



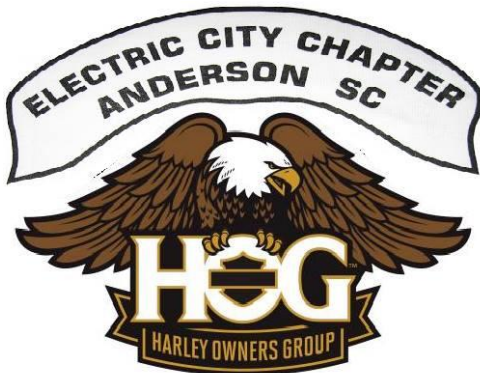
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ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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WHAT IS HOG ALL ABOUT!

BY TIM JONES

Slowly but surely the great riding weather approaches. As always, I am seeing many riders at the dealership wondering what being a HOG member is all about.

Attending Harley Officer Training (HOT) in Myrtle Beach this past month gave me and my fellow attending members a great reality check and dose of what belonging to HOG really means. NO BOUNDRIES was the theme this year, and it seems mother HOG has had a reality check of their own, it's truly about riding.

It's a good time to remember that the Preamble of the HOG Charter states, The intent of the Chapter is to "Ride and Have Fun" with like-minded individuals who have a passion for riding Harley-Davidson® motorcycles and the Harley Davidson® brand. The Chapter shall be a family-oriented, non-political and non-religious organization. There it is in a nutshell, "individuals who have a passion for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles". Is this not the main reason we purchased these American made icons of two wheel riding history? To ride them whenever possible and when possible to ride with our friends? That my friend is why the Harley Owners Group exists, to ride and to ride with our friends.

It would be a great change in our chapter culture if we could get more of our non-Harley motorcycle riding friends

to join us and get on their bikes and ride with the group. Granted, some folks may be hesitant as they may feel there would be friction from others due to the make of bike they are riding. I think most every member of our Chapter knows that we are not that kind of folks. We may poke a little good humored fun, once we see the thickness of one's skin. Yes we love our Harley's, but we also love to ride .and making new friends. During HOT I heard something that apparently was not just news to me, but others as well. You do not have to own a Harley to belong to HOG! A full or lifetime member may have as many associate members under them as they wish. You may join as an associate as long as you have a current member willing to be a sponsor. National HOG representatives, it was told, got a lot of feedback from HOG members after attending the first session of HOT this year with the NO BOUNDRIES theme. They asked "when did you change the rules?" The answer was, "we didn't, it has always been this way". Harley Davidson discussed some time ago changing the rules on this with dealers, but got a lot of feedback from many dealers who did not want to change. Some dealers in sparse areas of the country carry multiple brands of bikes. Their thoughts were "give us time, we'll convert them!". As for our sponsoring Dealer, it can be an avenue of new sales for them. No doubt, we should support our dealer whenever possible, especially since they take great care of us! I believe that once exposed to the riding, comradery and fun we have as a Chapter on our Harley's, the craving for more of it from any of our non-Harley riding guests or associates will eventually lead to a brand conversion, it's natural evolution. And we don't have to say a word...other than, Let's Ride!!

Tim Jones
Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Head Road Captain

Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

Riding with the head Road Captain

Spring is just around the corner and we're seeing more and more good riding conditions. I think jacket wearing temperatures are best for an enjoyable ride. It isn't cold enough for leather but you get that nice, warm, comfortable feel of something to hold in just a little heat.

I want to call attention to a couple of small changes you will be seeing in how our rides leave the dealership. The road captain riding sweep will no longer be the first bike to head for the gate at Timms, instead, he/she will be staying behind until all bikes are started and have moved out. At that point the sweep will pass everyone to check and hold traffic at the exit of the rear gate. This will ensure that everyone is ready to roll before the lead road captain pulls into the highway.

Secondly, for the safety of our riders, we are asking everyone to stay to the right of center when staging at the rear gate to allow for incoming traffic, especially cars turning into the dealership.

These are minor issues but should help with getting us started on a day of great riding.

On a safety note: Some of our members may have done limited riding during the cooler months so please be aware that you may be a little rusty. It's a good idea to do some solo riding to start to get the feel for the challenges the road brings. Take a few miles to brush up on your skills and get used to your bike again. Also, do a safety check of your tires, brakes, clutch action, and throttle response. And come ride with us.

Ride safe and have fun.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones

Opening prayer was given by Jason Smith

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Jensen

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment ____, Members Present ____, 1 New Member

Thank you to Deb Gutcheus for filling in for JB

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** – Thank you to all members re-joining for 2017! Reminded members that have not renewed that the time is now
- **Mileage Challenge** – Mileage kick-off challenge has begun. Forms are available, see any primary officer to verify forms. We have 3 categories this year, Ladies, Retired and Non-retired.
- **Ride to Shealy's BBQ huge success** – This was a great merged ride with Augusta HOG on February 25th. Joe Kinsland (road captain) did a great job pulling us all together. Great food and great fun had by all. We had 23 of our members on that ride and it was great fun had by all.
- **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 March 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.
- **HOT Training Discussion** – No Boundaries was the theme. Invite your friends to join HOG. You do not have to own a Harley Davidson to be a member of HOG. You can join as an associate member under a primary member. As a primary member you can have an unlimited number of associate members listed under your membership.
- **Two and a half rules of HOG** – HOG only has two and a half rules for rides. 1 – no drinking before or during the ride. 2 – everyone participating in ride must be a paid member with a current signed membership form on file or must sign a liability waiver on day of ride. ½ - Any accidents or incidents must be reported to HOG ASAP (preferably before any attorneys contact HOG).
- **Next meeting will be at Timm's Pavilion** - We need committee/volunteers to make hotdogs, drinks and other snacks. Cody and the Timms service crew will be there to provide tips and advice on how to keep our machines running and ready for the road.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Welcome of New Members** – We had 1 new members join tonight. Tina Delk
- **Skill Ride** – Tim Hill will be providing skill riding instructions on Sunday March 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. Don't forget about the time change
- **Special recognition given to long time members** – Special recognition was given to Jim and Nancy Frantz for 37 years of membership and to Steve and Cheryl McCullough for 36 years of membership.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Balance of \$3948.64 and LOH balance of \$473.43.

Beverly Munns (Activities Committee)

- **New Member Ride** – Chapter to pay for lunch for "new members" that attend this ride .
- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for rides and events

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report) – Thank you to Beverly Munns for covering in Melissa's absence

- **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.
- **LOH Senior Follies Event** – Payment should be made to Melissa Clemons. Event is Sunday March 19th. Meet for lunch at Logan's Roadhouse at Noon.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **ECHOG Ride Guide** – Ken went over some important items listed in our Ride Guide including but not limited to: Importance of showing up on time and ready to leave. This includes a full tank of gas and empty bladder. When leaving Timm's, stay to the right of the driveway when staging to leave so cars can enter. Requested that if you are on greater than two wheels that you ride toward the back of the column to give the lead Road Captain a better view of the group. Reiterated the procedure and the importance of bread crumbing. Should we have a break down during a ride, the sweep is the only one that should stop to assist and stay with member until issue is repaired or until help arrives. Reiterated that in the event of an accident, absolutely no more than 4 people should stop as this creates a dangerous situation with traffic and could impede the progress of emergency personnel. In the event of an accident, the sweep is in charge of the scene.
- **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 Lee Tennant
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Beverly Munns
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** John Munns
- **50/50 Winner of \$____.00:** Steve Jensen

Meeting adjourned

Thank you to Jeannie Jensen for covering in Gary's absence

Submitted by Gary Clemons, Secretary

ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the April 4, 2017 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:05 pm at Timm's Pavilion

Opening prayer was given by Allyson Helvie

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bobby Deprima

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment ____, Members Present 59, 7 guests, 1 New Member

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

Officers Reports**Tim Jones (Director)**

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the April meeting.
- **Mileage Challenge** – Mileage kick-off challenge has begun. Forms are available, see any primary officer to verify forms. We have 3 categories this year, Ladies, Retired and Non-retired.
- **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 April 6 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.
- **Augusta Ride 4/29** – Is anyone planning to leave out early for the Augusta Ride. The cut off for the Memorial Ride is 11am. Joe Kinsland volunteered to lead a group at 8am for those who wish to ride in the Memorial Ride. Tim J will be leading a group at 10am for those who wish to just go to attend the activities going on at Timms.
- **April Birthdays** – Beverly Munn sandy Lyn Guffee
- **Meeting Meal** – Tim thanked Melissa Clemons, Cheryl Sanders, and Robin Perry for preparing Hot Dogs and Chili for our meal

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Welcome of New Members** – We had 1 new members join tonight. Allen Meyer
- **Skill Ride** – Tim Hill will be providing skill riding instructions on Sunday April 9th 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** – Beginning Balance of \$3948.64, Deposits of \$394 expenses of \$286.51 for an ending balance of \$4056.13 and LOH balance of \$455.43.
- **Patches and Nametags** – Have been ordered
- **Shirts** – we need to put together an order of 24 or more to have shirts with ECHOG logo. Would like to place order for both men's and women's shirts.

Beverly Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for rides and events
- **Come to LOH Bowling** – Beverly Munns' Father will be Wrapped at Bowling

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.
- **Chapter Meal** – Melissa thanked all those who made deserts for our meeting

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Stay Alert** – Reminded everyone to Stay Alert during rides. The vast majority of accidents involving motorcycles are avoidable. Double check before leaving at green lights, cars will often run the red. Encouraged all members to participate in the "skills events" that Tim Hill has been putting on.

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. One spot is open on April 27th.

Other Chapter Business

- **Honoring of one of our own** – Tommy and Pam with Quilts of Valor was here to "wrap" one of our own. Bobby Deprima was presented a quilt of valor in honor of his service to our country. The quilt was #158,077 that this wonderful organization has made and it was #456 presented in Anderson in the last 2 years.
- **Tech Talk** – Jim and Hank (the new service manager) were here to have a Q&A with our members about the new Milwaukee Eight Engine. They reminded members of the Dyno shoot out at Timms to occur on the last bike night

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Robin Perry
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Deb Gutches
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Joe Hames, and Rod Ensley
- **50/50 Winner of \$100.00:** Mike Coco – he donated \$50 back – the proceeds of 50/50 was donated to QOV. A total of \$150 was donated to QOV

Meeting adjourned

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/>

FYI- The HOG photo albums at the dealership have been put in storage due to remodeling that has taken place at the dealer.

Our Facebook site is being used to share our most recent past events.

Road Captains, Please send ride sheets to Gary Clemons with your sign in sheets and he will forward ride sheets, for your convenience, to Luanne Jones

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	864-340-2265
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	864-356-2718

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

**Have you signed up for the
ECHOG Update/Reminder?
Check with Tim Hill for more
info.**

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



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Director	Tim Jones		(803)463-9758
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LOH Officer	Melissa Clemons	(864)859-8095	(864)340-2265
Newsletter Editor	Ray Keiper	(864)225-2671	(864)353-8993
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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

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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





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