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By Art Persons

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Hello ADK HOG! Memorial Day is one week away. So far, we haven't had very good spring weather. We've already cancelled or postponed 2 rides. Bike nights have started up again at PJ's BBQ. Kathy Calhoun and Tracy Stowell both won door prizes. We had a nice ride home, riding into the sunset.

Brian Irwin led 10 of us on a nice ride through southern VT. The day started a little bit cool but warmed up nicely. We had lunch at a nice place in Dover called Dot's. We finished the day at Rob & Deb's for ice cream after about 200 miles.

Rolling Thunder XXXI is almost here. About 10 of us are going with a stop planned at the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. It should be a great weekend.

Americade is also coming up quickly. Rumor has it that Harley-Davidson won't be at Americade at all this year. That's the 1st time in about 35 years that they won't be here. I guess that means no pin stop again.

The schedules for The Iron Adventure & The 115th HD Anniversary are being updated, so keep your eye on those.

Also, remember to keep an eye on your tires. Air pressure and tread depth should be checked frequently. Be sure to check your tread depth in multiple locations around the tire. The easiest way is to have a helper.

Remember to sign up for ride 365 if you haven't already. Just contact Alise McDermott with your mileage & vin#.

Let's ride & have fun! Art P.



Events and Activities

by Donna Persons

- **Don't forget the quilt Raffle!** \$5.00 per ticket and all proceeds go to support the Christmas families. Drawing will take place during Americade.
- **PJ's Bike Nights** occur every Thursday around 5pm. Meet us there and get credit for a ride. You can also win some great prizes!



Happy Birthday!!!



- **May Birthdays**
 - Daniel Boyce
 - Terry Fisher
 - Tina Gibbs
 - Elise Innett
 - Mike Mcguinness
- **June Birthdays**
 - Dottie Smith
 - Mickey Spiak
 - Norm Staalesen
 - Joseph Jazwinski
 - Debbie Harrington
 - Jerry Harrington
 - Dane Axen

If you do not see your birthday here we may not have that information from your membership form or we may have missed you inadvertently. If you would like to be included in these announcements please let us know.

Assistant Director and Safety Officer

by Brian Irwin



HOG 3220 Riders,

I think it may finally be here! It looks like sun out there, but it would be nice if we could just get the thermostat turned up a bit more. Not starting out to great as far as dry weekends for rides, but, I have it on good faith that we will make a turn here soon (fingers crossed).

Now that it looks like summer is finally coming around, I thought I should put out a few reminders about personal health and safety. Hopefully you all paid close attention to the welfare of your motorcycles over the past few months and they are ready for a long season of riding. Or as we have come to expect up here in the

Adirondacks, two months of rainy rides followed by one month of hot rides followed by one month of cold rides and then one month of really cold rides with a chance of "WTH snow already!" Before you head out for those nice long rides, pull out all that riding gear that has been steadily shrinking while it was in storage. Lay it all out, try it on, and look for things like surprise holes in your rain gear that were not there when you last saw it. This time of year, we may be getting on the road with temperatures in the 40's to end up in the 80's by afternoon. Expect to dress up or down based on weather conditions and plan your packing accordingly always maintaining the idea or dressing for the slide, not the ride. Safety is something we all must plan for and be vigilant to maintain or it will quickly go by the wayside. Check your helmet for any signs of damage, keeping in mind the general rule is replace it every five years. Make sure you have a good pair of dark lens glasses and clear or amber lens safety rated glasses or goggles. A good pair of gloves will serve you well, keeping the road vibration out of your knuckles and the bugs from smacking your pinkie fingers. It is strongly recommended you wear long sleeve shirts and a jacket to provide protection from that painful blacktop road and from the dangerous effects of sun burning away layers of skin.



Sunblock is something we always seem to forget about until we just spent all day cooking our faces and forearms. Put it on at the start of the ride and reapply throughout the day, not just when the sun is blazing, but also when there is cloud cover. Those darn UV's will still be hitting you right through those clouds.

Stay hydrated!! If you know you are going to be out for a day long ride, at a minimum start drinking lots of water the day before and throughout the day of riding. Nothing will wreck a good ride more than following it up with three days of headaches while your body tries to recover from a day of getting dehydrated and burned. If during a ride you find you are not feeling up to par or you notice another rider is not looking well, please say something. The best part of group riding is you are always around friends that are willing to help continue your fun.

As your Assistant Director, a Road Captain, and your Safety Officer, I feel the need to voice something that has been brought to my attention and which I have personally experienced. The officers of HOG 3220 spend an enormous amount of time putting together rides and events, as well as making sure the club is run in compliance with countless rules under not-for-profit law, V&T law, state regulations and local regulations regarding the activities associated with the running of our club. Please keep in mind before you criticize the work being done, none of the members who stepped up as officers are receiving any benefits. No member is expected to go on a ride or stay on a ride if they are not enjoying it. Same with any meeting or event. What I would



ask, as a courtesy, if you chose not to finish a ride, or don't like something being done, let someone know why, especially if there is something that you saw or something that happened which we can fix so it does not happen again. To the best of my knowledge our Road Captains all enjoy going on rides, not necessarily leading them. Personally, I would love to just go on rides and not have to do any planning, but, I also feel a responsibility to help maintain a sport and past time which I have come to enjoy and love. Please keep that in mind next time you think "why the heck did he go this way, this road sucks," "when are we gonna stop, been going for too long," or "I would not have done that, that never works!" Remember our mission is to ride, eat and have fun!

As a last message, I would like to thank all of you who will be able to join me for the trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Rolling Thunder demonstration. I ask that you please not refer to it as a ride or a parade. Make no mistake; the demonstration is designed to send a message to the government who to this day has failed to bring home tens of thousands of US service members who have been lost to conflicts on foreign soil. The major function of Rolling Thunder, Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing in Action. The demonstration and Memorial Day take on a very personal side for me. As some of you may not know, I served in the Marine Corps Reserve and then the Army National Guard where I deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Several of my fellow Soldiers did not return with their lives from those places. For myself and many fellow service members, Memorial Day weekend and that

Monday serve as a time to honor those we have lost. It is not a holiday but a celebration of the lives of those lost.



Thank you,
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Head Road Captain and Historian

by Mike Bala



We've managed to get six rides in so far this season which is pretty good considering the weather we have had. I'm pretty sure the odds of winning the lottery are better than getting a weekend without rain.

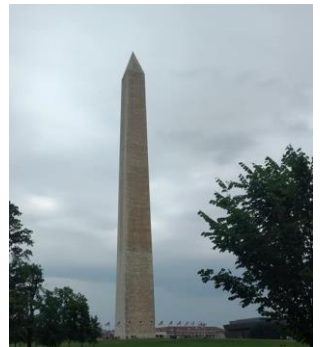
We had a great turn out at the bike blessing and 30+ riders went to lunch at Longhorn. We've also ridden to Old Forge, Ticonderoga and into Vermont.

We had 13 members attend the bike night at PJ's Bar-B-Qsa and a short ride home through Corinth and Spier Falls Rd.

Looking forward to Toys for Tots Ride, and Thursday 5/24/18 we have a group making the ride to Washington DC for Rolling Thunder XXXI. Be sure to watch the facebook page for pictures throughout the weekend.

2018 Statistics:

- 37 people have participated in a club ride
- 6 Rides Taken so far this year
- 2 Rides Canceled due to weather
- 2 Events completed, Cabin Fever and Bike Blessing



For **historian** this year I decided to try something new. I thought it might be nice to learn a little history about our members...

This month we are featuring **Jodi Irwin with a Passenger Perspective.**



When did you first ride a motorcycle? I've been riding as a passenger since 2004.

When did you join HOG and which chapters have you belonged to? Joined HOG in 2015 and this has been the only chapter I have ever belonged to.

What was your favorite ride? Sturgis 2015

What was the first bike you rode? A 2005 Kawasaki Vulcan!

What was the first Harley you rode? 1998 Ultra Glide

How many miles do you ride in a year? 12,500 a year

Tip for Members: Try to sit still, stay hydrated and enjoy riding with your friends!



Are you interested in being featured in next month's issue? Contact Mike Bala.

Lou's News! Website and Newsletter Editor

by LouAnn Bala

You may have noticed that our facebook page has changed to a "closed group". What does that mean and why did we make the change?

In an open group anyone can join and everything is viewable by everyone online, including search engines. A search engine is a program that searches for and identifies items in a database that correspond to keywords. It is used specifically to try to gather information about users and then use that information to "it's" advantage for good or for evil...

In a closed group, administrators must approve members and only group members can see posted content. This gives the club the opportunity to control who sees club information.

A few numbers for you- We have 399 members on our facebook page. For the most part, members represent members of ADK HOG, Past Members and family members. Typical Posts to our site are seen by over 100 people. Our top post in the past 30 days was related to the bike blessing. See pic below. Thank you to all the Ladies of Harley that assisted and to Kara Woomer for providing the blessing and dedicating this season to Boone.

Looking for the next ride or club activity? Check out ADKHOG.com. All events will be updated on the website and newsletter as they are made available.



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