

# ADKHOG

Chapter #3220 | Sponsored by McDermott's Harley Davidson

## Behind the Director's Desk

By Art Persons

Hello ADK HOG! It looks like Spring may really be here. We had 4 bikes at brunch on Sunday. We have had plenty of rain to wash off the salt, so LET'S RIDE! Before you take your 1<sup>st</sup> ride, be sure to check your tire pressure. My rear tire was down 5lbs, the front was down 16. Also remember to take a picture of your mileage for **Ride 365**. Every mile counts, let's kick some of these big chapter's butts!

Our first scheduled chapter event & ride is coming up on Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am at McDermott's HD. That's the date for The Ladies of Harley Bike & Biker Blessing. Our April meeting falls on Easter Sunday therefore we will be holding our chapter meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am before the bike blessing. A ride to BarBAQSA after the Blessing is planned. (Length to be determined by the weather.) Check the website for the ride schedule, I would like to meet all of our new members on a ride this season.

The Iron Adventure & Enchanted Mountain Rally Registrations are now open. If you plan on attending a rally, register early. HOG releases money at certain pre-registration goals & it is easier to find rooms.



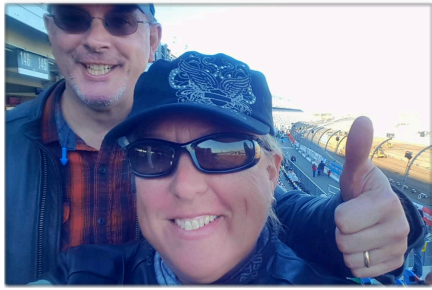
Bike Blessing 2018



You may notice that the HOG Members only website has been reconstructed. So far it has a few bugs, but, should be repaired soon. There is a new contest this year to update the ABC's of Touring with slightly different contest rules and prize levels, so check it out.

I hope to see everyone at the LOH Bike Blessing. Be sure to **bring your mileage** to sign up for our mileage contest. We would like to see everyone turn in your mileage, even if you don't join the contest. ....

Let's Ride & Have Fun! Art P.



## Membership Report

By Tracy Stowell

Hi everybody! Tracy here.

The Membership list is growing and changing almost daily it seems and that is a GREAT thing! And the riding season is just beginning!

We have over 125 members and more then 12 new members! I am getting renewal forms weekly!

Just a reminder that any renewals DO expire at the end of the year. Keep 'em comin!!

I recently sent out 17 Chapter Membership cards...and now I am OUT of cards! As soon as I get new ones I will mail out more! So, if you are awaiting a card they ARE coming soon I promise!!

If anyone has ANY questions for me you can always reach me at [tjmonster@gmail.com](mailto:tjmonster@gmail.com)...anytime

Hope to see y'all out there soon!!

## Head Road Captain and Treasurer Report

By Mike Bala

So far we have had two rides. Nine people attended the Sacandaga Polar Run for a nice ride and lunch. We had a small group go on a 60 mile ride after our last brunch. Our ride season officially starts with our Bike Blessing, April 26th which is also the start of our mileage contest. The schedule has been up for awhile now and we are putting the final touches on the rides. The first Bike Night Bar-B-QSA is May 2nd.

We have several overnight trips on the schedule this year which include:

May 23-27th: Rolling Thunder, RC Mike Bala

June 11th-16th: Laconia, RC Mike Bala

July 12th-14th: Gettysburg Bike Week, RC Brian Irwin

July 27th-28th: The New England Dealer Run #1, RC Mike Bala

Aug 24th-25th: The New England Dealer Run #2, RC Mike Bala

August 31-Sept 2nd: Niagara Falls, RC Tim Jones

For additional information on these rides please see the calendar on our web page under events or facebook page or contact the road captain. As always if you book a room for any of these rides, please notify the road captain.

Ride Safe!



Sacandaga Polar Ride 2019



## Assistant Director and Safety Officer Report

By Brian Irwin

HOG 3220 Riders,

Now that it looks like summer is finally coming around, I wanted to remind all of you about a few health and safety issues. Hopefully, you all paid close attention to the welfare of your motorcycles over the past few months and they are ready for a

long and fun season of riding. Before you head out for those nice long rides, pull out all that riding gear that has been steadily shrinking while it was in storage. Lay it all out, try it on, and look for things like surprise holes in your rain gear that were not there when you last saw it. This time of year, we may be getting on the road with temperatures in the 40's to end up in the 80's by afternoon. Expect to dress up or down based on weather conditions and plan your packing accordingly. Keep in mind you must dress for the slide and not the ride.

Safety is something we all must plan for being vigilant to maintain or it will quickly go by the wayside. Check your helmet for any signs of damage, keeping in mind the general rule is replace it every five years. Make sure you have a good pair of dark glasses and a pair of clear or amber lens safety rated glasses or goggles. A good pair of gloves will serve you well, keeping the road vibration out of your knuckles and the bugs from smacking your pinkie fingers. A good fitting long sleeve shirt or a jacket will help protect you from that painful blacktop road and from the dangerous effects of sun burning away layers of skin. Sunblock is something we always seem to forget about until we just spent all day cooking our faces and forearms. Put it on at the start of the ride and reapply throughout the day, not just when the sun is blazing, but also when there is cloud overhead. Those darn UV's will still be hitting you right through those clouds.

Stay hydrated!! If you know you are going to be out for a day long ride, at a minimum start drinking lots of water the day before and throughout the day of riding. Nothing will wreck a good ride more than following it up with three days of headaches while your body tries to recover from a day of getting dehydrated and burned. If during a ride you find you are not feeling up to par or you notice another rider is not looking well, please say something. The best part of group riding is you are always around friends that are willing to help keep the fun rolling.







Rolling Thunder 2018

I would like to thank all of you who will be able to attend the last trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Rolling Thunder demonstration. This year will be the last time the demonstration will take place, at least in the format it has been in decades past. I ask that you please not refer to it as a ride or a parade. Make no mistakes; the demonstration is designed to send a message to the government, who to this day has failed to bring home tens of thousands of US service members who were lost to conflicts on foreign soil.

Major functions of Rolling Thunder, Inc. have been to publicize the POW-MIA issue, educate the public to the fact many American Prisoners of War were left behind after previous wars, to help correct the past, and to protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing in Action. The demonstration and Memorial Day itself take on a very personal side for me. As some of you may not know, I served in the Marine Corps Reserve and the Army National Guard where I deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Several of my fellow Soldiers did not return with their lives from those places. For myself and many of my and fellow service members, Memorial Day serves as a time to honor those we have lost. Anyone who truly remembers someone does not look at Memorial Day as a holiday, but rather a celebration of the lives lost.

Thank you,  
 Brian Irwin  
 Your Assistant Director, Ride Captain, & Safety Officer  
 USMC / USAR (Retired)

## LOH, Sunshine, Activities Officer Report



By Donna Persons

Thank you for participating in the brunches this year!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Ladies of Harley Bike Blessing to Kick Off the season!



## Members Classifieds



Got something you would like to sell? A business you would like to promote? \$5.00 gets you an ad for the year which is put towards gifts for christmas families. Please contact LouAnn with any questions.

Pete Ghostlaw coached for 28 years and went into broadcasting in 2010. ESS is an independently owned webcast company that broadcast High School and College Sports online so you can

listen from the comfort of your home at anytime. We are currently seeking sponsors!

Check us out on Facebook:

[Empire State Sports](<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229846740550198/>)

Many of you know me from rides with the Adirondack HOG group. My family has lived in the upstate New



York region my entire life. For as long as I can remember, we have had pets. Our pets, like our children, have truly made life worth living. I have

searched for years for a way to make our pets lives more enjoyable.

Several years ago, I combined my love for pets with my love for baking. I

started baking treats in my own kitchen for our family pets. I wanted to

give them treats which were both nutritious and delicious, so I make my

treats from 100% organic ingredients with NO preservatives, in flavors

which they love. Every single batch is taste tested by a team of experts

(Howard – my 7-year-old Boston Terrier and Otis – my 2-year-old

English Bulldog). In 2018, I decided to bring my love for pets to your

family by offering these treats at an affordable price. I hope your pets

enjoy them as much as mine. All orders shipped within 3-5 days to allow

for freshly baked treats and pick up by USPS.

I can be reached for orders via any of the following:

E-mail: [ohfortheloveofpets@gmail.com](mailto:ohfortheloveofpets@gmail.com)

My cell # 518-232-0658

Facebook page [Oh. For the love of Pets](<https://www.facebook.com/ohfortheloveofpetsNY/>)

Thank you, Jodie Irwin

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Donella

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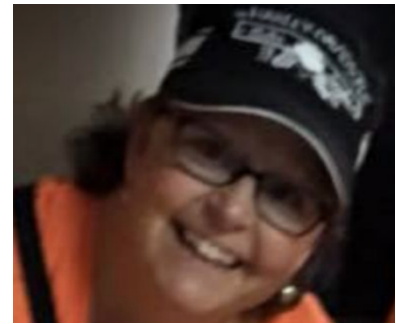
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**ADIRONDACK HOG CHAPTER #3220**  
**FORT ANN, NY**

March 2019 Minutes

Primary Officers in Attendance: Art Persons, Director  
Donella Fisher, Secretary  
Mike Bala, Treasurer

10:13am Call to order – Elk’s Club, Saratoga Springs, NY  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome to New Members



Officers Reports:

Assistant Director, Brian Irwin: Absent  
Head Road Captain, Mike Bala: If you have ideas for rides contact Mike Bala. Also contact Mike regarding New England dealer rides. Make sure you get your mileage in for mileage contest. Check overnight rides and make plans soon. Ride schedule is posted.  
Ladies of Harley & Sunshine, Donna Persons: Donna absent – in Kentucky with family. Art Persons with information on upcoming brunches.  
Secretary, Donella Fisher: Approval for February and March minutes at next meeting.  
Membership, Tracy Stowell: 86 current members  
Newsletter & Webmaster, LouAnn Bala: New members check in with LouAnn to update email/birthday. Updating website and calendars. All gmail & Facebook calendars are in sync. Advertise your business for \$5 monies go to Christmas Families.  
Safety Officer, Brian Irwin: Absent  
Historian, Andrew Stowell: In Daytona  
Photographer, Bruce Tubbs: Still on the mountain  
McDermott’s Rep, Alise McDermott: Upcoming events-Cabin Fever on March 30th. Now open Tuesday-Saturday, closed on Sundays.

Old Business

LOH Bike Blessing on 4/27 at McDermott’s – Coffee, donuts & pastries will be provided by the club. There may be a short ride to PJ’s Bar-BQSA after Bike Blessing (subject to change due to weather) (Mileage contest starts).

Committee’s needed for picnic & awards banquets.

New Business

No meeting on 4/21 due to Easter

There will be a meeting before Bike Blessing on 4/27 at 10am at McDermott’s.

June meeting may also be cancelled...keep checking for updates.

Adjournment 10:44am

<b>Happy Birthday!!!</b>	<b><u>April</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>
	LouAnn Bala	Laurie Bond
	Michael Helffrich	Daniel Boyce
	Jill Hunt	Terry Fisher
	Art Persons	Elise Innet
	Wanda Rouley	Mike McGinness
Tracy Stowell	Tina Gibbs	