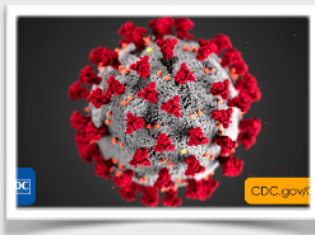


ADKHOG2020

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Protect Yourself and Others

COVID-19



Coronavirus Self Checker

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.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! It was feeling like Spring was here.. Lots of motorcycles were on the road a few weeks ago. I was still hoping for one more snowmobile ride. I wish Mother Nature would decide what season it is and stick with it.

Daytona Bike Week was a few weeks ago, Kjeld and Peg S. Looked like they had a great time. We had another tasty brunch at Rathbun's Sugar House. (My favorite brunch spot.) We had 25 members attend for another record crowd.

We will be canceling our last few brunches of the season due to the Coronavirus. We know it's almost time for the LOH Bike Blessing. We will keep you posted on the ride schedule based on recommendations and state and local guidelines.

Make sure you check out the new improved Mileage Contest. No cost this year, just turn in your starting mileage. Even 1 mile ridden could win! Also, don't forget to sign up for ride 365. If you have a Harley Credit Card, be sure to get your mileage verified at McDermotts. Each mile you ride goes toward a gift certificate. 2500 miles = \$25! P.S. In 5 months we will be in Sturgis! We HOPE!

Happy Birthdays!!

March

Terry Brayton
Donella Fisher
Mary Fitzgerald
George Barbiero
Peter Ghostlaw
Doug Hudson
Bruce Tubbs

April

Art Persons
LouAnn Bala
Tracy Stowell

May

Elise Innet
Terry Fisher
Daniel Boyce

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

Ladies of Harley and Sunshine Officer, Donna Persons



Thank you to everyone who has supported the brunches this year. Above is a photo from Rathbun's Sugar House where we had 25 members attend. We have had a record number of attendees this year!

Unfortunately we are going to have to cancel all Brunches until further notice due to state and local authority recommendations.



McDermott's Harley Davidson, A note from our sponsor:

We have had to close **temporarily**. However, we will be checking in and returning calls. Unfortunately, we are canceling our Cabin Fever Event for now. We will plan to reschedule! Stay tuned and Stay Safe!

New Mileage Contest Rules

Last year, the club voted to change the rules for the mileage contest for 2020. Here is what you need to know:

1. All members, riders and passengers, who ride at least 1 mile are eligible to participate in the contest
2. You are automatically entered as long as your dues and National Membership is in good standing
3. You must have your mileage verified by an officer or road captain at least twice per year (once at the beginning of the season which starts with the first posted ride, and second at the end of the season which ends on Halloween)

It's that simple! No entry fee. Let's Ride!!

Road Captain's Meeting Canceled- please send in your rides....

Do you have a ride you would like to see on the schedule for this year? Please let us know..we expect to do more local rides this year as many of us are planning to attend Sturgis in August. Fingers Crossed!!



Assistant Director and Safety Officer, Brian Irwin

Written two weeks ago...

Fellow HOG 3220 Riders,

If all goes well, this may be the last newsletter you read before our riding season kicks into full swing, hopefully. When you get that Harley out of storage the first thing to do is a complete check, front to back. If you had it at a dealer, confirm they have done a check and the bike was maintained properly. Look for any signs of new

See something wrong? Notify adkhog@gmail.com



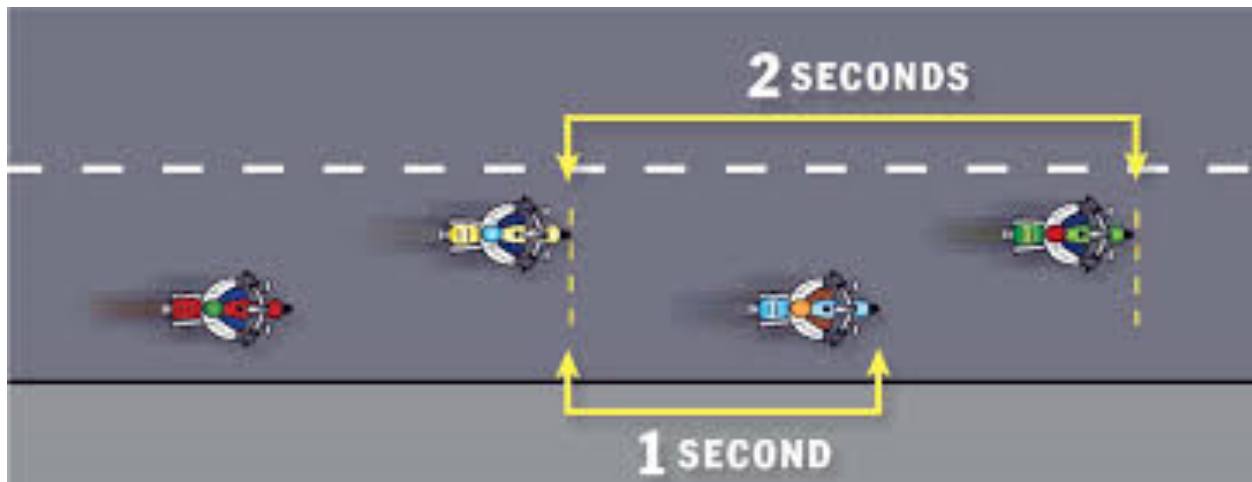
pets. Those little field mice just love to chew on wires and crave the taste of Harley Davidson seat padding. They also enjoy building homes in exhaust pipes and right on top of your engine, or even worse inside your air filter. When you get out for that first ride, please remember it has been almost six months since other vehicles on the road have even thought about looking for you. Pay extra attention to the road conditions watching for those magical pot holes which have formed and be alert for the left-over piles of sand on the road edges and at stop signs. Even more important, watch for drivers not watching for you. **Always ride like you are invisible to rest of the world.**

I would like to review a few things that I hope will keep our group rides as safe as possible while keeping the good times rolling. Bear with me, as much of this may seem like basic stuff if you have been riding in our group for a while. I am a firm believer that the basic stuff needs to be refreshed regularly. At the start of each ride, everyone must be listed on a sign in sheet. Any riders (operator or passenger) who are not active club members who have already submitted the **ANNUAL** enrollment/membership/waiver form **MUST** sign a waiver form for each and every ride they attend. This is a HOG national requirement, hence, non-negotiable.

Road Rules - Group riding

Adirondack HOG rides in a staggered formation. We never ride side-by-side but rather in a formation that alternates riding in the left and right road tracks. This allows full use of the road without concern that another rider may be occupying the space to their side in case you need to swing around a hole or road kill in your path. Our lead Road Captain always rides in the left track to allow maximum visibility of the road and the group.

Use a two second rule for following distance from the bike directly in front of you in the same track. You can determine your proper following distance by picking a stripe in the road or other stationary landmark and counting two seconds from when the bike in front of you passes the object until you cross the mark. The bike in front of you in the opposite track should be one second in front of you and the bike in the opposite track behind you should be one second behind you. Obviously, this rule is a guideline depending on many factors. If we are traveling at highway speeds, our spacing may be a bit greater than traveling in bumper to bumper city traffic. Use good judgement and common sense. Don't forget, if you leave enough room for a car to cut into our group, that is exactly what will happen.



If a rider knows they will be leaving the group during a leg of a ride, they should set up in the back, in front of the tail road captain (sweeper), making sure to let the sweeper know they will be leaving the ride. When you peel off, please give a thumbs up, so the sweeper knows all is good. Should a rider leave from the middle of the group and we are at or approaching a stop signal, we can simply move up to fill in the vacated spot within the same track. If we are rolling on with no upcoming stop, fill the open spot by crossing over into the other track, making sure you communicate your actions with the rider behind you before moving over and don't forget that head check for your blind spot. By doing this, we are not passing the rider staggered to our front who may not have seen the rider leave the group.

Officer Ride Responsibilities

Lead Road Captain

The lead road captain is at the front of the group. The Lead RC is responsible for setting the pace, which will be determined based on posted speed limits, road conditions, rider skill levels, weather conditions, number of bikes in the group, and traffic conditions just to name a few. The lead will set a slow initial pace after any stop to prevent an "accordion" effect of the group. Once the group is rolling in a staggered formation, the leader may increase to an appropriate pace. The lead determines the lane of travel on a multiple lane highway. The lead is responsible for signaling all lane changes. The lead will execute lane changes with the assistance of the sweeper. When the lead signals for a lane change, it does **NOT** mean to immediately make a move in any direction. This is just the lead signaling his intent so everyone knows what will occur when he initiates a lane change. The lead will initiate the appropriate hand signal and turn signal which is passed back by the group so that the sweeper receives the signal and secures the desired lane. The lead will wait until the sweeper has moved into the desired lane securing it for travel by the

group. When the lane is secure the leader will initiate the move to the secured lane. It is important that all the riders in the group wait to initiate their move until the bike in the opposite track immediately in front initiates their move first.

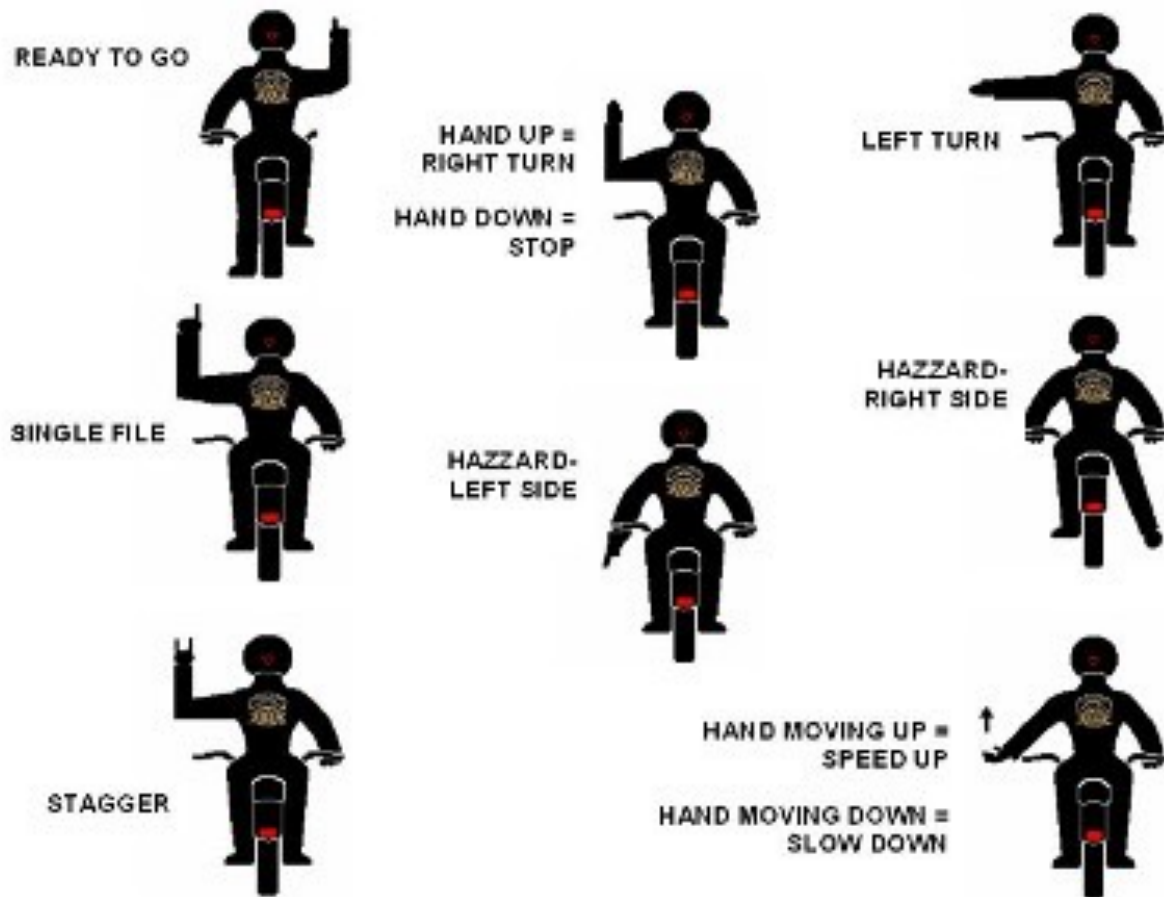
Tail Road Captain (Sweeper)

The sweeper will be the last rider in the group. The sweeper may use any portion of the lane in order to be the most visible to the lead and maintain the best vantage point for potential problems that may arise with the group. The sweeper is responsible for, and will provide assistance to any rider that encounters problems and has to either slow or stop. The sweeper will have a cellular phone, first aid supplies, reflective vest, and knowledge of the next stop location if the group must continue due to traffic safety issues. It is important for all riders to remain alert to what is happening in front of, and behind them. If bikes behind you stop and it is safe to pull to the right to stop, do so. Do not wait for the lead bike to stop as they may have no idea bikes to the rear of the group have stopped. Only so many motorcycles can fit in those small mirrors.

Participating in the Group Ride

- All riders are responsible for their own safety and must ride in a safe manner. Always perform a head check before changing lanes, passing, turning etc.
- Everyone is responsible for knowing all hand signals and for passing all signals back to group.
- All riders are expected to make sure their bike is in a safe operating condition, with a FULL tank of gas before the ride begins, and the rider is ready to go. Performing a T-Clock inspection helps determine bike condition; "Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis and Kickstand".
- All riders are responsible to signal the sweeper if they decide to leave the ride for any reason by giving the thumbs up to indicate you are just leaving and are not in trouble.
- Consuming alcohol beverages before or during a sanctioned ADK HOG ride is not allowed. If you do, you will not be allowed to continue with the group.
- All rides will end at a destination determined by the Lead. No one will be left stranded, but riders must let someone know if they are lost when the group gets to our end destination.
- Rest stops will vary, but generally will not exceed 1 ½ hours ride time between each. If you have any special needs, let a Road Captain know so stops can be adjusted if need be.
- If you have questions ask them of a Road Captain. Your Road Captains cannot help you and cannot take corrective action if they don't know there is a problem.

Hand Signals



Slow Down

The lead extends an arm straight to the side, palm down lifting and lowering the arm like patting something, to signal to lower the group speed without coming to a stop. This generally is done to prepare the group for an area that is marked for a lower speed than the group is traveling or for another safety reason such as negotiating a slow curve or an obstruction in the road.

Speed Up (*Mike's favorite*)

The lead extends an arm straight to the side, palm up and motions upward to signal an increase in the speed of the group. Riders should accelerate smoothly up to the pace set by the lead while maintaining proper spacing intervals.

Stop

The lead signals the group to come to a stop by extending his left arm downward with the palm of their hand facing the group. The lead uses this signal in sufficient time to allow the group to

make a smooth planned stop. Generally used at traffic lights, stop signs, or flag persons. Obviously, if brake lights start coming on and the bike in front of you is getting bigger, but you have not been given a stop hand signal, stop. Stuff happens and there is not always time to use hand signals.

Single File

When the lead extends an arm straight up with the index finger pointing upwards, this indicates that there is a hazard in or near the path of travel that would be unsafe to pass in staggered formation. It is imperative that the group falls in directly behind and follows the leader in single file. The group should remain in single file until directed otherwise by the lead. This signal is also used if the road conditions indicate we may need to use both lanes of travel such as a rough or very curvy road.

Staggered Formation

This signal indicates that it is safe for the group to resume riding in staggered formation after being in single file. When making this transition, be sure to allow the proper following distances and spacing (one and two second rule). This signal is made by lifting an arm straight up and lifting index and pinky fingers straight up.

Left Turn

When approaching a left turn the lead extends their left arm straight out, also signaling with the bikes left turn signal.

Right Turn

When approaching a right turn the lead extends their left arm out with the forearm pointing upwards at a 90-degree angle at the elbow. It will be done with a closed hand such that it is not confused for the single file signal and will also signal with the bikes right turn signal.

Road Hazard

When approaching a hazard in the road you should point the object out using your hand pointed downward in the direction of the hazard at a 45-degree angle. Use extreme caution using your leg to point out a hazard as this technique could destabilize your motorcycle.

Group Parking

When entering a location where the group will be parking, the lead will identify a location large enough for all motorcycles to park in proximity, if possible. Ideally, we will maintain our formation, however, if required, we may need to back our bikes into spots to have enough space. Be patient and allow time for the rider in front of you to safely stop and back in before proceeding past them. After-all, paint and chrome are expensive.

Time to ride!! - Almost



Brian Irwin
Your Assistant Director & Safety Officer
hog3220@gmail.com

Membership Officer, Tracy Stowell

Please remember to be a member in good standing you must maintain your National Membership at all times, complete a membership form annually and pay your annual dues. To check your National status login to hog.com and go to “my account”. All members must sign the annual membership form before participating in rides and member activities.



Editor, Webmaster and Social Media News

By LouAnn Bala

Google Calendar has been incorporated into the ADKHOG.com Website. All members will need to add the new link.



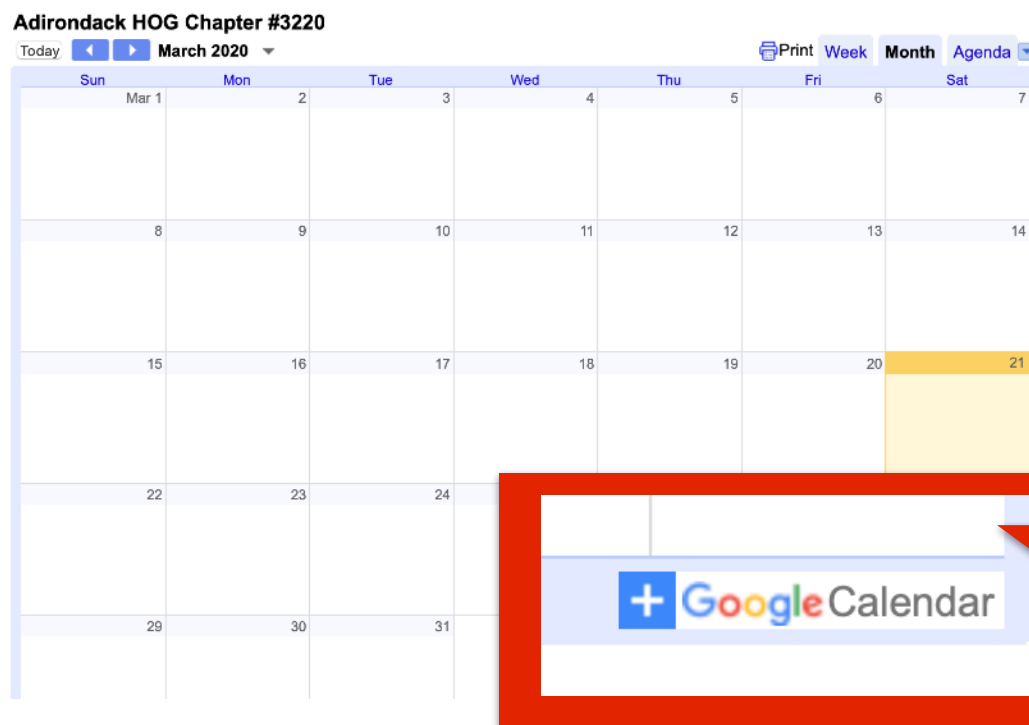
To add the new calendar to your personal google calendar simply do the following:

On your **desktop/laptop computer** go to adkhog.com and navigate to the **Events Tab**

When it opens scroll down and you will see the **calendar view**.

At the bottom right hand side you will see a **+google calendar**. Select that and it should take you to your google calendar and a **pop up message** will ask you if you want to add it.

Select **yes**.



******Please note this will not work on your cell phone until you add the calendar using your desktop/laptop computer.**

2020 Ride 365 Challenge has started!

Ride 365 starts Jan 1 2020 and goes to Dec. 31, 2020. You can give your mileage to Alise McDermott at any time. Mileage will be verified by the dealership. You check in multiple times throughout the year but must check in at least twice to receive mileage credit.

Mileage is tracked by VIN number, therefore passengers will not receive credit. However, passengers tracking mileage through National HOG will continue to receive pins, patches and badges towards your lifetime recognition. Passengers are also eligible for the Dealership Check In challenge. To learn more log into HOG.com.



Advertisements

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.

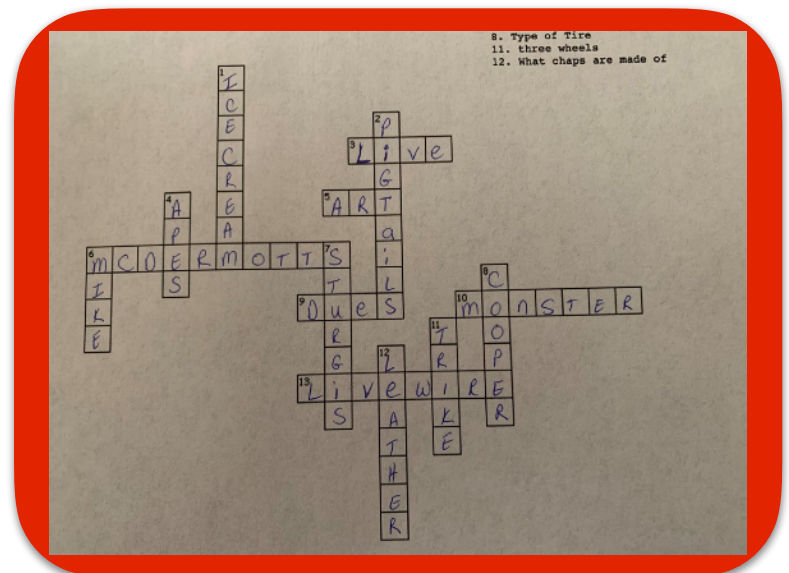
Cross word Answers from February:

Across

- 3. ...to Ride
- 5. Director of Adirondack HOG
- 6. Best Dealer
- 9. due annually
- 10. Type of Burger we like to eat at Cranberry lake
- 13. New Bike

Down

- 1. At the end of most rides
- 2. Name of the Adirondack Hog newsletter in 1990's
- 4. High bars
- 6. Name of Head Road Captain in 2019
- 7. Iconic Rally in August
- 8. Type of Tire
- 11. three wheels
- 12. What chaps are made of



FEB Minutes: ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220, FT. ANN NY



Primary Officers in Attendance: Art Persons, Director AND Donella Fisher, Secretary

10:14am Call to order – Elk’s Club, Saratoga Springs, NY

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to New Members – Jake and Pat Lederman

Officers Reports:

- Assistant Director, Brian Irwin: Absent
- Head Road Captain, Mike Bala: Absent
- Ladies of Harley & Sunshine, Donna Persons: Absent
- Secretary, Donella Fisher: Hello everyone!
- Treasurer, Deb Bartolucci: Absent
- Membership, Tracy Stowell: Absent
- Newsletter & Webmaster, LouAnn Bala: Absent
- Safety Officer, Brian Irwin: Absent
- Historian, Andrew Stowell: Absent
- Photographer, Bruce Tubbs: Absent
- McDermott’s Rep, Alise McDermott: Absent

Old Business

Reminder: Sturgis is 6 months away. March 1st deadline for refund

Sign up for Ride 365 – mileage to Mike Bala

2019 Awards banquet – thank you to Donella for organizing.

Comments regarding food: Was just “OK”, meal not worth \$35, roast beef was tough. Vodka watered down. Also comments on soda not being included.

Requests for looking somewhere else-suggestions were Elk’s Lodge (Ginny Rae’s-cater); Racino. January date still works great for everyone. Door prizes were good.

Adjournment 10:45am
