

Art Persons***Director***

Happy New Year ADK HOG! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Donna & I traveled to Kentucky again this year. We had a nice time spending time with our daughters & their families. Our Grandson has been riding a 4 wheeler for a couple of years. I coached him a little & had him riding a 50cc dirt bike before we came home. Riding that little bike was quite fun! I was upset to find all the snow melted when we got home. (No snowmobile yet!) There was very little sign of the big storm that hit Buffalo this fall. Just a few piles of snow were left in parking lots.

The Chapter bought wreaths for the Saratoga National Cemetery again this year. 400 or 500 people were there to lay out wreaths. This year they had 4000 wreaths. Wayne Lamothe, Bill Nestuk, Lisa Pritchard & I helped this year. We missed you Milt & Dottie! There was a lot of snow this year, but it wasn't as cold as previous years have been.

I hope everyone has had a chance to look at the 2015 McDermott's calendar. I'm sure you will recognize some of the people, rides & events in there. Lots of happy faces & great memories!

Sunday brunches are continuing this year. They move around, so check the calendar. (All brunches start at 11am.) Our Jan. Chapter meeting is on Jan. 18 at the Saratoga Elks Lodge at 10am. Come early for breakfast. I'm sure I will see some of you soon at brunch. Have a safe & Happy New Year!

We had a nice turnout for the Jan. meeting. We gained 5 new members. Welcome Earl, John, Chris, Beth & Bill! Bob Leombruno & Ken Carpenter were both very busy in their new positions. All our members are welcome to contribute to this newsletter. Jokes, pictures, trip stories or just plan lies are welcome.

It was great to see Bill Novotny & Milt Smith in the crowd. They both look like they are ready to go. Mike B. is still looking for more road captain help. Even if you would like to be an "apprentice", you would be welcome. Mike is also looking for new destinations, restaurants, ice cream stops or just good roads. Call, e-mail, or facebook him with any ideas.

That's enough rambling for now, see you at brunch! Art P.

Mark Stipano***Assistant Director***

Everyone, here is the good news - bad news article. First the bad news, always good to get that out of the way. We are still in the middle of winter, with lots of crazy weather to go. As I am writing this they are predicting a "historic" snow storm for New York City and the southern parts of New York State. The good news, is there is more good news than bad news. The first good news is that the amount of daylight is increasing each day. The second bit of good news is that the average daily temperature is increasing. The next piece of good news is my HOG package has come, which to me means that riding season, or at least preparation for it has begun. It's a good time to start thinking about getting our equipment ready for next season by planning any maintenance or upgrades. It's a great time to get good deals on motorcycle equipment. Soon we will be getting ready for Adirondack HOG Cookoff and the bike blessing, and soon enough we will be out riding again. Hope to see you all out at brunch and up at the shop. Get ready and stay safe!



Safety Officer; "Blurbs Blog"

The days are getting longer (and soon warmer) and riding season will be here before you know it! In the meantime, let's talk Motorcycle safety!

Remember, if you have stored your bike in an **un-heated** garage, barn, shed or other similar area, **DO NOT** pull the "frozen" bike out and start it and let it run for 15 or 20 minutes. **This is**

very harmful to the engine and you are not doing your bike any favors by doing this.

The engine oil is very cold and sitting at the bottom of the engine. It will not easily pump to the engine upper and lubricate like it would under normal warm weather temperatures. Therefore, until the engine gets sufficiently heated-up you are **running your motor DRY and this causes damage**. Also, you will build up **moisture inside the engine** which you don't want and will be corrosive. Best to leave your bike alone, plugged in to a battery tender, and wait until Spring when the entire motorcycle warms to a reasonable temperature above freezing and THEN start it up and let it run 15-20 minutes!



Many people then take a ride at least 20 miles in distance to get everything warm and any settled impurities mixed into the hot fluids and then change those fluids (and engine oil filter) and you are ready to go!

If you do not change your own fluids, and you store your bike at home, ride over to **McDermott's HD** in Ft Ann and they will handle this for you!



Winter storage is a great time to check over your other riding gear! Grab your helmet and make **sure it is clean!** Many helmet's have removable liners that can be laundered! (Mine does)! Also, check your helmet for any deep scratches and especially hairline cracks. If you see any of this you should order a new one as that helmet is no longer safe. If you use a face shield check for surface scratches that can reflect sunlight and cause glare making it hard to see. If your face shield is causing this problem, get a new one. You do not want to compromise your safety and seeing is an important part of being safe! The AMA suggests that you not keep a helmet more than 5 years before replacing it. How "old" is your helmet?

Winter is a great time to slather your leather with a good leather cream/conditioner. Most houses get pretty dry in winter and as you are waiting for spring to ride anyway, why not give a good check to ALL your gear and get ready!

It can be hard enough to get through our long winter's waiting to get back on the road...checking gear, cleaning gear, buying new needed gear etc are all fun ways to stay connected to your riding and help the wait go by quicker!

Spring is around the bend so hang in there and do some prepping! It's better for your gear, better for **you**, and **Safety can be fun!**

Also, in the meantime make sure to dress warm when outdoors. Keep exposed skin covered...sand and salt icy walkways etc, to stave off falls...and **SLOW DOWN** when driving, or walking! If this were a "board-game" the winners would be the ones who make it to riding season in one piece!

Remember: " Safety is when nothing bad happens" ...and this is not accomplished by chance!

It is such a pleasure to ride with you all!

As always, Safety First!

Jake Delgaudio

Donna P.'s Stuff: Brunch Schedule. Brunches are at 11am.

Sun., Feb. 1- Friendly's, Aviation Road, Queensbury

Sun., Feb.8- Olde Fort Diner, East Street, Ft. Edward

Sun., Feb. 15- Chapter Meeting 10am, Saratoga Elks Lodge. Come early for their All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast!

Sun., Feb. 22- Shirley's Diner, Rte. 29 West of Saratoga

Sun. Mar. 8- Northway Diner, Exit 18, Main Street, West Glens Falls

Ladies of Harley

Lisa Marie Pritchard

Happy February!

I hope everyone has a nice New Year's! The holiday party was great and a BIG thank you to all who came and to those who participated in making the evening a success!

I am currently working on the Annual Whatever Cook Off and hoping to get in touch with the Brewery in the next few days (it's Jan 28th right now)and I understand there has been some changes at the brewery. I am hoping to book our event Sunday, March 1 or Sunday, March 8. In the meantime, I am looking for cooks to cook and volunteers for set up, door collector, 50/50, bakers for desserts, clean up crew and photographers!! Please email, call me, text me or Facebook me if you are online.

While I'm on the subject of volunteers, please let me know if you can volunteer for our Bike Blessing!! Not sure when EXACTLY it is yet..but I know it's in the making! Stay tuned!!

Don't forget our fantastic, superb, most awesomest dealership EVER is having thier 3rd Chowder Fest on Saturday, February 21st and proceeds are going to a great cause, North Country Hardship Fund so give Kara a shout to sign up! i am asking the Ladies of Harley to bake some delish goodies to sell and help raise funds! Please let me know ASAP ! Bake whatever you want, how much you want and whatever price you want to sell your goodies for! Remember, people WILL pay for baked goods, so price high!!

Lastly, I will not be coordinating a HOG Hockey night for February or March.

However, if anyone wants to meet up for dinner before a game give me a call! I love hockey! Below are a few home games in Feb & Mar:

2/7-Sat-7pm vs. Utica

3/14-Sat-7pm vs. Toronto

2/28-Sat-7pm vs. Toronto

3/15-Sun-5pm vs. Binghamton

3/27-Sat-7pm vs. Rockford

THINK SPRING!!!



Minutes by Donna

Jan. 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:09

Welcomed new members: Earl, John, Chris, Beth & Bill.

27 Chapter Members reported 182,750 miles ridden in 2014

Christmas & Awards Party successful with good food & company

Welcomed our 2 new officers who were already "on the job." Treasurer- Ken Carpenter & Membership- Bob Leombruno

Wayne LaMothe spoke about wreaths across America. 2300 wreaths placed in Saratoga this year. Announced wreath cleanup day. Saratoga National Cemetery is looking for Honor Guard Volunteers to help with funerals taking place daily.

Old Business: Chapter Membership Renewals Due. See Bob Leombruno

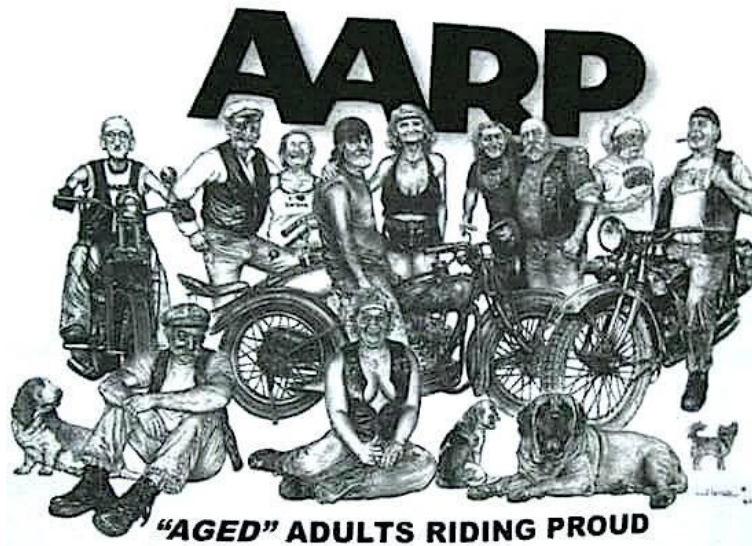
New Business: Anything Cook-off. Tabled till next meeting

Announcements: Alise McDermott had to updates for the McDermott's Calendar. Feb.21- Chowder Fest at McDermott's HD to benefit The North Country Hardship Fund. Alma's Ride date changed to July 12 to benefit The Wounded Warrior Project.

Welcomed back Milt Smith & Bill Novotny

Next meeting: Feb.15 @ Saratoga Elk's Lodge-10am.
Meeting adjourned about 10:45.

Photo submitted by Wayne LaMothe



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We're still looking for Chowder-makers!

February Promotion:

Spend \$175 - get a Harley-Davidson Camp Chair.

It's as simple as that. (Limit 2 per customer)



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