

April/May Edition 2022

ADK Chapter #3220



From the Director's Desk

Let's get back to riding....

Hello ADK HOG Members! The weather is getting better. 70 ° predicted for next week. I put the snowmobile away last week. The bike is ready to go.

I had a good time at Cabin Fever at McDermott's this year. After 2 years of Covid, it felt good to do something normal. Thanks to Donella and LouAnn for selling 50/50. The Christmas families did very well.

Our May meeting will be at McDermott's on May 21 with the Ladies of Harley Bike Blessing to follow. I hope to see you there!

Check with McDermott's about the new (old) inspection requirements. The government keeps finding new ways to mess with us. The law that just went into effect is very similar to laws created over 20 years ago. Again, there is no real way to enforce these laws fairly. Enough of that! Good luck with your inspections! I've got stock mufflers if anyone needs them! I'm good till July!

Art P.



Don't forget to let McDermott's and Mike know your starting mileage! All club members are eligible for the mileage contest. You have to be in it to win it!

Happy Birthday!

April

Art Persons
LouAnn Bala

May

Josephy Burt
Terry Fisher
Elise Innet
John Poljacik
Wanda Rouley

2022 Officers

Arthur Persons- Director,
Charter Member

Mark Stipano- Assistant
Director and Safety Officer

Donella Fisher- Secretary

Mike Bala-Treasurer and Head
Road Captain

Andrew Stowell-Historian,
Member since

Donna Persons- Sunshine
Officer, Ladies of Harley

Bruce Tubbs-Photographer

LouAnn Bala- Social Media,
Website and Newsletter
Editor

Secretary Report

Donella Fisher



Hello to all:

We have a great start to our planning of the ride schedule and hope to see everyone out on rides. I am not sure if Terry and I will be doing too many over nights but hope to at least to be out doing the day trip rides. We are still wedding planning as we will be until November. My alterations business took off the last 3 weeks as prom season has come back. It's really great these kids get a bit of relief from covid and can enjoy having prom as so many have missed it the last 2 years.

LouAnn and I set up a table at McDermott's cabin fever party and had great success. We may have even sold a motorcycle or 2 by the end of the day.... We also had a 50/50 for our Christmas Families. Thank you to everyone. It was great seeing everyone out enjoying themselves. We were also very lucky to have some new friends join our club; Bob & Deb Trowbridge, Brent Thomas and John & Deb Poljacik.

We also had quite a few folks that were very interested in learning about our club and were very surprised how active we are. Thank you to all new and old members for coming out, joining our club and paying your dues. It was a great day had by all!

See you all soon

Road Captain Update: Check out the calendar!

Mike Bala, Treasurer and Head Road Captain



We've got a great schedule posted with just a few holes. If anyone wants to lead a ride and post it out to the club on May 7th and 8th, the weekend is open and looks to be good. LouAnn and I will be on a cruise.

Update on the HOG merchandise order that we posted on Facebook. Each order has a minimum number that has to be met in order to place the club order.

We have had a lot of interest but we need:

- 14 more long sleeve shirt orders (\$35 + tax/each)
- 8 more hats orders (\$18 + tax/each)

We've also had a request for woman's shirts with the chapter logo. This also has a minimum of 24 and cannot be combined with the long sleeve shirts.

If you're interested in purchasing, let Mike know. Once we have met the minimum number for any of these we will go ahead and place the club order.

Don't forget to check out the ride schedule at: <https://adkhog.com/chapter-events>



Assistant Director and Safety Report

Mark Stipano

Assistant Director

Continues to look more like Spring every day. I guess, astronomically, March 20, was the first day of Spring. Continue to see more bikes out and I am looking forward to getting mine out as well. Things are getting warmer, so riding season is coming and has already arrived for some, as I have been seeing more often.



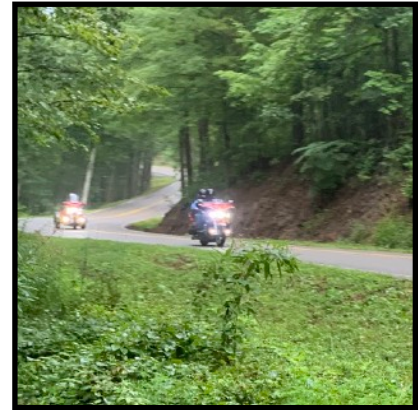
I have been looking through my equipment to be sure it is ready for another season, and weeding out some things that should be replaced. So as you get ready for this season take a look over your equipment, because nothing is worse than being ready to ride, only to find that your equipment or your bike has not come out of storage as nice as when it went in. Check over those wear items, for clothing, gloves and boots, especially the soles, the road is slippery enough, you will want good traction when coming to a stop.

That goes for your bikes shoes as well, I can't tell you how many rides I have been on where riders were surprised at the condition of their tires, or how much they changed from when they began that morning. My understanding is that the rubber on the inside of the tire is much softer than the outside and wears much faster, so if you see the wear bars showing, consider getting them replaced before going anywhere.

Looking forward to seeing you out there.

Safety First!

For those of you who are already riding, take some advice I received from an old HOG magazine, that modified a William Shakespear quote, "Beware the rides of March" and I would add, April. Always great to be able to get out early, but if you are out, be extra careful, and here are several things to consider. It is likely other drivers are not expecting you to be there, so ride, as always like they do not see you. Also be looking for the residual sand, that is no longer helpful in preventing you from sliding!



As we covered before, if you go out be ready with a couple different pairs of glasses to help with the varying light conditions that occur this time of year. If you think of it, try to set your ride by the time of day, go West in the morning and East in the afternoon to keep the sun is behind you as much as possible to prevent blinding glare.

Don't forget the sunscreen, as the Sun's angle is getting higher in the sky, the potential to get burned increases. Keep those layers handy as the temperature can change quickly, especially if you don't get home before the sun goes down.

Remember, one of the first effects of cold is a decreased ability to think clearly and make quick decisions, which are critical during riding. Be watching for groggy animals that are now more on the move, that also might not be clearly thinking having just come out of hibernation, like us, another good reason to ride during the middle of the day if possible.

Finally, according to HD, April was check your helmet month. The HD website states that the effective lifetime of a helmet is, with proper care and storage, about 3 to 5 years. Over time, the protective foam layer inside the helmet can harden and loose its ability to absorb shock, lessening the protection it provides. Check the outer shell for cracks and straps for fraying, which also disqualifies them for road service. Check your helmets foam layer. If you press on it and it crackles, it's likely a good time to get a new one, and those old

ones, you just can't part with make great decorations for man caves or she sheds! Make sure your helmet is marked that it meets, at least, the DOT impact requirements.

To choose a helmet that fits properly HD recommends the following four steps:

1. Put the helmet on and tighten the chin strap until it is comfortably snug. If there is space between your brow line and the inner lining or the helmet rolls forward or backward, choose a smaller size.
2. Move the helmet from side to side and front to back. Your scalp should move with the helmet and be as tight as gives a comfortable fit.
3. Wear the helmet for at least 15 minutes if you are in a shop and considering purchasing it. Be sure to put on any eyewear you will use with it.
4. Finally, make sure the cut of the helmet does not obscure any part of your field of vision, if so select another style.



Looking forward to seeing everyone, riding, safely!

Mark Stipano

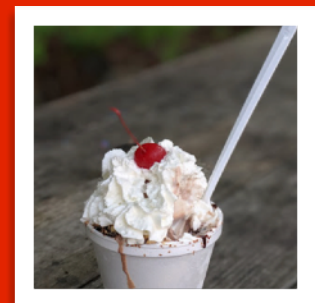
Public Service Announcement

From Larry Jefford's Facebook Post

Attention Ice Cream Lovers!!!!

The Windchill Factory of Ticonderoga has opened a second location at 3 Trieble Road in Ballston Spa. If you like the Ti location, you'll like the Ballston Spa location too!

Safe Travels!

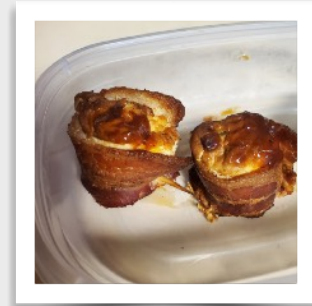


Pig Shots

Recipe provided by Mike Rouley

You will need:

- 1 package of Kielbasa or if you want spice, I recommend Andouille Sausage
- 1 package of thick cut bacon
- 1 block of softened cream cheese
- 2 or 3 Jalapeños
- 1 bag of shredded cheddar cheese
- and your favorite barbecue rub or spice



First, slice the sausage in 1/2 inch slices. (Cut the Bacon in half as you don't need a full slice to go around the Sausage).

Then wrap the bacon around the sausage and secure with a tooth pic forming a shot glass.

Take the mixture of cream cheese, shredded cheese, & jalapeños and fill the shot glass.

Place on your smoker or grill for 30 to 45 minutes and baste with your favorite BBQ sauce.

Remove when bacon is to your liking.

Enjoy!

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Check out **Handcrafted by Grandma!** <https://www.facebook.com/handcraftedbygramma/>

Donna Ball is sharing her crafting skills with the Facebook world. She is recycling feed bags and making them into multi-use shopping bags. You can order her bags on Facebook and help the environment at the same time :) Donations of feedbags are always welcome!



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