



# The H.O.G. Tells

ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

George Turner

We are starting to see better weather now since May begins our prime riding season. The Head Road Captain and the Activities Committee have planned so far this year some good rides. And the rest of the season looks like it will be the same with rides locally, in the mountains, and even some overnight rides in June, July, and August. There is a Whole HOG Train Ride in September so get on board.

Bike Nights have started at Timms and the Volunteer Committee is getting people signed up, so make sure everyone gets in a few volunteer nights to help out this endeavor. Volunteers for Bike nights, blood drive, Habitat for Humanity, and the Belks Charity drive, will receive a free dinner again this year so do all you can to help. Membership is back over 100 again and we are Thankful for that. Many have been doing extra work letting other riders know of the benefits and enjoyment of belonging to a Chapter. Thanks to all who are helping out and letting people know about a rewarding riding experience and the great people who belong to HOG.

We want to Thank The Rally Committee again for a successful and enjoyable State Rally here in Anderson this year. Let's do what we can to help out with the Rally here in Anderson again next year and make it even better. And Thanks again for all the volunteers that helped make this years Rally great. Congratulations to Electric City HOG for winning the Volunteer Challenge this year.

The Primary Officer's attended the Harley Officer Training in Atlanta this year. A lot of good things were discussed and learned in the training sessions. We found out the Anderson Chapter already has some really good people and a workable plan, and that alot wasn't needed to change. So we are anxious to make 2015 another fun and rewarding experience.

Let's get this prime bike riding season rolling and put kick stands up. Let's Ride.

George



## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Tim Jones

Live to Ride, Ride to Live



# ***Wet Weather Riding***

**BY TIM JONES  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**T**o help you stay dry and alert, a good rain suit provides basic protection for your upper and lower body. You can choose from a wide variety of styles and materials. A one-piece suit provides better overall protection because there's no seam between your pants and your jacket. Often you will find that just your jacket or your pants is all the protection you'll need. Some rain gear will offer greater breathability, which can make a big difference when it's wet and warm.

A good rain suit will help you stay visible. High-visibility clothing is especially important in the rain, and most rain suits are designed with that in mind, with bright colors and/or reflective highlights. Throwing on your rain jacket is a good way to increase visibility at night, in any weather. Staying comfortable is the key. How far you go in "rain-proofing" yourself may depend on the circumstances. If you're on your way home and it starts raining you may not mind your jeans getting a little wet if it's warm out. In that sense, a little water never hurt anybody, and you can always change when you get home.

Assume that your ability to stop and maneuver will be compromised, and adjust your speed accordingly. Also increase your following distance and make extra sure you have space around you for evasive maneuvers if necessary.

Make all of your steering, throttle, and braking inputs more gradually. Ease on and off the throttle. Apply the brakes more gently. Slow down more when approaching a corner and make the turn gradually, keeping the bike more upright than usual. Don't do anything suddenly. Accelerate slowly and steadily; stop as gradually as possible; and make your turns with extra care, at a slower speed than usual. Remember the key to riding in the rain is to maintain traction.

Today's motorcycle tires are modern marvels when it comes to

traction. They're much better at maintaining good grip with the road than their older counter parts. With a few common sense precautions, they'll keep you upright in the rain.

It is the rubber, not the tread that actually provides the grip. The job of the tread is to channel water away from the rubber, giving it a better opportunity to stick to the road. When you skid on a wet surface. It's because a thin layer of water has come between your and the road.

When you ride through standing water, your tire can act like a water ski and ride up on the water's surface, losing contact with the pavement, which is much more likely to happen with worn tires. If you see standing water on the road ahead, avoid it if you can. Otherwise, roll off the throttle, reduce your speed, keep your bike as upright as possible, and avoid making any throttle or braking inputs as you ride through the puddle.

As you ride, keep your eyes open for surfaces that can become ultra-slick when wet, such as railroad tracks, manhole covers, crosswalk lines, bridge gratings, and steel construction plates, to name only a few.

When riding on these or other slick surfaces, keep the bike as upright as possible and avoid making any steering, throttle, or braking inputs. At railroad crossings, make a point of crossing the tracks at as close to 90 degrees as possible.

Keep in mind that the worst time to ride in the rain is during the first few minutes of a rainstorm. Oil and dirt that accumulate on the roadway while it's dry tend to "float away" when the rain starts, making the road especially slick for a short time. It's a good idea to take a little break when a rainstorm first hits or delay your departure to avoid being on the road at its slipperiest.

When it comes to riding in the rain, know your limits (and comfort level) and always put safety ahead of your pride. It's always okay to wait and don't be pressured into thinking otherwise.



## Treasurers Report

Hope all of you had a great time at the SC State Rally here in Anderson. The Rally Team did a great job and look forward to next year. It was great for our chapter to win the Volunteer trophy this year. Hopefully we will win it 2 years in a row!

I would like to thank all who had any part in the Charity Day Ticket Sale for Family Promise whether you purchased or sold tickets, volunteered or made donations. I do not have a definite figure at this time that we will be donating to them.

Several members have requested that we order white long sleeve chapter t-shirts. They will be \$25 each and require a minimum order of 24. If you are interested please let me know.

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

Sherry Partain

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## 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

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



## **ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**

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#### **Minutes of the May 5, 2015 Chapter Meeting**

May's meeting was held at Timms Harley Davison. Craig Lefestey opened our meeting with a prayer at 7:05 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mike Graham.

George Turner congratulated the HOG rally committee on the fine job done on this year's rally. George noted that the meal was provided by the chapter as a membership reimbursement. There are donation cans out for Family Promise in lieu of payment. The Belk's Charity Day raised about \$800 in ticket sales, but we are still waiting on the totals.

Membership officer JB Clifton reported that we have 103 members with 53 members attending the meeting.

Asst. Director Tim Jones introduced new members: Joe Oncale, Gary & Melissa Clemmons. He also introduced guests: Dave & Cindy Capman, Meagan Oncale, Jim Stafford, Fran & Walt Wheeler.

Treasurer Sherry Partain reported an April balance of \$2,314.56, and LOH had a balance of \$291.43. She thanked everyone who sold tickets for Belk's Charity Day. She will order long sleeve white Chapter tee-shirts if there is enough interest. She has pins & patches for sale.

In Cathy Russell's absence, Jeannie Jensen gave the LOH report. In support of the WACS program at AIM, this month we are collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and laundry soap.

Head Road Captain Tim Hill reported on the rides for May & that June's rides will be available soon. Tim Jones reminded the members that the rides are listed in the chapter website, on face book and on the ride board at the dealership.

Volunteer Coordinator Donna Graham needs volunteers for bike nights.

Safety Officer Mike King has a \$25 Timms HD gift card a prize on the Star Fort ride.

George Turner displayed the Chapter Challenge trophy, along with Ken Higginbotham and Tim Jones. Ken reported that there were over 50 volunteers from the chapter. Ken noted that he had a lot of positive feedback about the rally, ECHOG hospitality & Anderson hospitality. Ken reported that the rally will be back in Anderson in 2016.

George Turner noted that there is a Bowl-a-thon on 5/17 to benefit Family Promise. Tim Jones is collecting the \$10 fee for the SC Whole HOG train ride in September. Don't forget the donation cans for Family Promise in lieu of the meal cost.

Colors drawing (\$10) – Butch Hoffman

Door prize - \$25 HD gift card donated by Timms HD – Sherry Partain

Door prize - \$20 HD gift card from chapter – Nancy Seckel

Door prize - \$20 HD gift card from chapter – Tim Jones

50/50 - \$65 was won by Bobby Clark

Meagan Oncale, who volunteered at the Anderson County Humane Society booth at the HOG rally,

reported that they raised \$915. The Humane Society provides many services and thanks us for our support.

The meeting closed at 7:40 PM

Notes taken by Deb Gutcheus – Thanks Deb!!!  
Submitted by Lyn Guffee, Secretary



## Historian

Luanne Jones

We made it through the State HOG Rally. Proud that I was able to reach my goal with my commitment as Historian to have our HOG event book updated for the rally weekend. The book is in Timms HD lounge for viewing as well as in the revolving picture frame. Soon to come will be pics of the Rally and more of the 2015 rides. Enjoy

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



### 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.)

## 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.



## Upcoming Rides & Events

Go to [www.electriccityhog.com](http://www.electriccityhog.com) and check the schedule of rides

Watch the message board for updates regarding each ride.



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### Chapter Officers

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### H.O.G. Meeting

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

### L.O.H. Meeting

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

George Turner, Director  
Electric City H.O.G.

