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George Turner

Hey everyone, I see Spring weather in the forecast. I am looking forward to it. The few months of 2015 have been cool, wet and unpredictable. But pull your bikes out and clean them up and get the oil changed and put kick stands up. Let's get ready to rumble.

As I mentioned before most primary and secondary officers have stayed the same. I have already told the changes to everyone. The one update to make is that Sandy Purdy is wanting to step down as Webmaster. So Lyn Guffee is stepping up to relieve Sandy, so Thanks Sandy for an outstanding job over the last many years. And Thanks Lyn for filling in to replace Sandy.

I hope everyone had a good February. I know you enjoyed the cards, candy and flowers given out on Valentine's Day.

Everyone needs to go and have a look at the new Photo Display and Chapter Photo Albums now in the lounge at Timms. A big Thanks to Luanne Jones our Historian, Great job. If you haven't already, sign the sign-up sheets for bike nights that have been going around. Mike and Donna Graham our Volunteer Coordinators have been working to get the slots filled up. Remember everyone that volunteers for activities during the year will receive a free meal sponsored by our local dealership, Timms. There will be a Blood Drive scheduled Saturday, March 21st at 1 pm at Timms, and the LOH are working this event. This year we are going to try working with the Belk's Department Store for our Fundraiser, to give to a local charity. So get your tickets from me next week. We will have until May 2 to get these tickets sold.

I hope everyone is registering for the SC State Rally, this year here in Anderson. Make sure you volunteer to work in some area at the rally and let's make this a rally to remember.

Well so much to say and not enough time. I've probably forgot something but I'll get it next time. So Let's Ride and Put your kickstands up.

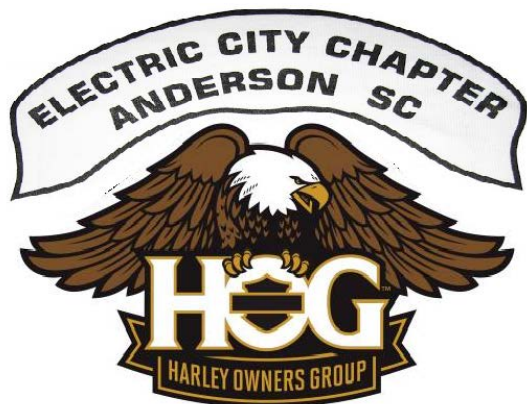
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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Tim Jones

Live to Ride, Ride to Live



MORE ON GROUP RIDING

**BY TIM JONES
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

Group Riding

Last September my article was on Group Riding. I would like to again cover some riding tips, from the AMA's perspective, as group riding is what we do most, and want to do best.

Since 1924, the AMA has protected the future of motorcycling and promoted the motorcycle lifestyle. AMA members come from all walks of life, and they navigate many different routes on their journey to the same destination: freedom on two wheels. As the world's largest motorcycling organization, the AMA advocates for motorcyclists' interests in the halls of local, state and federal government, the committees of international governing organizations, and the court of public opinion.

This is there list of 17 tips for Group riding.

1. The first thing is organize the ride. This can be as informal as standing around in a parking lot, or as formal as a special meeting to hand out maps and cellphone numbers.

2. Riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision-making when it comes to your safety. Ride your own ride, and don't go any faster than you feel comfortable going.

3. When picking your route, consider the stamina of the group, the experience of all the riders, and the limits of the motorcycles in the group. Remember. If it's going to be a long ride, be sure to take a few breaks along the way.

4. You'll need to communicate while on the ride, so make sure everyone knows the signals you'll use.

5. Consider positioning the less-experienced riders immediately

behind the leader. This allows the front rider to adjust the pace if necessary.

6. Ideally, the sweep rider will have a cellphone to call for help if a motorcycle is disabled, or if there has been an accident.

7. If the goal of the ride is to keep the group together, the leader should only go at the pace of the least-experienced rider

8. While riding, don't fixate on the motorcycle in front of you. Remember your basic training. Look well through the turn to where you want to go.

9. If the group is riding faster than you are comfortable with, let the sweep rider know you're dropping out and ride at your own pace. So you may reach your destination a few seconds behind the others, but you will get there, and that's what's important. Keep in mind, it's all about fun.

10. All riders are also responsible for making sure their motorcycles are mechanically up to the task. Before you even meet up with the group, make sure you've got plenty of fuel in the tank, and that you've taken care of all those maintenance issues.

11. If it's going to be a large group, consider dividing the group into smaller packs. That way, if something goes wrong, you don't have 25 motorcycles sitting on the side of a busy highway. Also, smaller groups can more easily navigate through city streets.

12. On the road, motorcyclists should have at least a 2-second cushion in front and behind them. If you want to keep the group tight, consider a staggered formation. Leave enough room per lane so each rider can maneuver side-to-side if need be. Avoid side-by-side formations as they shrink your space cushion.

13. Trikes and sidecars should stay

in the center of the lane, and should be given the same amount of cushion as if they were a car.

14. As turns get sharper, or as visibility decreases, move back to a single file formation. You'll also want to use single file when entering or exiting a highway, at toll booths, or when roads have a rough or questionable surface.

15. At intersections where you've come to a stop, tighten the formation to side-by-side to take up less space. As the light turns green, or when traffic opens up, the bike on the left proceeds through the intersection first.

16. Remember we share the road with many other vehicles, and it's against the law to block an intersection.

17. When parking, try to get the group off the roadway as quickly as possible. If you can, arrange in advance to have pull-through parking at your destination, or at the very least, make sure there is ample parking for your size group.

Thanks for reading. I hope it helps to make your riding experience with Electric City HOG a safer and more enjoyable time out with the group. We owe it to each other to be on our best behavior every time we ride.

Springtime is just around the corner, and so is our 2015 State HOG Rally.

Lots of riding, fun and fellowship to be had. Let's all be safe as possible on the road and watch out for those cages who don't

Riding with the Head Road Captain

Tim Hill --- Head Road Captain

I hope everyone survived the Snow / Ice Storm. Hopefully that is the last of the winter storms that we will have. Now that riding season is approaching fast it is a good time to look over your bike and make sure it is ready to ride. Use the phrase T-CLOCK to help you with your checklist for your bike.

T – Tires. Wear / Air pressure, Wheel is tight, Brake Calibrator is tight.

C – Controls. Ensure all controls are working properly.

L – Lights. Ensure that all lights are working properly.

O – Oil. Ensure proper level of oil and check for leaks.

C – Chassis. Check suspension, belt, and fasteners.

K – Kickstand. Ensure that the kickstand is in good work order.

When going on a group ride be on time (30 mins before) full tank of gas and ready to have a good time. This is a good checklist to do before every ride. It can save you a headache or your life. I hope this helps you enjoy a great riding season.

Look forward to seeing you out on the road.

Ride Safe

Tim Hill

(864) 554-0121

Safety Officer

Mike King

See Meeting Minutes

Note to Road Captains --- Sign-up sheets go to Lyn Guffee and Detail sheets go to Luanne Jones.

- **LOH Bowling night** – next Bowling night will be Monday, April 13, 7-9 PM.

ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 Minutes of the March 3, 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 Bobby DePrima

Roll Call (Lyn Guffee) Total Members 107 (including 7 new members), Members Present 48

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

Officers Reports

George Turner (Director)

- **Welcome** – George welcomed everyone to the February meeting.
- **Veterans Rides** – George has some fliers regarding a Veterans Ride on March 21st, and a Disabled Veterans Ride on April 18th. See him for more details.
- **Mileage Recognition** – Starts tonight and runs through November. Mileage must be verified by a Primary Officer or Timms HD staff.
- **Congratulations** – Luanne Jones received her motorcycle driver's license.

Sherry Partain (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$2,321.12 and LOH balance of \$291.43.
- **Chapter Items** – If you ordered a name badge, they are in. Pins and patches are available, as well as several shirts (Med. & Lg. ladies, and a men's Lg. and 2XL).
- **Fund Raiser** – Rather than the yard sale for Family Promise of Anderson, we have decided to participate in the Belk Charity Day Sale. Sell of tickets will begin the middle of March for the store event on May 2nd from 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the charity. Also if the Chapter or the Charity set-up a table to sell tickets on the Belk Charity Day, a percentage of store sales that day will go to the Charity. We will try to have tickets available at the next LOH meeting.
- **Donation** – Thanks to Tony Long Allstate Insurance for donation to ECHOG Chapter. Monies from this donation will be applied to the chapter donation of \$300 in door prizes for the State Rally.

Tim Jones (Assistant Director)

- **New Members** – Welcomed new members Don & Marilyn Smith, Mel & Nancy Seckel, and Sheila Underwood. Stan & Nora Stockman also joined but were not present tonight.
- **Chapter Promotion** – Need volunteers for membership drive during events at Timms HD.
- **State Rally** – If you haven't already done so, go to the SC State Hog Rally website and sign-up to volunteer. Lots of opportunities are available.
- **HD of Greenville** – Expressed some interest in merging together with ECHOG on some of our rides. Some of our members stated that they would like to ride more on Sundays. Harley Davidson of Greenville has some Sunday rides scheduled.

Jeannie Jensen (LOH Report)

- **Blood Drive** – Scheduled for March 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **LOH Meeting** – 3rd Tuesday of month (March 17th) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Sue's Wings & Things.
- **Bowling** – 2nd Monday of month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Boulevard Lanes.
- **AIM** – Items for donation to AIM for the months of March and April – children's and women's vitamins.
- **Cruise** – LOH cruise in Sept. has been cancelled.

Other Business and Drawings

Steve Jensen (Activities Committee)

- **Several Overnight activities planned:**
 - June 6 – Linville Caverns (Little Switzerland Hotel - \$90.00)
 - July 18 – Granite Falls Brewery (Days Inn, Hickory, NC - \$64.00)
 - August 15 – Hot Springs, NC (Iron House)
 - September 19 – Ridgeway, NC – Whole HOG train ride - \$10.00 / person (Ramada Inn)

Mike King (Safety Officer)

- **Hand Signals** – Reviewed the eight hand signals found in the Chapter Ride Guide; Left Turn – left arm straight out, Right Turn – left arm out with forearm and hand pointing up, Left Hazard – left arm down with index finger pointing at hazard, Right Hazard – right leg out pointing at hazard, Single File Formation – left arm straight up with index finger pointing up, Staggered Formation – left arm straight up with index and little finger pointing up, Slow Down – left arm down with up and down motion, Stop – left arm down with hands and fingers open.
- **When a bike drops out** – Within the State of South Carolina it is illegal to pass another bike within the same

lane. Riders should shift when a bike drops out of the group. Tim Hill commented that when a rider is going to drop out of the group, he/she needs to notify other riders nearby that he/she is dropping out.

Tim Hill (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides** –Upcoming rides/activities include: 03/07 – Saluda River Grill, 03/10 – McGee's (meet at restaurant), 03/14 – Midway BBQ, 03/20 – Ruby Tuesdays, 03/25 - Romeo Ride (meet at The Clock), 03/28 – Benefit for Tonya & Keith Burriss. (New Members ride will be re-scheduled). Check calendar for other rides and events.
- **Rally Registration Forms** – Registration forms for the Rally are available or you can register on-line. Early registration ends 03/05.
- **State Rally Dealer Receipts** – Receipts dated 03/05/15 – 04/25/15 from participating dealerships (Low Country, Myrtle Beach, Columbia – both locations, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Timms) can be turned in for additional door prize tickets.

Donna Graham (Volunteer Coordinator)

- **Bike Night** – First Bike Night is scheduled for Thurs., March 26th. Bike Night will be every other Thurs. and run from March – June, then September – November.
- **Volunteers** – Volunteers are needed for 1 hour shifts at each entrance during Bike Night. Sign-up sheet is available.
- **Volunteer Dinner** – Considering having the dinner somewhere other than at the dealership.
- **Burriss Benefit** – Benefit for Tonya & Keith Burriss will be held at First Baptist Church, Iva, SC on 03/28 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for Hamburger Steak plates - \$8.00 / plate; which includes fries, slaw, roll and tea. See Donna if you would like to purchase a ticket. There will also be baked goods for sale and a silent auction.

Luanne Jones (Historian)

- **Photos** – Updated books and digital frame are on display at Timms.

Other Information

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Ken Higginbotham
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Sheila Underwood
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Jeannie Jensen and Sherry Partain
- **50/50 Winner of \$57.00:** George Turner

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Submitted by Lyn Guffee, Secretary

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

- **The SC Rally needs volunteers to run. If you haven't talked to Ken H. yet, get busy and volunteer.**



Five Key Points to Safe Riding

Assume you are invisible to other drivers.

Don't ever assume another driver knows you're there. Adhere to the attitude that no one else on the road is concerned with your personal safety. Learn to use a riding strategy like SEE (search, evaluate, execute) to manage the roadway and traffic. You can learn SEE in a basic or advanced training course.

Look where you want to go.

It's called visual directional control. Keep your head and eyes oriented 3-4 seconds ahead of you when cornering. You can get instruction and practice in this technique in a basic or advanced training course. In an emergency, do not stare at the guardrail, the gravel shoulder or the oncoming car — chances are you'll hit whatever you're trying to avoid. (The term for this is target fixation.)



Upcoming Rides & Events

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

Watch the message board for updates regarding each ride.

Countersteer.

Use precise inputs to the handgrips, not body lean, to lean the motorcycle. When you countersteer, you initially turn the handlebars in the opposite direction you think you should. Press forward on the right handgrip, the bike leans right. Press forward on the left handgrip, the bike leans left. (Note: countersteering is not how you turn a motorcycle; it's how you lean a motorcycle.) You can learn to use this technique in a controlled setting by taking a basic or advanced training course.

Use both brakes.

Your front brake provides 70 percent or more of your stopping power in an emergency. Squeeze, do not grab, the front brake, and keep squeezing, increasing the squeezing pressure until you've slowed sufficiently or stopped. Untrained riders are often afraid to use the front brake, for fear of flipping over. Trained riders know better. You can learn how to use your front brake for maximum braking in a basic or advanced training course.

Never stop riding the bike.

Don't ever give up control of your motorcycle. "Laying it down" is not a strategy. The person with the most control of any situation is you. Look where you want to go, countersteer or use maximum braking to avoid a crash. You can get instruction and practice in all these techniques by taking a basic or advanced training course.



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Photographer	Tim Jones/Ken Higginbotham		
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H.O.G. Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month
 Fuddruckers
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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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