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ADIRONDACK HOG

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MCDERMOTT'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Director's Corner

Art Persons



Hello ADK HOG! I hope everyone has been enjoying our spring weather. We've had some good rides, so far. Cranberry Lake, Brook's BBQ, Gerald B. Solomon National Cemetery, & the LOH Bike Blessing are already behind us. Keep your eye on the Website Calendar, as well as Facebook so you don't miss your favorite rides!

Americade is 1 week away. Be sure to visit the Harley-Davidson display on Beach Road with your National HOG card to get a free pin. Test rides are also available, if you want to try out your next "dream bike." Also, remember that McDermott's DOES NOT do inspections during Americade. There are also hours set

aside by Americade for non-rally participants to enter certain areas

of Fort William Henry. Some brand X motorcycles are available there for test rides.

McDermott's is once again sponsoring all of the Americade mini-tours on Friday as well as a boat ride. Bye for now, I hope to see you on the road, Art P.

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Birthday's:

Be sure to wish a Happy Birthday to these folk's when you see them!

Marc Chrostowski, Debbie Harrington, Jerry Harrington, Robin Kukowski, Diane Lawrence, Dottie Smith, Mickey Spiak, Kevin St Marie, and Norm Staalesen!



Ass't Director and Head Road Captain Mike Bala:



Mike wants you to be aware of the following:

LACONIA UPDATE

I (Mike) will be making two trips to New Hampshire:

June 12 is a day trip. MEET AT SALLY'S HEN HOUSE on Rt 4 in Ft Ann at 7am and will depart as soon as we're done with breakfast. Returning about 8-9pm.

June 18-19 leaving
McDermott's Fort Ann at

7am. Plenty of time to see everything. "Back and Black", an AC/DC tribute band, will be playing at Broken Spoke at 10pm. Sunday we will head into Maine for lunch before heading for home. Econo lodge (West Ossipee) has 3 rooms . 603-301-1426.

Please let me know if you're attending either or both of these rides. You can contact Mike at

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NOTES: This edition of the newsletter was done by me, Jake Delgaudio filling-in for our wonderful spectacular editor Kara Woomeer who is extremely busy with Americade this week! If there are any errors, omissions or other "mess-ups" it would be my doing and not hers!



Historian; "Blurbs Blog":

Ft Edward Brief History Final Part! (Part 3): A Chronology of Ft Edward and Rogers Island (New info and a "re-cap"!) Next Month look for "Argyle"!

Timeline: 5000 B.C. or earlier – Native Americans were hunting and fishing on the east bank of the Hudson River and on Rogers Island, leaving behind hearths, trash pits, and dumps. They continued to visit the local area until shortly before the first Europeans arrived in the area.

1690 General Winthrop marched to the "Great Carrying Place" (Fort Edward).

1691 Major Peter Schuyler arrived at the Great Carrying Place, where he remained for 16 days to build canoes before traveling north to Canada.

1709 General Francis Nicholson ordered Peter Schuyler to build a fort at the Great Carrying Place. The fort was garrisoned with 450 English, Dutch, and Indians equipped with cannons and mortars.

1731 John Henry Lydius built a trading post at the Great Carrying Place. The trading post was called "Fort Lydius" by the French and Indians.



1755 Sir William Johnson sent General Lyman to build a fort at the Great Carrying Place, and this was named "Fort Lyman." A month later, Sir William Johnson arrived at Fort Lyman and changed the name to "Fort Edward," in honor of Edward Augustus, Duke of York and Albany. (Picture below is the Fort Edward Marker Site at the End of Old Fort Road in Ft

Edward). The fort was a three-bastioned, Vauban-style fort, surrounded by a dry moat that was 14' wide and 8' deep.

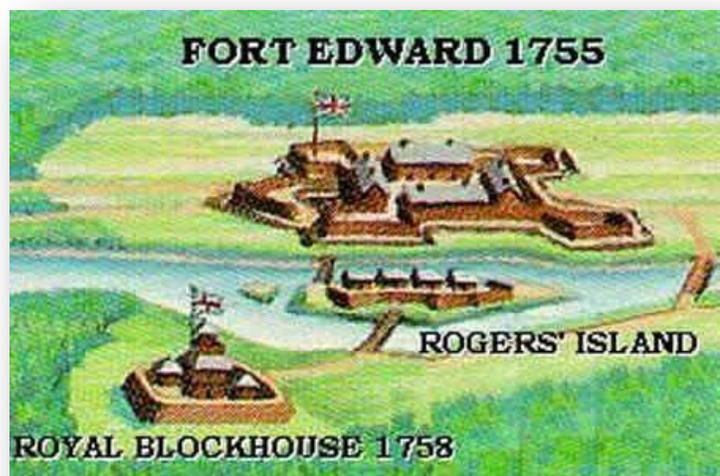
1755-1756 Barracks, blockhouses, guard houses, storehouses and a magazine were completed in Fort Edward. Rogers Island was used by some of the Provincial soldiers as a camp.

1757 General Daniel Webb was put in charge of the troops at Fort Edward and Fort William Henry.

July 23, 1757 The outworks at Fort Edward were attacked by the French under Marin, and about a dozen men were killed.

Aug.-Sept. 1757 The garrison in Fort Edward was enlarged after the "massacre" at Fort William Henry. Fort Edward was now the sole northern outpost for the British.

Winter 1757-1758 Colonel William Haviland was in charge of the soldiers at Fort Edward and on Rogers Island.



1757-1758 British barracks, Rangers' huts, a blockhouse and a hospital were built on Rogers Island. Major Duncan Campbell of the "Black Watch" may have died in a hospital on the island in July of 1758 after General Abercromby's unsuccessful attack upon Fort Carillon (Ticonderoga).

1759 General Amherst's army gathered in Fort Edward to prepare for their attack upon Forts Carillon and St. Frederic (Crown Point). After the capture of the two forts, the garrison in Fort Edward was greatly reduced. In 1766 Fort Edward was evacuated, and the stores were moved to Crown Point.

1775-1783 Fort Edward and Rogers Island were still occupied by a small garrison of American soldiers during the Revolution, but General John Burgoyne's army forced them to flee in 1777.

1890s Part of Fort Edward was dug up by William McDougall, Frank Morgan and others (a total of 10 men), to a depth of several feet. They sold the numerous artifacts they found, some of which are now on display in the Fort House Museum.

1991-1994, 1997-1998 Professional archaeological excavations were conducted on Rogers Island by Adirondack Community College (ACC).

1995-1996, 2002-2003 ACC conducted archaeology at the site of Fort Edward, exposing casemate rooms, postholes, and fireplaces.

2001-2002, 2004-2005 ACC conducted archaeology at the site of a 1750s' sutlers' (merchants') house on the Hudson River's east bank.

I hope you found Ft Edward interesting! Next month: A new place to explore (Argyle)! Just sharing some History!

It is such a pleasure to ride with you all!

As always, Safety First!

Jake Delgaudio



Safety Officer June 2016; "Blurbs Blog":

This month's article is Part II (of 4) on "Understanding Motorcycle Batteries" and "Your charging system"!

This is a 4 part article with Part 1 last month!

First: A little something on Battery Safety:

BATTERY ACID SAFETY

Battery acid, or electrolyte, is a solution of sulfuric acid and water. Even limited quantities of battery acid can destroy clothing and burn the skin. Use extreme caution when handling battery acid and keep an acid neutralizing solution, such as baking soda, readily available.

When handling battery acid always wear proper eye, face and hand protection. If the battery acid is splashed into an eye, immediately force the eye open and flood with clean, cool water for at least 15 minutes followed by prompt medical attention. If battery acid comes in contact with skin rinse effected area thoroughly with water. If battery acid is taken internally, drink large quantities of water or milk. Do not induce vomiting, *but do seek prompt medical attention*. Neutralize any spilled battery acid with baking soda. After neutralizing, rinse the contaminated area with clean water.

BATTERY CHARGING SAFETY

Always charge batteries in a well ventilated area and wear eye protection. Turn the charger and timer to “OFF” before connecting the leads to avoid dangerous sparks. Never try to charge a visibly damaged or frozen battery. Make sure that the leads to the connections are tight and that the red positive (+) lead is connected to the positive (+) terminal and the black (-) negative lead is connected to the negative (-) terminal. Set the timer (if applicable) and begin charging battery. If the battery becomes hot or gassing or spewing of electrolyte (acid) occurs, reduce charging rate or temporarily discontinue charging. Always turn the charger “OFF” before removing charger leads from the battery to avoid dangerous sparks.

Now, back to our series!

Clean Battery Terminals

Keep your battery terminals clean for a good safe connection! If you have MINOR corrosion, You can clean them with a solution of baking soda and water and a small brush. Keep in mind if your battery terminals look like the ones in the picture to the right, don't even bother to clean...get to McDermott's HD and get a new battery!



Self Discharge

One not-so-nice feature of lead acid batteries is that they discharge all by themselves even if not used. *A general rule of thumb is a one percent per day rate of self-discharge.* This rate increases at high temperatures and decreases at cold temperatures. Don't forget that your full-dresser, with a clock, stereo, and radio, is never completely turned off. Each of those devices has a "keep alive memory" to preserve your radio pre-sets and time, and those memories draw about 20 milliamps, or .020 amps. This will suck about one half amp hour from your battery daily at 80 degrees Fahrenheit. This draw, combined with the self-discharge rate, will have your battery 50 percent discharged in two weeks if the bike is left unattended and unused! Interesting stuff!

When A Battery Is Being Charged



Charging is a process that reverses the electrochemical reaction. It converts the electrical energy of the charger into chemical energy. Remember, a battery does not store electricity; it stores the chemical energy necessary to produce electricity. (One example of a simple charger is shown in the picture)...you can get your charger at McDermott's HD and they can direct you to what is proper for your bike)!

A battery charger reverses the current flow, providing that the charger has a greater voltage than the battery. The charger creates an excess of electrons at

the negative plates, and the positive hydrogen ions are attracted to them. The hydrogen reacts with the lead sulfate to form sulfuric acid and lead, and when most of the sulfate is gone, hydrogen rises from the negative plates. The oxygen in the water reacts with the lead sulfate on the positive plates to turn them once again into lead dioxide, and oxygen bubbles rise from the positive plates when the reaction is almost complete.

Many people think that a battery's internal resistance is high when the battery is fully charged, and this is not the case. If you think about it, you'll remember that the lead sulfate acts as an insulator. The more sulfate on the plates, the higher the battery's internal resistance. The higher resistance of a discharged battery allows it to accept a higher rate of charge without gassing or overheating than when the battery is near full charge. Near full charge, there isn't much sulfate left to sustain the reverse chemical reaction. The level of charge current that can be applied without overheating the battery or breaking down the electrolyte into hydrogen and oxygen is known as the battery's "*natural absorption rate.*" When charge current is in excess of this natural absorption rate, overcharging occurs. The battery may overheat, and the electrolyte will bubble. Actually, some of the charging current is wasted as heat even at correct charging levels, and this inefficiency creates the need to put more amp hours back into a battery than were taken out. More on that later.

Be sure to continue reading on this topic in next month's newsletter!

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



A HUGE Thank You to our awesome sponsoring dealership, **McDermott's Harley Davidson** for all they do, and have done over the years for the Chapter! **It is GREATLY appreciated!**

A banner with a dark wood-grain background. On the left is the "McDermott's Harley-Davidson" logo in a stylized, orange and white font. In the center, there are social media icons for Facebook and a phone icon, followed by the phone number "518.746.9303" in a large, white font. Below the phone number is the address "4294 STATE ROUTE 4 | FORT ANN, NY 12827". On the right is the Harley-Davidson "Motor Cycles" logo in its classic shield shape.

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