



From the Director's Desk

By Art Persons

Hello ADK HOG! Two months have passed since our last meeting. I wanted to thank LouAnn and Mike Bala for running the Christmas & Awards Party. Sounds like everyone had fun! If you were not able to attend and are due a pin, we will have them at the chapter meeting. Donna and I flew to Kentucky to help celebrate our daughter Maria's wedding. We had a nice time during our quick visit.

Jill Hunt, Donna Persons and I shopped for the Chapter's Christmas Family after we returned home. Thanks Jill!



Kathy Calhoun, Doug Hudson, Tracy Stowell, Jill, Linda Nestuk, Donna and I wrapped gifts and ate dinner at Panera. After some grocery shopping, Donna delivered the goods to our Family. They were very happy with everything the Chapter did. Then we were off to Kentucky again for Christmas.

At our last meeting we held elections for our 2018 officers. I made some mistakes on the ballot.

The only contested position was for secretary. My mistakes were: I had Mike Bala and Brian Irwin running for Assistant Director & Head Road Captain. Mike had declined his nomination for assistant director and Brian had declined for Head Road Captain.

The current 2018 officer lineup is:

- Director: Art Persons
- Assistant Director & Safety Officer: Brian Irwin
- Treasurer & Membership: Bob Leombruno
- Secretary: Tina Gibbs
- Head Road Captain & Historian: Mike Bala
- Photographer: Bruce Tubbs
- LOH, Sunshine, & Activities: Donna Persons
- Dealer Representative: Alise McDermott
- Newsletter Editor & Webmaster: LouAnn Bala

Thanks to our outgoing officers Ken Carpenter, Jake Delgaudio, Lou Hall and Mike Bala (Assistant Director).

The Road Captains will be getting together soon to plan our 2018 Schedule. Anyone can lead a ride, so if you have a favorite ride, lunch, dinner or ice cream stop, join us & lead a ride! Rumor has it that quite a few old favorites will be back on the

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schedule as well as The Iron Adventure, & 115th H.D. Birthday celebration.

The Ladies of Harley sponsored a Chili Cook-off on Jan. 13. We had 7 great Chilis entered in the contest.



Third Place: Kathy Calhoun (left), Second Place: Alicia Thompson (middle), and First place: Donella Fisher (right). Check out Donella's winning recipe in this newsletter. Congrats everyone! Thanks to everyone who competed and attended. All proceeds benefitted our Christmas Families.

Sunday brunches are very popular again this year. The brunches can be found on the facebook events page, monthly newsletter and website events section.



That's it for now!

Events and Activities

by Donna Persons

Upcoming Brunches

All Brunches are held at 11am

- Sun., Jan. 28-Old Fort Diner, East St. Ft Edward
- Sun., Feb. 4- Coaches Corner (formerly Maude's & Squires) Rte. 9 SGF
- Sun., Feb. 11- Kerrie's Northway Diner, Corinth Rd., GF (exit 18 Northway)
- Sun., Feb. 18- Chapter Meeting, Saratoga Elks. Come early for breakfast!
- Sun., Feb. 25- Cabins Café, Rte. 4 Hudson Falls

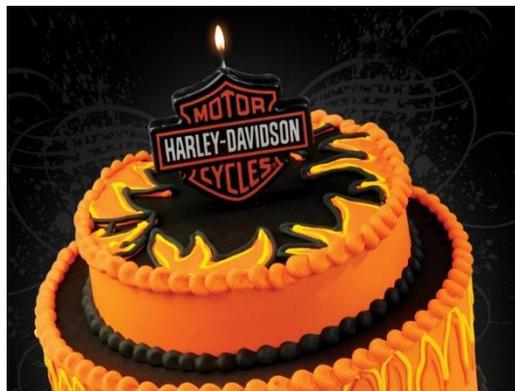


Chili Cook-Off 2018

Happy Birthday!

January & February Birthdays

- John Borton
- Pierre Fonda
- Jodie Irwin
- John Krappman
- Harold McCleery
- Marth Morrissey
- Linda Nestuk
- Nancy & Bill Novotny
- Andrew Stowell
- William Whitbeck



Donella Fisher's Award Winning "Sweet" Chili



- ✓ 2 to 3 lbs ground turkey
- ✓ 1 onion
- ✓ 2 lg cans of crushed tomatoes
- ✓ 2 sm cans of diced tomatoes w/ garlic and basil
- ✓ 3 cloves of garlic
- ✓ 2 to 3 tbsp of chili powder
- ✓ 3 to 4 tbsp of Mrs. Dash
- ✓ 2 tbsp of parsley

Brown onion and garlic, add turkey. Add some seasonings to turkey while browning. Put all in crock pot, set to low, for 5-6 hrs.

You can add more seasoning to your taste. Enjoy!



Assistant Director and Safety Officer

by Brian Irwin

As we settle into another long northeast freeze, I would like to take a few moments as your newly elected Assistant Director and Safety Officer to pen a few thoughts. First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to serve as an officer in this organization that I have come to believe is a very worthwhile and fun-loving group. Before joining HOG, I was previously active in other riding clubs, mostly military or veteran oriented. What I found intriguing with HOG was the only real common denominator and only goal of its members was "RIDE"; we ride, no matter what, we ride. We often ride for a purpose, whether we are supporting a local family, delivering toys, supporting a member who needs some help, or any other very noble cause. Another unique thing with HOG is our membership comes from different backgrounds, different lifestyles, and different beliefs. We bring together views and stories that vary from ride to ride. The only requirements needed; a Harley, a love of wind blowing in your face, and a willingness to enjoy the company of others while safely riding.

As for our goals for 2018, your Officers have already been at work arranging what we hope will be another great riding season. We have been working closely with the staff at McDermott's HD to make sure our group and our sponsoring dealership are on the same page when it comes to keeping this organization a great group which will be around for us, and our children to enjoy, for years to come. With that in mind I have been working with Alise and Jay at McDermott's to come up with some ideas for recruitment of new members. With the restructuring of our web page, I hope to bring the next generation of Harley riders in. We have listened to our members and will be setting up a good number of rides this year to better suit our members who prefer either longer or shorter rides while still doing our best to provide fresh scenes. I hope to

work with our dealership to get as many active members as possible into our group and plan to advertise what we are all about to that next generation of members by both word of mouth and social media.

I wanted to get a quick note out with regard to bike storage. For those of you who did not get your bike into storage yet, here are few quick tips before its too late. Make sure your bike is ready to roll as soon as mother nature lets us ride.

1. Top off the tank

After putting some fresh fuel in the tank, add the recommended amount of fuel stabilizer to keep the gas from deteriorating and leaving a brown layer of muck in your fuel system. Turn that baby on and let it run for a few minutes so the treated fuel can cycle through.

2. Fill up your fluids

Double-check your bike's brake, clutch, and coolant fluids, replacing or refilling if necessary. Remember to always use the type and amount of fluid recommended in your HD manual.

Since we live in a place where temperatures frequently reach sub-zero, if you have a bike that has coolant, check it to keep that engine from freezing. Lube up the throttle, kickstand, shifter, and clutch cables to prevent moisture accumulation and rust (but be careful not to get lube on the tires).

3. Oust old oil

Over time, a running engine's oil transitions from a clean, golden fluid to dirty, black muck. The contaminants in old oil can corrode engine parts and do some serious damage over the course of a few months. Change the oil and filter before storing your ride to avoid a sticky situation later on.

4. Conserve your battery's charge

Some motorcycles experience a slight battery drain (even when the ignition's off), in order to maintain things like your clock and radio presets. You can remove the battery from your bike altogether and trickle charge it all winter. Or, if you prefer to keep things in one package, you can store your bike with a fully-charged battery. If you choose the latter, just give the battery a charge once a month while it's not being used. Last choice, if your spouse will let you, you could just park your bike in the living room (not allowed in my house).

5. Tend to your tires

If you can store your bike with the tires off the ground, that's great. Taking the weight off your wheels is the ideal way to avoid flat spots or uneven wear. If you don't have the right setup for off the ground storage, fill your tires to the maximum recommended volume, and remember to rotate the tires once a week to keep the flat spots away.

6. Wax on, rust off

The metal on your motorcycle tends to accumulate moisture, which can cause rust if your bike is left unattended for an extended period. Washing, thoroughly drying, and then waxing your ride before putting it away for the winter will prevent corrosion and other damage. Spray your exhaust pipes with WD-40 to keep moisture and rust away. For extra protection, stuff a clean towel or

some crumpled up plastic bags into the intake and exhaust pipes to keep water and critters out.

7. Pick a place for your ride to rest

Sunlight can damage leather and cause paint to fade, so if you have a window in your garage, try to park your motorcycle in a cool, dark corner. Go a step further with a fitted, breathable cover that'll prevent dings and scratches and protect your motorcycle from dust, grime, and moisture.

Tuck your bike in gently, and it will be ready to roll out of the garage and down the road in the spring.

Head Road Captain: Ride Schedule

by Mike Bala

Road Captains will be getting together this week! Here's some dates to hold:

- Bike Week March 8th- March 20th
- Bike Blessing and start of mileage contest is April 28th
- New to our schedule, working with McDermott's, Toys for Tots May 20th
- Rolling Thunder May 24th-May 28th
- Laconia Ride June 13th-June 17th
- River Run June 22nd-June 24th
- HOG Iron Adventure New England, August 2nd- August 5th
- 115th Anniversary and HOG 35th Birthday in Milwaukee is August 30th- September 2nd
- Maine Toy Run September 8th-September 10th

We are always looking for road captains! We are especially in need of any members that would like to lead local or midweek rides.



Kara's Corner

by Kara Woomer

What's New!!! Join us for our annual ChowderFest!



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Lou's News! Website and Newsletter Editor

by LouAnn Bala

We are in the process of taking down the old website and building our new. This is new for me so please be patient with me...ADKHOG.com is up and running. All events will be updated on the website and newsletter as they are made available. If you have an event you would like to include, please let me know by email balalouann@gmail.com, facebook messenger or texting 518-321-2056. Anyone interesting in submitting articles, or who would like to help with the website, please let me know!

November Meeting Minutes: Secretary Report

Please note Changes per Director: Art Persons

by Tina Gibbs

ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220 Fort Ann, NY

November 2017 Minutes

Primary Officers in Attendance: Art Persons, Director

Mike Bala-Assistant Director

Tina L. Gibbs, Secretary

Ken Carpenter, Treasurer,

- *10:08am Call to order-Saratoga Springs Elks Club*
- *Pledge of Allegiance*
- *Welcome to new members*
- *Moment of Silence for Boone*

Officers Reports:

- *Secretaries Report, (Always in the newsletter to save time at meetings)*
- *Treasures Report, Ken Carpenter*
- *Assistant Director, Mile Bala*
 - *Withdraw his name for 2018 Assistant Director*
- *Head Road Captain, Mike Bala*
 - *Milwaukee trip, Mike will be staying at the Doubletree Hotel, about 12 to 15 miles out, rates run \$171 to \$189. Art will be staying at the Motel 6, not to far away, the Motel 6 has a much lower rate.*
 - *Rides for next season: People are asking for shorter rides. Maybe we should do 2 rides the same day, one short and one long. Suggestions, please talk to Mike Bala.*
 - *Interested in being a Road Captain, also see Mike Bala.*
- *Membership, Bob Leombruno*
 - *Can pay 2018 memberships at any time.*
- *Ladies of Harley, Sunshine & Activities, Donna Persons*
 - *Christmas party, December 2, Sweet Basil's, Queensbury, \$35 per person. Please let Donna know ASAP. (Donna and Art unable to attend. Their daughter is getting married!)*
 - *Brunch schedule set for a few weeks*
 - *Shopping for the Christmas families, December 7th, 6pm, Wal-Mart. Wrapping at Panera on December 14th, at 6pm.*
 - *Any interest in doing a chili cookoff???? Yes, January 13th, McDermott's, 11am. You will need to provide small cups for tasting.*
- *Newsletter Editor, Lou Ann Bala, Absent, (just became a new grandmother)!*
- *Photographer, Bruce Tubbs. Absent*

OLD BUSINESS

- *Voting for 2018 officers, nominations are:*
 - *Director, Art Persons*
 - *Assistant Director, Brian Irwin (changed)*
 - *Head Road Captain, Mike Bala (changed)*
 - *Secretary, Tina Gibbs and Donella Fisher*
 - *Treasurer, Bob Leombruno*
 - *Historian, Mike Bala*
 - *Safety Officer, Brian Irwin*
 - *LOH & Activities, Donna Persons*
 - *Newsletter Editor & Web Master, Lou Ann Bala*
 - *Membership Officer, Bob Leombruno*

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

- *Voting Results:*
 - *Director, Art Persons*
 - *Assistant Director, Brian Irwin (changed)*
 - *Head Road Captain, Mike Bala (changed)*
 - *Secretary, Tina Gibbs*
 - *Treasurer, Bob Leombruno*
 - *Historian, Mike Bala*
 - *Safety Officer, Brian Irwin*
 - *LOH & Activities, Donna Persons*
 - *Newsletter Editor & Web Master, Lou Ann Bala*
 - *Membership Officer, Bob Leombruno*
- *Wreaths across America, discussion, pick-up of the wreaths if always needed,*

NEW BUSINESS

- *HOT, 4 locations this spring. Any officers interested in going? Or members?*
- *Harley has some new, or changes mileage programs, be sure to check on those.*
- *Wayne suggests we show a presence at Americade. He also discussed a Battlefield Tour.*

Adjournment, 11am