

# Happy Holidays and Thank You for Another Fantastic Riding Season!!



Hello ADK HOG! The 2018 Riding season is officially over! I woke up this morning to snow covered roads. We had another great season with lots of miles ridden. Thanks to all our road captains for their hard work. Leading the ride is the easiest part for me. Planning the route, rest stops & lunch is where the work is! Nobody likes u-turns or late lunches!

Quite a few members got new motorcycles this year. I can think of 8 without trying. My new bike is sure different than the Sportster I started with!

2018 was a good year for rallies. Members attended Daytona, Rolling Thunder, Americade, Wier's Beach, Iron Adventure, H-D's 115<sup>th</sup>, & Daytona again. There is already talk of Sturgis in 2020! The Iron Adventure Rally is back in Ludlow, VT. for 2019. There is also a rally in Ellicottville, NY. called the Enchanted Mountain Rally. It is a beautiful area close to the PA. border.



Don't forget about Sunday Brunches. Most take place @ 11am. They move around so check Donna's Stuff later in the newsletter. Wayne L. is ordering wreaths for Saratoga National Cemetery. I'll have more info later if you would like to help place wreaths. The Chapter has adopted a family for Christmas again this year. There are 6 kids of all ages. See Donna's Stuff for shopping & wrapping nights. We will need lots of help to shop for 6 kids! That's it for now, I hope to see everyone Sun. at the Nov. Chapter Meeting. We will hold elections & decide on our Awards Party in January. Stay warm, Art P.

## Events and Activities

by Donna Persons



Brunches started November 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember they are on Sundays at 11am except for chapter meeting days and holidays. Calendar will be updated shortly. If you have a place you would like to go, please let us know!

11/18- Chapter meeting no brunch  
 11/25- Fund Raiser at Texas Road House- see below  
 12/2- Country Café the old Phat Chix place  
 12/16- the Old What's Cooking  
 12/23 and 12/30- No Brunches- Enjoy the holidays!  
 1/6 -Scappy's  
 1/13- Olde Forte Diner  
 1/20 Chapter meeting no brunch



## Happy Birthday!!!

- **November Birthdays**
  - Earl Bellamy
  - Bruce Bixler
  - Peggy Henk
  - Wayne LaMothe
  - Chrissy McCormack
  - Gary Millis
  - Bill Netsuk
  - Kjod Schou
  - Debra Skaza
  - Robert Tomlins
  - Robert Fitzgerald
  
- **December Birthdays**
  - Andy Ickes



Don't see your birthday here? It's probably because we don't know when it is! Let us know so we can add you!

And the nominees for 2019 **Secretary** are.....we will be voting on the secretary position at the November meeting. Be present to cast your vote. Meet the candidates...



“Hi Everyone, I am **Tina Gibbs** and I am running for secretary of our chapter.

I have been a member of this chapter for a few years now and enjoy our time to together!

I have been riding for 43 years! Wow, how did I get to be this age! I would have to say, next to family, motorcycling is my greatest joy! It is where I get to forget my troubles.

I enjoy this group! There are lots of different personalities that come together and work together! Thank you for listening!

Here is a family photo. This was taken in August 2018, my parents 60th wedding anniversary!”



“My name is **Donella Fisher**. I am honored to have been nominated for the Adirondack HOG Secretary.

I am committed to providing exceptional support to my fellow officers and members. I will bring my strength, which is organizational skills to our club along with strong ideas for growth. I am energetic, smart and full of life.

I am an active member of the club.

Over the past year I have attended almost a dozen rides, several brunches, supported our annual picnic by participating and helping with the games and participated in the chili cookoff.

I would love the opportunity to server as an officer.

Thank you for the nomination and I look forward to seeing all of you!”

## 2019 Officer Line-UP Accepted and Uncontested Positions



### **Director**

“I’m Art Persons & I’m running for Director again this year. I have been riding Harleys since 1981 when I bought a 1974 Sportster. I joined ADK HOG when the Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> started & I’m a charter member. I look forward to being the Director of ADK HOG for the 2019 riding season. I’m Art Person & I approve of this message!”



### **Assistant Director and Safety Officer**

**Brian Irwin** served as the Assistant Director and Safety Officer for 2018 and has accepted the positions for 2019. Brian was instrumental in facilitating the Chapter Picnic and several other overnight rides and events. He has actively served as an Assistant Road Captain. He has also made several contributions to enhance the group riding experience while keeping everyone safe.



### **Head Road Captain and Treasurer**

#### **Mike Bala**

“I’ve been riding for 27 years and have been a HOG member since 1999 when I joined the Winnepesaukee Chapter in New Hampshire. I have also been a member of the Orlando Chapter and with Adirondack HOG since 2010. I’ve been the Head Road Captain since 2013. During my tenure, we have focused on increasing the number of rides and adding overnight trips taking us to a variety of new and old destinations. During the 2018 season we had over 60 led rides which included nine overnight trips. The goal for me has been to get each member to ride further than the season before.”

## 2019 Officer Line-UP Accepted and Uncontested Positions (cont)



### **Membership Officer**

“My name is **Tracy Stowell**. I was born in Detroit Michigan but as the daughter of a Ford Executive we moved a lot, places like Ohio and Oklahoma, where I saw my first and hopefully LAST tornado! Then back to Michigan where I graduated from High School but not before getting the chance to live in Thailand as an exchange student for the summer following my junior year. With my husband Andrew I’ve gotten to live in some pretty fantastic places as well. We started in Buffalo, then Albany, continuing onto Massachusetts where we lived on the island of Nantucket! We lived in Florida long enough to have our two boys, Sayre and Tanner, both in College (we are SO proud) and now have settled in the Saratoga Springs area. We hope to retire someday up on our property in beautiful Schroon Lake.

I consider myself an upbeat people person, a citizen scientist, a nature geek and an artist in many mediums. My hobbies are many, from collecting rocks, minerals, bugs, feathers, eggs...anything from nature. I am into reading, writing, photography, drawing and painting- I have a Bachelor’s degree in Graphic Design and am a freelance artist. I enjoy gardening and baking and as anyone who knows me can tell you, I am crazy about my chickens, my “girls”!

Then there is our “Fatboy”, our Harley Davidson. Safe to say my husband and I LOVE to ride!! My husband became a member in 2013; I joined in 2014 and was HOOKED! We love our Harley family and the sheer joy we share in riding together, being friends with all of them is such a blessing! There’s everything that comes with it, too, from the fantastic places we get to see together, all the LAUGHTER and of course the food food food AND ice cream!! I look forward to growing with the club, my Harley friends and family. I look forward to many more adventures, meeting new people and of course future rides with my man!



### **Activities, Ladies of Harley and Sunshine Officer**

“Hi I’m **Donna Persons** I am running for Activities and Ladies of Harley and Sunshine. I have been a member of ADK. HOG since it began. I have been riding with my husband Art Persons for 35 years (holy crap).”

....**Donna** has done an amazing job coordinating the brunches for the past several years. Thank You Donna!!



## Photographer

“Hi I am **Bruce Tubbs** and I have been nominated for the position of club photographer. As you have seen on our HOG Facebook Page, I am one of several who contribute by submitting photos of rides, lunches and other events. My background for this position includes 31 years in the education field as a physical education teacher and building principal, 25 years as a ski instructor, and I spent a lot of time as a soccer coach, official and basketball referee. So, as you can see from that experience, that more than qualifies me to be the club photographer.

I actually think after serving in that capacity and snapping many candid and posed pictures, you guys are now used to me running around with a camera and catching you with mouthfuls of food, making funny faces and reacting strangely to something said and sleeping on one of our ride stops. With that being said, as I have been nominated again for this position, I accept it and hope you will support my candidacy. I can't promise all I shoot will protect you, if you have any pre-existing conditions, but if you do, I certainly try my best to catch you in the most embarrassing pose possible! Thank you for your support!”



## Historian

“Hi my name is **Andrew Stowell** and I was nominated and accept the position of Historian. I Grew up in Schroon Lake NY. Married with 2 sons, both in college. Have lived in CO, MA, and FL. Outdoor enthusiast, love skiing, hiking, camping, etc. Enjoy building things from furniture to buildings. Big fan of baseball, John Wayne movies and American history. Work in the hotel business. My first bike was Yamaha 650 special, (a long time ago). I took a long hiatus from riding. Work, moving around and family concerns took precedence over riding a motorcycle for way to long.

In 2013 I bought my first Harley, a 2007 Fatboy and joined ADK hog. I thoroughly enjoy riding, seeing different places, meeting friends, stopping at great restaurants

and of course ice cream.

The sights, the sounds, the smells, I am amazed at how much better (and sometimes wetter), it is to see this beautiful country on a motorcycle.”



## Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

“Hi my name is **LouAnn Bala** aka Katerina Fox on facebook. I have served in several capacities since joining ADKHOG . For the past year I have been working on updating our Website and reducing cost for our membership as a result. I am pleased to accept the nomination for these positions once again. This year we will be working on aligning the facebook calendar and google calendar to create a seamless experience for our members and ensure everyone is up to date on the rides and activities. We also plan to add paypal to our website to create an easier method of payment for membership fees and member ads. I am always

encouraging contributions from our membership for the newsletter. Thank you once again for your nomination. Looking forward to 2019.”

## Thanks for a great riding season!



### Head Road Captain and Historian

By Mike Bala



For anyone who has not done Key West, get it on your radar! We had a fantastic time checking out Hogs Breath Saloon and several other hot spots around the area. Lots of neat places to visit and a variety of things to do. We checked out mile marker Zero, watched the sunset and enjoyed the entertainment and performers in square. The best part of the ride was going over the miles and miles and of bridges driving through each key and then back to Daytona.

This trip always seems a little shorter in March. We had a great time listening to music and eating at our favorite restaurants. We had an interesting ride from New York to Florida as we watched Hurricane Michael. We had some good intel from friends in the Carolinas and Florida who kept us informed of the road conditions along the way. We only had one day of rain. On the way home, we were watching for potential snow! Thank God for heated gear!

If you were in the mileage contest and did not send me your mileage please do so ASAP. We will announce the winners and provide the prizes at the January awards ceremony and Holiday party.

Road Captains please stay tuned, we will be posting for a meeting in January to begin planning for 2019. We had a great turn out last year which contributed over 60 guided rides this season. Would love to expand the road captain group to allow for more local and midweek rides. If you are interested please let me or Art know.

Congrats to those that have completed the New England Challenge. It's been great to see Lori and Bruce's posts as they continue to get their stamps throughout the Northeast. The destinations are great not to mention the prize!

Thank you for participating this year. Don't forget to get your mileage to Alise as well as we can log our miles for the chapter challenge Ride 365- there is no payment needed for this and every mile counts!

# Thanks for a great riding season!





## Awards Banquet and Holiday Party Information

Tracey Stowell

### We will be voting on this on Sunday!!

Here are the 2 choices. I personally am leaning towards Boars nest. They are extremely accommodating and have worked together with their chef and I to put together a custom fit buffet for our banquet.

The Elks club is a good choice as well. We have H.O.G. members that are also members there and this would give us a small discount.

### The Elks Club (Waterford Banquets)

2 packages that fit our budget-

Chef Carved Buffet \*\$27.95 (plus tax and gratuity)

Top Sirloin of Beef OR Fresh Roasted Turkey carved to order.  
Chicken Teriyaki OR Beef Burgundy, Seafood Newburgh, Rice  
Hot Vegetable, Stuffing or Potato, tossed salad, Rolls and butter.

**OR**

Hot and Cold Buffet \*\$23.95 (plus tax and gratuity)\_

Sliced Roast beef, Turkey Breast, Imported Ham  
American and Swiss Cheese, Baked Ziti, Meatballs, Chicken Wings  
Macaroni Salad & Potato Salad, Bread and Rolls.  
Both Buffets include a Bread and Cheese table with fruit decoration  
Coffee, tea and Decaf. Drinks available for purchase at the bar.

### The Boar's Nest

\*\$22.90 (plus tax and gratuity)

Sliced Roast beef with a Demi glaze, Chicken Marsala.  
Broccoli penne Alfredo, sautéed green beans carrot blend in a  
Garlic butter sauce, mashed potatoes, Tossed salad with Ranch or Italian.  
Chevre Rolls with butter. Soda and Coffee. Drinks available for purchase at the bar.  
Apple crisp for dessert.

**AND**

We could also add Stuffed filet of Sole with Lobster Cream Sauce. This  
Would bump it up to \*\$29.90 (plus tax and gratuity)  
**AND BONUS...** there's a band that starts at 8pm which is like a 90's alternative.

Still waiting to find out about some kind of Cheese table/hors d'oeuvres.

**\*The prices at both places are based on an approximate count of 50 people**



## Lou's News! Website and Newsletter Editor

by LouAnn Bala

### 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.**

If you have an event you would like to include, please let me know by email [balalouann@gmail.com](mailto:balalouann@gmail.com), Facebook messenger or texting 518-321-2056. Anyone interested in submitting articles, or who would like to help with the website, please let me know! Check out the GROUP PHOTOS on the website. We update email addresses monthly, so if you have paid your dues you should be getting this. If you hear of anyone who is not getting this, please have them email me asap so I can add them to the list. Minutes and treasurer reports are submitted separately and all copies are available upon request to dues paying club members.

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## Classifieds and Announcements



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