big Thank You to Carl Barber, Marj Canino, Gary Canino and Terri Clarke for giving up their Saturday morning to be there for Lisa and Kris when they pulled in to PHD.

They arrived from Utica around 11:20 and there were greetings and hugs all around. The bikes they are riding are rentals donated by NYC Harley Davidson, but the rest of the cost for the trip is on their own.



They appreciated the chance to relax, talk and tell about some of the experiences they have already had. Meeting new people, sight-seeing and just visiting new places are all part of the adventure.

Bruno and Pat from PHD came over to meet them and presented them each with a dealer T-Shirt as a memento of their short stop in Syracuse.

They were expecting to meet another female rider coming down from Toronto, Canada. Sue, with the license plate of ZAZEN, didn't make the rendezvous in Utica, but she did manage to get to PHD and meet Lisa and Kris there. The three of them will be riding to Rochester then on to Niagara Falls and Erie, PA.

Sue is just one of many riders that have contacted Lisa and Kris and plan on joining them for different parts of their ride as they cross the country.



The greeting committee from (L to R) Kris, Terri, Lisa, Marj and yours truly. The guys were camera shy.....

It was close to lunch time so Gary suggested the Gem diner. A quick call to Doug and we were set up in the back room. We walked to the Gem and everyone had a good meal. A big Thank You to Gary Canino who graciously paid for Lisa, Kris's and Sue's (camera shy) meal. Then it was back to PHD where final goodbyes were said and then some of the committee escorted them to the Thruway.

Community Service continued:



YUM YUM!! (L to R) Gary, Kris, me, Paul, Terri, Lisa and Marj

These two women chose the perfect name for their ride. Their enthusiasm, determination and sacrifices are definitely an Inspiration to anyone who meets them. You can follow them at www.TheInspiredTour.com, on Facebook: the inspiredtour, or on twitter: @TheinspiredTour

May they ride safe and have nothing but good adventures as they cross this great country of ours.

The thoughts and hopes of Syracuse HOG ride with them in spirit.

DIRECTOR

By Bill Becker:



I'd like to start out by giving a quick thank you to those of you who supported Performance Harley Davidson at the Blessing of the Bikes and their Backyard BBQ last month. Without our member support, we wouldn't be able to assist Performance or increase our

membership through setting up a HOG tent for some simple recruiting.

Well it's finally June..., which means it's the start of summer, so here we go! When I think of our summer riding season, I always think of some great rides and events like Americade and Laconia. We also have some exciting rides planned for this month, like the Screaming Eagle in Inlet, The Catskills Ride, or Chapter Meeting ride and let's not forget coming out to supporting the MDA ride on June 14th.

Also as we head into June, your primary officers will be meeting to finalize plans for our fall picnic. I know that you will want to know the details and we are hoping that we can offer this to you at a "reduced" price this year. More details to follow at the June our meeting.

I hope you can find some time to get out and enjoy some of our upcoming rides, and also get a chance to participate in the Performance Harley Davidson 2nd Backyard BBQ on June 28th. Hope to see you all there!

So let's get out there and Ride Safe.

- Bill



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



Now the May meeting is over and the riding season is in full swing. So far this season I have made 2 dinner rides and an orientation ride. I must say that the ride leaders have put a lot of thought into planning these rides. They were scenic and fun. For those who have not attended a ride yet, plan on doing so. I am sure that you will enjoy the ride and the comradery.

Special thanks go out to all of our members that helped with demo days for our sponsoring dealer. From what Rich and Brian have told me, it was a success.



Getting on to the state rally, it is being held in Corning this year and Dick Davidson plans on attending. If you want to help out, get ahold of Dick and let him know.

On May 30th Debbie and I headed down to Finger Lakes H-D for their open house. Upon arrival we noticed that the place was packed with riders and motorcycles. The band was really good and playing great tunes. The food was too good to describe and there was plenty of it. As we entered

the store, we noticed Dave and Brian, Nate, Rich and several other employees running around making sure that all went smooth. After Debbie managed to spend some money (imagine that), Brian introduced us to Matthew S. Levatich the CEO of Harley-Davidson. This was a great pleasure to speak to him. He was very friendly and asked many questions about our chapter. I did manage to get my picture taken with him also, he tried very hard to get Debbie in the picture, but that did not work. We also met with Dave, the Director of the H.O.G Chapter, and conversed about teaming up with each other's chapters for rides this year. I do have a copy of their ride calendar if anyone wants a copy. This was a great experience and I will not forget it for a long time.



In closing please remember to support our sponsoring dealer and RIDE AND HAVE FUN.

ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



Looking ahead, it looks like June will be a fun month of good weather, enjoying some nice rides, getting some good eats on and hanging with our friends. Such a busy month planned that besides rides, there are no other special events planned.

We do have June Friday nights open, so anyone caring for a great fish fry dinner, please think about the Cicero American Legion – you might find a few of us down there about 7:00 PM on a couple of Friday nights.

Also, please keep your eyes peeled and minds open to any places you might think will be good for our September annual picnic. Pass on any places you would like us to check out.

And last – bone up on your Harley facts! Each meeting we have HOG Trivia, a chance for a discount on your meal or ice cream if you join in on one of our rides through the season.

Happy Horizon Hunting!

Mystery Ride Pics:



LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



Hi y'all,

Summer is nearly here and many of us have been riding for a while. We have had some good rides so far.

Rudy's last week was a beautiful evening on the water. Wish more of you came to enjoy the sun and the water.

There are rides going out a couple of time each week, so throw on your jacket and boots, and get out for a ride after work.

Here is a short article on commuting to work by motorcycle...using common sense:

Commute on a Motorcycle in Safety

By Jamie Anderson

Jamie is a freelance writer and editor from Oregon. This article is in Road Guardians.

So, you're thinking about commuting to work on a motorcycle. It makes good sense – according to ridetowork.org, commutes go quicker on two wheels. It's easier to find a parking space and you'll save a bunch of money on gas too.

Safety First

Avoid Blind Spots – You can't rely on other drivers to be careful. While you're focused on the ride to work, they're putting on make-up, yelling at the kids or talking on their phones. If you can't see the faces of

other vehicles' drivers in their mirrors, they can't see you. Be constantly aware of this fact.

It's OK to ride slightly faster than traffic is going to avoid sitting in someone's blind spot.

Plan for Mistakes

Anticipate that other drivers will make mistakes. They don't use their turn signals, maintain safe distances behind other vehicles or provide advance notice when they're ready to zip off the freeway. As a commuter on two wheels, it's vital you pay attention and plan for their driving mistakes.

Practice

Whether you're an experienced rider or recently bought a bike, you always want to be prepared. Find an empty parking lot, set up a few traffic cones and practice navigating them. After you're comfortable with your machine, drive the route to your job. Practice in a variety of weather conditions and during sunny and dark skies.

Be safe, look great, save money and time – what more could you ask for?

Ride smart, ride safe.

In the wind,

Terry Lynn Clark



SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



Your radio may be one distraction too many

By James R. Davis

When everything is going right, riding a motorcycle is effortless and completely enjoyable. By 'right' I mean that the weather is perfect, traffic is light, the bike is familiar and well maintained, and you are rested and healthy. Given these conditions you have the potential to focus entirely on those things that demand your attention - or to be lulled into believing that you can afford to be distracted FOCUS on the discrepancy. You PAY substantially more of your attention to it. And now you find that your ability to be attentive to many things at once has reached a limit!

For example, if you are driving down a freeway at 70 MPH and happen to notice that a truck some distance ahead of you has just blown a tire, then you will be so completely focused on that truck and what is around it as well as your reactions to that event that you will almost certainly no longer be able to notice the scenery to the side of the road, nor are those hot air balloons able to get your attention any longer, even if one of them were to fall out of the sky.

What we have discovered is that not only is there a limit to our ability to pay attention, but when our attention is

focused our ability to be alert to other things is diminished. THAT is dangerous!

When we have to focus on some aspect of our riding we are forced to diminish the wandering of our attention. For example, if it is raining and after dark we tend to narrow our visual focus and concentrate on what we see ahead of us. At this time we do not have the ability to let our attention wander very far for we have very little attention left. Indeed, if we then discover that we are lost the very first thing we will all do is to slow down so that speed is no longer consuming any of our attention - we have already exceeded our limits.

This is no time for us to have a radio on or be listening to a tape!

That is the message here:

In any situation in which you must focus your attention you must at the same time reduce as many distractions as possible.

- ▶ **If you are riding an unfamiliar bike, make sure the radio/tape is off and that you do not test any other limits (such as high speed or steep lean angles.)**
- ▶ **If traffic suddenly increases or becomes 'weird', hit your mute button and reduce speed if possible.**
- ▶ **If the weather suddenly turns bad, hit your mute button and reduce speed if possible.**

Clearly your radio can become one distraction too many.

HISTORIANS

By Garry and Marj Canino:



We had a little cookout by the lake last night. 11 friends came out to enjoy the nice weather and a little food on our back deck. The weather was with us. It was cool enough to ride comfortably but very nice sitting out on the back deck looking at the lake.



Dick and Steve enjoyed our rockers and the view. Dick made an awesome baked ziti. Garry was masterful at the grill with the hotdogs and polish sausage.



Garry led a short ride from PHD out to the lake just to get everyone's appetite going. It was wonderful to sit and chat with friends. Next year we might try it again and maybe more friends can come and enjoy? Marj Canino



Friends in the pictures are: Steve & Carol Knowles, Dick Davidson, Jeffery & Mari Mocyk, Mike & Cindy Standen, Lee & Pat Reney, Dave Ferguson, Marj & Garry Canino



HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



Due to the possibility of multiple posts going onto the Web site on any given day, pay attention to the daily

emails.

If multiple posts go up on a single day, they will all be shared via one email!

THEN AND NOW

History in the Making

By Garry Canino:

Performance Harley Davidson and the Syracuse Hog Club became part of history today, as two young ladies pulled into the Performance parking Lot around 10:30 on this Saturday morning.

Lisa Brouwer, and Kris Haase took it upon themselves to follow in the footsteps of two other trailblazing young women in an event that occurred exactly 100 years ago. Effie and Avis Hotchkiss a mother and daughter became the first women in history to ride from coast to coast on a motorcycle. Effie bought a 1915 Grey Fellow with a sidecar and on May 3 2015 they initiated their coast to coast ride.

You can get much more information than I can put in this article by going to numerous sites on the web and following their trip. Lisa and Kris left

Utica and plan on arriving in San Francisco on June 20th. One note of interest, they are carrying with them a bottle of water from the Atlantic Ocean to be poured into the Pacific Ocean, to memorialize their journey, joining the east coast with the west coast as did Effie and Avis 100 years ago.

Lisa and Kris were met at Performance by members of the “Ladies of Harley”, and were gladly welcomed. After initial introductions the questions and answers began. Of interest Lisa and Kris started this journey by themselves and are paying their own expenses, they had initially planned on renting bikes but after some initial communication with Harley Davidson the company graciously offered to give them the use of two Harley touring bikes to use for the trip, these they picked them up in New York City at the start of their journey.

Marj presented to two ladies with Performance pins purchased at the clothing desk. Bruno and Pat from Performance presented the ladies with dealer tee shirts.

Garry and Marj offered to buy the ladies lunch. Knowing that the ladies had a time table to keep, scheduled to be in Niagara Falls around three on their way to their final destination for the day at Erie PA. A quick call to “The Gem” diner and we were able to secure the back room, after a quick and refreshing lunch, the ladies were led to the Truway to continue their journey.

You can follow them via www.TheInspiredTour.com.

Upcoming Rides & Events

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

Date	Day	Ride Name	Leader	Time
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
07/07	Tuesday	Mystery Ride	Dan Marsh	6:00 PM
07/09	Thursday	Boom Boom Mex Mex	Jeff Moyck	6:00 PM
07/11	Saturday	Ithaca	John Snyder	9:00 AM
07/12	Sunday	Dansville	Rob Lancette	9:00 AM
07/15	Wednesday	Foggy Goggle	Marcella Becker	6:00 PM
07/16-18		NY HOG Rally		
07/17	Friday	PHD Bash for Nationals	PHD Event	(TBD)
07/18	Saturday	PHD Workshop	PHD Event	12:00 PM
07/19	Sunday	PHD Backyard BBQ	PHD Event	
07/19	Sunday	Chapter Meeting		10:00 AM
07/19	Sunday	The Fort in Morrisville	Mike Standen	11:00 AM
07/21	Tuesday	Greenwood Winery	Barb Snyder	6:00 PM
07/25	Saturday	Sticky Lips Henrietta	Bill Becker	10:00 AM
07/26	Sunday	Thirsty Moose	Dan Marsh	9:00 AM



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