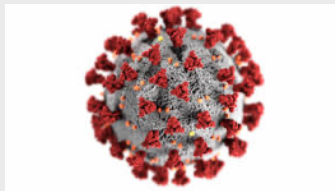


ADKHOG2020

Sturgis is a GO!! August 7-16th 2020

Protect Yourself and Others

COVID-19



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Symptoms

These symptoms may appear **2-14 days** after exposure

People may experience:

- cough
- fever
- tiredness
- difficulty breathing

The best way to protect yourself is through social distancing and hand washing.



From the Director's Desk

Hello ADK HOG! I hope this finds you all well. **This virus has got to go!** Most restaurants can finally re-open with limited outdoor seating starting Jun. 17th. Any meetings or events in our area are still limited to 10 (with masks). Therefore, we will not be having the May meeting this month. It is very hard to plan anything. We can finally get ice cream, at least!

With the nice weather, hopefully everyone has had a chance to get out for a bike ride. I never thought that Stewarts would be such a hot spot destination. The surrounding states are a little closer to normal than us. I'm looking forward to a real meal inside a restaurant!

The Utica Ride for Kids event is scheduled for Sun., Jul. 19th. I don't have any idea how that one will work this year. The Nation of Patriots flag exchange is set for Sat., Jul. 11th at McDermotts and as of right now we are scheduled to deliver it to Spitzies. Americade 2020 is currently scheduled for Jul.

Happy Birthdays!!

June

Dane Axon
Jerry Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Joseph Jazwinski
Dottie Smith
Mickey Spiak
Norm Staaleson

July

Alvin James Baker
Brian Irwin
Tom LaFontaine
Alise McDermott

2020 Primary Officers

Arthur Persons- Director,
Charter Member

Brian Irwin- Assistant Director
and Safety Officer, Member
since 2014

Donella Fisher- Secretary,
Member since 2015

Deb Bartolucci-Treasurer,
Member since 2017

21st to 25th. It sounds like a very different event with no boat rides, guided rides, shows, or dinner events. I still plan on volunteering, to keep my string going. And the much awaited vote was last night...**Sturgis is a GO!** Check out the website for posted events and activities

<https://www.sturgismotorcyclerally.com>

More to come on that in the next newsletter. I hope to see everybody on a ride soon. We just have to figure out all these constantly changing restrictions. Ride and Have Fun!

Art P.

Ladies of Harley and Sunshine Officer, Donna Persons



Hi Everyone! Unfortunately, nothing to report this month....all activities are still restricted....

Head Road Captain, Mike Bala

I want to thank everyone for their patience as we complete the ride schedule for this year and remain in compliance with state and local regulations. Reminder if you have not given me your starting mileage for the season, please do so ASAP. I need a photo of your speedometer. Anyone who rides 1 mile or more is in running this year. No entry fee. Mileage contest ends October 31, 2020. All miles also contribute to the Chapter Challenge, Ride 365.



A walk thru History with Andrew Stowell

Looking back over the collective history of motorcycling in America I can't help thinking about how much has changed, and how much has remained the same. It started out pretty simple. Two wheels, a motor, the wind in your hair, and the bugs in your teeth. That part hasn't changed all that much. When it all started some 117 years ago, bicycles were becoming a very popular way to get around. I guess it was just a matter of time until somebody would put a motor on a bicycle. A logical step in the scheme of things. Four pretty clever guys got together in Milwaukee over a century ago and decided to put their own motor on a bicycle and....well, you know the rest of the story.



The first motor was an engineering marvel, a single cylinder engine that only made a few horsepower, but that was all it took to start a passion that continues to this day. At every step along the way the engines got bigger, faster, more powerful. Over the years it progressed from a single cylinder to a two cylinder engine. The engineers kept improving the design. The first V-twin was the F head in 1914. In 1936 the F head was replaced by the Knuckle head. Then in 1948 the design was improved again, this engine was known as the Pan head. In 1966 it was the Shovel head. By now the engines are up to 74 cubic inches. In 1984 Harley introduced a new design called the Evolution engine. The Evo, as it's fondly recalled by that generation. At 82 cubic inches this was the biggest and most powerful engine to roll off the production line thus far. 1999 saw the introduction of the Twin cam engine. It was 88 cubic inches at first. The Twin cam engines kept getting bigger and more powerful until 2017 when the Milwaukee 8 debuted at 107 cubic inches. Now we're up to 117. Who can say what engineering marvel or technological wizardry waits around the next corner.

The technology has kept up right along with the engine improvements too. We've gone from being able to advance the spark to ABS braking and GPS navigation. Instead of a magneto we now have an ECM. Some of you may not even know what a magneto does. I know what an ECM is, but I have no idea how it works.

From the by gone days of leather jackets and goggles to heated seats, and handle bars. There's one thing that remains the same. The love of the open road and the never ending horizon. This country always seems to be on the move somehow, and there's no better way to see it, than from a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Well, that's my opinion anyway.

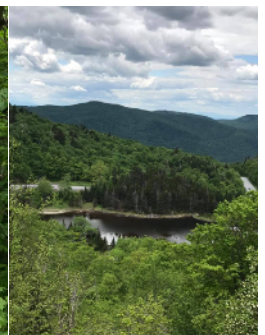
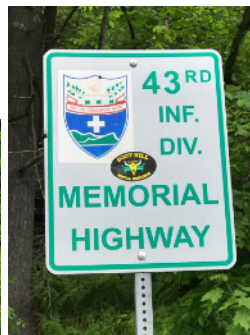
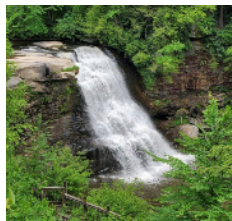
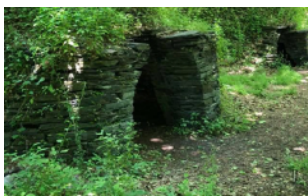
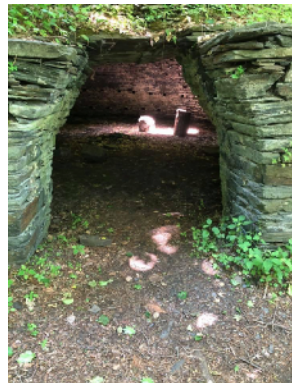
Andrew Stowell

Editor, Webmaster and Social Media News, LouAnn Bala

2020 Ride 365 Chapter Challenge has started!

Hope everyone is doing well, I know 2020 has been one hell of a trying year on all of us! I myself am trying to limit my TV, computer and phone time and get outdoors as much as possible- for those that know me well you know that isn't easy!

I've been keeping up with many of the local chapters social media pages, many of which are posting the same things we are about postponing rides and meetings until we are able to group as normal. Our average attendance last year for most rides was well over 10 people. Until that restriction is lifted it will be difficult to gather and the rules and guidance are way too specific to maintain. Getting out in small groups and maintaining social distancing is encouraged, please post your photos and share your routes on the Facebook page! Many members have been taking some pretty cool rides to places I have never heard of that are right here in our backyard- or within 100 miles or so...Here are a couple of highlights shared by members on our Facebook page! Credits to: Cindy Ward, LouAnn Bala, Laurie Bond, Jill Sica Hunt, Brad Barrett, Terry Brayton.



Secretary, Donella Fisher

Hello everyone! It's been great getting out on the motorcycle the last few weekends, we have had some great riding weather. We are of course still social distancing and wearing our masks. Last weekend on our ride home was my first rain storm...yikes was that crazy. Molly Stark Highway is beautiful until you come down the other side in a severe rain storm. We were all just a bit damp and cold. Can't say I like all that moisture. I also see many of you riding and posting pictures, keep them coming and stay safe. There is not much to write about on my secretarial duties being there has been no meeting minutes but I will let you all know we have 75 current members. That is fantastic being the way the world is right now. Let's keep our eyes out for potential new members and tell them how fun our group is.



Terry and I had our 1st Sturgis trip planned this year but have decided we will not be making the trip out there, but there is always next year.

On my personal side, many of you know I also do alterations and this year has been a bummer for me. It has been very sad seeing all those brides having to change their dates or cancel for this year period. On a good note though, there are still many hopeful brides still getting married in the Fall so my sewing room is pretty full. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for them.

On the pandemic - It looks like phase 2 is going to be a go for this week. I may be able to finally get my haircut...I am starting to feel like a chia pet. In my last few weeks of riding I have seen many of hairs flowing out the sides of helmets.

Please stay safe and healthy out there! Hope to see you all soon.

Donella



ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220, FT. ANN NY

No Minutes for May 2020. Stay Safe Everyone!

No meeting for June 2020.

Assistant Director and Safety Officer, Assistant Road Captain, Brian Irwin

Adirondack HOG Riders,

I would love to be able to tell you the crisis has ended and we are back to riding every weekend with no worries, however, it seems we have moved from a life-threatening virus right into life threatening riots and cries from certain groups to abolish law and order all together. I am truly ready to throw my hands up in disgust with all the craziness out there! Every day I hold on to the hope that this too shall pass and just when it seems to begin to slow, another apocalyptic disaster pops up on CNN.



What I can tell you, on a positive note, is many of our Harley dealers have begun to open up both their service departments and their show rooms. In case any of you were getting low on HD t-shirts, you can now restock. Personally, I was down to only 15 new shirts with tags still on them in my bottom drawer. It was truly getting scary at the Irwin household. Additionally, we are seeing restaurants opening back up with limited seating or outside only seating. Please call ahead before you go to any establishment to get their guidelines. Remember the old sign No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service? Just add no mask and it seems almost reasonable.

I am pleased to see many of you have been able to get out and ride despite us not having officially sanctioned HOG rides. The videos and photos you are posting are greatly appreciated and very motivating, especially from Terry Brayton's new helmet cam.

We have been in contact with our HOG regional representative regarding our liability for events. Based on that guidance and after much deliberation of our options, we will not be posting any sanctioned events in the immediate future. We must continue to follow the guidelines provided by the governor which still limits group size to no more than ten people. This includes rides and meetings. Anyone who is following the news reports knows this may be changing very shortly (fingers crossed). The metrics used by NYS are updated daily and continue to show our region and the state as a whole is improving. As soon as our regional HOG representative provides guidance sanctioning us to lead group rides which we are accustomed to, a schedule will go out to all. Hoping there are still a few months of riding weather left when this happens. I am not going to try to predict the future with regard to rallies. Hopefully Sturgis officials made the announcement on the 15th letting us know Sturgis is a go! We will continue to keep our members updated using our Facebook page and e-mails when possible. Stay safe and stay positive...Brian Irwin

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Its a new year! Any member wishing to include an advertisement in the newsletter may do so for the riding year for \$5.00. Any proceeds go to fund the Christmas families. If you wish to participate, please send me the advertisement- (adkhog@gmail.com) may not be longer than 100 words- may include a photo or Logo. Ads may not exceed more than 1/4 page.