



The H.O.G. Tells

ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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DIRECTORS CORNER

I want to wish a Happy 2017 New Year to all my fellow Electric City H.O.G. members. This past year was chock full of great events and rides and it's hard to believe but February is already here!

We have already made headlines across the state by keeping the Golden Ladle in Anderson another year, thanks to the great chili receipt from Beverly Munns! It was great hosting the chili cook-off in the Electric City and being able to show our Chapter pride in who we are what we do and the support we receive from the community.

I made mention at the gathering of HOGs from across the state during the chili cook-off that it is such an honor to be the Director of such a great group of family members who work so well together. There is no better example of what I mean than the very one that took place for the chili cook-off. You folks rocked!

I think this is just a taste (pun intended) of what's to come this year for our Chapter. I am able to take all my primary officers with me to HOT training this year, so get ready for us to return flaming hot and ready to go!

We have for the first time in my seven years with this Chapter a record number of Road Captains, and I can't fail to mention, Lady Road Captains, as well. Our rides are going to more interesting than ever, and seeing more and more coming out to ride add to the excitement as well.

I have to say thank you to ALL before me who laid the foundation and worked so hard to build this Chapter into what we have today. We may not be everyone's favorite cup of tea as they say, but what we have is something to be proud of for sure.

I could go on and on about my pride in our members (but will you keep on reading is the question??).

Please ride defensively, where ever you may be. There seems to be way too many accidents, and especially ones involving motorcycles.

I hope to see all of our members back this year and a bunch of new ones who, like us at one time or another, are out looking to find a great group of Harley riders who wish to enjoy the good company of others.

Tim Jones



Riding with the Head Road Captain

Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

Riding with the head Road Captain/Safety Officer


ECHOG has embarked on a new year and we've had some great weather to ride already. I hope everyone is taking these opportunities to get out and feel some wind therapy. Under Tim Hill's direction some of us did some skills practice a few weeks ago in preparation for doing some of this with chapter members who may be interested. It is a lot of fun and can really help improve riding technique. Stay tuned as we will try to work in a few sessions as the temperatures warm up.

We are starting the year with 17 road captains and I'm excited to be working with such a great (and large) crew. It's great to see so many members willing to help with our rides. A special welcome goes to four of our ladies who have volunteered to lead some rides; Melissa Clemons, Brenda Hill, Tami Meador, and Cheryl Sanders. We have also added some guys who are first time road captains this year: Scott Cline, John Waitekus, and Dale Perry. And, of course, we don't want to overlook the guys who have been doing this for a while: Gary Clemons, Fish Guffee, Tim Hill, Tim Jones, Ray Keiper, Joe Kinsland, Steve McCullough, John Munns, and George Turner. Make sure to let all of your road captains that we appreciate what they do to keep our chapter riding.

I know you hear it from me often, but as your safety officer, I just want to remind everyone to always stay alert for anything. Practice your riding skills and your observation skills, and stay safe out there. Riding is fun, people are dangerous.

Ride safe and have fun.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 **Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Chapter Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:04 PM

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Turner

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Member Enrollment 131, Members Present 62, Guests 2

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

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the January meeting.
- **Re-Joining Members** – 54 members re-joined tonight. Tim thanked all who re-joined. Reminded everyone to re-join by next meeting.
- **January Birthdays** – Acknowledged members who have a birthday this month by singing Happy Birthday.
- **Welcome New Primary Officers and Activities Group** – New officers Gary Clemons (Secretary), Pam Waitekus (Treasurer) join Tim Jones (Director) and Tim Hill (Assistant Director) as primary officers. Cheryl and Jay Sanders will be joining John and Beverly Munns on our activities committee. Other returning officers include, Ken Higginbotham (Safety and Head Road Captain), J.B. Clifton (Membership), Lyn Guffee (Webmaster), Melissa Clemons (LOH), Luanne Jones (Historian), George Turner (Chaplain) and Joe Kinsland (Volunteer Coordinator). Tim recognized Lyn Guffee (Past Secretary) and Sherry Partain (Past Treasurer) and thanked them for their service.

- **Christmas Party** – Everyone has a great time at the 2016 Christmas Party. We will be returning to Tuckers Dec 16th, 2017 for next year's party. Brandon Higginbotham has been approached to entertain us once again.
- **Charity Fund Raiser** – Calvary Home for Children will be our charity again for 2017. We are off to a great start collecting \$75 on our first ride
- **WholeHOG Chili Cook-off** – Scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Palmetto Moonshine Distillery in downtown Anderson. There will be a \$5.00 tasting fee. Plan to arrive at noon and the tasting will start at 1:00pm. We are working on judges for this event. So far we have Chet from Pompous Pig, Gay McClesky from Kitchen Emporium, Glen Spake videographer from Clemson University. We are working on two more special guests.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Welcome of New Members** – We had 4 new members join tonight. Karen Blomberg, Scott Cline, Michael Helvie and Allyson Helvie.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$791.94 and LOH balance of \$291.43.

Beverly Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Ride Suggestion Sheets** – Please turn in ride suggestion sheets. Please put your name on suggestions so committee can ask any questions they may have about destination.
- **CPR/First Aid Class** – CPR class will be 2/4 at Fuddruckers and the cost will be \$10 per person.
- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for other events

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sue's Wings & Things (eat at 6:00 and meeting begins at 7:00).
- **Bowling** – Meet on 2nd Monday of each month at Boulevard Lanes at 7:00 p.m.
- **Secret Sister** – Forms will be collected in January and those participating will draw names at 1/17 meeting.
- **Chili Cook-off** – LOH will sponsor a bake sale during the WholeHOG Chili Cook-off.

Other Business and Drawings

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Road Captains** – Ken stated that he will schedule a Road Captains meeting in either January or February. More road captains are needed and he reminded the group that females are welcome and encouraged. Ken also encouraged all Road Captains to participate in CPR/First Aid Class.

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by JR Jones
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Michael Helvie
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Scott Cline, Steve Jensen
- **George Turner donated 2 Harley Tins** – Melissa Clemons, Nancy Frantz
- **50/50 Winner of \$77.00:** Lyn Guffee

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Gary Clemons, Secretary

ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the February 7, 2017 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 Joe Kinsland

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Member Enrollment 139, Members Present 76, 5 New Members

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

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the February meeting.
- **Membership Due** – Reminded members that have not renewed that the time is now
- **Welcome Members Re-Joining for 2017** – We had 24 members re-join tonight.
- **Whole HOG Chili Cookoff** – Congratulations to Beverly Munns for bringing back the golden ladle. Thanks given to the judges; Chet Newsome from Pompous Pig, Gay McClesky from Kitchen Emporium, Glen Spake videographer from Clemson University, Craig Wooten Anderson City Councilman, and April Cameron Editor of Anderson Magazine. It was a great time had by all.
- **Safety Training** – Thank you to the Clemons family for putting together the CPR / First Aid course for the Chapter.
- **Room for the 2017 Southern Backroads HOG Rally** – Cookeville Days Inn has two Non-Smoking and one smoking room left. Contact number is (919) 528-1511. These rooms will be released by Thursday Feb 9th if not spoken for by then. Check in for the rooms are July 12th – July 16th. Rate is \$65 per night plus tax. These rooms are booked under Timothy Jones.
- **Sweetheart Ride Saturday February 11th**. – Beverly Munns has booked the back room for this event. We will meet at O'Charley's for lunch at noon and weather permitting, we will ride afterward.
- **HOT Training for Chapter Officers** – Chapter officers will be attending HOT training in Myrtle Beach February 17-18th.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Welcome of New Members** – We had 4 new members join tonight. Neil Wagner, Chuck Miller, Donnie Smith, and Jonna Clemons.
- **Skill Ride** – Tim Hill will be providing skill riding instructions on Sunday February 12th at 1:30pm. This event will take place at McCants Middle School on Hwy 81 in Anderson. This event is for chapter members only.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$2865.22 and LOH balance of \$356.43.

Beverly Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Sweetheart Dinner** – Sign-up sheet passed out. Members also reminded of Pancake breakfast at Timm's that morning.
- **Ride to Shealy's BBQ** – This will be a merged ride with Augusta HOG on Feb 25th.
- **New Member Ride** – Tim Jones is taking suggestions for where to eat for the new members ride.
- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for other events

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sue's Wings & Things (eat at 6:00 and meeting begins at 7:00).
- **Bowling** – Meet on 2nd Monday of each month at Boulevard Lanes at 7:00 p.m.
- **Bake Sale at Chili Cook Off** – LOH made \$118 at the baked sale.
- **Hand Made Sign Raffle** – A hand-made sign (made by our own John Waitekus) was raffled off at the Chili Cook Off. The Raffle brought in \$100 and that money was donated to the Quilts of Valor. Also noted that Joe Kinsland was recognized for his service to our country by being wrapped by the Quilts of Valor at the end of the Chili Cook Off.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Road Captains** – We now have 17 Road Captains. Gary Clemons, Melissa Clemons, Scott Cline, Fish Guffee, Ken Higginbotham, Brenda Hill, Tim Hill, Tim Jones, Ray Keiper, Joe Kinsland, Steve McCullough, Tami Mealor, John Munns, Dale Perry, Cheryl Sanders, George Turner and John Waitekus. Ken thanked all that volunteered to be Road Captains this year and mentioned that there is room for more Road Captains should anyone be interested.
- **Minor Release Forms** – Ken discussed the minor release forms. It is important that the release form is signed by the legal guardian. If the release form is not signed by the legal guardian than that child will not be able to participate in the event. The forms are located on the EC HOG website.

Joe Kinsland (Volunteer Coordinator)

- **Bike Night** – Bike night will start up next month at Timm's. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Don Smith
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Jim Ward
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Julie Smith, John Waitekus
- **50/50 Winner of \$112.00:** John Munns

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Gary Clemons, 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.

GARY	CLEMONS	864-238-0626
MELISSA	CLEMONS	864-304-2265
SCOTT	CLINE	864-723-2584
FISH	GUFFEE	864-844-4174
KEN	HIGGINBOTHAM	864-313-5178
BRENDA	HILL	864-544-0120
TIM	HILL	864-554-0121
TIM	JONES	803-463-9758
RAY	KEIPER	864-353-8993
JOE	KINSLAND	864-423-8688
STEVE	McCULLOUGH	864-224-8479
TAMI	MEALOR	864-979-8944
JOHN	MUNNS	864-483-4294
DALE	PERRY	864-356-4688
CHERYL	SANDERS	864-221-0416
GEORGE	TURNER	864-642-5639
JOHN	WAITEKUS	581-281-8763

**CHECK CALENDAR FOR
FUTURE RIDES AND EVENTS**

**LET'S MAKE OUR NEW
MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME.**



<u>Chapter Officers</u>		<u>Home</u>	<u>Cell</u>
Director	Tim Jones		(803)463-9758
Asst. Dir.	Tim Hill		(864)554-0120
Secretary	Gary Clemons	(864)859-8095	(864)238-0626
Treasurer	Pam Waitekus	(864)348-7204	(518)281-8763
LOH Officer	Melissa Clemons	(864)859-8095	(864)340-2265
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
	Jay and Cheryl Sanders		(864)221-0416
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

1st Tuesday of every month

Fuddruckers

100 Destination Blvd

Anderson, SC 29621

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



Congratulations Beverly – winner on the 2017 chili cook-off

