

June/July Edition 2022

## ADK Chapter #3220



### From the Director's Desk

#### Hello ADKHOG Members!

I hope your summer is going well! I had some great weather & some nice rides with more to come.

For 2022, the Nation of Patriots Flag reversed direction again. We were the 4th stop for the flag this year, so we got it in May. About 7 of us delivered the flag to Twin States H-D. Next, some of our Chapter Members rode to Washington. D.C. to participate in Rolling to Remember. The event was similar to Rolling Thunder, but with fewer riders. Americade was next. The weekend traffic looked like the old days in Lake George.

Then came Wiers Beach. About 20 chapter members spent at least some time riding in N.H. & Maine. Mike & LouAnn B. found some great new dinner spots. Now, it's just 3 weeks till the Sturgis Rally! Mark your calendars. Sat., Aug. 21 is Picnic Day. The Chapter will be planning our Summer Picnic at our July meeting. We will get out some info out after the meeting.



That's it for now, I hope to see you all at 1 of our rides or events.

Art P.

**Happy Birthday!***June*

Dane Axen  
 Tom Elias  
 Jerry Harrington  
 Deb Poljacik  
 Dottie Smith  
 Mickey Spiak  
 Norm Staalesen

*July*

James Baker  
 Alise McDermott

**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  
 Donna Persons- Sunshine  
 Officer, Ladies of Harley  
 Bruce Tubbs-Photographer  
 LouAnn Bala- Social Media,  
 Website and Newsletter  
 Editor

**Assistant Director***Mark Stipano*

Hi everyone, hard to believe it is July already, Americade and Laconia are in the books and our Chapter picnic is on the horizon.

We have had great riding weather, much better than the wash out last year, although my plants could use a little more "natural" watering. Even with the crazy gas prices, still not terrible having to fill up a 3-gallon, Street Bob, or 6-gallon tank, even with the non-ethanol 91 octane.

I did give a summary of the new exhaust laws at the May meeting, so for those who missed it, here is a quick summary. The old rule still stands, which is you cannot modify your exhaust to be louder than the original equipment. This is hard to enforce as there are no real records stating the sound level of original exhaust systems, that I could find on line. Also, if the exhaust change shifts the frequency lower, the sound is deeper, they do not register as high on the sound testing that is adjusted for human hearing, called the A weighting scale.

The real change is inspection stations cannot inspect motorcycles fitted with drag pipes, any system without baffles, or a system that is designed to allow the baffles to be easily removed, or by-passed. So for most, these changes should not present a problem.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on Saturday, August 20 at McDermotts!

# Safety Officer

*Mark Stipano*

So, as everyone is likely aware, this year has been significantly drier than last year, which is good for riding, but can present some safety concerns.

The primary concern is with less rain, the oil and other fluids that leak from vehicles stays on and gets absorbed into the pavement, especially asphalt. When it does rain, they can be released and make the lane center oil slick worse than normal. So, when you are out, do you best to avoid riding in the center of your lane, especially if it is raining.

As always be thinking about your exposure to the sun and if you burn easily like me be sure to put on a higher power sun screen. Because it takes time for the sunscreen to be absorbed into your skin, the recommendation is to put it on about 30 minutes before going out into the sun. It is also recommended that you reapply it about every two hours for maximum protection.

As always stay hydrated to avoid heat stress, which can have the same effects as drinking alcohol.

Ride safe and hope to see everyone at the Chapter picnic!

Mark S.



# Treasurer and Head Road Captain

*Mike Bala*

*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!*



## Ride Schedule 2022

Ride/Meeting Name and Road Captain	Start Date	Start Time
Club Meeting McDermott's	7/17/2022	10:00 am
Freight Yard Pub, Leaves from McDermott's, RC Mike	7/17/2022	11:00 am
Pete's Seafood #2, Rye NH (approx mileage 375), Leaves from McDermott's, RC Mike	7/23/2022	8:00 am
Daikers Pub, Leaves from Lake George Stewarts, RC Art	7/24/2022	10:00 am
Upstate NY Wounded Vet Ride out of Brunswick HD, more info TBD	7/30/2022	12:00 am
Toziers Restaurant, Leaves from McDermott's, RC Tim	7/31/2022	8:30 am
Sturgis - Let Mike know if you are planning to attend (overnight ride)	8/5/2022	12:00 am
Club Meeting and Annual Chapter Picnic	8/20/2022	10:00 am
Dinosaur BBQ Syracuse, Leaves from Exit 16 Stewarts, RC Art	8/21/2022	8:00 am
Sacandaga Lake then Washington County Fair Tractor Pulls, Leaves McDermott's, RC Mike	8/27/2022	8:30 am
Smoke Shack BBQ (Boscowan NH), Leaves from McDermott's, RC Mike	8/28/2022	8:00 am
Lake Placid lunch stop TBD, leaves from Lake George Stewarts, RC Mike	9/10/2022	9:00 am
Tuck-away Tavern NH, leaves from McDermott's, RC Tim	9/17/2022	9:00 am
Club Meeting at McDermott's	9/18/2022	10:00 am
Mileage Contest Ends	10/31/2022	12:00 am

Don't forget to check out the ride schedule regularly as changes may happen on the fly due to weather and other factors: <https://adkhog.com/chapter-events>

# Secretary Report

*Donella Fisher*

## ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220

May 21, 2022 Minutes



**Primary Officers in Attendance:** Art Persons, Director  
Mark Stipano, Assistant Director  
Donella Fisher, Secretary  
Mike Bala, Treasurer

**10:20am Call to order** – McDermott's  
Pledge of Allegiance

### Officers Reports:

**Assistant Director, Mark Stipano:** Mark spoke regarding the new exhaust rule.

**Head Road Captain, Treasurer, Mike Bala:**

Ride schedule set up weather permitting as always. See the ride schedule at adkhog.com and then to chapter events. At McDermott's open house we did well raising money for our Christmas families.

**Ladies of Harley & Sunshine, Donna Persons:** brunch to Rathbun's on 3/27.

**Secretary, Donella Fisher:** Total of 52 members current. Approval of March minutes by Donna Persons and Tim Jones. Membership Fees are due. Please send check and form to ADK HOG c/o Donella Fisher, 65 Storey Lane, Argyle, NY 12809.

**Newsletter & Webmaster, LouAnn Bala:** - Absent

**Historian, Andrew Stowell:** Absent

**Photographer, Bruce Tubbs:** Absent

**McDermott's Rep, Alise McDermott:** Absent

**Old Business –** August 20, 2022 will be our club picnic & meeting at McDermott's. Club will purchase the meat and salads. Being McDermott's is open on Saturday, Donna suggested we use arms bands for club members.

(May Minutes continued)

Nation of Patriots ride – flag will be delivered McDermott's on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from Spitzie's. Deliver flag to Granite State on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>, leave McDermott's at 10:30am.

Americade – June 6-11, 2022 McDermott's is looking for help @ pin stop, test ride and registration. See Kara at McDermott's to sign up. Tour Expo area is open to everyone.

PJ's bike nights will be Thursdays. They have door prizes and 10% of your meals.

Laconia – Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 We have about 20 members attending.

**New Business –** Roll to Remember-We have a few groups of members going.

HOG mileage January-December 31<sup>st</sup> give mileage to Alise.

Club mileage contest – you must have a Harley Davidson motorcycle to participate. See Mike.

Members only HOG merchandise – We are looking to order some chapter merchandise and there are minimum orders on hot hats and shirts. If interested hats are \$18 + tax sizes M-L & L-XL and shirts are \$35 + tax sizes S-3X black, white, navy or military green. See Mike Bala for more information.

Adjournment 10:47am



**June 2022**

**Greetings Chapter Officers,**

Did you know the Harley Owners Group is the world's largest riding club? It's an impressive fact, but what does it mean for our members? What stands out to me about the magnitude of H.O.G. is the opportunity it creates to recognize and reward our members in meaningful ways for being loyal and enthusiastic Harley-Davidson riders. For some, simply riding a motorcycle is rewarding enough, but being a H.O.G. member dials those rewards higher in both tangible and intangible ways. Whether it's bonding with fellow riders at Chapter events, at regional, national, and touring rallies, or simply at a random gas stop out on the road, being a member of the H.O.G. community adds a special dimension to our riding memories.

H.O.G. membership is rewarding in practical ways too, and the more members participate, the greater those rewards are too. For example, this year we've expanded the number of H.O.G. Member Check-Ins at motorcycle events around the country by more than 30 percent. Stopping at a H.O.G. Check-In is a chance to take a break, strike up a conversation with a friendly stranger, and leave with unique keepsake. We also created the **RIDE 365 Annual Mileage Recognition program** that awards gift cards to members who reach the milestones of 2,500 and 10,000 miles in the Annual Mileage Program. H.O.G. members can get paid to ride! How cool is that?

For Chapter Officers, these programs and the many other benefits of H.O.G. membership are powerful tools to keep members engaged and coming back for more. If you are as excited about these opportunities as I am, please help spread the word to your Chapter members about all the ways their H.O.G. membership can enhance their riding experiences and create lifetime memories.

Thanks for everything you do to help make H.O.G. not only the biggest but the best riding club in the world. If you have any ideas about ways to make it even better, my virtual door is always open if we can't meet in person at a rally or Chapter visit. Please feel free to reach out for a one-on-one call or an online meeting with your Chapter Officers.

Ride safe, and I'll see you on the road!

## Christmas Family Sponsor Ads \$5.00/yr

Do you know a local business that would like to get the word out? Ask them if they would like to submit an ad for 5.00 per year! Yes, that is at minimum of 6 issues which reaches around 100 people a year.

*Come take a walk on the wild side*

TAXIDERMY SO NATURAL YOU'D THINK IT'S STILL ALIVE!



### *Naturally Wild Taxidermy: Samantha LaFond*

It's hunting season and Naturally Wild Taxidermy is ready. Now at their new location in North Creek!

Check out Samantha LaFond's website at:

<https://naturallywildtaxidermy.com/>

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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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