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Ride pics from August 22, 2016

Green Shutters ride from Performance H-D.



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Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2016

By Cindy Standen:



The meeting came to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members & Guests: Four new members were present. They introduced themselves and we shared with them about our website and Facebook page.

Health & Welfare: No news is good news.

HOG Manager: Rich Milazzo was not present.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Piston shared that the membership tags which people had requested were in and they could get them from her \$8.00. She is also noting anyone who hasn't requested one but would like them. They need to be ordered in lots of 12 so when that's met, she'll place another order. Also our Annual Picnic tickets are \$15 for Members which she is collecting for.

Membership: We are at 141 current members and are up to date with our quarterly reporting to HOG National.

Head Road Captain: Unfortunately due to Kirk Wilson's workload, he needs to step down as our Head Road Captain. John Kresse is stepping up to that position. John mentioned again about next year's Canadian HOG Rally which he is planning on pulling together a trip for. Also today's ride is cancelled due to rain. Monday's ride to Green Shutters in Auburn is being picked up by John Snyder as Terry Lynn cannot make it. That ride will be leaving 8/22/16 at 5:30 from PHD.

Safety Report: Steve Knowles has been putting some really good, informative articles in our monthly newsletter that are worth reading up on.

Activities: Kristine is gearing up for our Annual Picnic on 8/18/16 after our September monthly meeting. She along w/Joanne, is collecting for it. Also anyone interested in helping out with the event should see her soon. Coming up is PHD's Pre-Party Open House on Thursday 9/15/16. There should be some incentives for HOG Members that evening. The Open House event will be Saturday 9/17/16 and anyone who would like to help PHD out with that are encouraged to do so. PHD Demo Day is set for Saturday 9/24/16 with hotdogs for all, again any helpers are welcomed.

Ladies of Harley: Terry Lynn again mentioned our drive for items to benefit the veteran's at the VA Hospital. Please bring in NEW clothing items, games, toiletries, etc. This is a

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quarterly event that LOH has taken on this past year and the VA is very appreciative of what we can do for them.

Community Service & Photographer: Karen Whedon also reminded everyone of our food drive to benefit the Food Bank. She'll be packing up all our items we've brought in and deliver them later this week. And although a bit early, start planning your ugly sweater for this year's Red Kettle Drive here at PHD in December.

Webmaster & Editor: Well, Rob Gabor sold his bike and bought a Jeep! He should have plenty of time now for some creative work on our newsletter! Keep those articles coming in. Anyone can submit one. Share the fun you've had on some of your own personal rides and places you've visited along the way.

Historian: GIVE IT TO GARRY! Garry Canino wants anything you might come across that gives some insight to HOG history.

Old Business: Nothing to share.

New Business: Besides the upcoming PHD & HOG events mentioned earlier, nothing to share.

T-shirt Bingo: Wyoming was picked, no winner this month either so we are up to \$60.

Pig Pot: We raised \$133 with \$66.50 of that going to Patti Reith.

Motion was made and the meeting was adjourned.



DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



After going to the HOG Member preview for the Open House and Milwaukee 8 reveal, I must say I am impressed. The few

bikes they had left to show us really had some nice changes. A few members of the club have already stepped up to the plate. I can't wait to hear what they have to say over the next few weeks. They seem to be very impressive so far with the increased power, and new looks. Good luck to those of you that have jumped on the band wagon. I hope to hear some wonderful things. I must say, that new Orange as well as the new Green, are some very appealing colors.

New Shark in the Future ??????????

TREASURER

By Joanne Piston:



At 8/31 our bank balance stood at \$2596.83.

Our August income was \$401.50, which included picnic, dues and pig pot proceeds.

August expenses, which included some picnic costs and other miscellaneous items, were \$282.17.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information on the details

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

By John Kresse:



Greetings all HOG members.

I hope everyone has had a spectacular summer of riding. The month of August ended and September has started with an absolutely amazing stretch of fantastic riding weather. Cool mornings, warm afternoons and later on, cool evenings. It doesn't get much better than this.

You may have already noticed the days getting shorter and sadly, it's just not your imagination. As much as I don't wish to admit it, they are.

With that in mind, I'd like to throw out a few thoughts about riding into the evenings of things I've learned over the years. Obviously, you have to adjust a lot of your techniques for dusk and night riding but here a couple ideas you may wish to keep in mind.

In one of my early newsletter contributions, I mentioned that the guy (car) in front of you, while important to

pay attention to, I think it's the vehicle in front of *him* to put a little more effort into keeping track of. Here's how. Mostly, we sit a little higher and can look through the car's front and rear windows and keep a look out for changes. If we can see that guys brake lights for example, a few seconds sooner instead of waiting for the car in front of you to react, that's all the better for us.

Secondly, as it's getting darker and say now, the vehicle in front of you is an SUV, you can't employ the 'ole "look-through-the-other-guys-windows" trick. Interestingly enough, pavement is a bit reflective. You can still pay attention to upcoming braking situations by looking for the reflections of the car, truck, whatever in front of the SUV be watching the road *under* the SUV.

For oncoming traffic, in a hilly or curvy situation, look for the approaching headlights reflections on the telephone and power lines along the road.

The overall point is, the sooner you can be prepared for traffic, the better.

Lastly, remember to keep us in mind if we can help out with a ride; planning or leading or for ideas.

That's all for now. Ride safe everyone.



SAFETY OFFICER

By Steve Knowles:



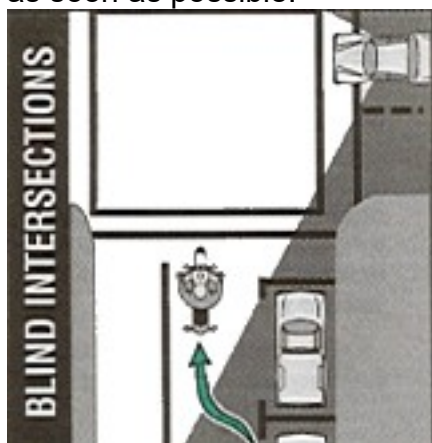
Some of the best riding of the season is upon us; lets' enjoy it!

As the Sun lowers its self in the sky, it's evident the season is changing, cool morning and warm COLORFUL riding days will soon be upon us. You may also find the sun in your eyes more often as well. Here's an advance-level riding tip that I'd like to share. This was developed to block the sun at those unique times of day where the blinding sun often finds its way into your vision. To start, choose the style of helmet (available at PHD) with a retractable clear face-shield that's an integral part of the helmet and has the ability to position the clear face-shield at almost any vertical angle. Adhering a one inch wide piece of black vinyl on the very bottom edge of the clear face-shield, creates a narrow sun-block band that could quickly be positioned to block the blinding sun with a simply vertical flick of the face shield, either up or down as necessary. When the clear face shield is positioned fully up or fully down, the black vinyl is virtually out of sight. A \$2 'pool liner locking clip' available at almost any pool store, makes an excellent sun-block band.

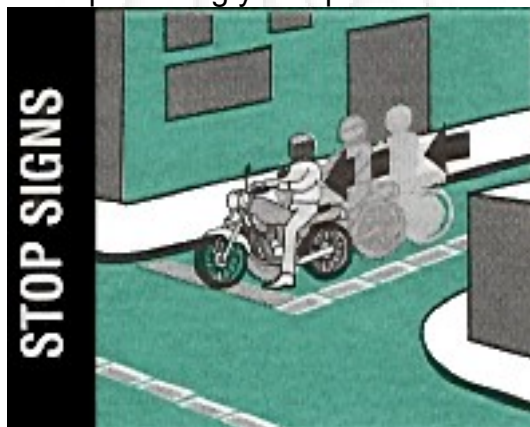
Blind Intersections

from
NYS DMV Ride at your Abilities

If you approach a blind intersection, move to the portion of the lane that will bring you into another driver's field of vision at the earliest possible moment. In this picture, the rider has moved to the left portion of the lane — away from the parked car — so the driver on the cross street can see him as soon as possible.

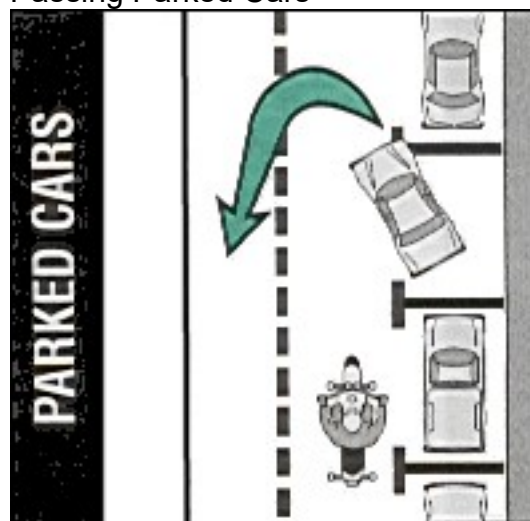


Remember, the key is to see as much as possible and remain visible to others while protecting your space.



If you have a stop sign or stop line, stop there first. Then edge forward and stop again, just short of where the cross-traffic lane meets your lane. From that position, lean your body forward and look around buildings, parked cars, or bushes to see if anything is coming. Just make sure your front wheel stays out of the cross lane of travel while you're looking.

Passing Parked Cars



When passing parked cars, stay toward the left of your lane. You can avoid problems caused by doors opening, drivers getting out of cars, or people stepping from between cars. If oncoming traffic is present, it is usually best to remain in the center-lane position to maximize your space cushion.

A bigger problem can occur if the driver pulls away from the curb without checking for traffic behind. Even if he does look, he may fail to see you. In either event, the driver might cut into your path. Slow down or change lanes to make room for someone cutting in. Cars making a sudden U-turn are the most dangerous. They may cut you off entirely, blocking the whole roadway and leaving you with no place to go. Since you cannot tell what a driver will do, slow down and get the driver's attention. Sound your horn and continue with caution.

TEST YOURSELF

Making eye contact with other drivers:

- A. Is a good sign they see you.
- B. Is not worth the effort it takes.

- C. Doesn't mean that the driver will yield.
- D. Guarantees that the other driver will yield to you.

Answer: C

MEMBERSHIP



By Mike Piston:



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new HOG members:

- Maria Filippi
- Richard Filippi
- Theresa Johnson



The following members National HOG memberships are about to expire:

- September:
- Steve Berube
 - Anna Davidson
 - William Killgore

- September 3 Ed Van Auken
- 10 Robert Stratton
- 12 Mari Lynn Mocyk
- 16 Gary Canino
- 16 George Fields
- 18 Deborah Poppe
- 20 Vicky Cole
- 23 Carl Barber
- 28 William Killgore
- 28 Stephen Poppe
- 29 Jason Sutliff



- October 1 Michael Bell
- 1 Walter Bialobreski
- 4 Carmen Rinaldo
- 7 Cathy Damiano
- 8 Richard Filippi
- 8 Theresa Johnson.
- 16 Robert Llewellyn
- 17 Patti Reith
- 26 Mark Jezerski
- 31 Paul Killian

Remember - If your National HOG Membership expires, so does your Local Membership to Syracuse HOG and you will be removed from the roster.



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