



The H.O.G. Tells

ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Fall is in the air and my favorite time of year is arriving. Fall has always been my favorite time of the year for as long as I can remember. When I mentioned it in a discussion with my mother-in-law the other day, I tried to put it in perspective when she asked. She said spring had always been her favorite because everything seems to be coming alive, blooming and vibrant, which seems practical. Me, well the only way I know to put it is I love warm days and cool evenings. I love when wearing a sweatshirt feels comfortable. I love waking up to frost on the grass with the sun quickly making it vanish. I love when the trees are brilliant with fall colors.

My love of fall goes way back to being a young boy growing up in the hills of Virginia and roaming them. I grew up in a "hollow" 8 miles from the nearest city, so my friends and I found our amusement being hillbillies. Maybe being born in October has something to do with my favorite season. There was nothing better when fall squirrel and deer season arrived and being out in the woods on the hunt on a crisp morning or cool evening when the leaves have turned. The colors in the fall far outweigh the blossoms in the spring for me. I always loved Halloween and on the way Thanksgiving, with Christmas not being far behind may have created my love of fall state of mind, who knows.

I don't hunt anymore, not that I am against it, I just don't have the opportunity like I used to, but I do love riding the hills and mountains in the fall on my motorcycle. Those who also know me are aware that I love taking pictures. When the mountains are ablaze with color, I'm there on my bike and my camera, and a lot of you have been there with me.

I have heard it said.... fall is a southerner's reward for surviving summer. I like that saying.

Electric City HOG has lots of fun group stuff happening in the fall as well. We have the SCWHOLEHOG event this year in Georgetown, SC that some will attend and get the chance to mingle with other like members from across the state. We have a chili cook-off to look forward to, always a fun time with some healthy competition for the prize. We have the fall Halloween party offered to the members that seems to have gotten a little more entertaining over the years, or so I've been told. We have rides to great places planned where we can get the chance to see those trees on fire with color.

This also begins the winding down my first year as Director. It has been an eventful year for me in many ways. I have always enjoyed being a part of this great chapter and appreciate so much the help and support from the members during my time as Director. If one survives being a Director and still has a major majority of the members (and wife) still called friends, I suppose that is considered an accomplishment in itself!

I have had a wonderful staff of Officers, Directors, Committees and Road Captains to work with. I feel I have been blessed.

Speaking on that subject, fall (October) is also the time of year where nominations take place for next year's Officers. November is the time for our voting to take place. So come to the October meeting and participateand Lets Ride!!



Riding with the Head Road Captain

Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

It's been a great year for our chapter so far with lots of riding and lots of members showing up to ride. I've especially enjoyed our weekend stays in Gatlinburg and Little Switzerland. It's been fun getting to know some of our newer members a little better and hanging out with those who have been with us for a while.

We're gearing up for some really nice fall rides in the near future. I'm looking forward to putting on a jacket and enjoying some cooler temperatures. Fall is my favorite time of year and my favorite time to ride. But, if you know me, you know that I hate to have to rake leaves (almost as much as I love cookies) and, trust me, I have lots of leaves to rake. And, speaking of leaves, I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone that we need to watch out for leaves on the roadway as we get into October and November. They can be pretty treacherous so slow down and negotiate leaves much as you would sand or gravel.

I'll also repeat what I've been preaching on for a while now and that's to remind you to stay focused on the ride. Be aware of what's around you and what is going on ahead and behind. Just keeping your mind on riding safely will go a long way toward staying safe. And, if you're on Facebook, check out The Safe Riding Initiative page. I think you'll find some useful information there. Like the page and share the articles with your friends. These tips are good points for all riders as well as drivers.

Until next time, stay safe out there and ride and have fun.

Ken Higginbotham



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the August 2, 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 Mike Graham

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Member Enrollment 120, Members Present 68 (Record number in attendance), 1 New Member and 3 Guests

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

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the August meeting.
- **August Birthdays** – Acknowledged members who have a birthday this month by singing Happy Birthday.
- **Charity Fund Raiser** – Total of \$1,095.00 has been raised so far this year.
- **Chili Cook-off** – Scheduled for Saturday, 11/05 at Timms. This will be a public event and fund raiser. Cost to taste the chili will be \$5.00 per person. We need several participants to volunteer to compete. 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. Currently planning the event and will attempt to keep the cost around \$15.00. We have booked a different D.J. this year.
- **Bike Night** – Bike Night will start back this month. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet circulating. Be sure to sign-up to help.
- **Veterans** – Evie needs the names of any veterans.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **New Member(s)** – Susan Ensley

Sherry Partain (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$2,396.99 and LOH balance of \$291.43.
- **Items for Purchase** – Sherry has Chapter shirts available for \$24.00. She also has large and small rockers available if anyone is interested.

Lyn Guffee (Secretary/Webmaster)

- **Participation Sheets** – Reminded the Road Captains to turn in their participation sheets or e-mail them to me at guffeek@bellsouth.net.

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 08/16/16. Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sue's Wings & Things (eat at 6:00 and meeting begins at 7:00). Instead of doing the shoeboxes this year, Melissa would like to raise \$500.00 to fill 25 Christmas stockings for sexually abused kids.
- **Bowling** – Meet on 2nd Monday of each month at Boulevard Lanes at 7:00 p.m.
- **Ladies Only Ride** - LOH will plan a ladies only ride next month for Sunday, 09/11/16.
- **Chili Cook-off** – LOH will sponsor a bake sale during the Chili Cook-off

Other Business and Drawings

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Safety** – Ken mentioned that when pulling off from a stopped position, a bike should not break formation by pulling out ahead of the bike in front. Ken also commended the group for using the "bread crumb" technique on the Milledgeville ride. It really worked well in keeping the group together.
- **Ride Safe** – Ken suggested that we look up Safe Riding on Facebook. You can find good tips and it's not just for motorcycles.

John Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Rides** – Some of the upcoming rides include 08/04 – Capri’s; 08/25 – Mill House; 08/27 – AnMed Poker Run. Check calendar for more upcoming events. Trip to Skyline Village Inn is Friday, 08/19. Tim or Gary will lead a group leaving Timms at 10:00 a.m. and John will lead a group leaving around 2:00 p.m. If Skyline Village Inn is full, there is an overflow available just up the road. Also, Luanne has an extra room available for the Whole HOG event scheduled 09/30.

(Historian)

- **Historian Position** – Historian position is available if anyone is interested.

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Deb Gutcheus
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Stephanie Bagwell
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Sherry Partain, Luanne Jones
- **50/50 Winner of \$95.00:** Tami Mealor
- **Winners of Fuddrucker cookie tokens:** Tami Mealor, Sheila Underwood, Newt Partain, Stan Stockman, Rex Allen, Joe Hames, Andy Bagwell, and Linda Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Lyn Guffee, Secretary



Historian

Luanne Jones (Historian) – September, 2016

Update to the Historian process, yeah! We will no longer be putting our rides, etc in books! Actually, for a couple of reasons; there has been some talk that there may be some movement in the Timms lounge area, where there may be little to no lounge area? So, we are now on-line! Yes, catch us on Facebook! Our site is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058735334162011/>

What is the same, is for the Road Captains to send me, Luanne Jones, Historian, the Riding Detail sheets, email: LuanneJones58@gmail.com.and the Sign In sheets go to Lyn Guffee, our Secretary, email: guffeek@bellsouth.net. You can also bring sheets to the Chapter meetings.

Luanne Jones (Historian) –

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.

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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.



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Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham	
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Activities	John & Bev Munns	
	John & Pam Waitekus	
Chaplain	George Turner	
Historian	Luanne Jones	
Photographer	Tim Jones	
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1st Tuesday of every month
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L.O.H. Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month
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 SC 81 & I-85 Exit 27
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Tim Jones, Director







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