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ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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Legend of the Bell

BY TIM JONES

*A*ccording to legend, the “open road” isn’t really as open as you’d like it to be. Rather, it is inhabited by countless “road gremlins,” dispatched by evil spirits to wreak havoc on you and your motorcycle. Some say these gremlins are the source of all the mishaps and mayhem that sometimes make your ride less than perfect. Fortunately, there’s a defense against these invisible little evil-doers. It’s called a “ride bell,” a powerful weapon in the battle against bad luck. If you don’t already have one yourself, chances are you’ve seen one on somebody else’s bike. Or maybe you haven’t, as they’re attached to the bike somewhere inconspicuous. No one is exactly quite sure how they work – different theories abound. One is that the gremlins are attracted to the pleasant sound, but then become trapped inside the bell, where the constant ringing drives them crazy. Eventually, they drop to the ground and, according to some, that’s where potholes come from. However they work, everyone seems to agree on one important thing about ride bells: Sure, you can buy one for yourself, but

their power is *doubled* when you receive one as a gift.

Will having a ride bell prevent you from ever experiencing bad luck on the road? We can't guarantee that. We *can*, however, say for certain that your troubles will *not* be caused by invisible evil spirits.

Whether you believe the legend or not, a ride bell makes a great gift. No matter if you're the giver or the recipient, it's a powerful token of friendship, respect, and affection.

*A*s we wind down into the end of 2017, it sure has been

an awesome ride this year so far. We have gained some new friends along the road, and the willingness of many who donate their time and energy to make our chapter greater should be recognized. It takes a group effort overall to make it all happen, but all of our officers, and especially our Road Captains, deserve a great round of applause for what they do. Our volunteers have been constant and consistent when it comes to helping with events, taking on gate duty, etc...

We should also show our thanks throughout the year to our sponsor, Timms Harley Davidson. I tend not to ask too much, too often from our Dealer, but most all my requests are granted with pleasure.

Please don't hesitate to tell Rocky, Cody and the whole crew as you encounter them from time to time "thanks" for their support of our Chapter. Please keep them in mind should you wish to trade bikes or just add another one to your garage.

Don't forget the service dept. either. Rocky has put together possibly the best group of technicians in the back ever!

There is another great legend I heard, that owning more than one Harley brings great pleasure to the owner. So live the legend if you can, and if you only have one, ride it like you stole it! I'm sure owning just one will keep a smile on your face.

Hope to see all at the Nov. 4th Chapter Chili Cook-off, and before you know it, the Christmas Party.

Until next time, be safe out there...and let's RIDE!!

PS: For those who read our newsletter, I apologize for being a little late at times...we all been busy having fun, hope you have been too.

Let's Ride!!

Tim Jones

Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Head Road Captain

Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

Riding with the Safety Officer/ Head Road Captain – Oct 2017

You just gotta love riding in the fall. Temperatures are generally pleasant, the colors are nice, and riding seems to be even more relaxing than usual. We have had some really great rides in late summer and early fall this year.

And, of course there's more to come. Get out there and ride and give your mind a rest from the daily grind that many of you have to deal with. That doesn't mean to be complacent while riding. Just the opposite, focusing on riding keeps us safe and gets our thoughts away from problems and stressful situations we face. Riding and staying safe should be what you're thinking about and not what you have to do when you get home or at work next week.

Obviously, one of the challenges that fall riding brings is leaves on the road. And, if you've read some of my past articles, you know how I hate leaves. That's because I have to rake what seems like tons of them around my house. But, as far as riding is concerned, watch out for them on the road surface and treat them like most other unstable surfaces; sand, gravel, moisture. Don't panic, slow down, reduce your lean angle, and stay off the front brake. Practice this and you can stack the odds in your favor.

As I want to thank our road captains for the job they've done in 2017. We have ridden almost every weekend and these folks have stepped up and put together some fantastic rides. Take it from me, planning an interesting ride takes time and work so I encourage everyone to let your road captains know that you appreciate what they do.

Until next time Ride safe and have fun.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:00 pm

Opening prayer was given by JB Clifton

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Jensen

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment 137, Members Present 52, 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 September meeting.
- **September Birthdays** – September Birthdays recognized by singing “Happy Birthday”
- **Whole Hog** – 40 rooms are Blocked off. October 6-8 in Beaufort. See FB for more info
- **Nominations of Officers** – Nominations of next year’s Primary officers need to be made at next meeting. The Board of Directors will be at October meeting to approve nominations. Voting will be in November. Tim Jones read the Chapter Bylaws to the Chapter. Gary Clemons will be stepping down as Secretary due to hectic work schedule.
- **Go Fund Me** – A Go Fund Me page has been set up for Calvary Home. See Tim Jones for details.
- **Chapter Christmas Party** – The Chapter Christmas party will be Saturday, December 16th at Tuckers. Party will start at 6:00 pm.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Remind** – Text messaging system. Please see Tim H if you wish to be add or deleted from the list.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report) Given By Tim Jones

- **Financial Report** – Beginning Balance of \$4794.96, and an ending balance of \$5039.59 (of which approximately \$1002 was collected for Calvary Home), and LOH balance of \$442.93.

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
- **Chili Cook-Off** – Will be Saturday November 4th at 12:00 pm. November meeting will be held at that time.
- **Halloween Party** – Will be held Saturday October 28th at the Clemons’

Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** –September LOH Meeting 19th at 6PM.
- **Bowling** – Monday July 11th at 7pm.
- **LOH Dillard House Ride** – The LOH Dillard House ride was a huge success. ECHOG was well represented by all of our lady riders.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- **Thank you Road Captains** – Ken thanked all of the road captains and stated the need for volunteers for next year.

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

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:03 pm

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rod Ensley

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Enrollment 138, Members Present 54, 2 guests,

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Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the October meeting.
- **October Birthdays** – October Birthdays recognized by singing “Happy Birthday”
- **Whole Hog** – Still rooms available. October 6-8 in Beaufort. See FB for more info. KSU at 9am
- **Nominations of Officers** – Nominations of next year's Primary has been made and approved by Board of Directors. Since all are running unopposed, no voting is necessary. All primary officers will remain in office except Gary Clemons who will be replaced by Robin Perry as Secretary for 2018. All secondary officers will remain the same for next year except Melissa Clemons who will be replaced by Beverly Munns as LOH Director for 2018.
- **Tee Shirts Have Arrived** – See Pam Waitekus to pick up your shirts.
- **Chapter Christmas Party** – The Chapter Christmas party will be Saturday, December 16th at Tuckers. Party will start at 6:00 pm. Signup sheet passed out and needs to be returned to Pam Waitekus on or before the November chapter meeting.
- **Next Meeting to be at Timms** – Sat November 4th at Noon. Chili cook-off at Dealership. Chili Cook-off participants needed. State cook-off on January 27th. Help is needed for the set up at the meeting.
- **Mileage Sheets Due** – Mileage sheets are to be verified and turned in to Gary Clemons by the November Chapter meeting. Also noted, Harley will be doing a mileage recognition next year so be sure to register your mileage on January 1st with the dealership. Details are found on the HOG.com. A chapter challenge will be with this program. There will be 2 categories: Total Miles by a chapter and Average Miles Per Member by a chapter.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **New Member** – Tim introduced Chris Painter to the Chapter.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report) Given By Tim Jones

- **Financial Report** – Beginning Balance of \$5039.59, and an ending balance of \$4157.16 (of which approximately \$1700 was collected for Calvary Home), and LOH balance of \$508.93.

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.

John Munns (Activities Committee)

- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for rides and events
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Melissa Clemons (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** –October LOH Meeting 179th at 6PM. Melissa will be unable to attend, Beverly Munns will run the meeting.
- **Bowling** – Monday October 9th at 7pm.
- **Halloween Party** – Signup sheet for covered dish passed around. Costumes are mandatory. Entertainment will be provided by Kelly Jo and Buffalo.
- **Christmas Stockings** – The year the goal is to provide 30 stockings for Project Linus. Signup sheet passed around. If interested in participating please see Melissa Clemons
- **LOH Baked Sale at Chili Cook Off** – volunteers needed for the LOH bake sale at the chapter chili cook off.

- **LOH Christmas Brunch** – To be held at Bleu Voodoo on Sunday December 3rd at 12:30. Please see Melissa Clemons for further details and to sign up.
- **LOH Wine Night** – LOH ladies' night. Wine Pairing Wednesday November 15th at 6:30pm. Need minimum of 10 ladies to participate. Cost is \$35. See Melissa Clemons to sign up, a \$20 deposit is required.

Tommy Forrest with Quilts of Valor to make presentation – Rod Ensley was presented and wrapped with a quilt from Quilts of Valor. A standing ovation was given by chapter and a “Thank You” for his service.

Quilts of Valor is having a raffle for a handmade quilt. Tickets are on sale. The drawing will be held on November 11th. You do not need to be present to win.

Melissa Clemons presented Tommy Forrest with \$110 that was raised from the LOH purse raffle.

Ken Higginbotham (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer) – Nothing new to report

Joe Kinsland (Volunteer Coordinator) – Nothing new to report

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** \$30.00 Was won by Mark Miller
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Luanne Jones
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: John Munns and Robbin Perry
- **50/50 Winner of \$100.00:** Was won the Robert Redman

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Submitted by Gary Clemons, Secretary



Historian

Suanne 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

Having occasional starting problems with your bike, change the battery in the key fob every yr.

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
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
SCOTT	CLINE	864-723-2584
GEORGE	TURNER	864-642-5639
JOHN	WAITEKUS	518-281-8763
DALE	PERRY	864-356-4688
MELISSA	CLEMONS	864-340-2265
TAMI	MEALOR	864-979-8944
CHERYL	SANDERS	864-221-0416
BRENDA	HILL	864-554-0120

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**

- Get your tickets for the Christmas Party!!!!



Chapter Officers

Director	Tim Jones
Asst. Dir.	Tim Hill
Secretary	Gary Clemons
Treasurer	Pam Waitekus
LOH Officer	Melissa Clemons
Newsletter Editor	Ray Keiper
Webmaster	Lyn Guffee
Head Road Captain	Ken Higginbotham
Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham
Membership	JB Clifton
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)859-8095
(864)353-8993
(864)934-0403
(864)313-5178
(864)313-5178
(864)314-1221
(864)483-4294
864-221-0416
(864)642-5639
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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





2017 Electric City HOG Primary Officers

*Tim Hill
Assistant
Director*

*Pam Waitekus
Treasurer*

*Gary Clemons
Secretary
Melissa Clemons
LOH Officer*

*Tim Jones
Director*