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From the Director's Desk
By Art Persons

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Hello ADK HOG!

The weather has finally started turning around. Our Spring was pretty crappy. We have already had to cancel at least 2 rides due to weather. A group of us rode to Washington, DC for Rolling Thunder. This was the 31st year for Rolling Thunder. It's kind of a shame that this protest rally is still needed to remind people that Vets are still missing.

Our 1st stop for the weekend was the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA (pictured right). The Memorial is a sobering reminder of the 4 plane crashes on Sept. 1, 2011. The crash site is an old coal mine that is still being reclaimed. Forty people died that day trying to regain control of the plane. The terrorist on the plane decided to crash the plane early, twenty minutes from Washington. Well worth your time, if you are in the area.



We arrived at the Pentagon Parking Lots at about 7am, hoping to get a little closer to the North Parking lot where the ride starts at 12pm. We were parked by about 7:30 with almost ½ of the lot already filled. It got hot very quickly, with shade hard to come by. By the time we pulled out at 1:30 it was 95 deg. The route is 6 or 8 miles long with no stops. We also visited The Jefferson & Lincoln Memorials, Korean War Memorial, Women's Memorial, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (pictured left). I think we all had a thought provoking and fun Memorial Day Trip. We just missed the huge storm that flooded Baltimore. We still rode in some very hard rain, but never found out if a Harley could float like some of the mini-vans on the news! Nice ride Brian Irwin!

I hope to see you all soon. Don't forget to visit our Facebook Page and Website to enjoy all the pictures from Americade and Laconia! Art P.

Events and Activities

by Donna Persons

I met a Harley Rider at McDermott's Lake George Store who is collecting patches for a young autistic boy who loves motorcycles but will probably never be able to ride. His parents would like to fill a vest with patches. If you have any patches for this boy's vest, get them to me & I will get them mailed out.

- The quilt raffle was a huge success! Congratulations to Rich Coon from South Glens Falls, the winner of the quilt. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- **J'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!!!

- **June Birthdays**
 - Dottie Smith
 - Mickey Spiak
 - Norm Staalesen
 - Joseph Jazwinski
 - Debbie Harrington
 - Jerry Harrington
 - Dane Axen
- **July Birthdays**
 - Alise McDermott
 - Samuel McElroy
 - Fred Miller



Don't see your Birthday listed?

We probably don't know...please send an email to the newsletter editor at adkhog@gmail.com

Assistant Director and Safety Officer

by Brian Irwin



HOG 3220 Riders,

If you have not registered for the upcoming “Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally” on 8/2/18 through 8/4/18, and you plan on attending, take a moment to visit <https://members.hog.com/> and click on the events tab to go to the link for the registration. There are still a few rooms available at the Sunday River Lodge. Those are also available on the registration link.

Now that riding season; more specifically warmer weather is here please make sure you are planning before going out on those long rides. A little safety thinking will save you a lot of hassle later. Make sure you hydrate ahead of time when you know you will be out for a full day of riding. Water is always the best fluid when it comes to preparing your system for a day in the sun. A lot of sun and wind in your face may feel good, but it will take a toll on your body real fast. Sun block use liberally will help prevent a nasty burn which will seriously hinder your fun. A long sleeve shirt may not seem like it would keep you cooler, but when the option is turning your arms a lovely shade of lobster, that layer will seem more tolerable. I cannot emphasize the importance of proper riding gear enough. For those of us who recently rode up on another rider who collided with a whitetail only minutes ahead of us, the need for a quality helmet, gloves, coat, and long pants certainly was reinforced. To those members who were able to provide aid, thank you very much. I think we did our club proud. Short sleeves, shorts, and flip flops are a recipe for disaster. Don't be that rider! Planning to ride safe is only half the battle. Following through with a safe ride that gets every rider home safe at the end is the only option that works for us.

Thank you,
Brian Irwin
Your Assistant Director & Safety Officer
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Head Road Captain and Historian

by Mike Bala



So, I was sitting at Americade writing this. The weather is improving and we're getting more rides in. Over the past month, we went to Lake Placid and Big Fatty's in White River Junction, participated in the dealer sponsored Toys for Tots Ride and Rolling Thunder. Upcoming rides include Speculator Loop, Dinosaur BBQ and Toziers in VT.

We just returned from the 95th Laconia Rally which was a great time as always. Happy to see so many members participating!

Remember to register your mileage for 365. Quick Reminder, if you will be leaving a ride early, always advise the RC and the sweep and then ride in the back of the group to avoid confusion. Thank you!

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 my wife..LouAnn Bala aka Katerina Fox **with a Passenger Perspective.**

When did you first ride a motorcycle? I've been riding as a passenger for 26 years. I started riding after I took a bet from Mike that I could beat him bowling if he spotted me 100 pins...needless to say I lost and the next day he bought a bike...

When did you join HOG and which chapters have you belonged to? Joined HOG a long time ago and have been part of many chapters including the Winnepesaukee Chapter in NH, Orlando Chapter in Florida, and Adirondack in New York. I'm now a National HOG Life Member.

What was your favorite ride? Sturgis 2015 and the 110th in Milwaukee were both memorable. Can't wait to return for the 115th.

What was the first bike you rode? I rode a Buell Blast as an operator for a few years on my own. As a passenger our first bike, was a very colorful sports bike.

What was the first Harley you rode? Our first Harley was a Sportster.

How many miles do you ride in a year? Depends on the year but I'd

say around 20000 on an average year.

Tip for Members: I have lots of advice...but I would start with this... As an operator I learned to ride by taking the Harley's Basic Rider Course which I would highly recommend to all passengers even if you have no intention of getting your own bike. You learn so much about the bike, how to lean, the importance of hand signals, avoiding obstacles and riding in a group.

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

Lou's News! Website and Newsletter Editor

by LouAnn Bala

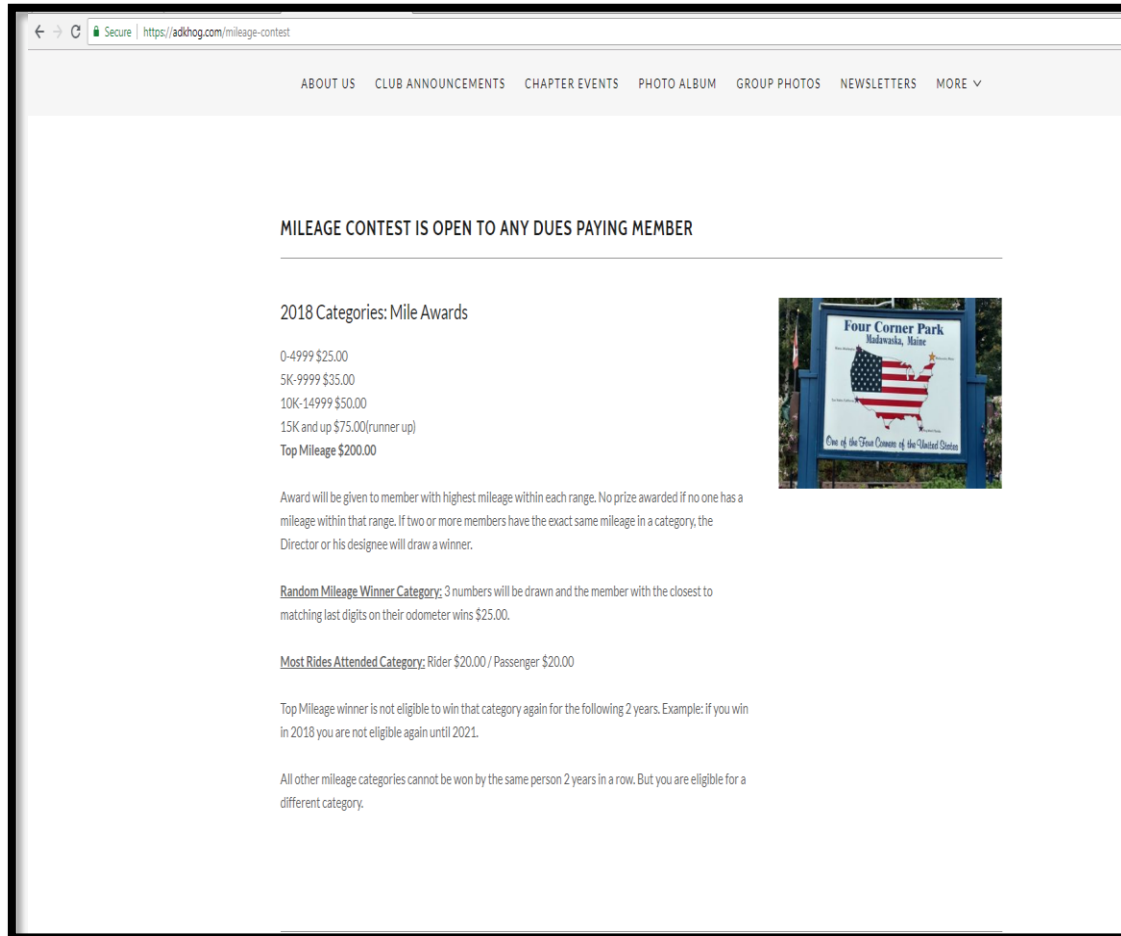
Looking for the next ride or club activity?

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, 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.

Classifieds and Announcements

Check out the new Mileage Contest!! You have to be in it to win it!



YOUR AD HERE:

At the May meeting the club voted to allow advertisements from members or local businesses ..

- Business card size ad...5.00 per month donation with a minimum of 6 months is suggested.
- Selling something, swap meet style? Feel free to provide a post. No minimum on these. 5.00 donation per month is suggested.
- Ads must be in a cut and paste format or a picture... and I'm not responsible for spelling errors or incorrect info...you provide, I post.
- We are also accepting shout outs to new members, well wishes, happy birthday notes etc. 1.00 donation is suggested.
- All donations will be used at club's discretion to support functions, activities and Goodwill donations. The treasurer will maintain the funds.
- Contact Art or LouAnn for additional details and information.
- This has been approved by McDermott's.