



The H.O.G. Tells

ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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Challenge Accepted?
**It's all about riding and
having fun**

**BY TIM JONES
DIRECTOR**

.Fresh out of HOT (Harley Officers Training) in Atlanta this year, I have been given my injection of "HOG Juice" to get my motor running.

The buzz word this year at HOT was Challenge Accepted. At HOT, whenever an instructor says these words the crowd is to respond with "Let's Ride". Over and over you hear this theme, and a rousing response from the crowd. Within the challenge are a few things, but mostly what mother

HOG teaches us is HOG is not about the best meeting, the best fund raiser, etc. It is about riding, because as the worlds largest riding club, that is and should be our mission, ride and have fun.

Now I do wish to say this, it thrills me to go to HOT with new members/officers and see what their take is on all the other HOG members from around the country, mixing and mingling with so

many with a common love of riding Harley Davidson motorcycles. What does please me the most is to hear those attendees come out of the class sessions saying "wow, we have a great chapter" after listening to the "challenges" the other chapters here and there have. When you sit in and listen to discussion of the problems facing some chapters, it makes you appreciate even more what we have going on in The Electric City.

With that being said, the goal of our chapter should not be just about being better than any other chapter, but to be better than our chapter was last year, or the year before. Now this is not a reflection on the former officers, because at the end of the day, it's not the officers that totally make up a good chapter, it's the comradery, friendships (and don't forget about the riding and having fun part) within a chapter and its members that make a chapter to be proud of. It will reflect to others on its own once you do that.

HOG is about a simple formula for riding and having fun to me. That concoction consists of a destination that allows for a GREAT ride. A few members who wish to ride safely as a group. A willing Road Captain to lead and choose a route. Making it back home safely after an exciting ride, and the key word is safely. Sometimes a minor breakdown or getting lost is a fun challenge that gives a good feeling once it is overcome.

I did not mention a good place to eat. We seem to find those with no challenge! So if you're up for "Challenge Accepted" in 2018.....Let's Ride!!



Riding with the Head Road Captain

RIDING WITH THE HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable spring. Seems like it has rained almost every weekend this year so far and it has taken a toll on our ride schedule. But we have had some good ones and hopefully you have been able to take advantage of those opportunities. I especially liked the Riddle Ride. It was something different and a little bit of a challenge to figure out where we were supposed to go. Everyone found it a fun and friendly competition among the participants.

Anyway, now that the weather is warming up it's a good time to practice our skills as we move toward more challenging rides up in the hills. Remember, a better rider is a safer rider and it pays to be safe. One aspect you may want to brush up on is countersteering. This is the phenomenon where the bike goes left when you push forward on the left handle and right when you push forward on the right one. If you aren't familiar with this concept try it the next time you are in an area with plenty of room to maneuver. Get up to around 35 – 40 mph and push gently on the handlebar grip. The harder you push the more quickly the bike will turn so don't do it too hard until you get comfortable with it.

Countersteering will make you a much better rider on curvy roads. Talk to me about it if you have questions. Also, don't forget to look through the turn and not at the road right in front of you or the edge of the road. The motorcycle will go where you are looking so don't look where you don't want to go.

Make certain to give your bike a periodic check to be sure everything is in good shape. Wear the proper safety equipment and always be alert for every possible occurrence. Safety is a personal responsibility so take it personally and do all that you can to avoid a possibly dangerous situation.

That's it for now. Let's all ride safe and have fun in 2018 and beyond.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the March 6, 2018 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 Ken Kline

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Members Present 45, 1 New Member, 2 guest

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

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the March meeting.
- **Re-Joining Members** – 1 New Member joined tonight. Tim thanked all who were present.
- **March Birthdays** – Acknowledged members who have a birthday this month by singing Happy Birthday.
- **Reminder that bike Nights at Timms will be the first Thursday of each month.** We will have 2 shifts working the gates. Volunteers are needed, please see Joe Kinsland to sign up
- **March kicks off the Chapter Mileage Challenge.** LOH will have their own form, but can use either form that the chapter has. Multiple forms are needed for multiple bikes. **Don't forget to register with Robin in service for the HOG mileage.**
- **The regional Rally is in Maryville Tennessee this year. A group of us are going up and staying in Gatlinburg. Information is on the website**
- **Tim Hill (Assistant Director) Welcomed New Member Lonnie Anderson.**

Welcome of New Members – Terri Freed, Brad & Margaret Tucker.

Welcome to ECHOG !!

- **Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)**
- **Financial Report** – Read report from February. If you want a name tag please let Pam know, she needs 12 people to order to get them.
- **John Munns (Activities Committee)**- Please check out the calendar for all of our scheduled rides.
- **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.
- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar for other events

Ken Higginbotham (Safety) (Head Road Captain & Safety Officer)

- Talked about watching out for others at red lights.

Beverly Munns (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).
- **Reminded us of the LOH blood drive May 5th at Timms.**
- April 22nd- Ladies only ride to The Grey House in Starr. Meet at Timms at 12:30. 2, 3, and 4 wheels welcome.

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Joe Kinsland- Volunteer Coordinator

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- Please sign up! Only 2 shifts per gate.
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Other Business and Drawings

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- **Chapter Pride: Steve Wise** – nothing with ECHOG on it, money will roll over.
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD: Pam Waitekus**
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards: Michelle Chapman & Margaret Tucker**
- **Cooler Bag: Joe Kinsland**
- **50/50 Winner of \$65.00: Luanne Jones**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Robin Perry, Secretary

Minutes taken Robin Perry



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Minutes of the April 3, 2018 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:01 PM

Opening prayer was given by Allyson Helvie

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael King

Roll Call (JB Clifton) Members Present 62, 14 New Member, 2 guest

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- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the April meeting.
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Submitted by Robin Perry, Secretary

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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 Robin Perry with your sign in sheets and she 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.

info.

LET'S MAKE OUR NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME.

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

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



Chapter Officers

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Treasurer	Pam Waitekus	(518) 281-8763
LOH Officer	Beverly Munns	(864) 622-9585
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Webmaster	Lyn Guffee	(864) 934-0403
Head Road Captain	Ken Higginbotham	(864) 313-5178
Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham	(864) 313-5178
Membership	JB Clifton	(864) 314-1221
Activities	John & Bev Munns	(864) 483-4294
	Jay and Cheryl Sanders	(864) 221-0416
Chaplain	Allyson Helvie	(864) 245-3709
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

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.

ELECTRIC CITY HOG ROAD CAPTAINS 2018

GARY	CLEMONS	864 238-0626
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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
MARK	MILLER	864-303-8071
GEORGE	TURNER	864-642-5639
JOHN	WAITEKUS	518-281-8763
DALE	PERRY	864-356-4688
	And our Lady Road Captains	
MELISSA	CLEMONS	864-340-2265
TAMI	MEALOR	864-979-8944
CHERYL	SANDERS	864-221-0416
BRENDA	HILL	864-554-0120





MELLOW MUSHROOM RIDE



Ladies of Harley