

# The H.O.G. Tells

**ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769** 

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# **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

We are in this month of Thanksgiving, it is a good time to reflect on what we are thankful for. I had the good fortune to be born in the USA. My family is healthy, I'm in a great relationship. At 61 years of age I have begun a challenging, fun and exciting new career (I hope to add someday that it is a prosperous one!). I ride an American icon with some of the best people I know, the Electric City Chapter of the Harley Owners Group. The friendships I have made through ECHOG have not only provided riding partners, but friends to dine with, go to parties, concerts, and the whole social gambit.

I have had the pleasure this year of riding and at the same time raising over \$2000 for a great charity with my fellow Chapter members. This is a phenomenal accomplishment and I never dreamed at its conception the wheel and dice roll would help raise this kind of money. Tee shirt sales added a great contribution to the total. So what are you thankful for? I'm sure if you just stop and think, it won't be hard to come up with a few of your own.

As for charities, you will find many worthwhile events to participate in as the year ends, far too many for us to dedicate rides to them all. We have our local Anderson Toy Run, which usually has one of our biggest member turnouts of the year. I encourage each and every one of you to join as many of these rides as you can. As you ride in this and other toy runs, you will be riding with different riders with varying levels of experience, skill and judgement, and who may have never ridden in a large group before. Some of these riders may not be as adept in group riding as you may be. Sometimes, you encounter riders that a toy run is the only time they ride. They are so enthralled with the atmosphere and the crowds waving, they sometimes forget they are operating an 800 to 1,000 pound motorcycle. Please exercise extra care and vigilance.....and Lets Ride!!

PS: A great big thanks to Sherry Partain as Treasurer and Lyn Guffee as Secretary for a job well done as they leave their Officer positions this year. We were blessed to have you!

Please welcome Pam Waitekus as Treasurer and Gary Clemons as Secretary going into 2017.

**Tim Jones, Director** 



#### **Assistant Director**

Wow! What a year of riding we have had. Time has flown by. We have been to the mountains, to the coast and many places in between. ECHOG has had a great year from the State Rally to overnight rides.

If you had a good time this year just hang on to your helmet, next year will have even more action packed fun for all. Our activities committee is always coming up with new places to go and fun things to do.

As we draw this year to a close I would like to thank Sherry Partain and Lyn Guffee for an outstanding job they have done as chapter officers over the past few years.

I would also like to thank Pam Waitekus and Gary Clemons for stepping up and taking on chapter officers positions for next year.

Let's Ride

Tim Hill

Tim Hill



# Riding with the Head Road Captain

Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

We continue to enjoy mild weather and it's been great getting out and riding without the heat. We have had a few cool days and, obviously, the temperatures will continue to drop as we head toward winter.

Cold weather riding does create a few challenges that we all need to be aware of. Make sure you have the necessary gear to keep you warm. I suggest that you over dress and then remove clothing as the temperature rises or you find that you don't need some of what you may be wearing. It's better to realize that you're wearing more than you need than discover you needed more than you have.

Typically, we will be wearing heavier clothing; leather jackets, chaps, warmer gloves, which make riding a little more difficult. This is especially true with heavy gloves. It's a little harder to get the feel you are accustomed to with your hands wrapped in leather and fur so be aware that braking, using the clutch, and accelerating may take a bit more effort. Not to mention that the cold makes us stiffer which tends to slow our reaction times.

The best way to compensate for this is to give yourself a little more space when riding in traffic and recognize the need to brake earlier when possible so you won't have to react suddenly. I would also recommend taking breaks to warm up. The colder you get the less focused you will be.

It's mostly proper preparation, common sense, and focus. Ride safe and have fun. Ken Higginbotham

Ken Higginbotham



#### ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 Minutes of the October 4, 2016 Chapter Meeting

**Meeting** called to order by Tim Jones at 7:00 PM

**Opening prayer** was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Jensen

**Roll Call (JB Clifton)** Member Enrollment 123, Members Present 55, 2 New Members, and 1 Guest, Tommy Garner from Myrtle Beach HOG Chapter

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

#### **Officers Reports**

#### **Tim Jones (Director)**

- **Welcome** Tim welcomed everyone to the October meeting.
- October Birthdays Acknowledged members who have a birthday this month by singing Happy Birthday.
- WholeHOG Event Tim thanked those who attended the WholeHOG event in Georgetown. Everyone had a great time.
- Charity Fund Raiser Total of \$1,455.00 has been raised so far this year.
- Chili Cook-off Scheduled for Saturday, 11/05 at Timms from 12:00 2:00 p.m. This will be a public event and fund raiser. There will be a \$5.00 charge to sample the chili and vote for your favorite. Still need participants. Tim will have a sign-up sheet if you want to bring chili. Contestants will need to prepare two gallons of chili since this will be open to the public.
- Christmas Party Scheduled for Saturday, 12/17 at Tuckers. If you plan to attend please pick-up and complete the form for your food selection. Form and money will need to be turned in by November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Primary Officer Nominations Tim Jones was nominated for Director; Tim Hill was nominated for Assistant Director;
   Pam Waitekus was nominated for Treasurer; and Gary Clemons was nominated for Secretary. Board members will need to approve the nominations prior to chapter vote.

#### **Tim Hill (Assistant Director)**

New Member(s) – Mike and Lisa Coco.

### **Sherry Partain (Treasurer's Report)**

- Financial Report Balance of \$2,820.00 and LOH balance of \$291.43.
- Items for Purchase Sherry has 1 black ladies shirt, 1 brown hat, and patches available if anyone is interested.
- Treasurer's Position Sherry announced that she will be stepping down this year.

#### Lyn Guffee (Secretary/Webmaster)

• **Participation Sheets** – Still needs several participation sheets.

#### **Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)**

- **LOH Meeting** Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/18/16. Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Sue's Wings & Things (eat at 6:00 and meeting begins at 7:00).
- **Bowling** Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Boulevard Lanes at 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Only Events Ladies will attend cooking demonstration at Kitchen Emporium on Thursday, 10/20. Cost is \$35.00. LOH ladies only ride is scheduled next month for 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, 10/23/16 to Chatooga Belle Farms. Road Captain needed Tami Mealor volunteered. A ride is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, 11/13/16 to The Dillard House.
- Chili Cook-off LOH will sponsor a bake sale during the Chili Cook-off. Funds raised still be determined. Perhaps Calvary Home for Children or to help an injured chapter member.
- Halloween Party Scheduled for 10/29/16 at the home of Gary & Melissa Clemons. Prize for best costumes.
- Quilting Guild Stockings \$350.00 has been raised to help fill the stockings for children who have been sexually abused.

#### **Other Business and Drawings**

#### Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

• Road Captains – Ken thanked the road captains. Ken stated that more road captains are needed and he reminded the group that it's not just for men.

• Safety – Safety should always be on our mind, whether on motorcycle or in a car. Focus on avoiding an accident, slow down – tighten helmet/seat belts. Consider lane positioning, there could be danger around the corner. Life is precious. Tell/show others how much you care.

#### **John Munns (Activities Committee)**

• Rides – Some of the upcoming rides/events include 10/06 – Joe's Pizza; 10/08 – Leap Frog Ride; 10/11 – Romeo Ride; 10/15 – Helen, GA Octoberfest; 10/29 – Halloween Party; and 10/30 – Whitten Center. Check calendar for more upcoming events.

#### **Drawings**

- Chapter Pride: \$10.00 won by George Turner
- Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD: Nonie Tennant
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Larry Regucci, Thelma Hames
- 50/50 Winner of \$80.00: Butch Hoffman (Donated to help injured chapter member)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Submitted by Lyn Guffee, Secretary



#### Historian

Luanne Jones (Historian) – Please check out our dedicated Facebook site for albums/pictures and details of our rides at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058735334162011/

Road Captains, Please keep ride sheets coming to..... LuanneJones58@gmail.com

Below is a list of the Road Captains and their cell number that we have in the ECHOG Chapter. This list would be good to keep with you when we are on a ride. Contact the Road Captain if you get separated from the group or you are having trouble.

TIM	HILL	864-554-0121
FISH	GUFFEE	864-844-4174
KEN	HIGGINBOTHAM	864-313-5178
TIM	JONES	803-463-9758
RAY	KEIPER	864-353-8993
JOE	KINSLAND	864-423-8688
STEVE	McCULLOUGH	864-224-8479
JOHN	MUNNS	864-483-4294
NEWT	PARTAIN	864-556-9872
GEORGE	TURNER	864-642-5639

 CHECK CALENDAR FOR FUTURE RIDES AND EVENTS

LET'S MAKE OUR NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME.



<b>Chapter Office</b>	rs	<b>Home</b>	<u>Cell</u>
Director	Tim Jones		(803)463-9758
Asst. Dir.	Tim Hill		(864)554-0120
Secretary	Lyn Guffee	(864)261-8442	(864)934-0403
Treasurer	Sherry Partain	(864)224-9584	(864)985-1198
LOH Officer	Melissa Clemons		(864)859-8095
Newsletter Editor	Ray Keiper	(864)225-2671	(864)353-8993
Webmaster	Lyn Guffee	(864)261-8442	(864)934-0403
Head Road Captain	Ken Higginbotham		(864)313-5178
Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham		(864)313-5178
Membership	JB Clifton	(864)225-2934	(864)314-1221
Activities	John & Bev Munns		(864)483-4294
	John & Pam Waitek	us	(864)348-7204
Chaplain	George Turner		(864)642-5639
Historian	Luanne Jones		(864)202-0991
Photographer	Tim Jones		(864)463-9758
Volunteer Coord.	Joe Kinsland		(864)423-8688

# H.O.G. Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month Fuddruckers 100 Destination Blvd Anderson, SC 29621

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

There is so much to be thankful for this season.

We ride in a free country.

We ride with the Electric City Harley Family.

We are very thankful for Cheryl's continued healing.

We look forward to another year with our friends and family.











