



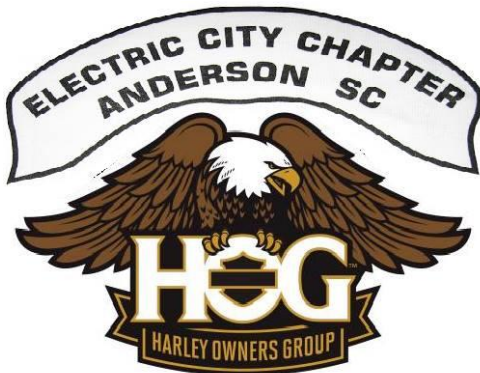
The H.O.G. Tells

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I think we all clique

BY TIM JONES

This month I would like to share an article written by our HOG manager, Todd “Thor” Robinson. It is an area of concern for some chapters as you can see, but I see what may go on in our group as a positive. With diversity of people, 127 of them to be exact, we all mix and mingle pretty darn well. At our last chapter meeting, I heard some guests say afterward that they have never met so many friendly people. Another proud moment as not just the Director, but as a member as well!



CLIQUE: THE GOOD AND THE BAD

Over the many years we have been doing Harley Owners Group® Officer Training (H.O.T.) and one thing that comes up almost every year is the topic of “cliques. I guess a good starting point is to first define what a clique is. According to Wikipedia: “A clique is a group of “persons who interact with each other more regularly and

intensely than others in the same setting.” Interacting with cliques is part of normative social development regardless of gender, ethnicity, or popularity.”

So what can we learn from this? Well first, we know that they are not innately evil. Second we know that they are not bound by gender, race, politics or status. Lastly I think if we come at this with an open mind, we might realize that we as H.O.G.® Members are a clique.

We are by our very existence a “clique.” We are a group of people who interact more regularly and intensely than others. The Chapter officers may be perceived as a clique. The setting may change, but go to any biker function and H.O.G. Members are easy to find. We are a “clique” and it’s a good thing.

In most discussions at H.O.T. the word is used in a negative connotation, “How can we get rid of cliques?” I think that is the wrong question. Should not the question be “how do we engage those people who are interacting more and with more intensity?”

We as Chapter Leaders, as Chapter Members, need to not focus on that because we may have a group that prefers to ride together, eat together etc. that is not automatically bad for the Chapter. We instead should focus on welcoming them into the group as a whole and finding ways to let them DO H.O.G.® the way they need to DO H.O.G., DO Chapter they way they need to DO Chapter.

However, if a group of members are acting in a way that is detrimental to the Chapter or the sponsoring dealer then that is an issue. The best way to address this issue is to get together with those members in a non-public, safe setting. Discuss the perceptions of the Chapter; it may be that they just don’t feel engaged by the Chapter or its leadership. It may be just a simple lack of communication and understanding. It could be many things, but one thing for sure is that without communication it won’t get better. If that does not resolve the issue then a conversation with the sponsoring dealer or H.O.G.® Manager should happen.

I think that if we really think about this, most “cliques” are not bad for the Chapter. They in fact have little or no bearing on the Chapter, how it functions, the rides we do or the fun we have. Embrace those people who chose to hang with their closest friends, eventually they will be the Chapter’s closest friends.

When I started in my Chapter life I rode with two friends, and two friends only. They got me eventually to attend some Chapter events and rides. At those events and rides I rode with my two friends, and only my two friends. I am sure looking back we were viewed as a “clique” but we had nothing in our hearts but riding and having fun. It took a while for us and for the rest of the Chapter to warm up to each other but eventually all three of us became Chapter Officers, served proudly for many years and are still active with our Chapter.

It took both the Chapter Members and the “clique” members to make sure that the situation worked. It took both sides working to find common ground, acceptance, and validation. It’s not easy to be an outsider, and in this situation there are outsiders on both sides. Work as Chapter Officers to be inclusive, to be understanding that not every rider is the same, has the same needs and wants. So long as those “cliques” are doing no evil...Let’s just get back to RIDING and HAVING FUN.

Todd Robinson H.O.G. Regional Mgr

Thanks for taking time to read, keep up the good work!

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 – May 2017

Man, this year is flying by. We're almost five months in and the temps are heating up. I don't know about you but I'm not really looking forward to those 90 degree plus days we have in store. But hey, this is South Carolina so what cha gonna do? Ride anyway of course. We'll likely see more rides heading north as we get into late spring and summer. At least we can find a few degrees of relief. Hopefully everyone has been able to participate in some of your favorite rides and are looking forward to riding more in the months ahead. Don't forget to let your road captains know that you appreciate the time and effort they take to ensure fun, interesting, and safe rides.

On a safety note: Think about visibility when riding. Both being seen and optimizing your ability to see what's around you. Always be cognizant of your lane position regarding whether other drivers can see you easily. Stay out of their blind spots and watch for vehicles changing lanes. Also, before pulling away at a traffic light make a quick check both ways. There seems to be a lot of people "stretching the yellow" these days so don't get surprised if a car barrels through the light even after you have the green. Better safe than sorry. Use your high beam headlight during the day so drivers can see you better. Signal your turns with your turn signal and hand signals to help be visible.

Practice your skills and challenge yourself to stay focused. A better rider is a safer rider.
See you down the road soon. Ride safe and have fun.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 **Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Chapter Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:15 pm

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rod Ensley

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment 128, Members Present 59, 2 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 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 May 4 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.
- **May Birthdays** – May Birthdays recognized by singing "Happy Birthday"

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Skill Ride** – Tim Hill will be providing skill riding instructions on Sunday May 13th after the Blood Drive. This event is for chapter members only.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report** – Beginning Balance of \$4056.13, and an ending balance of \$4293.02 and LOH balance of \$477.43.
- **Patches and Nametags** – have arrived and are available for purchase. See Pam for details.
- **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.
- **LOH Blood Drive** – May 13th. Come eat breakfast with the chapter at the Barnwood Grill. Blood drive from 11-2 and Stills ride to follow. \$25 gift card will be drawn for at next LOH meeting, all who attempt to donate blood will be eligible for drawing.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Ride Safe, Stay Alert, Be Seen** - Discussed the importance of lane position to make yourself visible to others.

Joe Kinsland (Volunteer Coordinator)

- **Bike Night** – All volunteer slots for bike night are covered at this time.

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$10.00 won by Denise Higginbotham
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Nancy Frantz
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Deb Gutcheus and Denise Higginbotham
- **50/50 Winner of \$85.00:** Was won the Graham's / Partain's on a split ticket

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Gary Clemons, Secretary



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the June 6, 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 Ken Klein

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment 131, Members Present 54, 2 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 April meeting.

- **Fun With Augusta** – Tim thanked everyone that joined us on the picnic with the Augusta Chapter.
- **June Birthdays** – May Birthdays recognized by singing “Happy Birthday”

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **New Member** – Melody Boyer welcomed to the chapter.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer’s Report)

- **Financial Report** – Beginning Balance of \$4293.02, and an ending balance of \$4621.58 (of which approximately \$800 was collected for Calvary Home), and LOH balance of \$543.
- **Patches and Nametags** – have arrived and are available for purchase. See Pam for details.
- **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.

Gary Clemons (Secretary)

- **Great Job Road Captains** – Thank you to all of our road captains for getting all of the Member Ride Sheets and Ride detail sheets to me in a timely manner.

Beverly Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for rides and events

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** –No LOH Meeting for June.
- **Bowling** – No Bowling for June.
- **Conceal Carry Purse Raffle** – A conceal carry purse was donated by Beverly Munns. LOH will be raffling off this purse and the proceeds will go to Quilts of Valor. The ticket will be \$1. See Melissa Clemons for details.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Communicate with the Road Captain** - Ken asked that we all make sure that we communicate with the Road Captain if we are going to be leaving the scheduled ride. If you do not communicate that you are leaving the ride, the Road Captain may end up stopping somewhere expecting you to catch up.

Joe Kinsland (Volunteer Coordinator)

- **Bike Night** – All volunteer slots for bike night are covered at this time.

Tech Talk

- **Sloan from Timms** – joined us for a discussion on the Milwaukee Eight Engine and answered many questions from our chapter members.

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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
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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

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

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



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



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Asst. Dir.	Tim Hill	
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Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham	
Membership	JB Clifton	(864)225-2934
Activities	John & Bev Munns	
	Jay and Cheryl Sanders	
Chaplain	George Turner	
Historian	Luanne Jones	
Photographer	Tim Jones	
Volunteer Coord.	Joe Kinsland	

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 (864)313-5178
 (864)314-1221
 (864)483-4294
 (864)221-0416
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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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