

Director's Corner

Art Persons

Happy New Year ADK HOG! I would like to start out by saying thank you to our 2015 Officers & welcome to our 2016 Officers. Mark Stipano, LouAnn Bala, & Lisa Pritchard all gave up their positions after years of service to the Chapter. Welcome back to our returning & newly elected officers. Tina Gibbs is replacing LouAnn as secretary. Mike Bala is doing double duty this year as our new Assistant Director & Head Road Captain. Donna Persons is also doubling up as Activities, LOH Rep. & Sunshine officer. Jake Delgaudio added Historian to his Safety Officer position. THANKS EVERYBODY! I would also like to thank all of our members. Please help welcome our newest members, Jim Bronson & Mike Marko when you see them.

Mike Nichols, Jake Delgaudio, Peggy Henk, Jerry Harrington, Bill Whitbeck & Donna Swartwout are all recovering from various surgeries, so, if you haven't done so already, wish them well.

HOT (HOG Officer Training) Is in Providence, R.I. this year, the last weekend in April. Let me know if you would like to attend. Even if you are only considering a chapter office, you can attend. Pre-Registration is open for the 2016 NYS HOG Rally. The rally is returning to Alexandria Bay this year. This is a beautiful area if you have never been.

I hope to see you all soon, Art P.

Birthdays:

Charlie Agnew, Cathy Calhoun Stacey Delgaudio Pierre Fonda Lou Hall Jodie Irwin
John Krappman Carl Laskey Kirk Leszcynski
Harold McCleery Martha Morrissey Linda Nestuk Nancy Novotny William Novotny
Mark Stipano Andrew Stowell Steve Taylor William Whitbeck





Safety Officer; “Blurbs Blog”:

(The following is an edited article that was previously run but holds great importance this time of year)

Cold Tire Failure: Upon researching this, here is what I found...

The internet has been buzzing recently with the story of a rider (in New Hampshire last winter) who experienced a failure with his Bridgestone BT45 tires. Bridgestone has claimed the failure is the result of cold temperatures in excess of the intended design, below 32F.

The guess is that the tire has a compound which dipped below its freezing point and the added weight of the bike and rider on that tire, caused spider cracking through the outer layers of rubber. Since Firestone and Bridgestone both have had this issue on passenger car tires in the past it wouldn't shock anyone to know that the problem has now happened on their motorcycle tires..

I am sure we are all interested to see if Bridgestone will help this guy out and replace this tire (have not as yet), or if they are going to continue to claim that a motorcycle that experiences below freezing temperatures (and ridden) is abusive and therefore not a warranty defect for them to fix. Their responses as he has posted online so far point out that “exposing” a tire to below freezing temperatures and riding during such, is bad”.

Check out the picture of said tire, courtesy of the ironbutt.org forum user “nhrider”.... he has it posted on about a dozen popular forums and I pictured it here...

*Facts for the above article taken from an article in “The Rider”.



Blurb NOTE: So “Heads-Up”!!! Remember, your tires will not get as “hot” during use during the winter and will not therefore handle the same on the pavement. Very important is to check the tire pressure when cold. **No exceptions!** It's important to remember that your recommended tire pressure is its 'cold' tire inflation pressure, as in “not yet ridden” or “before you have driven more than a few miles”... otherwise rising temps from use, ambient temperatures or the sun's radiant heat will all affect the tire gauge reading.

Since air is a gas, it expands when heated and contracts when cooled. ***This makes winter months the most critical times to check inflation pressures on a more regular basis.*** The difference between average summer and winter temperatures is about 50° Fahrenheit, which results in a potential loss of about 5 psi as winter's temperatures set in. A 5 psi loss is enough to ***greatly*** sacrifice handling, traction, and durability...***and therefore your safety!***

I have tried to reach Dunlop for their winter “recommendation” as to “winter “pressure but they sent me back a generic statement that is useless and inconclusive. An internet search will yield varied results with some saying to over-inflate cold tires by 5 pounds while others say “***never to do this***”, therefore this article will have “no conclusion” but rather a “cautionary tone”!

Any questions you winter riders may have on this topic, please contact McDermott's HD and get a professional opinion!

Also Note: If your bike is in storage at home, make sure to move it a foot or so every month to insure against getting a flat spot in your tires!

It is such a pleasure to ride with you all!

As always, Safety First!

Jake Delgaudio

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CALENDARS ARE IN! Stop by and pick one up and Remember to send your pictures in ALL YEAR for the next year's calendar, to kara@mcdermottshd.com

Donna's Stuff!

2/7 Ambrosia. Queensbury. This a change
(We are not going to Papas diner it is too small. They are very busy on Sunday.)

2/14. Olde Fort Diner. Ft Edward

2/21. Chapter Meeting Elks 10am

More to follow



Historian; “Blurbs Blog”: I have written about our HOG chapter’s history with as much information as can be obtained so now I am going to write a series of articles about our local towns and their history with information obtained from various internet resources and local historical societies....beginning with the town our wonderful Harley Davidson Dealership is in:

Ft Ann (Township) History Part 1:

“Colonial Period”

Fort Ann is located on the old historic route linking the French and English colonies of that time period.

The area was the site of several forts built by various nations, from a small French fort called "The Pickets" near the south end of Lake Champlain in 1689, in the northwest area of the town, to a series of forts (including "Fort Schuyler" and "Queen's Fort") closer to where the village of Fort Ann stands today. The first of these was likely the Stone Fort, built by Englishman Fitz John Winthrop in 1692. The English expedition led by Francis Nicholson built Fort Schuyler, about a half-mile south of the present village, in 1709. (The old Champlain Canal passed through a part of the site.) Nicholson burned the fort when he and his army left, but he returned in 1711 and built the Queen's Fort, later renamed Fort Anne, at the same site. It fell into ruins during the English colonial period.

Fort Anne was rebuilt in 1757 by the English, during the French and Indian War. The fort was named Fort Anne (in honor of Princess Anne, eldest daughter of King George II). The July 8th 1777 Battle of Fort Anne (NEXT month's article!) occurred here during the Saratoga Campaign. The town was organized as “Westfield” in 1784, but was renamed Fort Ann – without the "e" – in 1808!

The Early Town of Ft Ann

Part of the town was in the “Artillery Patent of 1764”, granted to 24 officers of the British army. Settlement of the town did not occur until 1775. The town was established as the "Town of Westfield" in 1786 and was renamed Fort Ann in 1808. Parts of the original town were used to form the later towns of Dresden (1806), Hartford (1793), and Putnam (1806).

In 1820, the village of Fort Ann incorporated as a municipality within the town and in 1823, the Champlain Canal was completed, linking the area to the "outside world". Later the Delaware & Hudson Railroad established a depot at Fort Ann village.

Notable People

**Orestes Garrison, Wisconsin State Assemblyman
Edwin R. Reynolds, former US Congressman**

Blurbs:

Hogtown – An early name for western part of the town, it is a hamlet (no pun intended!). The name is derived from farmers having “let hogs forage freely”!

Ft Ann Town: Size: According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 110.8 square miles, of which 109.5 square miles is land and 1.3 square miles is water.

The town lies partially within the Adirondack Park and of the county's (Washington County) 17 towns, Fort Ann is the largest by area.

Populations: Based on the latest census info available:

Town of Ft Ann: 6,417 people, 1,386 households, and 1,042 families residing in the town

Village of Ft Ann: 471 people, 187 households, and 127 families residing in the village.

Just sharing some History!

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Jake Delgaudio



ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220 Fort Ann, NY
January 2016 Minutes

*Primary Officers in attendance: Art Persons, Director
Tina L. Gibbs, Secretary
Ken Carpenter, Treasurer
Absent: Michael Bala, Assistant Director*

Officers,

Head Road Captain: Mike Bala-absent-

- *Mike will be having a road captions meeting sometime within the next month and will be in touch with road captains. The ride schedule should be done in March.*

Ladies of Harley, Activities & Sunshine: Donna Persons

Membership: Bob Leombruno

Safety Office & Historian: Jake Delgaudio

Newsletter Editor: Kara Woomer

Webmaster: Lou Hall

McDermott's Representative: Alise McDermott

Photographer: LouAnn Bala

- *Call to order; 10:18am by Art Persons, Director*
- *Pledge of Allegiance*
- *Welcome new members: Mike Marco and Jim Bronson*

Old Business:

1. *Thank you to all of the outgoing officers, LouAnn Bala, Mark Stipano & Lisa Pritchard*
 2. *Welcome to the new offices, Mike Bala-Assistant Director, Tina Gibbs-Secretary, and Donna Persons-Ladies of Harley & Sunshine*
 3. *Thank you Santa's Elves*
 4. *2015 Christmas Party, Thank you everyone who helped, including, LouAnn Bala, Stacy Delgado, and Kenny Carpenter. 2016 Christmas Party has already been booked at Sweet Basils in Queensbury, NY.*
- *Officers Reports-*
 - *Treasurers Report-read*
 - *Sunshine-Donna will get out cards*
 - *Activities-*
 - *Branches*
 - *January 24th-What's Cooking*
 - *January 31st-2 Phat Chick's*
 - *February 7th-~~Papa's Diner~~ Now at Ambrosia exit 19*
 - *February 14th-Old Fort Diner*
 - *February 21st-Chapter Meeting @Saratoga Elks*

- *Are we interested in doing a Chili Fest this year? (No one had anything to say, will be brought up next month).*
- *Membership-Bob Leombruno*
- *Safety Officer-Jake, Stay warm*
- *Historian-Jake will have something for the news letter*
- *McDermott's Representative-Alise McDermott*
 - *Chowder Fest 2/27 all proceeds to go to North Country Hardship Fund*
 - *Mid-Winter Blues Sale, Saturday January 23rd*

New Business

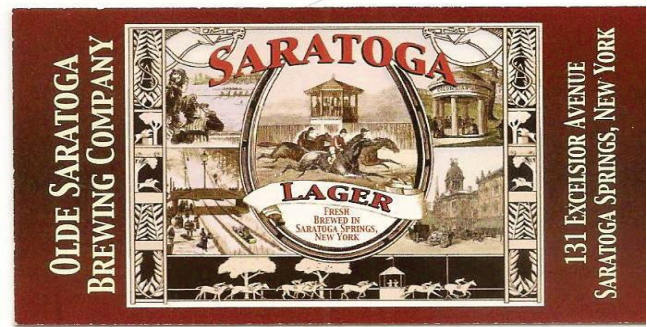
- *HOT (Hog Officer Training) is in Providence, RI this year. This training is for any or all Chapter Officers (even want-to-be's). Each chapter is allotted 6 slots, so let Art know if you are interested.*

*Motion made by Pierre Fonda, seconded by Tom Wiese to adjourn
Adjournment, 10:40am.*



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I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

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