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Ugly Sweater Contest/December Meeting

Thanks to everyone who participated at the December meeting.



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Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2015

By Debbie Yackel, Secretary:



The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Assistant Director Ken Yackel who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken then welcomed guests Jim and Betsy and new member Janine to today's meeting.

Health and Welfare – Joyce Cianciola is on the mend after her surgery. She is the wife of Bill Cianciola. Glad you're on the mend Joyce!

Guest speaker Bruno Schrippa joined us today to announce that he has moved into the Sales Manager position at PHD. Congratulations Bruno! Bruno and Rich Milazzo will be working closely together in the upcoming year with our club. Bruno then thanked all the volunteers who help out throughout the year at all the PHD functions and you deserve recognition for your efforts.

HOG Manager Rich Milazzo also thanked everyone for their support throughout the year and to bear with PHD on the new changes within the dealership and appreciates our continued loyalty. PHD is still trying to update their App and trying to launch a point system in February. As you attend HOG/PHD events you will acquire points towards discounts. Rich also wants to make sure PHD has your correct email and snail mail addresses.

Assistant Director Ken Yackel let everyone know that the tips he and Kevin Reney received at the PHD Holiday event has been deposited into the general fund. Ken also thanked all the volunteers who have helped out throughout the year. There will be a new password for the HOG website taking place in January. You will be emailed the new password if you are a paid HOG member.

Treasurer Marj Canino reported that we are in a good place moneywise but we are down. We don't want to fundraise just to ride and have fun.

Membership Officer Debbie Yackel reported that we ended the year with 159 paid members and we have a great start on renewals for 2016.

Road Captain Kevin Reney reported on posting on the HOG Facebook page. You can like our page but all posts must be approved.

Safety Officer Rob Gabor thanked everyone for a safe year. Activities Officers Cindy and Mike Standen passed around sign up sheets for the Chili Cook-off that will be held at PHD on

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January 30th. Other off season activities includes Bowling at Revolutions at Destiny February 28, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12.

Ladies of Harley Officer Terry Lynn Clark thanked everyone for the donations for the people on the 7th floor of the VA.

Community Service Officer Karen Whedon thanked everyone who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. Karen and the people from the Salvation Army were truly amazed by the donations they received this year. They will have pictures on their website. She also reminded us that it's volunteer time again for Travel Auc and Tel Auc. Karen had an ugly sweater contest on the last day of the Red Kettle drive and the winner of the UGLIEST SWEATER was Vicky Cole! Congratulations Vicky. Karen also continued it to today's meeting. The winner was Kevin Reney.

Rob Gabor reported for our Web Master Chris Blakley that there will be a new google calendar for the 2016 riding season.

Photographer Marcella Becker is preparing the year end CD and if you have any pictures please send them to her. Editor Rob Gabor is looking for more articles for the newsletter.

Historian Garry Canino is looking for past history of the HOG Club. He would like to put all the information on a thumb drive so it can be passed on to future Historians. Today's T-Shirt Bingo state was W. VIRGINIA. There were no winners and the pot increases to \$50.00

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM with 85 people in attendance.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



SYRACUSE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP CANNED FOOD DRIVE

HELPING TO FEED OTHERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Syracuse HOG chapter held a canned goods food drive for the benefit of the **Food Bank of CNY** during the months of November and December. We collected 4 full bags of canned and boxed foods



and on December 29, 2015 Kris Chaney, Karen Whedon and Debbie and Ken Yackel delivered the donated items to the Food Bank warehouse. We were met by Ed Hughes, a Food Bank worker, who was very helpful and thanked us for the donations.



As of June 2015, the food bank had distributed over 15,158,866 pounds of food and 12,632,388 meals which averaged out to 34,604 meals a day. With this in mind, I think it would be good for us to do a couple more of these drives during the year.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and see you at the January banquet.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Ken Yackel:



Now that the last meeting of the year has passed, its time to reflect on great memories of rides and events, I would like to thank all the Clubs officers and all the volunteers that helped throughout the year with Club and P.H.D.s events. All your hard work and efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Our December meeting had 89 attendees. It was a great feeling to some faces that we have not seen in a while. The 20 percent coupon that PHD presented to members in attendance was a big hit also. The activity in the showroom after the meeting looked like many members took advantage of the coupon.

Being that today is Christmas Day, I must say Happy Holidays to all with hopes that you all had a very Merry Christmas also. I must also thank Terry Lynn Clark and all the Ladies of Harley for all their efforts helping our local Veterans at the VA. I'd like to give a big thank you to Karen Whedon for the setup of ringing the bell and heading up all the volunteers, and also for the setting up the food drive for the local food bank.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2016 riding and event season. I hope to see you all at our annual dinner meeting. Our activities officers have put a lot of

work and effort into making this a great time for all.

In conclusion, let's remember all of Military men and women that are not home for the holidays and hope and pray for their safe return back home.



ACTIVITIES OFFICERS

By Cindy & Mike Standen:



Happy New Year Everyone! We hope everyone had an exciting & safe holiday season; we sure did – even if at this writing there STILL ISN'T ANY SNOW!

There are a couple of events coming up quick – our Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday 1/23/16 at Barbagallo's, 6344 E. Molloy Road, E. Syracuse. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:00. Please RSVP us at 466-8288 NO LATER THAN Saturday 1/16/16 as we have to give them a head-count. If you can't get a check in the mail ahead of time, we need to know that too. We are holding our Chinese Auction which is

always a lot of fun and there will also be 50/50 and some raffles – some pretty fine items if I may say so!

PHD is having their Chili Cook-off on Saturday, 1/30/16 Noon until 4:00 p.m. It is open to all HOG members, their families and friends. Anyone can enter a crock of their favorite chili and PHD is awarding some prizes to the winners. The chili is the main event. Pull out those recipes and give us a call to let us know you'll be participating. They'll need lots of chili for the crowd to enjoy. You will need to bring your chili in a crockpot with a ladle to serve it up. This is your chance to really 'talk it up' and come up with a nice prize! They ask that you be at PHD by 11:00 for setup. Also RSVP us so that we can let PHD know how many to expect.

We are also bringing back HOG BOWL at Revolutions Destiny USA. We had a great turnout last year. We are planning on Sunday, 2/28/16 starting at 1:00 p.m. This will be a Non-HOG event; friends & family are welcome. We plan on two hours of bowling, ball and shoe rental, four different appetizers and soda. Any other beverage is on you. The cost is \$25.00 per person, tax & tip included. Please give Deb Yackel a call at 727-1523 to RSVP ASAP if you are interested as we need to pay a deposit up front. Check the website and your emails for more details as they come about.



LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



Seasons Greetings and welcome to the New Year! Last fall as the Ladies of Harley officer I proposed we do some charity work in addition to having fun. We have been collecting hotel beauty items for a couple of years. Some were donated to Vera House. They are now in need of larger sizes due to storage problems. The last went to the VA after I contacted them about our next project. It was brought up at a meeting the HOG could serve our veterans in some way at Christmas. There are programs out there being researched. An active duty rider suggested Clear Path and the VA Hospital. They are local so I contacted them to see what we could do right away as Christmas was nearly upon us. Lisa Gualteri at the VA sent me a list of needs immediately. A blast went out to bring items to the December meeting. Our members responded and boxes were delivered by Karen Whedon, Cindy Standen and Ken Yackel before Christmas. This is a worthy local project that I would like to propose we support with contributions 6 times a year. The next collection date will be the February meeting. I will continue to look into other projects and share them at forthcoming meetings. Please know our veterans need help for basic health and beauty items, for recreational projects and supplies...scout around

your house for the projects, craft supplies, puzzles, books, and crafts that are sorely needed by our veterans. Every single magazine and puzzle helps. Remember there are ladies too. Bring them to our meetings and they will be going to a great cause. Support our "boys and girls" in the VA hospital.

On another subject dear to my heart, riding. I had an opportunity at Christmas to ride in Florida... Just letting you know, it was in the 80's and sunny. Spring IS coming in a few months and we will be back out on the road!

SAFETY OFFICER

By Rob Gabor:



Thank you everyone for a safe 2015. Let's have a safe 2016 and ride as much as possible. It's been a pleasure being the Safety Officer in 2015. Here's an article about first aid kits. Enjoy!

First Aid Kits

Does yours need a check-up?

By Elaine Anthony

Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? Many riders probably carry kits which were purchased to meet

a perceived safety requirement (or to qualify for a safe-riding badge), but if you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it.

What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I hate to say it, but band-aids ain't gonna help much, folks.

I was lucky enough to take a First Aid course a couple of years ago with some of the best EMS people I've ever met, at the home of our Assistant CDs for GWTA Chapter "I", Kathy and John Holly. The team who taught the course had handled serious accidents on a daily basis -- in fact, the woman in charge told me it was rare for them to be on the job for a shift without having to perform CPR at least once -- and they had come upon a number of accidents involving motorcyclists. They stressed several things that have really stuck in my mind.

- ▶ **Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.**
- ▶ **Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without**

fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.

- ▶ A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.
- ▶ I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often, directly to the wound.
- ▶ It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it is helpful to

put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and debris in the eye can often be relieved by this, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)

- ▶ In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together), while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.
- ▶ Those who haven't taken a CPR or First Aid class in a while might be interested to know that the American Heart Association guidelines on CPR have been changing gradually. The last time I took one (about 14 months ago), I found that the procedure was not exactly the same as what I'd been taught in my previous courses. But all these courses do strongly

recommend that a person who is going to administer CPR have a barrier available to protect them from the bodily fluids of the injured party. This may be a plastic gadget that looks like a kitchen gripper, with a hole in it for a breathing tube, or a more sophisticated mask that can keep a rescuer's face and lips away from the injured party while he or she breathes for the person who's down. These items are inexpensive and are available at medical supply shops, but I've yet to see a commercial First Aid kit that comes with one.

- ▶ **Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on a serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.**

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what NOT to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

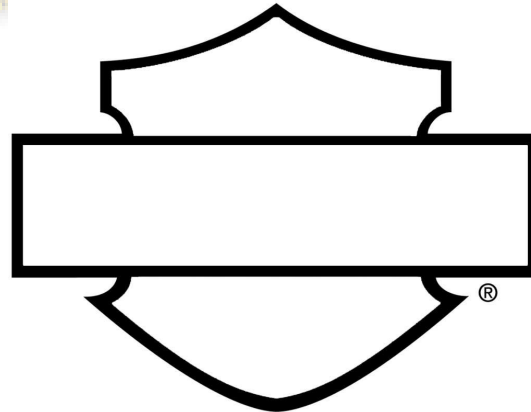
HISTORIAN

By Garry Canino:



We just want to take this opportunity now that were at the end of 2015 and at the beginning of a brand new year 2016, to say "Thanks" to all of you for your friendship during our turns as Historian and Treasurer for the club and in the past years that we have been club members.

I feel that the club is our extended "family", we not only enjoy the riding, "only wish we could do more it", but also the other activities associated with the club, including our involvement with events at Performance, such as demo days and the open houses.



We also look forward to associating with our members, as we get ready for a new year and all that keeps the club going. I'm mindful of all of the hours that it takes to keep our club strong.

We are looking forward to a great and safe 2016

Sincerely,

Garry & Marj Canino



Dear club members,

As I mentioned at the last meeting, to the best of my knowledge, as a club we do not have a lot of written history, at best it's piecemeal.

I am willing to put together and organize the history of our club. I need your help; probably the best place to start is with the "High Road". Kevin Reney has gotten back to me and said that he has copies that go back to 2009, Rob Gabor is looking into the issues that may or may not be available on our web site.

If any of you have any bits of club history however small, that we could incorporate into our "archives" it would be greatly appreciated. I'm willing to make copies and you can certainly have the originals back.

I can be reached at Garrybsms@aol.com or home phone; 767-2345, if I'm not home please leave

a message with your name and a phone No. You can also contact me on my cell 430-0707.

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By Kevin Reney:



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year....

Remember that the Ride Planning Meeting is 2/21/2016.

Please make plans to stay after the meeting to share your ideas for ride destinations. Even if you do not want to lead a ride, please plan to stay and help us plan the Years ADVENTURES. Hope to see you all there. Remember, this club is for all of us, so come to the meeting and help us with the Fun Planning... If you can't make the meeting, you can email your ideas to: roadcaptain@syracusehog.com.



MEMBERSHIP

By Debbie Yackel:



Get your renewals in now for 2016!

There will be four (4) winners of a "FREE" 2017 membership to Syracuse HOG! Drawing was on December 31st and winners will be announced at the annual Dinner Banquet in January!

HAPPY FEBRUARY HOG BIRTHDAY TO:

12 JOHN KRESSE
21 JENNIFER MARSH

HELPING VETERANS

By Karen Whedon:



LADIES OF HARLEY

HELPING OUR VETERANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Terry Lynn Clark, our Ladies of Harley officer asked the members of Syracuse HOG to bring in personal hygiene items, such as soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and other items such as t-shirts, books, DVD's and crossword puzzles to be distributed to the many needy patients at the Syracuse Veterans Hospital in time for Christmas.

The members of HOG responded generously and on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 Ken Yackel, Cindy Stanton and Karen Whedon delivered 2 boxes and 2 bags full of the requested items.

Syracuse VA Volunteer coordinator Lisa Gualtieri and Paco Valle met us and accepted the donations on behalf of the VA. They were very grateful and appreciative.

Thank you HOG people for supporting this worthy cause.





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