



Adirondack Chapter 3220 Fort Ann, NY

September 2017 Edition

Editor: Jake Delgaudio

Director's Corner

Art Persons



Hello ADK HOG! We are fast approaching the end of our riding season. Sept. & Oct. are my favorite months to ride with cool, crisp mornings, changing colors & warm afternoons. If you have seen your latest HOG magazine, you were probably as surprised as I was to see the BIG changes Harley- Davidson made to their model lineup. No more Dynas and a completely redesigned Softail line. I've seen a couple of the new softails. Some of the models have subtle changes, while others are really in your face! Check them out at McDermott's Fall Open House coming soon.

I'm sad to report the death of long time member Ray Taylor. A Memorial Ride is being planned.

We will be moving our Oct. & winter meetings to the Wilton- Saratoga Elks Lodge, Rte. 9 just north of Rte. 50. Come early for their All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast. Meeting at 10am.

At our Sept. & Oct. meetings, nominations will be open for our 2018 Officer lineup. As always we are always looking for road captains to help out the current team. Even 1 ride planned & led would be a big help, and we may find some new lunch stops & routes.

As a repeat reminder, 2018 is Harley-Davidson's 115th Anniversary. Plans are already under way for a group of us to attend. Motels will probably be accepting reservations after Jan. 1. I have been to 3 of these celebrations, (95th, 105th, & 110th), and had a great time at each. There is almost unlimited music & fun to be had, so start thinking about it. It will also be HOG's 35th Anniversary with a special, HOG members only party day. Also, I believe it's McDermott's 35th! There are already plans for various "Rides Home" ending in Milwaukee. Sounds like another great time! I hope to see you all soon, Ride & Have Fun, Art P.

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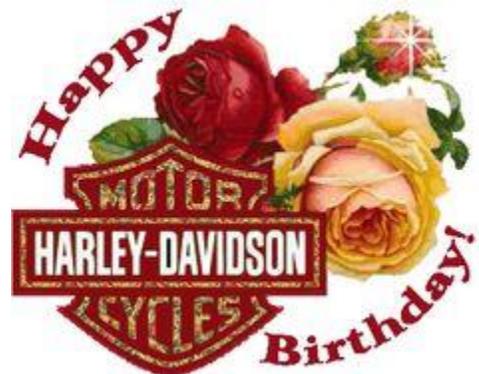


Ass't Director: Mike Bala

The ride to Maine Toy Run was great and some of us continued on for an extended ride to northern Maine, excellent riding and great country! If you have not been, you should plan it! More on the Maine trip next month. Also, if you are participating in the clubs annual mileage contest be sure to get your miles ridden numbers for 2017 in to me or Director Art by Halloween.

Birthday's: September/October: The chapter wishes to send Happy Birthday wishes to:

Debra Bartolucci, Mike Bala, Brad Barrett, Ken Carpenter, Boone Hague, Linda Jones, Tim Jones, Jake Lederman, Donna Persons, Paul Sicko, John Skaza, Milt Smith, Lisa Stipano, Raymond Stratton, & Tom Wiese.



Treasurer: Ken Carpenter



Our account is in good order. Reminder...any member that would like to review our account you may do so at our monthly meeting as I always have the records with me! Christmas Families Fund doing good!

Secretary: Tina Gibbs

Hi All! The minutes from the September meeting are further along in this newsletter! Please be sure to read them!



“Donna’s Stuff”: Ladies of Harley, Activities & Sunshine: Donna Persons



I am starting to assemble the “Brunch List” for our winter/early spring. If anyone has any ideas for places, please let me know. All idea’s welcome!

Head Road Captain: Mike Bala

Keep track of the remaining ride schedule as there are still plenty of rides left! Also note that the Brunswick Toy run this year is on Oct 22nd and once again, if you are involved with the chapters annual mileage contest make sure to get your 2017 miles driven in to me or Director Art by Halloween.





Editor's Corner: Jake Delgaudio

NOTE: Annual Christmas Party is Dec 16th subject to verifying availability with Sweet Basil. Pencil that date in your calendar!

This is my final newsletter as Editor (I have written a few editorial comments below). LouAnn Bala will be taking over for us as of next month.

At today's Chapter meeting Nominations opened for elected positions as follows:

Position/ Person/s nominated and accepted:

PRIMARY OFFICER'S

Director: Art Persons

Ass't Director: Mike Bala

Brian Irwin

Treasurer: Bob Leombruno

Secretary: Tina Gibbs: (Absent) Director Art will check with her

Donella Fisher

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Newsletter: LouAnn Bala

Safety Officer: Brian Irwin

Historian: Mike Bala

Photographer: Bruce Tubbs

REMEMBER: These are nominations...and nominations do not close until/at next month's meeting so if you want you can still add your name in to any position shown! All are welcome and the more the merrier!

Editorial:

I have held many chapter positions over the past 9 years and have usually held multiple positions every year. I have also led many chapter rides, well over 100, and I believe I have led more rides than any other person in our chapters 30 years...I have also held the safety officer and Historian positions longer than any other person etc etc etc...point is it is time for others to do these things, to bring new and fresh ideas and we will soon have that! Very exciting! I wish to thank all the folk's who serve and have served the chapter, to thank McDermott's HD...all of whom made serving the chapter such fun!

I am not leaving or anything so this is not a "good bye"...more like "taking a break"! I am hoping to be able to put rides on next year's schedule. I firmly believe that we need a balanced

ride schedule. By that I mean it is wonderful we have so many long 300+ mile day rides but is imperative that we have as many or more “shorter 100-150 mile ride days”. Our group is comprised of many people of age. Members who “want” to do chapter rides but cannot do the longer rides anymore. I have heard from MANY people how they miss “my rides”. Why? Because I stop every 45 minutes or so for break-time, (much easier on the “older” body) we visit, we socialize, and even though we kill an entire day, we have as much time “on the bike as off the bike” and miles for the day is around 125-150+. Now of course this means doing a lot of the same rides as prior years because there are only so many roads here...but when asked, these same people say they don’t mind. It is more about the riding with friends, the visit time and enjoying the day then it ever will be about how many miles are involved. Again, our chapter are people of age...we are not a young group of 25 year olds...and we have many members who do not ride many of our scheduled rides because they simply physically can’t, (myself included) whether it is due to work schedule, family obligation, bad hips or knees or back etc., point is the same.. They require regular stops (every 45 minutes-1 hour)and although “new” places are certainly further away...that does not seem to be the point for them. They just want to ride too!

I believe firmly we need a “mix” of both this type of riding. We need some road captains to step up and lead these type of “shorter” rides of which I speak. I will try to do some myself, but a few more people are needed for this to attain the balance of which I am speaking.

This will increase ride attendance greatly, which helps the chapter, increases attendance at meetings, functions, the annual Christmas/Awards party etc. “It is all tied together”. Again, we thankfully have plenty of longer rides and road captains to cover those (and getting long distance RC’s is much harder so we are fortunate to not have that problem)...we need more “shorter” mileage rides. So if you wish to help with this please contact Director Art or head Road Captain Mike and plan a ride or two for next year and be sensitive to having regular stops of around 45 minutes-1 hour apart and keep it around or under 150 miles for the day even though it may be the “same old roads”. These are the rides this chapter needs and membership is missing. In closing and to clarify: The longer rides are covered and thankfully so, now we need some road captains to lead shorter rides. We have a great road captain crew, but they cannot do it all and some help is needed.

Editorial #2: Yes, I am being somewhat long-winded here but this is my last “platform” for a while!

At next months meeting I plan to make a motion that to get your annual chapter achievement pin/star whatever....that you do not need ANY chapter rides. You only would need 6 chapter meetings (out of 11)...2 chapter events and that’s it. Why? See above. Also, this might get a few more people to attend chapter meetings, always a plus! I ask the chapter to consider this for next month.

The preceding are statements of editorial opinion. Thank you!

Best regards to all;

Jake Delgaudio

Shout-Out's":

HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY to us!!! This year marks the 30th Anniversary of our HOG Chapter! THANK YOU McDermott's HD!!!



Historian; Jake Delgaudio: "Blurbs Blog":

Salem Part I of III: Well, with only a few months left to my current and final term as Historian, and having already covered many surrounding towns historically speaking...we will take a look at the town of Salem in these final editions! Our first focus will be on the Historical District that incorporates the village of

Salem...which as of 2016 is no longer a "village" as it was voted on and decided to become part of the general town. Following that will be historical information pertaining to the Town of Salem as a whole. All information as always is gathered from local historical data, historical societies, various websites and research of available information which I then condense for brevity.



The **Salem Historic District** is located along Main Street (NY 22) and Broadway (Washington County routes 30 and 153) in Salem, New York. It is a 22-acre area containing 79 buildings.

Most of the buildings date to the 19th and early 20th centuries, and some represent important milestones in the history of Salem, possibly the oldest continuously inhabited village in the county and one of the first in the state to incorporate. The buildings that survived a devastating 1840 fire have been preserved relatively intact. In 1975 the area was recognized as a historic district and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

History: Salem was first settled around 1761 by three men from Pelham, Massachusetts, making it one of the earliest settlements in the county. The site of their log cabins, long since gone, is now occupied by the Abrams Building on North Main Street. They brought their families along three years later, and obtained a patent for 25,000 acres of land in the area from the colonial governor after promising two colonial officials that they would give those officials half of the land. At the time the area was part of a larger subdivision known as Charlotte County.

Those two officials sold their half to an Irish minister who had brought his followers to the North American colonies to escape religious persecution. This led to the construction of a schoolhouse and

church, the first in the county and one of only two at the time north of Albany. The two groups lived in relative harmony.

Shortly after the Revolutionary War began, in 1777, General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army ordered the town evacuated in the face of John Burgoyne's advances into the area during the Saratoga Campaign. Some of the men stayed behind, dismantling the schoolhouse's logs to erect Fort Salem around the site of the First Presbyterian Church on East Broadway. It was burned in September of that year by local Loyalists.

One local man, John Williams, raised a local regiment and distinguished himself as a leader during the war and was eventually commissioned a colonel. At the war's end he retired with the rank of brigadier general and built a large house on what is now East Broadway. For many years it was the largest and most elaborate in the village.

The oldest surviving house in the village, the Judge Blanchard home on East Broadway, is the only building to show clear influence of the Georgian architectural style common before the Revolution. It is a frame building on a raised foundation with symmetrical fenestration and a Palladian window above the entrance. It was built in 1790, before the emergence of the Federal style, exemplified by the Judge McLean home further down the street with its elliptical fanlight and sidelights at the main entrance.

The next year, Washington Academy was founded, the sixth school in the state to be formally incorporated. In 1803 Salem was incorporated as a village, one of the first in the state. Eight years later, a new school building was built on West Broadway, the first of several on the site.

Many other early buildings, and the records of Salem's early history, were destroyed by a large fire in 1840. An ultimate result of this was the construction of the Proudfit Building at the junction of the two routes, which serves as municipal offices, public library, theater and headquarters for the fire and police departments. It was built with \$10,000 left to the village for the purpose by a local bank president, on the condition that matching funds be raised. The Proudfit family contributed half of those funds and the building was named after them out of gratitude.

In 1939 the school district was centralized. The last of the school buildings downtown was converted into apartments, and a new building was built on the grounds of the former Williams estate.

That concludes a VERY brief history Salem Part I. Part II next month!

Just sharing some history!

Jake Delgaudio



**Safety Officer; Jake Delgaudio: "September 2017 Blurbs Blog"!
Just a few blurbs regarding safety!**

Single File: The MSF recommends that when riding through "twistie's", (those turns in the road that are not gradual but rather more accentuated, and usually marked as 30 MPH or slower) we should be riding in "single-file". This allows full lane use to each rider to navigate the best path for themselves. You do not need to wait for the road captain to signal this.

Leaves: Well, it is that time of year again! Leaves are falling and gathering on the roads...and you should beware of them as they can fill a pot hole or cover other road hazard and this can lead to an unsafe situation for you (and your passenger). Also, we all know that wet leaves are slippery like ice...so remember to drive accordingly.

Dehydration: Even though the weather is cooling make sure to remember to hydrate during rest breaks on rides! You can still get dehydrated even in the autumn!

Braking: If you lock your front brake you lose ALL steering control. If you lock your rear brake you lose stability for about 80% of your motorcycle. If you can stop fast enough without locking your brakes at all, you should obviously do so. The odds of dumping your bike are many times greater if you lock your brakes (either of them) than if you do not. Stopping performance is a function of your brakes, your tires, and the road surface combined.

Road Shadows: Be careful of road shadows (When on your bike or in your car)! If not sure what those shadows hide...**do NOT move until you can be 100% positive it is safe.** If need be remove dark glasses so you can see better. **Make No Compromise** on this. Dark vehicles in dark shadows especially in turns or on tree lined roads can be almost impossible to see with only a quick glance.

Group Riding: When riding in a group you have a responsibility to watch those riding behind you also! If you see someone from the group (behind you) has pulled over or is missing, remember to find a **safe spot** and pull over! In this way, eventually the road captain leading the ride will see there are missing people, pull over, and investigate the situation!

Bike Safety: *Keep your bike in proper working order! If you are just not sure about ANY issue regarding your bike, or have any doubt's about any component....have McDermott's Service Dept check it for you! They know your bike and care greatly about your safety!*

*Just sharing some thoughts! Remember:
" Safety is when nothing bad happens" ...and this is not accomplished by chance!*

As always, Safety First! Jake Delgaudio

SAFETY FIRST



Membership: Bob Leombruno

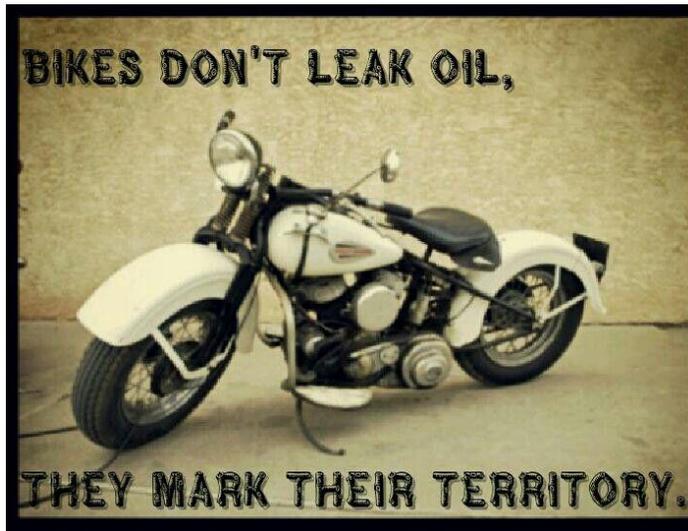
We currently have 107 members. All membership information is updated. Also note to please remember to maintain your annual HOG national membership!

Photographer: Bruce Tubbs:

I have been looking at the Christmas Awards party coming up and had an idea to show pictures of our chapter members in other states...to show how far and wide we ride! If you have any pictures as such please email them to me!



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ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220 Fort Ann, NY

September 17, 2017 Minutes

**Primary Officers in Attendance: Art Persons, Director, Mike Bala, Ass't Director,
Ken Carpenter, Treasurer...Secretary Tina Gibbs absent**

- **10:17 am Call to order-McDermotts HD in FT Ann**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome to new members**
- **These minutes compiled by Jake Delgaudio for Secretary Tina Gibbs**

Officers Reports:

- **Directors Report: Report on Nation of Patriots flag delivery ride to Spitzie's HD, all went well and ride was well attended.**
- **Secretaries Report, (Always in the newsletter to save time at meetings)**
- **Treasurers Report, Ken Carpenter: All bills paid and treasury in decent shape**
- **Assistant Director, Mile Bala/Head Road Captain: Ride for Maine Toy run went well. Also, remaining ride schedule discussed. For those in the milage contest, get your milage in to Art or Mike by Halloween.**
- **Membership, Bob Leombruno**
 - **Membership list has been updated. We have 107 members. Be sure to maintain your National HOG membership s well**
- **Ladies of Harley, Sunshine & Activities, Donna Persons: work has begun on compiling bruch places for upcoming winter season. Pass along any idea's please.**
- **Safety Officer, Newsletter Editor & Historian, Jake Delgaudio**
 - **Newsletter will be out this week.**
 - **Safety article will be in newsletter. Also, watch for wet leaves and leaves that hide potholes and road imperfections. Ride safe.**

- **Historian: Article in newsletter highlights the town of Salem**
- **Webmaster, Lou Hall: Absent**
- **Photographer, Bruce Tubbs,**
 - **Working on idea to present all the different states our chapter members visit with their bikes during the year for the annual Christmas/Awards banquet. Request for any photo of you with your bike showing other states.**
- **McDermott's Rep., Alise McDermott: Absent**

OLD BUSINESS

New website project on hold pending getting bids.

Motion made and carried to hold Christmas party at Sweet Basil on Dec 16th...Donna Persons to check date availability.

NEW BUSINESS

Condolences to Ray Taylor and family as Ray recently passed away.

Director Art: We will be moving our Oct. & winter meetings to the Wilton- Saratoga Elks Lodge, Rte. 9 just north of Rte. 50. Come early for their All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast. Meeting at 10am.

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Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

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By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

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