

Director's Corner

Art Persons

Hello ADK HOG Members! I'm really late submitting this as you can see! I listened to the weather forecast, both on tv & the internet & postponed today's ride to the Tail of the Pup. The forecast was for a 70% chance of rain & showers. As I'm writing this the sun is shining. OH WELL!

The 2016 New York State HOG Rally is next weekend (July 14-16) in Alexandria Bay. I think there are still rooms available at the Pinehurst if anyone else wants to go. On the way home July 17, I plan on attending the PBTf Ride for Kids in Utica. All of our official Road Captains are busy that day or are attending the state rally. Anyone who would like to attend the Ride for Kids can sign up at the Deerfield Vol. Fire Dept. from 8-9:30. Kick Stands up at 10am. I hope to see some of you there.

Alma's Ride is also coming up fast. Jake D. has mapped out another nice ride this year. This Ride is sponsored by McDermott's HD with our chapter helping out. Pre-register at McDermott's to be guaranteed a ride pin. Jake is looking for a "few good men/women to help out as road captains. To help out you do not have to lead, but we can use sweeps & other helpers. McDermott's could also use help with registration before the event. Please contact Jake or Donna via phone, text, facebook, email, smoke signal or face to face if you like to help.

We don't have a July Chapter meeting, so everyone attending the August Chapter Meeting, Ride, & Picnic will get credit for 2 meetings, 1 special event, & 1 ride. Please contact Donna P. if you plan on attending the picnic. The Chapter is buying the meat, so we need a headcount by Aug. 17th. Non-Chapter guests are welcome for \$5 each. Please bring a small dish to share. This will also be a great time for LouAnn B. to get an updated Chapter Photo & a great opportunity for some of our "faceless" members to get to know the group.

I would like to send out a hearty Thank You to everyone who supports all of our road captains. A huge amount of planning goes into most of these rides & it's nice to look in the mirror & see headlights & smiling faces.

Let's Ride & Have Fun! Art P.

Birthdays:

Lorraine Shkursky, Samuel McElroy, Brian Irwin, Christopher Hawley, Mark Dillon, Al Delgaudio, Michael Becker, Larry Becker, & Diane Agnew.



Historian; July 2016 “Blurbs Blog”: Argyle; A Brief History

Argyle was named by early settlers (ca, 1738) who arrive from Argyleshire, Scotland. By 1790 there were more than 2,000 residents and almost 300 homes



making Argyle the largest population center in the county! The town was formed from the Argyll Patent of 1764 while then still in “Albany County”, Province of New York and became a town in “Charlotte County” when it was created March 24, 1772. Following the American Revolution, in 1784 the State of New York renamed Charlotte County

as “Washington County”. Since many of the original settlers were from Argyll, Scotland, they adopted the name of their native land to the town. *NOTE: You can read the original Argyle Patent and see the names of the original 107 people, and how much land they were each granted at <http://washington.nygenweb.net/argyle.htm>*

Although population growth was slow, the town was the most populous in the county by 1790. In 1803, part of the town was used to establish the new Town of Greenwich.

The picture at right is of Barkley Avenue~ Argyle, NY ~1912



The Village of Argyle, New York, in the Town of Argyle, is named after Argyll shire, Scotland (now Argyll and Bute, Scotland). Many of the original settlers came from Scotland and settled here in the mid-1700s. German, Irish, Dutch and Polish settlers were also attracted to this area. The 1800s found Argyle residents active in the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. The Moses Kill provided waterpower for mills in the village. The early 1900s brought a library and running water to residents, who proudly served their country in times of war. Today, Argyle Village is considered home by the descendants of these folks and newcomers alike.

Comprising about 35,000 acres of land, lies close to the center of Washington county between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains of Vermont. Today the population hovers around 3688 according to the US census figures.

Ransom Stiles House Circa 1820

Ransom Stiles was a successful merchant, community leader, and a slave sympathizer. Located on Main Street near the center of the Village of Argyle in Upstate New York, the Ransom Stiles House is an excellent example of the Federal style design of the prominent American architect, ***Asher Benjamin***. The Ransom Stiles House, with its original ornate interior details, six fireplaces and wide board floors, offers an opportunity for the future generations a look into America's proud past.



The Ransom Stiles House

Argyle, New York

The Underground Railroad in Argyle?

It has been recorded that the Ransom Stiles House once had several recessed chambers in the basement. These underground passages were said to have led from his property to some five hundred feet to the west.

Ransom Stiles house is being renovated. As per their website: **“Your donations will help the efforts to explore this history and restore this building to its 1800's grandeur.” To get more information on how you can help with this project of restoration and/or to see photographs inside the building, go to**

<http://www.stileshouse.org/photos-1.html>

Communities and locations in the Town of Argyle

Communities:

Argyle – A village within the town, located on NY-40.

Argyle airport (1C3) – A grass strip airport northeast of Argyle village.

Durkeetown – A location at the west town line on County Road 45.

Goose Island – A hamlet east of Argyle village on County Road 47.

Lick Springs – A location west of South Argyle.

North Argyle – A hamlet northeast of Argyle village on NY-40.

South Argyle – A hamlet south of Argyle village on NY-40.

The Hook – An area on County Road 45 where there were once hotels for travelers along a coach road and recently a restaurant called the Hook Pantry, but it has been converted into a house.



Geographic locations:

Barkley Mountain – An elevation east of the community of Argyle.

Cossayuna Lake – The largest body of water in the town, located in the southeast corner (Elevation 422 feet).

Dead Creek – A stream exiting from Argyle at the west town line.

Headwaters of Wood Creek – A stream exiting from Argyle near the northwest corner and running up to Lake Champlain.

Moses Kill – A stream passing through North Argyle and Argyle village.

Mud Pond – A small lake north of Goose Island.

Murdock Mountain – An elevation north of Summit Lake.
Summit Lake – A lake west of Cossayuna Lake.
Tamarack Swamp – A swamp by the north town line.
Todd Mountain – An elevation northwest of Goose Island.

I hope you found “Argyle, a Brief History” interesting! Next month: A new place to explore !
Just sharing some History!

It is such a pleasure to ride with you all!

As always, Safety First!

Jake Delgaudio



Argyle, NY: Lemuel Carl House, ca. 1838

Note from Kara: Hello everyone. Firstly, i'd like to apologize for the delayed Newsletter this month. I'm mostly in our Lake George location this summer and all of my files are in Fort Ann, so i've had a little difficulty getting them together. Jake has been very kind to help me out. Secondly, I had a couple of ideas for submissions and I would LOVE for someone, ANYONE to contribute to our monthly newsletter. One of my ideas was a "Stories from the Road" column. You all are riding your motorcycles, tell us some funny stories, they don't have to be long, just a funny thing that happened or a cool thing you saw. Another idea is PICTURES!! I know you're taking pictures, send your best ones over and i'll put them in the newsletter. OK, that's my spiel. I hope to see you all at Alma's Ride on Sunday (July 24th).



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2016 ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER RIDE SCHEDULE:

NOTE: As more rides are added and as the schedule changes you will be emailed updates!

APRIL:

17 Sunday: ADK HOG: Chapter Meeting at Saratoga Elk's at 10AM!

30 Saturday: ADK HOG-

MAY:

1 Sunday: ADK HOG:

7 Saturday: ADK HOG- Bike Blessing/ Milage Contest begins/ Sell your bike day at McDermott's, 4294 Route 4, Ft, Ann. Register 11am. Blessing at 12 noon. Ride 12:30PM going to Barnsider in Lk Geo for lunch! RC: Mike Bala

8 Sunday : ADK HOG- Mothers Day Ride! Meet at the Golden Corral in Queensbury at 8AM! Ride loop around Sacandaga Lake follows. Approx 150 miles. RC: Mike Bala

10 Tuesday: ADK HOG-Dinner Ride to Buffalo Wild Wings in Clifton Park: Depart I-87 Exit 16 Stewarts at 5:45 PM. Jake Delgaudio

14 Saturday: ADK HOG: Cranberry Lake Ride! Leaves at 9AM from McDermotts HD in Lake George. Lunch in Cranberry Lake. Let Mike know if going by the 12th of May please! Approx Miles 275. RC: Mike Bala

15 Sunday : ADK HOG-Chapter Meeting McDermott's Harley Davidson 4294 State Route 4, Ft. Ann 10 AM . **After meeting:** 2016's First Ride to Dinosaur BBQ, Troy. Ice Cream Man in Greenwich after for dessert! Approx 150 miles. RC: Jake Delgaudio

21 Saturday: ADK HOG-

22 Sunday : ADK HOG- Black Bear Ride! Nice Adirondack ride with Lunch at The Black Bear Restaurant. Ride leaves at 8:30 from McDermotts HD in Ft Ann. Approx Miles: 175 RC: Mike Bala

28 Saturday: ADK HOG-

29 Sunday: ADK HOG- Cooperstown Ride! Visit to Cooperstown, lunch at Brooks BBQ . Ride leaves at 9AM from I-87 Exit 16 Stewart's . Approx Miles 250

RC: Art Persons

30 Monday: ADK HOG- Ride to Saratoga National Cemetery "In honor of our Military" and Memorial Day. Leaves from McDermott's Ft Ann at 9:30AM. Lunch at PJ's BBQ Saratoga. **RC: Art Persons**

JUNE:

4 Saturday: ADK HOG- : Natural Bridge State Park, North Adams, MA. Ride leaves Stewart's exit 16 at 9AM. This is the only naturally formed white marble arch and man- made white marble dam in North America, and tour an abandoned marble quarry. The "natural bridge" for which the park is named, according to geologists, is 550 million year old Bedrock Marble and carved into an arch by the force of glacial melt water over 13,000 years ago! The bridge spans rushing Hudson Brook as it twists and tumbles through a steep 60-foot deep gorge. Loads to see at this park, lovely views too! \$2 parking fee. Lunch at Dinosaur BBQ for later lunch (2pm-ish) and of course Ice Cream on the way back! 175 miles. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

5 Sunday: ADK HOG~ Tim's Vermont Ride #2! Includes lunch stop and ends back at Rob & Debs in Glens Falls for Ice Cream. Leaves at 9AM from McDermott's in Ft Ann. Approx 240 miles. **RC: Tim Jones**

6-11 Americade Week

9 Thursday: ADK HOG- Dinner Ride to PJ's BBQ Bike Night in Saratoga. Depart I-87 Exit 16 Stewarts at 5:45 PM. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

11 Saturday: ADKHOG- Meet at McDermott's in LAKE GEORGE at 7pm then do "Walk- A-Bout" through Village..last day of Americade. There will be a sign-in sheet.

12 Sunday: ADK HOG~ Tough-Butt's Day Ride to Laconia! There and back with Mike! Visit at Pin Stop and other places along the day! Leaves at 7AM from McDermott's HD in Ft Ann. **Approx 450 Mile Day!** **RC: Mike Bala**

11-19 Laconia Bike Week

18 Saturday: ADK HOG- Run-About Ride! Ride to Granite State Harley, scenic roads, lunch stop and end back at Martha's in Lk George for Ice Cream! Leaves at 8:30AM from McDermott's HD in Ft Ann. Approx 240 miles. **RC: Tim Jones**

19 Sunday: ADK HOG- Chapter Meeting (Happy Father's Day!)McDermott's Harley Davidson 4294 State Route 4, Ft. Ann-10AM

24 Friday-Sunday: ADK HOG~ 1000 Island River Run, Alexandria Bay. Ride leave's from _____ at _____ AM, staying 2 nights at the Pinehurst Motel, Alexandria Bay, NY... Phone: 315-482-9452. Returning Sunday morning. Tell Bob at the motel you are with the HOG Chapter, when you make reservations. Also let RC Bill Nestuck know you are going. Approx miles 210. **RC: Bill Nestuck**
Bill Nestuk: (518) 464-6796 bnestuk@bemsales.net

25 Saturday: ADK HOG: Adirondack "Twisties" Ride! Ride leaves McDermott's HD in Ft Ann at 9:00 AM Sharp! Includes 2 prime Adirondack roads known for their "twisties"...Ensign Pond Rd and Tracy Rd....Lunch at Hot Biscuit Diner in Ti...Ride back down along Lake George and ride ends in Glens Falls at Rob & Deb's Ice Cream by East Field where we should be by 6 pm. Should be a great ride with awesome view's and LOT's of Stops!!! Total miles=160.
RC: Jake Delgaudio

26 Sunday: ADK HOG-

JULY:

2 Saturday: ADK HOG- Wilderness Ride: Stops at Pinetree Restaurant in Brantingham, NY for lunch. Nice Scenic Adirondack roads! Ride leaves at 8AM from McDermott's in LAKE GEORGE. Approx 300 miles. **RC: Art Persons**

3 Sunday: ADK HOG-

9 Saturday: ADK HOG- BBQ Weekend Ride #1 to Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse! Leaves 8:30 AM from Stewart's Exit 16. Approx 300 miles. **RC: Mike Bala**

10 Sunday: ADK HOG- BBQ Weekend Ride #2: Tail of the Pup BBQ in Saranac! Ride leaves from McDermott's HD in LAKE GEORGE at 9AM. Approx 250 miles.
RC: Art Persons

***14-17 Thurs, Fri, Sat (back Sun): NYS HOG RALLY Alexandria Bay; info to follow**

16 Saturday: ADK HOG-

17 Sunday: ADK HOG- NO July Chapter MEETING! August meeting counts as 2!

17 Sunday: ADK HOG- For those already in Alexandria Bay at HOG Rally:
“Utica Ride for Kids”: (on the way back from Alexandria Bay) departs at
7AM **RC: Mike Bala**

21 Thursday: ADK HOG~ Dinner Ride to **PJ's BBQ Bike Night** in Saratoga. Depart I-87
Exit 16 Stewart's at 5:45PM. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

23 Saturday: ADK HOG- Meet 8:15AM Golden Corral Queensbury for Breakfast. Then
Ride leaves 9AM for **Dakin Farms** in VT, then **Green Mountain HD** in Essex
(Burlington)VT, Grand Isle Ferry to NY and lunch at Texas Roadhouse in
Plattsburgh. Visit to **North End Harley Davidson** in Plattsburgh then back to
Queensbury for Ice Cream! Approx 275 miles. Longer Day...with LOTS of
stops. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

24 Sunday: ADK HOG-**8th Annual Alma's Ride! Info to follow!**

30 Saturday- Sunday 31: ADK HOG- **2 DAY RIDE & ABC's of Touring Run!** Includes
stop at Iron Adventure Tri-State HOG Rally at Okemo, Ludlow VT. Leaving
at 7AM from McDermotts HD in Ft Ann....return Sunday 8PM. Miles
unknown! Saturday night hotel info: **will follow soon**
RC: Mike Bala

31 Sunday:

AUGUST:

6 Saturday: ADK HOG~ **Vermont Country Store**, Weston VT. Leave McDermott's HD in
Ft Ann at 9:30 AM....LUNCH: McDonalds or Zoey's Deli up the street, as
you want! Then Ice Cream Man in Greenwich for dessert where ride "ends"!
Approx 135 miles (not counting your ride home from Ice Cream Man).
RC: Jake Delgaudio

7 Sunday: ADK HOG- **Adirondack Riders Run**. Leaving at 11AM from I-87 Exit 18
McDonald's! **RC: Art Persons**

11 Thursday-14 Sunday: ADK HOG- **GENEVA WEEKEND TRIP!** Staying at the **Days Inn Geneva...485 Hamilton St, Geneva, NY (315) 789-4050.** This is wine country and always busy **so book your room ASAP.** Ride leaves THURSDAY from Exit 16 Stewarts at 8AM. Lunch along the way. Approx 205 miles. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

12 Friday: ADK HOG- Ride Leaves Days Inn at 8AM. Goes through Finger Lakes National Forest to Taughannock Falls State Park : Taughannock Falls plunges 215 feet past rocky cliffs that tower nearly 400 feet above the gorge 2221 Taughannock Park Rd, Trumansburg, NY 14886 ...then to Ithaca Falls (Another awesome waterfalls!)...and on to Finger Lakes (Ithaca) Harley-Davidson, New York 13, in Cayuta, then into Pennsylvania to Eisenhower's Tioga County Harley-Davidson, 2911 South Main Street, Mansfield, PA 16933...back Up along Seneca Lake to the motel! Approx 225 miles. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

13 Saturday: ADK HOG- **FREE DAY** : Visit Wineries, take wine tour (Bus)...shop etc...do whatever you want! (I (Jake) will be doing Harley ABC's for example and searching for road Signs which can only safely be done with a few bikes)! Go enjoy the area!

14 Sunday: ADK HOG- Ride back home from Geneva! Leave hotel at 8:30 AM. Ride back includes famous route 167 "Twisties Ride" from Richfield Springs to Little Falls! Approx 215 miles.**RC: Jake Delgaudio**

13 Saturday: ADK HOG-

14 Sunday: ADK HOG- **Art's "Ride-Around"** with lunch at Zoey's Deli in Manchester, VT! Leave 9AM from Exit 16 Stewart's. Approx 160 miles. **RC: Art Persons**

18 Thursday: ADK HOG- Dinner ride to **PJ's BBQ Bike Night** in Saratoga. Depart I-87 Exit 16 Stewarts at 5:45PM. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

20 Saturday: ADK HOG- Ride to Pratt's Rock in the Upper Catskill region. Plenty of stops including Adirondack HD. More about Pratt's Rock at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pratt_Rock Then on to a casual Lunch at Subway Sandwich shop at 11 Vets Rd, Windham, NY 12496. Ride leaves Stewarts Exit 16 at 9AM. Approx 250 miles. **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

21 Sunday: ADK HOG-- Chapter Meeting (counts as 2) McDermott's Harley Davidson 4294 State Route 4, Ft. Ann-10AM. **CHAPTER PICNIC DAY!** Ride follows meeting then back to McDermott's Ft Ann for Picnic! **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

27 Saturday: ADK HOG- Akins Ride for Strides. Ride leaves at _____ from _____.
RC: Bill Nestuck

28 Sunday: ADK HOG- Lake Placid. Ride leaves at 8:30AM from McDermotts HD in LAKE GEORGE. Approx Miles 250. **RC: Art Persons**

SEPTEMBER:

3 Saturday: ADK HOG- Need More Ribs Ride! Ride to "Billy Joe Rib Works" in Newburgh, NY. Ride will be highway down then side roads back! Leaves at 7:30AM from exit 16 Stewart's. Approx 400 mile day. **RC: Mike Bala**

4 Sunday: ADK HOG-

5 Monday: **ADK HOG: Labor Day** ADK-HOG: Country Ride for Labor Day. Leaves McDermott's HD in Ft Ann at 2 PM. Farm Country roads, Dinner at Greenwich House of Pizza...menu at www.thegreenwichhouseofpizza.com ends at Rob & Deb's (Glens Falls) for Ice Cream Approx 80 miles
RC: Jake Delgaudio

10-12 (Sat-Mon) : ADK HOG- Maine Toy Run. Returns Monday. Leave from Stewart's on Rt 4 in Ft Edward (across from GE) at _____ A.M. Motel info: Alouette Beach Resort, 91 East Grand Ave, Old Orchard Beach, Maine. 800-565-4151. For more info call Bill or Linda Nestuck 587-2786 **RC: Bill Nestuck**

10 Saturday: ADK HOG-

11 Sunday: ADK HOG-

17 Saturday: ADK HOG- The Mac-N-Cheese Ride! Ride goes to Wilkins HD in Barre, VT. Leaves at 8AM from McDermotts HD in Ft Ann. Approx 300 miles.
RC: Art Persons

18 Sunday: Chapter Meeting 10AM McDermott's Harley Davidson 4294 State Route 4, Ft. Ann. Following the meeting Ride to Basil & Wicks Restaurant in North Creek! **RC: Art Persons**

24 Saturday: ADK HOG- Mike's Fall Foliage Classic! Ride to Lake Placid...leaves at 9 AM from McDermott's HD in LAKE GEORGE. Approx 260 miles. **RC: Mike Bala**

25 Sunday: ADK HOG- Wagon Train BBQ outside Rotterdam. Menu at wagontrainbbq.net/ Ride leaves Stewart's exit 16 at 9:30 AM. Route is 156 miles (from exit 16 and back to Exit 15 Wilton where ride ends. This route has loads of stops, views, Thatcher Park etc... **RC: Jake Delgaudio**

OCTOBER:

1 Saturday: ADK HOG- Ride the Bromley-Wilmington Loop in Vermont! "Later lunch" at the Burger Den, Lake Lauderdale, NY. Leaves 9:30 AM from McDermott's HD in Ft Ann. Approx 200 miles. **RC: Tim Jones**

2 Sunday: ADK HOG-

7 Friday-19 Wednesday: ADK HOG ~ Ride to Biketoberfest in Daytona, Florida! Ride leaves from exit 16 Stewart's at 7am. For more info contact **RC: Mike Bala**

8 Saturday: ADK HOG-

9 Sunday: ADK HOG- Apple Pie Run to Dummerston, VT. Meet at Sally's Hen House on Rt 4 Ft Ann for breakfast 8AM. Ride leaves from Sally's at 9AM. **RC: Mike Bala or Art Persons**

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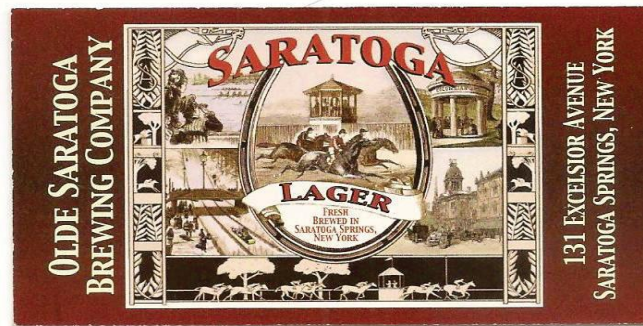
31 Monday: ADK HOG-

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th: ADK HOG~Brunswick Toy Run. More info to follow. Also note; Last day to get your milage in for the milage contest

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Safety Officer; “July 2016 Blurbs Blog”:
This month’s article is Part III (of 4) on “Understanding Motorcycle Batteries” and “Your Charging System”!

How Long Will My Battery Last?

There are many things that can cause a battery to fail or drastically shorten its life. One of those things is allowing a battery to remain in a partially discharged state. We talked about sulfate forming on the surface of the battery’s plates during discharge (last month’s article), and the sulfate also forms as a result of self-discharge. Sulfate also forms quickly if the electrolyte level is allowed to drop to the point that the plates are exposed. *If this sulfate is allowed to remain on the plates, the crystals will grow larger and harden till they become impossible to remove through charging.* Therefore, the amount of available surface area for the chemical reaction will be permanently reduced. This condition is known as "sulfation," and it permanently reduces the battery’s capacity. A 20 amp hour battery may start performing like a 16 amp hour (or smaller) battery, losing voltage rapidly under load and failing to maintain sufficient voltage during cranking to operate the bike’s ignition system. This last condition is evident when the engine refuses to fire until you remove your finger from the start button. When you release the starter, the battery voltage instantly jumps back up to a sufficient level. Since the engine is still turning briefly, the now energized ignition will fire the spark plugs. In the next installment, we’ll see exactly why increased internal resistance due to sulfation causes less power to be delivered to the starter.

Deep discharging is another battery killer. Each time the battery is deeply discharged, some of the active material drops off of the plates and falls to the bottom of the battery case. Naturally, this leaves less of the stuff to conduct the chemical reaction. If enough of this material accumulates in the bottom of the case, it’ll short the plates together and kill the battery.

Overcharging is an insidious killer; its effects often aren’t apparent to the innocent purchaser of the ten-dollar trickle charger who leaves it hooked to the battery for extended periods. A standard trickle charger charges at a constant rate regardless of the battery state of charge. If that rate is more than the battery’s natural absorption rate at full charge, the electrolyte will begin to break down and boil away. Many a rider has stored a bike all winter on a trickle charger only to find the battery virtually empty in the spring. Also, since charging tends to oxidize the positive plates, continued overcharging can corrode the plates or connectors till they weaken and break.

Undercharging is a condition that exists on many bikes. Your voltage regulator is set to maintain your system voltage at around 14 to 14.4 volts (depending on model). If you’re one of those folks who rides the interstate highways with your voltmeter showing only 13.5 volts because you’re burning more lights than Macy’s Christmas display, you should be aware that that voltage is sufficient to maintain a charged battery but insufficient to fully recharge a depleted one. Remember, we said that gassing occurs when all or most of the lead sulfate has been converted back to lead and lead dioxide. The voltage at which this normally occurs, known as the gassing voltage, is normally just above 14 volts. If your system voltage never gets that high, and if you don’t ever compensate by hooking up to a charger at home, the sulfate will begin to accumulate and harden... and when your battery reaches that stage, it’s curtains! *So Consider a thorough occasional charging to be a great idea.*

What Type Of Charger, And Why

Your alternator and a standard automotive taper charger have a lot in common; they seek to maintain a constant voltage. Here’s the problem with trying to quickly charge a deeply discharged battery with either one. Remember, we discussed how a heavy current draw would make a battery

appear dead. Then, as the acid diffused through the cells, the concentration at the plates' surface would increase and cause the battery to spring back to life.

In similar fashion, the voltage of a battery during charge increases due to the acid concentration that occurs at the plates' surface. If the charge rate is significant, the voltage will rise rapidly. The taper charger or vehicle voltage regulator will taper the charge rate drastically as the voltage rises above 13.5, but is the battery state of charge commensurate with the voltage? No! Once again, it takes time for the acid to diffuse throughout the cells. Although the voltage may be high, the electrolyte in the outer reaches of the cells is still weak, and the battery may be at a much lower state of charge than the voltage would indicate. Only after charging for an extended period at the reduced current will the full capacity be reached. This is the reason you must not judge a battery's state of charge by measuring voltage while charging. Test it only after allowing the battery to sit for at least an hour. The voltage will reduce and stabilize as the acid diffuses throughout the cells.

Within the past several years, several companies have developed chargers that can charge a depleted battery quickly, and then hold the battery at a voltage that will neither cause it to gas nor allow it to self-discharge. These are sometimes referred to as "smart chargers" or multi-stage chargers. Here's how they work.

We said that a battery could accept a much higher rate of charge when it's partially depleted than when it's near full charge. These multi-stage chargers take advantage of that fact by beginning the charge in a constant current, or "bulk charge" mode. Typically, they provide a charge rate of between 650 milliamps and 1.5 amps, depending on make and model. This bulk charge is held constant (or should be) till the battery voltage reaches 13.5 volts, thus allowing the battery to absorb a larger amount of charge in a short time and without damage. The charger then switches to



a constant voltage or "absorption" charge. The idea here is to allow the battery to absorb the final 15 percent of its charge at its natural absorption rate to prevent undue gassing or heating. Finally, these chargers switch to a "float" mode in which the battery voltage is held at a level sufficient to keep it from discharging but insufficient to cause overcharging. Actually, the float voltage should be temperature compensated between 13.1 volts at 90 degrees Fahrenheit to 13.9 volts at 50 degrees. The Battery Tender Plus (pictured) at around \$70 will do all these tasks and is temperature compensated too....as just one example!

So, you can just set it and forget it, right? Not really...Another problem is that of *exercising the battery*. Even if held at 13 volts, the unwavering voltage will allow the battery to eventually begin to sulfate. With most of these units, *It is recommended*

that you unplug the charger at least once every 60 days during seasonal storage. Allow the battery to rest for a couple of days, and then plug the charger in again.

More next month! Remember: ANY doubt about "anything" while inspecting your bike, be sure to bring it to *McDermott's Harley Davidson* and have them check it out for you! Always best to be safe!

It is such a pleasure to ride with you all!

As always, *Safety First!*

Jake Delgaudio

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