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**SAVE the Date: Holiday Party  
Planned for January 25, 2025!**

## From the Director's Desk

As we enter the fall season, we will likely have 8 more weekends of riding before the initial salting of the roads.

We have another Sturgis trip in the books and are already looking forward to going back in 2026. Lots of memories made, great riding with friends, and congrats to Terry and Donella on the new bike. This past weekend we had an overnight group ride to Bentley's in Maine and attended the Back in Black concert. We had a good time hanging out. Played some left, right, center. Had a chilly ride on the way back which resulted in a few members purchasing some heated jackets. They are a game changer for sure! And of course... we stopped at the Wheel Inn for dinner.

Over the past 2 weekends, our group has logged over 1200 miles. Remember to keep your mileage updated with McDermott's HD and to provide me with your final mileage when you put the bike away for the season.

Let us know if you have a ride you would like to see on the schedule. We have some open slots.

### So far here are the remaining scheduled rides:

- 9/14 Final Challenge Coin Ride of the Season to Rhode Island
- 9/15 Meeting at 10am with ride to Slickers in Old Forge
- 9/28 Brooks BBQ
- 10/20 Brunswick Toy Run and Dinosaur BBQ

**Ride Safe! Mike B.**

## *Safety Officer, Cindy S*

### *Safety Notes*

#### **Avoiding Hazards on the Road**

Whether you're a novice or a skilled motorcycle rider, there are going to be times when hazards on the road test your handling abilities. The best defense you have is the ability to react quickly and calmly to the hazards that appear in your path. Depending on whether you're riding in slick conditions like rain, snow or leaves or trying to avoid hazards in the road such as potholes, debris or uneven pavement, here are a few motorcycle riding safety tips that could help you react in ways that will keep you and your bike safe. A quick reminder to point out hazards and maintain the proper staggered.



**Reduce your speed** - A slippery surface will result in a longer stopping time. Slow down and pay close attention to changes in the driving surface.

**Use both brakes** - Your front brake is responsible for three-quarters of your braking ability. Apply the front brake slowly and consistently without locking the wheel. Apply the rear brake in the same manner. Try not to brake mid-corner and remember the risk of sliding increases with acceleration. Avoid sudden moves - On a slippery surface, sudden movements will be exaggerated and could cause you to lose balance. Gradual, deliberate movements will help keep the bike steady and help you avoid skidding.

**Try to avoid the slickest areas** - The center of the lane and intersections are where oil and other slippery substances tend to build up. To avoid these areas, ride where you're most likely to be seen AND avoid the hazard. Try to avoid the sides of the road where dirt and gravel collect and cause low-traction conditions.

**When Debris or Hazards Appear in Your Path** - There are times when hazards such as potholes, roadkill, or other objects seem to appear out of nowhere in the lane you're riding in. It is very important that you practice avoiding hazards and are able to react quickly and calmly when they do appear. Potholes are much more than an inconvenience that can damage your motorcycle. Even the most conscientious biker can be involved in an accident when encountering poor road conditions such as potholes. Hitting a pothole at even a low speed can cause significant damage to a tire rim or cause a motorcycle to go down. Accidents also can be caused by motorcyclist swerving to avoid a pothole.

**If you have to ride over an object, uneven surfaces like potholes, broken pavement or railroad tracks, it is important that you:**

- Slow down
- Hold onto the hand grips tightly.
- Keep a straight course.
- Rise up slightly on the foot pegs to absorb the shock.
- Try to cross the uneven surface at an angle

Once you have driven over an object or hazard in the road, it's a good idea to pull over and inspect your bike and tires for any damage. Chapter members have discovered bent rims. If you take the steps to identify and react quickly and calmly to the hazards that you could face on the road, you are in a much better position to come out of a potentially dangerous situation unscathed.

## *Assistant Director, Terry F*

Fall is approaching quickly, but there's still riding to be done. With cooler mornings and damp evenings, dress accordingly or bring extra clothes to stay prepared.

We had a fantastic group in Sturgis, and Donella and I came home with a new RG3—what a sweet ride it is! Peer pressure was on when someone asked, “Who’s going to keep the rally buying streak going?” (Thanks, Mike.)



We have some exciting fall rides planned. If anyone has a ride or destination they think would be great to explore, please share it with the group. No idea is a bad idea.

Kara has also inquired if we’re interested in reserving a table for their Halloween party in October. We could potentially do a membership drive, bake sale, and maybe even a 50/50 raffle.

Please be mindful of your surroundings while on the roads. Animals are more active now, leaves will start falling, and wet leaves can be hazardous.

On another note, we’re considering having a float in the Greenwich Lighted Tractor Parade. Mike has generously offered to tow a trailer with his tractor. The trailer can carry a bike or 2 and participants but Mike will be riding in his heated cab. If anyone is interested in decorating and lighting up an ADKHOG-themed tractor, let us know!

Thanks for your time, and have a great fall. See you soon!

Terry

### **Social Media and Website, LouAnn B**

Hi Everyone! What's happening?? Check out the [adkhog.com](http://adkhog.com) website events page. This is where you can find upcoming meetings, rides, and planned events. Note, especially during the Fall riding season, rides are often changed due to weather. Road Captains do their best to keep the calendar updated. If you have any questions message Mike B on Facebook.

### **Happy Birthday**

Linda Jones

Mike Bala

Tim Jones

Kate Baker

Lisa Stipano

Brad Barrett

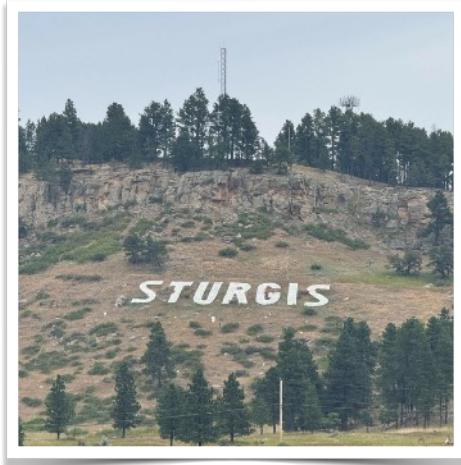
Donna Persons



## Sturgis Highlights

The group had a wonderful time at Sturgis. If you have never been there I highly recommend it. Here are some tips should you plan to go.

**Be sure to get a picture by the historic Sturgis sign!**

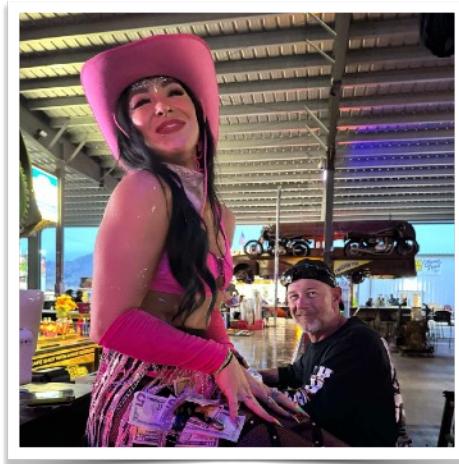
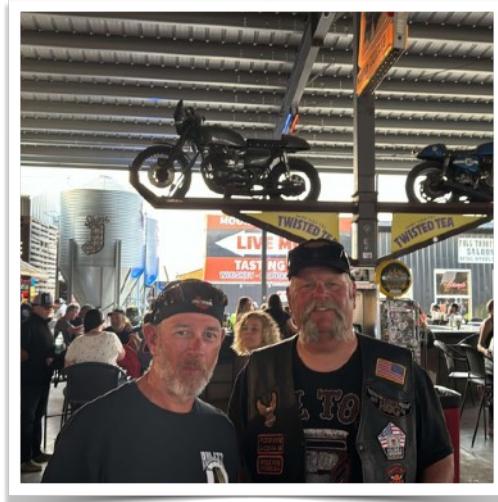


## **Concert Venues**

Mike and I attended the Kid Rock concert at the **Buffalo Chip**, it was hands down one of my favorite concerts. Would highly recommend taking a day and experiencing the Chip. Lots of interesting events taking place on the “bikini beach”, bike shows, special concerts and more.

## **Full Throttle Saloon**

Always a good time. Get there early so you don't have to pay the extra fee for the concert ;) Bartenders are second to none!



## Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore never gets old. Gutzon Borglum designed the Mount Rushmore National Memorial to embody the founding, expansion, preservation, and unification of the United States through the colossal likenesses of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Each year, over two million visitors from across the globe come to experience the grandeur of South Dakota's Black Hills and explore the nation's history and development. Mount Rushmore has evolved into a powerful symbol of American ideals, representing freedom and hope to people of all backgrounds.

The memorial and its surrounding landscape reflect the diverse cultures that contribute to America's heritage. A key part of the experience at Mount Rushmore is fostering an understanding and appreciation of our nation's history and the importance of preserving its legacy for future generations.



## Devil's Tower

Devil's Tower, a must-see landmark in Wyoming, is a geological marvel that stands 1,267 feet tall above the surrounding landscape. Its origin is the subject of scientific debate, but it is generally agreed that around 65 million years ago, molten lava was forced into existing rock formations. Over millions of years, the lava cooled and eroded, creating this striking formation. The site holds sacred significance for the Lakota people and many other Plains Tribes. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt recognized its importance by designating it as the nation's first national monument.

At Devil's Tower, visitors often leave offerings as a sign of respect and reverence. These offerings typically include:

**Prayer Ties:** Small bundles of cloth, often tied with string and sometimes containing tobacco or other sacred substances. These are left on or near the site as a form of prayer or a wish.

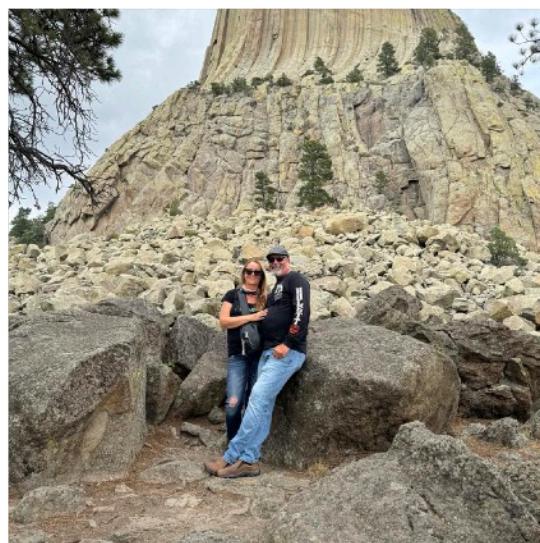


**Feathers:** Feathers, particularly from birds like eagles, are sometimes left as symbols of respect and connection to spiritual beliefs.

**Beads or Small Tokens:** Beads, coins, or other small tokens are left as offerings to honor the sacred nature of the site.

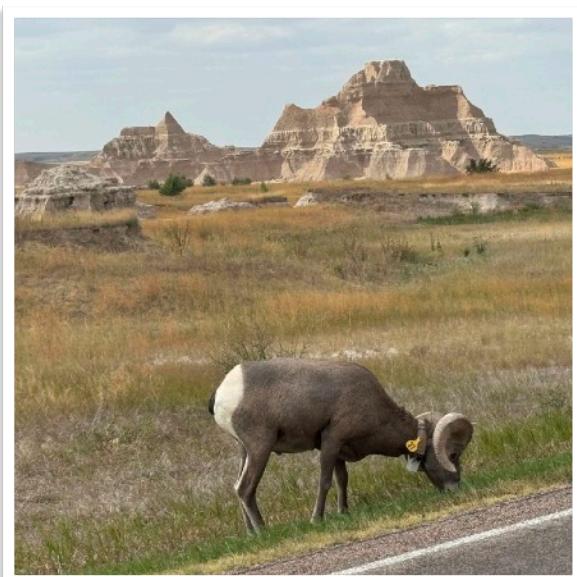
**Traditional Items:** Some visitors leave small traditional items like pieces of cloth or other culturally significant objects.

These offerings are part of a long-standing tradition of respecting and honoring the sacred nature of the site, particularly for the Lakota and other Plains Tribes for whom the Tower holds deep spiritual significance. Visitors are encouraged to be mindful and respectful of these traditions and to avoid leaving items that could harm the environment or disrupt the site's natural beauty.



## Badlands

A picture cannot capture the beauty of the badlands. The Badlands, located in South Dakota, are a dramatic landscape of eroded buttes, pinnacles, and deep gorges formed over millions of years by wind and water. This unique terrain is characterized by its striking geological formations and vibrant colors. The area is also a treasure trove of fossils, offering a glimpse into ancient life, including prehistoric mammals. Renowned for its stark beauty and otherworldly scenery, the Badlands are both a geological wonder and a rich archaeological site, attracting visitors with their surreal landscapes and diverse wildlife.



## Crazy Horse

Take as many rocks home with you as you can carry! Crazy Horse Monument, located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, is an ongoing monumental sculpture dedicated to the Lakota warrior Crazy Horse. When completed, it will depict Crazy Horse riding a horse and pointing into the distance. Carved into the Black Hills, the monument aims to honor Native American heritage and culture. It is the largest mountain carving in the world and was begun in 1948 by sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski, with work continuing today through the efforts of his family and the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

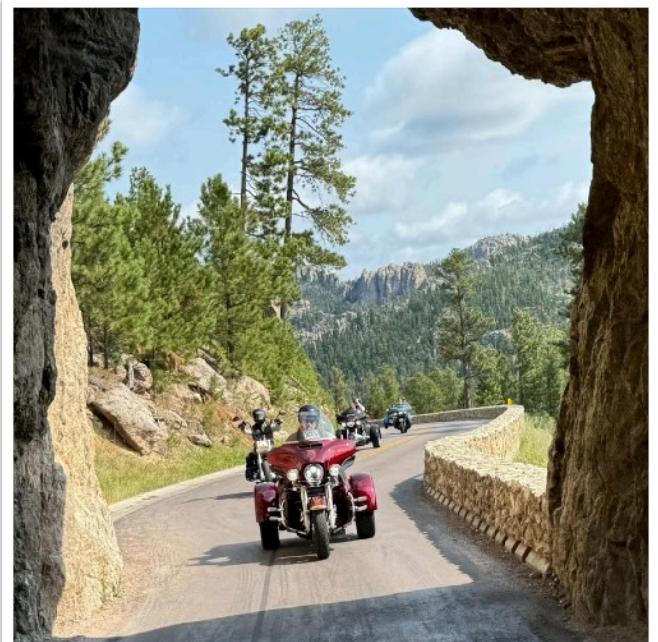
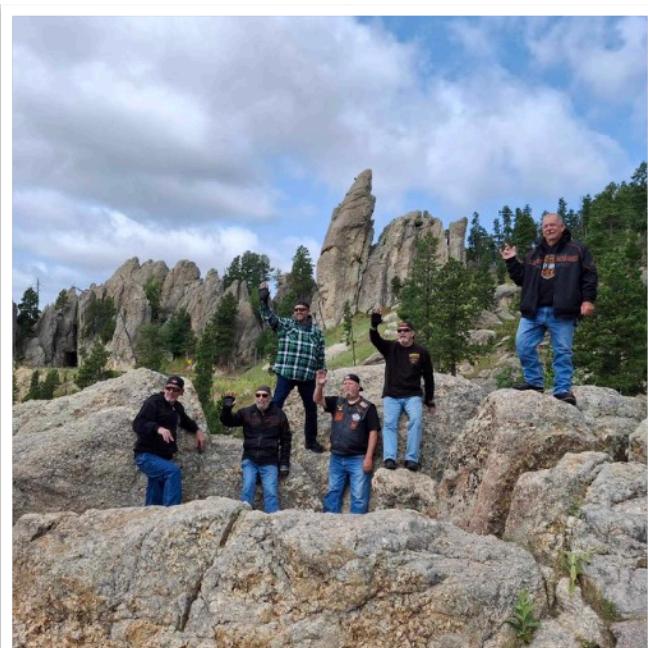


## Best roads to be sure to hit while you are out there!

### Needles Highway

The Needles Highway is much more than a 14-mile stretch of road; it's a breathtaking journey through pine and spruce forests, meadows framed by birch and aspen, and towering granite peaks. The highway gets its name from the needlelike granite spires that punctuate the horizon along the route.

Meticulously planned by former South Dakota Governor Peter Norbeck, who surveyed the route on foot and horseback, the highway was completed in 1922. Travelers along the highway will encounter the picturesque Sylvan Lake and the striking Needle's Eye rock formation, named for the natural arch carved by wind, rain, and freeze-thaw cycles.



## Iron Mountain Road

Iron Mountain Road (16A) offers an extraordinary 17-mile journey through South Dakota's Black Hills, renowned for its unique blend of scenic beauty and architectural marvels. This winding road is designed to slow travelers to 35 miles per hour, encouraging them to fully appreciate the surrounding landscapes and architectural features, such as pigtail bridges and one-lane tunnels that frame the iconic Mount Rushmore like a living picture frame.

As you drive, be prepared for memorable encounters with wildlife, including buffalo, antelope, deer, and possibly even mountain lions. The road connects two major destinations: Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Custer State Park, providing a stunning contrast between these landmarks and the natural beauty in between.

Navigating Iron Mountain Road takes at least 45 minutes, but the experience is meant to be savored. Roll down your windows, enjoy the fresh air, and immerse yourself in the unique sensory experience of this remarkable road.

- 17 MILES
- 314 CURVES
- 14 SWITCHBACKS
- 3 PIGTAILS
- 3 TUNNELS
- 4 PRESIDENTS
- 2 SPLITS



## Wildlife Loop

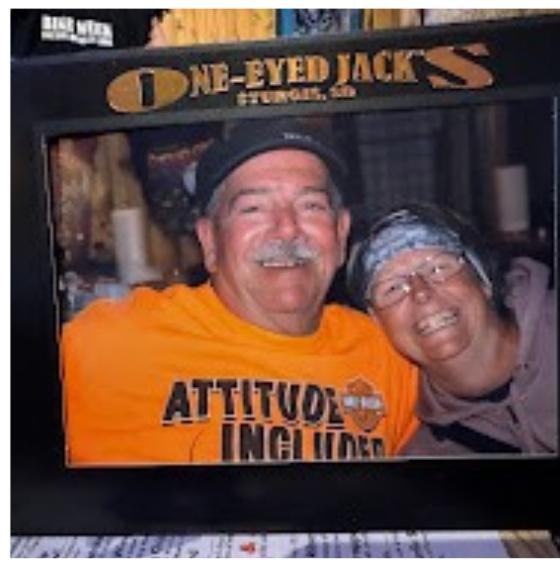
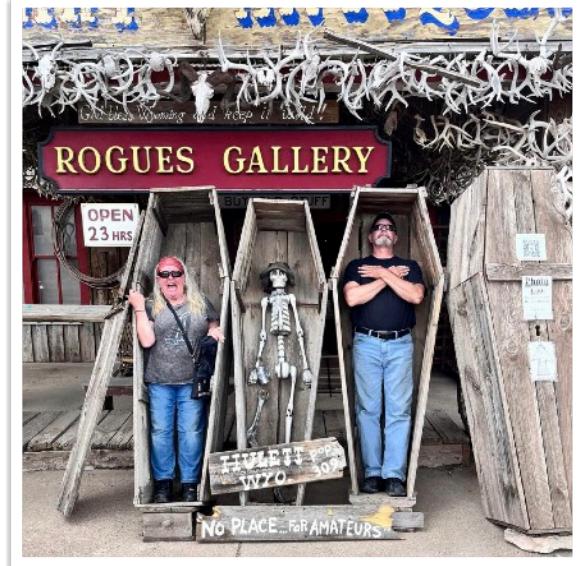
**WildLife Loop in Custer State Park**, look at the Buffalo but do not touch the Buffalo. Feed a beggin' burrow while you're visiting. Donella was so excited she didn't even have time to take her helmet off. The Wildlife Loop is a scenic 18-mile drive in Custer State Park, South Dakota, that's home to a variety of wildlife and we saw it all!



Food, Fun and Small Towns..

My favorite Places to eat..

- **Rapid City, Millstone Family Restaurant** - Family run, excellent breakfast.
- **Rapid City, Dakota Steakhouse** - pricey but worth it! Excellent steak.
- **Sturgis, One Eyed Jacks Saloon** - Great BBQ platter, located in the middle of town near **Knuckle Saloon**, also a good place to grab a bite.
- **Hill City, 1885 Steakhouse & Saloon** - best Bison Burger I have ever had! They also have excellent ribs and really great service. Plan ahead and make reservations!
- **Hill City, Alpine Inn** - excellent prime rib, fantastic prices.
- **Hill City, Bumpin Buffalo Bar and Grill** - sit on the top deck and enjoy some entertainment while you eat. Great for lunch.
- **Deadwood, Saloon No. 10** - drinks!!
- **Keystone, The Powder House** - get the sampler platter, elk, bison, quail and more - it's an experience!
- **Hewlett**, Look for the **Free BBQ Day!** Yup it's free and tasty.



So much more to share. If you haven't had the opportunity to go, be sure and put Sturgis on your bucket list!

Sat, Oct 26 at 9 AM

## Halloween Open House

4294 State Route 4, Fort Ann, NY, United States,  
New York 12839...



Chapter volunteers needed to man the HOG table. Let us know if you are interested by messaging Mike B or emailing [adkhog@gmail.com](mailto:adkhog@gmail.com)

## Chapter Challenge

Currently in 15th for the Region.

Total miles = 126,200



Name	Miles
Mike B	15,001
LouAnn B	15,001
Brad B	11,888
Donella F	11,147
Terry F	11,147
Wanda R	10,326
Mike R	10,326
Tim J	9780
Mike S	9718
Genevieve V	5031
Cindy S	4405
Linda J	3329
Jeff H	2910
Chris L	2712
Dawn L	2712
Andy S	686
George M	81

**ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220**  
**July 21, 2024**

**Primary Officers in attendance:**

Mike Bala, Director  
Terry Fisher, Assistant Director  
Tim Jones, Treasurer  
Donella Fisher, Secretary

**Call to order: 9:33 am at McDermott's**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Welcome to guests/new members in attendance: n/a**

**Officer's reports:**

**Director, Head road captain-Mike Bala:** Mike spoke about the happenings in Laconia – our MonsterBrite salesman Sam would like a picture of all the bikes with the lights. Wilkins HD ride had 7 bikes, bike show, food and good sales. Sturgis coming up next week, if anyone has a ride, post the ride and you will get credit.

**Assistant Director-Terry Fisher:** Be careful of the black top snakes on roadways, the warmer it gets the slippery they become.

**Treasurer-Tim Jones:** Tim gave checking account balances.

**Secretary-Donella Fisher:** 57 current members. Terry Fisher approved minutes from May. Lisa Stipano 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Safety Officer, Cindy Staalesen:** Excited for Sturgis.

**Ladies of Harley & Sunshine-Bethany Smith, Nora Mongon:** Nothing to report.

**Newsletter & Webmaster-LouAnn Bala:** monthly challenges -dealer check-ins, 50 rides one nation, 10 Rides for '24 HOG member challenge ride featuring 10 great rides where you get a coin from the destination.

**Historian-Andrew Stowell:** Absent

**Photographer-Bethany Smith – No report**

**McDermott's Rep-Alise McDermott- Absent**

**Old Business:**

Awards dinner January 25, 2025 – The Factory Ballston Spa, Mike will take deposit of \$200 down.

Club mileage contest – January 1<sup>st</sup>-December 15<sup>th</sup> give Mike beginning & end mileage

National Ride 365 – give dealership mileage, you can give your mileage several times a year.

Club shirts are still available in all colors and sizes \$40 each.

**New Business:**

Tim Jones – Make a motion to do ½ cost of prizes for Awards party and club will pay for ice cream to any members by car or by bike instead of picnic due to 56 members in total, all in favor.

AC/DC tribute band on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Bentleys for overnight. Will post hotel and details.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:03 am all in favor

Next meeting September 15, 2024