



## From the Director's Desk By Art Persons



CHECK OUT KARA'S CORNER FOR SHOP NEWS...



Hello Adirondack HOG! Spring is only 5 weeks away! Less than 1 month till Daytona Bike Week! Some of our members are already in Florida enjoying 80-degree days.



Daytona Bike Week 2015

The ride schedule is done and is included in this newsletter.

There are some good rides planned as usual, along with returning favorites like Rolling Thunder, The River Run, Alma's Ride, Daytona, (spring & fall), Laconia, & Americade.



Almas Ride 2017

I'm sure that the Nation of Patriots Flag Ride will happen again this year, also.



Nation of Patriots Ride 2017

Check facebook and the ride schedule on the website for motel info for the overnight trips are filling fast for the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, so check that out soon.

Rooms for the Iron Adventure in Sunday River Maine are also filling fast.



HOG Revolution Rally 2017

Chapter Sunday Brunches have had some record setting numbers. Donna reports 22 members were at the Olde Fort Diner. See Donna's Stuff for the remaining brunches into April.



That is about it for now. I'll see you at brunch or our next meeting, Art P.

**Let's Ride!**

## Events and Activities

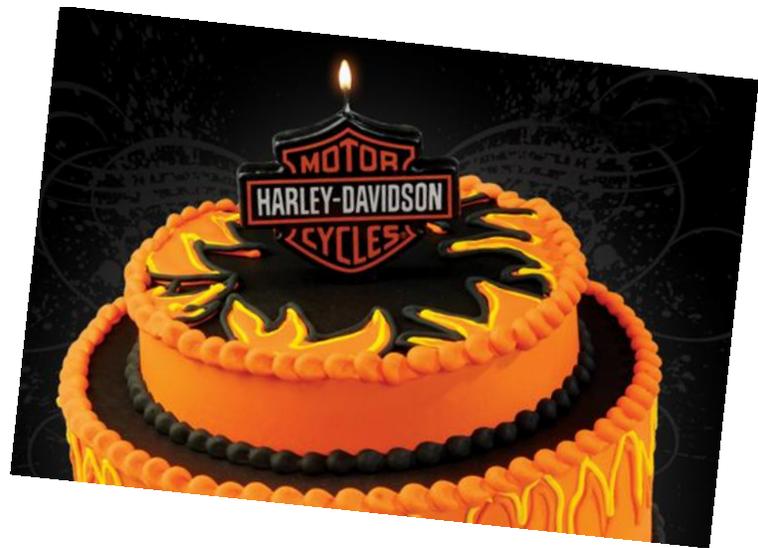
by Donna Persons

### Upcoming Brunches

All Brunches are held at 11am

#### UPCOMING EVENTS & BRUNCHES:

- Sun., Feb. 25- Cabins Café, Rte. 4 Kingsbury. (Just north of Dix Ave.on left)
- Sun., Mar. 4- Peppermill, Rte. 9, SGF
- Sun., Mar. 11- Phat Chix, Rte. 4 & John Street, Hudson Falls
- Sun., Mar. 18- NO BRUNCH! CHAPTER MEETING, Saratoga Elks Lodge
- Sun., Mar. 25- Rathbun's Sugar House, N. Graville
- Sat., Mar.31- CABIN FEVER PARTY at McDermott's/ LOH Bakesale!
- Sun., Apr. 1- HAPPY EASTER! NO BRUNCH!
- Sun., Apr. 8- Scotty's, Northway Exit 16
- Sun., Apr. 15- NO BRUNCH! CHAPTER MEETING! Saratoga Elks
- Sun., Apr. 22- Ambrosia Diner, Northway Exit 19. LAST BRUNCH OF SEASON!
- Sun., Apr. 29- LOH BIKE BLESSING. Start of 2018 Mileage Contest!



## Happy Birthday!!!

### February Birthdays

Kathy Calhoun  
Stacey L. Delgaudio  
John Krappman  
Harold McCleery  
Nancy Novotny  
Mark Stipano  
William Whitbeck

### March Birthdays

George Barbiero  
Doug Hudson

### April Birthdays

Emmet Bailey  
LouAnn Bala  
Art Persons  
Wanda Rouley

*If you do not see your birthday here we may not have that information from your membership form or we may have missed you inadvertently. If you would like to be included in these announcements please let us know.*

## Assistant Director and Safety Officer

by Brian Irwin



For those who missed it, on February 2, 2018, at 7:25 AM, Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow, hence cursing us with another six weeks of winter. For those of us that can't head South to avoid the winter misery, I have come up with a much easier way to tell if Spring (and our riding season) is here yet. Just walk out the front door of your house, take ten steps left, right, or straight. If, in any of those directions you find yourself standing in several feet of snow, Winter is still here! Just because we are all still house bound doesn't mean we can't keep that riding mindset active. For those of you who have access to either the "Adirondack HOG" Facebook page, the "<http://adkhog.com/>" website, the Google Calendar, or attend the brunch and get a copy of the newsletter from Art, you will see your road captains have been very busy putting together the 2018 ride schedule. I caution you, the schedule stays flexible right up until we are on the bikes for a ride, so make sure you check for the latest updates. With the Daytona Bike Week less than a month out, our bike blessing opener only two months out, and the Rolling Thunder trip just three months out, it is time to get those reservations made so you don't have to sleep in the woods (unless, like Art, you like sleeping in the woods). It is much easier to cancel a hotel reservation than it is to make one in a completely booked hotel. Our ride schedule has contact information for all overnight stays currently planned, including the only HOG rally planned for the Northeastern United States this year.

For those not aware, HOG has combined rallies to include several states at each rally location. This year, our rally is being held in Newry, Maine, August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, at the Sunday River ski resort. Hotels are booking fast, so if you are thinking of attending, book now! Several club members already booked at the River View Resort, [1-877-954-7548](tel:1-877-954-7548), 357 Mayville Road, Bethel, Main; located 4 miles or 7 minutes from

the rally site. With the HOG discount it is \$129 a night and a 50% deposit was required. There may still be rooms on site at Sunday River, however, they were a bit pricy. If you are going, a good option for dinner has been posted on the rally Face Book page and shared on our FB page.

Dinners are provided by the South Ridge Lodge Chef's and prices include tax and gratuity. It does not matter where you are staying you can still purchase the dinners. Call [800-207-2365](tel:800-207-2365) to be included in the dinner package. All pre-paid dinners will take place at the South Ridge Lodge at the Sunday River Ski Resort. Dinner will be served anytime from 5:30-7:00 PM. There is a cost of \$69 for all three nights or you can purchase individual nights. Thursday night dinner cost is \$20. Friday night is \$20. Saturday night will be \$29. The cancellation policy is 100% refund two weeks prior to the rally. Thursday Dinner - Grilled BBQ Chicken, Mac 'N Cheese, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Cornbread, Chef's choice dessert. Friday Dinner - Sliced Glazed Ham, Honey Blueberry Chicken, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Buttered Biscuits, Chef's choice dessert. Saturday Dinner - "Meat Festival" - Grilled Chicken Quarters, Pulled Pork, BBQ Beef Brisket, Sausage Links, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn Bread w/butter, Chef's choice dessert.

At the January meeting, I mentioned I was investigating some options for safety training for our members. I ran into a few road blocks regarding this search, as the only group authorized to provide motorcycle safety training by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles is the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). MSF has a few local training sites. One, through a company called Adirondacks & Beyond Motorcycle Safety, LLC., which operates out of SUNY Adirondack and SUNY Canton. Another, available through a group associated with Hudson Valley Community College, known as Capital Area Motorcycling School, Inc. Both offer training which meets MSF standards. For our members on the Vermont side of the border I would recommend checking out the DMV site: (<http://dmv.vermont.gov/licenses/driver-training/driver-training-schools>). There are multiple schools who offer basic and advanced classes which meet MSF standards. Cost varies for each state but is capped by state law at a maximum amount. For a basic course, plan on \$185 to \$275 for 18 hours of training consisting of both classroom and a lot of seat time. Most training sites also offer shorter 'refresher' and 'orientation' type classes which some of you may also find beneficial. I have never spoke to anyone who has taken a course and had them say it didn't make them a better rider, even those who had been riding for a long time. After contacting the owner/director and getting a lot of questions answered, I will be attending the first basic rider course scheduled for this April put on by Adirondacks & Beyond Motorcycle Safety. If all works out, I will be attending the next instructor course offered and will have plenty more safety knowledge to pass on to our membership. If all the stars line up, I am hoping to have some form of scaled down demonstration and participation safety course at our picnic in August. Speaking of the picnic, does anyone not like BBQ?

As a final note, after you get through the rest of the newsletter, make sure you go pull that cover off your bike and give it a quick hug. He or she misses you just as much as you are missing riding. While you're there, look it over and make sure no critters decided to fill your exhaust with their winter storage of food. Or maybe that was just mine!! Damn little mice bastards!!

Thanks for your time and stay safe,

Your Assistant Director & Safety Officer Brian Irwin



## Head Road Captain and Historian

by Mike Bala

I just finished packing for a weekend of snowmobiling, but can't wait to get to Daytona in a couple weeks and put some miles on the bike. Some members are already down south and getting those rides in.

Remember to book your rooms for the overnight trips as early as possible. I was advised yesterday that a member took the last room at the River View Resort for our trip to the HOG Rally at Sunday River in Maine.

Keep an eye on Facebook March 8-18 for updates from 77<sup>th</sup> Daytona Bike Week...

The Ride Schedule has been posted and a separate attachment is included with the Newsletter. Remember rides are always subject to change due to weather or road captain availability. Keep an eye on Facebook and the Website for updates.

Remember we are always looking for assistant road captains. If you are interested please let me know!

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For historian this year I decided to try something new. I thought it might be nice to learn a little history about our members...Each month I'll be inviting a member to tell us about themselves by answering some simple questions. Because it's never easy to go first, I decided to start with myself....so here goes...

My name is Mike Bala and I have been riding for over 26 years. I've been a HOG member since 1999. I've belonged to several different HOG Chapters including Winnepesaukee NH, Orlando FL, Adirondack NY. My first bike was a 1992 Kawasaki EX500. My first Harley was a 2000 Sportster XL1200. I now own a 2018 HD CVO Limited. My favorite ride was a 17 day trip to Sturgis with my wife and several HOG Members. I ride about 20,000 miles a year on average. My tip for other members would be... Accessorizing your bike is more than just changing the look. The right accessories can make your ride more enjoyable.



## Kara's Corner

by Kara Woomer

### SAVE the DATE March 31<sup>st</sup>! 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CABIN FEVER Party!

9:30am-4:00pm

Celebrate the end of winter with us, wear your best Cabin back shirt!

STOREWIDE Shopping Event

NEW 2018 Motorcycles, NEW Motor Accessories, NEW Motorclothes

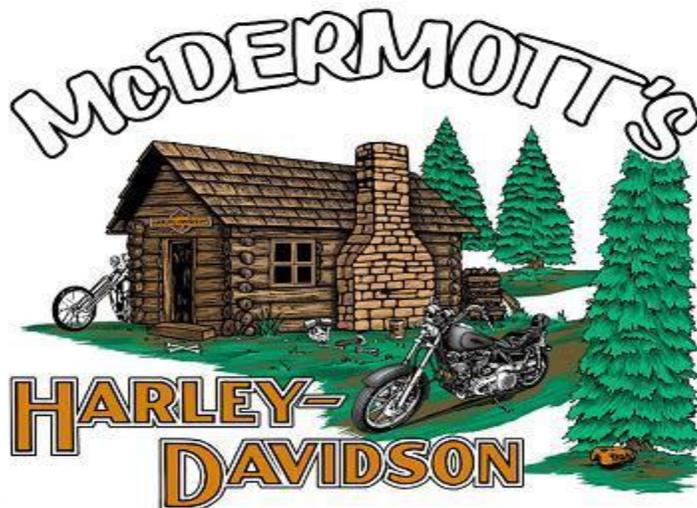
Saratoga Courage Distillery

Get your Patches on by Wendy

The Surpluss Sisters

Door Prizes

Don't miss our favorite party of the year!



## Lou's News! Website and Newsletter Editor

by LouAnn Bala

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](mailto: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!

WE have updated email addresses so if you have paid your dues you should be getting this. If you hear of anyone who is not getting this, please have them email me asap so I can add them to the list.

Minutes will be reviewed at the meeting and sent out separately.