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ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

George Turner

Wow, can you believe 2015 is here already?. Our 2014 calendar ended with an enjoyable Christmas party at Tucker's.(Thanks Sherry). And I reflect to my comments about how everyone in the Chapter is so important. Certificates of Appreciation were given out,

(Thanks Deb), the Mileage Recognition award was given to John Munns, and special Thanks were given to others who attributed to the success of Electric City HOG. There is no way I can personally say Thank you enough for all that everyone does for our Chapter. A Special Thanks to all who serve in a Primary or Secondary Officer position.

This year will be similar to other years in that the chapter plans a lot of great rides, events and activities so we can enjoy the riding, the fellowship, and the many aspects of Harley Owners benefits. To start off the year in January we go to Charleston for the Chili Cook off, with Ken Higginbotham, Tim Hill, and Denise Higginbotham, competing for the trophy ladle, that we hope comes our way. Luanne Jones our Historian has purchased an Electric Photo Display for the lounge at Timms, so it can show the many rides and activities the Chapter participates in. Cathy Russell has coordinated the Valentine's Party this year. It will be at Carson's on February 7th, at 12:30, so come and join us for a good time. The Primary Officer Training this year will be done in Atlanta, Ga. in April. And the State Rally will be here in Anderson in April also, can't wait. Membership dues are coming in and if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining up please invite them to an event, so they can see the good times we have.

Want to Thank Ken Higginbotham for his time as the Head Road Captain in 2014. Ken did a great job. Ken is stepping down and now we welcome Tim Hill as the Head Road Captain for 2015. Make Tim feel welcome and let's work with him to have another great year. We want to Thank Larry Regucci for his time the last few years as the Volunteer Coordinator. Larry did a great job also. Larry is stepping down and now we welcome Mike and Donna Graham as 2015 Volunteer Coordinators. Let's make them feel welcome and let's work with them in providing a great year with our volunteer efforts. Tim and Brenda Hill will assist Steve and Jeannie Jensen with the Activities scheduling this year. So we want to Thank Mike and Donna Graham for their help last year with the Activities and their great job with this also. Keep your bikes clean and serviced and put your kick stands up and let's ride. George



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Tim Jones

Live to Ride, Ride to Live !



TO BE OR NOT TO BE...A ROAD CAPTAIN

**BY TIM JONES
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

When we come out to take a Chapter ride, it is for the enjoyment of having friends and companions to ride with. To see exciting and scenic roads and places, with our hands on the bars and the wind is in our faces. Riding is what we are all about, no doubt.

When I first joined Electric City H.O.G. and was asked to consider leading some rides, the thought was shared that "being new to the area I may put a different spin on ways to get there". I took this as a great challenge, maybe even find a road that even Ken Higginbotham had not rode before?

If you were to choose to become a new Road Captain for our group, you could do the same, and it also gives the existing ones some help in sharing the load in sharing the road when we have a heavy calendar for the month. Our Head Road Captain, Tim Hill, is trying to make sure no R C is overloaded when he sends out the monthly destinations and we submit back our choice on requests to lead.

I am an advocate for a good amount of rides to choose from each month, purely from the point of view that sometimes members may have prior conflicts, events or obligations (or the dreaded interference of WORK) that may not allow them to do certain rides. Even our Road

Captains fall into this category, as well.

I also believe in quality over quantity, or maybe I just spend too much time planning my rides. I take so much time planning as there are so many great roads and ways to get there, I fear missing the best, even though they're all good.

I believe we have some of the greatest Road Captains to ever lead the Chapter. I also believe there has never been a better time to consider becoming one. We have a great group of veteran riders as Captains to learn from, and I am very privileged to be a Road Captain and able to learn from them myself.

If someone reads this article, gives it some thought and wants to give it a try, or may have already been one before and gives it another go, then it was well worth the time it took to write.

On another note, if Road Captain is not your cup of tea, then don't forget my other encouragement to you as a member, and that is to bring on new members! You belong, you have been there, done that so you know best what we are all about and no one better to promote our Chapter and invite new family members to join than you!

Ride safe my friends.

Riding with the Head Road Captain

Tim Hill --- Head Road Captain

It is an honor to be asked to serve as Head Road Captain for ECHOG. As most of you have seen or notice I enjoy planning and putting activities together for the chapter. I really look forward to a great year of riding with everyone.

Over the past year Ken Higginbotham was the Head Road Captain. I want to thank Ken for his time and dedication of being the Head Road Captain. When you see Ken out thank him for the hard work that he has put forth for the chapter. Also let the Road Captains know how much you appreciate them. They put a lot of time in to putting a ride together from planning the ride to pre-riding and making arrangements with the restaurant / business for us to visit. Without the Road Captains stepping up and taking responsibility to lead the ride we just don't ride.

I also would like to ask that all members go online to <http://www.electriccityhog.com/> and read the Ride Guide section just to insure that everyone is familiar with how things are to work when we are on rides.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Road Captain please see me at one of the events or call me.

Ride Safe

Tim Hill

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Safety Officer

Mike King

Article: What can you do with 26 cents? You can check your tire for wear.

With a quarter and a penny you can check the tread of your motorcycle tire. Place the quarter in the tread and if Washington's head is partially covered, good tire for winter and wet riding. If you can clearly see Washington's head then use the penny to see if Lincoln's head is partially covered. If you can clearly see the head of Lincoln on the penny, the tire is worn to a point its unsafe. Time to hurry and get it replaced.

Michael King

Our Chapter Chili Cook Winners!!!!

Ken, Tim & Denise



Chili Cook-Off – SC Whole HOG Chili Cook-off is scheduled for January 24th at Low Country Harley Davidson.

Luanne Jones (Historian)

- Things are coming together with my Historian roll! After a couple of months of not being in the best of health, dang pneumonia, the ride sheets of 2013 and 2014 are slowly getting caught up. Happy New Year, 2015, and what a fabulous start with our first ride on New Year's Day to Copper River Grill

Received approval to purchase a Digital Frame for the Timms lounge to display the HOG happenings, well, the new frame has arrived! Working on getting some fabulous photos installed now. It should be proudly hanging in the Timms lounge soon. Hope you will enjoy, and hopefully, the book and photo display will entice other riders to see what fun the EC-HOG Chapter has, and join!
Wishing you all a Happy, healthy and safe New Year!

off from the website. Also if anyone is interested in a name tag please let me know. They are \$8 each.

- That's all for now. Ride Safe and Have Fun!
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Sherry Partain



- **LOH Bowling night** – next Bowling night will be Monday, Feb. 9, 7-9 PM.



NOTES FROM THE CASH CORNER
Sherry Partain

- Happy New Year! Hard to believe that 2014 is over. Hope all of you have a great holiday with your family and friends.
- 2015 is going to be a great year with all of the activities planned. The Chili Cook Off is Jan. 24th in Charleston and the "Golden Ladle" wants to come back to Anderson to its original home. The SC State Rally will be here in April and we want to show everyone what a great chapter we have. Check the calendar often for rides and events that you may want to participate in.
- If you have not paid your 2015 dues they are now due. Forms will be available at the meeting or you can print one



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Minutes of the September 30, 2014 Chapter Meeting
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Minutes of the January 6, 2015 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by George Turner at 7:00 PM

Opening prayer was given by Craig Lenfesty

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Keiper

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Total Members 101, Members Present 46, Visitors 0

Approval of Secretary's Minutes as published in Newsletter.
No additions or corrections

Officers Reports

Sherry Partain (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$1,004.60 and LOH balance of \$291.43.
- **Chapter Items** – Needs order of 12 so that she can order name badges. One hat available - \$14.00. Two men's shirts and 2 women's shirts are available.
- **50/50** – Sherry stated that participating in the 50/50 drawings is a great way to invest into the chapter, as well as an opportunity to win some money.

George Turner (Director)

- **Welcome** – George welcomed everyone to a new year and is looking forward to an exciting 2015.
- **Primary and Secondary Officers** – George introduced the primary and secondary officers for 2015.
 - **Director** – George Turner
 - **Assistant Director** – Tim Jones
 - **Treasurer** – Sherry Partain
 - **Secretary** – Lyn Guffee
 - **LOH Officer** – Cathy Russell

- **Membership Officer** – J.B. Clifton
- **Safety Officer** – Mike King
- **Head Road Captain** – Tim Hill
- **Chaplain** – Craig Lenfesty
- **Volunteer Coordinator(s)** – Mike & Donna Graham
- **Activities Committee** – Steve & Jeannie Jensen / Tim & Brenda Hill
- **Editor** – Ray Keiper
- **Historian** – Luanne Jones
- **Presentation** – Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those who were unable to attend the ECHOG Christmas Party: Steve McCullough – Road Captain and Cathy Russell – LOH Officer.

Tim Jones (Assistant Director)

- **New Members** – Welcomed new members Mike and Dixie Turner.
- **Chapter Promotion** – Tim would like for us to think of ways to promote the chapter more. Thunder Riders sometimes sets up a table at the dealership and Charleston chapter hosts an Oyster Roast to recruit new members.
- **Chili Cook-Off** – SC Whole HOG Chili Cook-off is scheduled for January 24th at Low Country Harley Davidson. Some of the chapter members are staying at the Charleston Plaza Hotel and staying Friday and/or Saturday night(s).

Cathy Russell (LOH Report)

- **Valentine's Lunch** – Scheduled for February 7th at Carson's. Sig-up sheet is being passed around.
- **Blood Drive** – Scheduled for March 21st.
- **LOH Meetings** – 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Sue's Wings & Things.
- **Secret Pal** – Drawing names for 2015. Forms are available if you would like to participate.
- **AIM** – LOH is no longer doing the white elephant gifts at the monthly meetings. Instead they will be collecting items to donate to AIM. For January and February, please bring diapers.
- **Bowling** – 2nd Monday of month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Boulevard Lanes. Only \$1.75 per game.

Other Business and Drawings

Tim Hill (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides** – Upcoming rides/activities include: 01/17 – Everyone Loves Pizza Ride, 02/26 – Romeo Ride to Mac's Speed Shop, 02/28 – Six & Twenty Distillery Ride. Check calendar for other rides and events.

- **Dinner Rides** – All the scheduled dinner rides will meet at the restaurant until further notice.
- **Road Captain Meeting** – Scheduled for 01/08/15 at 6:30 p.m. – Pompous Pig
- **State Rally** - April 23rd – 25th. Volunteers needed.
- **Reflective Vests** – Tim asked if all the road captains have reflective vests. Ken has several that he will give to Tim.

Luanne Jones (Historian)

- **Photos** – Has ordered 15" digital frame. Will hang it in the lounge at Timms once it arrives.

Other Information

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Luanne Jones
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Craig Lenfesty
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Robert Redman and Brenda Lenfesty
- **50/50 Winner of \$66.00:** Fish Guffee

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Lyn Guffee, Secretary

● **CHECK CALENDAR FOR FUTURE RIDES AND EVENTS**

When NOT to do the Motorcycle Wave!

"The wave" is one of the coolest things about being a rider; a way to show some solidarity with people you don't even know, just because they're riders like you. But there are a handful of times you actually should NOT wave - see if you agree!

This weekend while I was riding through town, I saw a funny, but unnerving, sight that got me thinking about the topic of this article.

I didn't have time to really get out of the city and go for a long ride this weekend, but I wanted to get at least a little time on the bike. So I just rode out to the barber shop and stopped for lunch; a pretty short ride through nothing but city streets and intersections.

As I was going down a major street, I saw a rider on a smaller metric cruiser coming in the opposite direction, approaching the intersection I was pulling away from. As he

neared me he threw me a big wave...but to do it, he took his hands off the controls while carrying a little too much speed, coming dangerously close to the slowing car in front of him before shooting his hand back down to pull the clutch in and hit the brakes just in time.

The guy almost wrecked his bike just trying to wave to me!

The awkwardness of his riding, the overly eager wave, and the fact that he was one of the very few cruiser riders that waves to a sport bike made me think he was a new rider. Now, I really like seeing new riders. Someone new joining the sport, enjoying the sense of community you start to feel...it reminds me of the excitement I had when I was starting riding. But at the same time, I wanted to tell him: "for goodness' sake man...don't wreck your bike just to wave at every rider you see!"

So this got me thinking. If you're a rider, you've seen "the wave"; whether it's to everyone on two wheels or just to "your own kind," it's kind of a universal greeting and sign of respect to the other people out there enjoying the lifestyle too. But when are the times you actually should NOT wave? I thought of a few.



All these waves are perfectly fine; but it's not always this simple!

Rundown: When shouldn't you do "the wave?"

1. **Anytime you need to use the controls**
2. **When you're riding hard/taking corners**
3. **At a major bike meet/ride**
4. **While commuting**
5. **At intersections**

1) Any time you might need to use the controls

It should go without saying, but what I saw this weekend makes me think it needs to be made clear: do NOT wave when you're in any situation where you're using, or might have to use, your controls (primarily the clutch.)

Whether you're down-shifting into a corner, or clutching through a low-speed maneuver, if there is even a possibility you'll need your hand on the clutch lever then don't wave. We're all riders and we use a clutch too; nobody will be offended if you don't wave because you need to focus on your controls.

Even if they would be offended, that shouldn't matter. Hurting a random rider's feelings who I'll never see again is something I'll take any day over losing control of my bike!



Hey, that's not the wave! The photographer must ride a sport bike. (Photo cred: R. Mueller)

of waving at hundreds of other riders make that a little difficult.

So if you're at a big rally or meet, it's okay if you don't wave...you just focus on clutching that bad boy forward at 1.5 MPH, and finding a parking spot without overheating. We know you're there. (Your girl on the passenger seat can wave all she wants, however.)



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Arm...so...tired. Can't...wave...

2) When you're riding hard/taking corners

When you're shredding some asphalt down your favorite windy road, tempting fate around every corner with your pegs (or your knees) dragging, don't even bother trying to wave. If you ride that hard, you probably already know this; there is no reason to wave when you're in "the zone," no matter what kind of bike you're on.

Even if someone else waves at you, don't interrupt your concentration just to return the favor; they would rather you just make it through the turn, believe me. On a technical road or going through a corner, the other rider really shouldn't be waving at you to begin with anyway.

Closer, but that's still not the wave (hey, shouldn't you be focused on taking the corner?)

3) At a Major Bike Meet/Ride

Part of the whole motorcycle wave is as a symbol of solidarity; a sign of respect among riders. Another way riders represent their solidarity is going to bike rallies, rides or meets. But you don't combine the two. You just can't - the logistics



4) While Commuting

While everyone has their own criteria for when they wave and to whom, I think most riders will wave when the context is "the ride"; you know, a nice, clear stretch of road on a sunny weekend morning, for example. You assume the other rider is enjoying it as much as you are, and waving is kind of a fun way to acknowledge that shared experience; like a way to say "hey, is this awesome or what!"

But on a weekday morning, riding to work on your bike to avoid traffic, battling it out with all the inattentive drivers crowding the roads...acknowledging another rider might be pretty low on your list of priorities. Same goes when you pass be going the opposite direction on the freeway, especially where there's a divider; by the time I wave back, you will have passed me anyway.

It's okay to not wave while commuting to or from work. So lets just all get where we need to be in one piece (and maybe I'll catch you on the weekend.)

Where does "the wave" come from anyway?

There are a few stories floating around the internet about the origin of the rider's wave.

Some say that, in "ye olden tymes", knights crossing each others path would lift their visors with an open hand. This would show that they were unarmed, and allow them to see each others faces as a sign of trust and goodwill; a tradition that has gradually made its way over to modern-day motorcycle riders. (As one person commented, this is more the origin of the military salute than "the wave.")

A more realistic explanation comes from the surge of returning service members after WWII, who bought military surplus motorcycles in droves. The abundance of motorcycles and the solidarity among veterans gave birth to the American biker culture as a whole, and motorcyclists in those days were eager to greet each other with a wave on the road. It wasn't just as a biker thing, but also as a *veteran* thing - it was safe to assume that any male of that age group on a chopped Harley or Indian in those days had served in the war.

There are many types of waves, but the signature "biker wave" tends to be some variation of two fingers pointed parallel or down toward the ground like a "peace sign." There are many explanations for this too: a "V" for V-twin; a "two" for keeping it "on two wheels"; or just a peace sign that keeps your hands close to the controls.

5) At Intersections

This one depends how you're stopped. If you have your clutch pulled in with your hand at a light when you see another rider, you might acknowledge him, but not with your left hand. Throw a wave with your throttle hand perhaps, or simply a nod of the head.

On the other hand, if you're stopped in neutral, and are just hanging out waiting for a green light, wave however you want; maybe even say hello if they pull up right next to you. Just make sure your main focus is on the intersection, the changing lights, and all the cars passing through it that could run a red light at any given moment.

Intersections are kill zones for motorcyclists. I'd rather look like a snob and get through it in one piece, than be the friendly guy that got T-boned because I didn't notice a car running a red light (but that's just me.)



I've heard of the leg wave, but I don't think that's how you do it!



A good rental bike like this is just darn hard to find when you are traveling.



Upcoming Rides & Events

Go to www.electriccityhog.com and check the schedule of rides

Watch the message board for updates regarding each ride.



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H.O.G. Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month
 Fuddruckers
 100 Destination Blvd
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 Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM

L.O.H. Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month
 Sues Wings & Things
 SC 81 & I-85 Exit 27
 Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM

George Turner, Director
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