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WET WEATHER RIDING ?

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To help you stay dry and alert, a good rain suit provides basic protection for your upper and lower body. You can choose from a wide variety of styles and materials. A one piece suit provides better overall protection because there's no seam between your pants and your jacket. Often you will find that just your jacket or your pants is all the protection you'll need. Some rain gear will offer greater breathability, which can make a big difference when it's wet and warm. A good rain suit will help you stay visible. High-visibility clothing is especially important in the rain, and most rain suits are designed with that in mind, with bright colors and/or reflective highlights. Throwing on your rain jacket is a good way to increase visibility at night, in any weather. Staying comfortable is the key. How far you go in "rainproofing" yourself may depend on the circumstances. If you're on your way home and it starts raining you may not mind your jeans getting a little wet if it's warm out. In that sense, a little water never hurt anybody, and you can always change when you get home. Assume that your ability to stop and maneuver will be compromised and adjust your speed accordingly. Also increase you're following distance and make extra sure

you have space around you for evasive maneuvers if necessary. Make all of your steering, throttle, and braking inputs more gradually. Ease on and off the throttle. Apply the brakes more gently. Slow down more when approaching a corner and make the turn gradually, keeping the bike more upright than usual. Don't do anything suddenly. Accelerate slowly and steadily; stop as gradually as possible; and make your turns with extra care, at a slower speed than usual. Remember the key to riding in the rain is to maintain traction. Today's motorcycle tires are modern marvels when it comes to traction. They're much better at maintaining good grip with the road than their older counter parts. With a few common-sense precautions, they'll keep you upright in the rain. It is the rubber, not the tread that actually provides the grip. The job of the tread is to channel water away from the rubber, giving it a better opportunity to stick to the road. When you skid on a wet surface. It's because a thin layer of water has come between your and the road. When you ride through standing water, your tire can act like a water ski and ride up on the water's surface, losing contact with the pavement, which is much more likely to happen with worn tires. If you see standing water on the road ahead, avoid it if you can. Otherwise, roll off the throttle, reduce your speed, keep your bike as upright as possible, and avoid making any throttle or braking inputs as you ride through the puddle. As you ride, keep your eyes open for surfaces that can become ultra-slick when wet, such as railroad tracks, manhole covers, crosswalk lines, bridge gratings, and steel construction plates, to name only a few. When riding on these or other slick surfaces, keep the bike as upright as possible and avoid making any steering, throttle, or braking inputs. At railroad crossings, make a point of crossing the tracks at as close to 90 degrees as possible. Keep in mind that the worst time to ride in the rain is during the first few minutes of a rainstorm. Oil and dirt that accumulate on the roadway while it's dry tend to "float away" when the rain starts, making the road especially slick for a short time. It's a good idea to take a little break when a rainstorm first hits or delay your departure to avoid being on the road at its slipperiest. When it comes to riding in the rain, know your limits (and comfort level) and always put safety ahead of your pride. It's always okay to wait and don't be pressured into thinking otherwise. And Lets RIDE!!



FEEL FREE TO FORWARD THIS ISSUE OF H.O.G.® OFFICER CONNECTION TO YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS.

A WORD FROM THE REGION

Much to my surprise and delight, Spring has sprung in much of the south. I have really enjoyed catching up with so many of you at the ROC (Regional Officer Connection) training sessions. They are going well, and I'm thankful for your contribution and efforts to help other Chapters and to make H.O.G. even better.

Since riding season is on or nearly on, ensure your Chapter members are getting their mileages read and entered for Ride 365. Remember, the first reading of the year will count toward your lifetime, but will not add anything to your annual mileage. So, if you run a report for your Chapter or look at your own, it will show 0's until you get a second reading or more miles entered.

Rally season is kicking off early this year in April with the Cajun Country H.O.G. Rally. This is one you don't want to miss. Start the season off with some great Cajun food and exciting new rides/experiences! Look on HOG.com to see all the rallies and Check-in's planned. Stop by and see us at Daytona. I will be there all week.

If you have not done so recently, check out the H-D app. It's free and getting better every day. You can now access your H.O.G. card on the app, so when you come to a Check-in, we can scan the app if you don't have your physical card. Thank you for your ongoing support of H.O.G. and Harley-Davidson. We couldn't do all this without you!

See you out on the road!



PETE SCHWAB

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From Our Safety Officer

Well, here we are already into March of the new year. The temperature is ramping up, the trees are budding, and our thoughts turn more toward riding our motorcycles. And, as we move into spring, there will be more and more bikes on the road. Unfortunately, we will start hearing about more accidents involving motorcycles.

So here are a couple of accident stats for you.

- 1) Approximately 42% of fatal motorcycle accidents do not involve another vehicle. That means four in ten motorcycle fatalities are due to rider mistake or equipment failure.
- 2) Approximately 60% of fatal motorcycle accidents are deemed to be the fault of the rider even when another vehicle is involved.

So believe it or not, the statistics say that we are at fault more often than not. I think that the most alarming issue is that over 50% of riders killed in accidents had a blood alcohol level (BAC) above 0.08%, which is the legal limit in South Carolina.

What do we take from this? First, drinking and riding is a recipe for disaster. Second, if we want to see the rider fatality rate decrease we need to ride more safely.

How do we do that? I think that there are three basic principles that go a long way in addressing it; training, practice, awareness. These entail a variety of components but I'll touch on only a few to avoid this article getting too wordy.

Training. Take a class, learn from an experienced, safe rider, read safe riding articles on the internet, and watch training videos.

Practice. Take the things you learn and put them into practice. Find a safe area to work on your skills. Improve your riding technique, work on your ability to maneuver your bike in tight spots. I believe that a better rider is a safer rider.

Awareness. It is a joy to ride a motorcycle but joy riding on a motorcycle is deadly. What does that mean? Have fun riding but always be alert to what is going on around you. Try to be aware of every possibility of danger and prepare to take the appropriate action. Expect the unexpected.

I hope everyone has a safe year and has the opportunity to put a lot of miles on those Harleys.

Ken H.



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 Minutes of the January 1, 2019 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 53

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the January meeting at Logan Road House
- **Re-Joining Members** – 53 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 Primary Officers and Activities Committee** – Officers Robin Perry (Secretary) and Karen Blomberg as LOH, Pam Waitekus (Treasurer), Tim Jones (Director) and Tim Hill (Assistant Director) as primary officers. Other officers include, Ken Higginbotham (Safety), Melissa Clemmons (Membership), Lyn Guffee (Webmaster), Bruce Reignier (Activities), Luanne Jones (Historian), George Turner (Chaplain) and Mike Coco (Volunteer Coordinator). Gary Clemmons (Head Road Captain). Tim thanked those rotating off for their service.
- **Christmas Party** – Everyone has a great time at the 2018 Christmas Party. We will be returning to Tuckers D for next year's party.
- **Tim Hill (Assistant Director)**
- **Welcome of New Members** –

Pam Waitekus

- **Bruce Reigner (Activities Committee)- Looking for suggestions. He will be meeting with different people to get suggestions for rides. He would like to do 90 rides this year.**
- **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

Karen Blomberg (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).
- We need more ladies to step up as Road Captains
- **Senior Follies-** March 17th. \$15 per person.

Other Business and Drawings

Gary Clemmons (Head Road Captain)

- **Road Captains** – We will have a Road Captains meeting at the next Chapter meeting. **If interested in being a road captain, see Gary.**
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Kathy Miller
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Tami Looper, Christina Copeland
- **50/50 Winner of \$55.00:** Luanne Jones

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Robin Perry, Secretary

ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 Minutes of the February 5th, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones at 7:02 PM

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Turner

Roll Call Member Enrollment 53

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the February meeting
- **Re-Joining Members** – We have 75 members total new or rejoining members. 59 present tonight with 3 guest
- **February Birthdays** – Acknowledged members who have a birthday this month by singing Happy Birthday.
- **Tim Jones again Introduced the Primary officers. Tim Jones- Director, Tim Hill Assistant Director, Pam Waitekus – Treasurer, Robin Perry- Secretary.**
- **Introduction of secondary officers- Karen Blomberg -LOH, Gary Clemmons – Head Road Captain, Melissa Clemmons – Membership, Bruce Reignier – Activities, Mike Coco – Volunteer Coordinator.**

- **Thanks to the remaining officers, Ken Higginbotham – Safety, Lyn Guffee – Webmaster, Ray Keipler – Editor, Luanne Jones – Historian.**
- **George Turner will be stepping up once again taking over our chaplain duties. Thank you George.**
- **Thank you to all the Road Captains, new and old, for continuing to carry the load of taking us on rides. Gary would like to have a meeting right after tonights chapter meeting.**
- **Tim Hill (Assistant Director) – Discuss chapter mileage and categories to begin at March meeting. Ride 365**
- **Pam Waitekus – T-shirts will be for sale in March. Men and ladies, we need a total of \$25 to order. 12 name tages.**
- **Bruce Reiginer (Activities Committee)- Looking for suggestions. Passing out ride suggestion sheets, please fill out and turn in. Please check calendar.**
- **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**

Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)

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- **We need more ladies to step up as Road Captains**

Gary Clemmons (Head Road Captain)

- **Road Captains –We will have a Road Captains meeting tonight.**

Ashley from Timms is joining us tonight.

- **We are so glad Ashley has decided to stay with us!!!**
- **For the month of February Timms will be doing soup Wednesdays – bring in a can of soup to help those in need.**
- **Feb16th – Daytona Party**
- **Recruiting new riders. Timms is wanting to do a meet and greet.**
- **March 7th will be our first bike night. The HOG group will be holding membership drives at all bike nights this year.**
- **St. Patricks Day in March there will be an all day event.**

Other Business and Drawings

- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD: Jay Sanders**
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards: George Turner and Bobby DePrima**
- **50/50 Winner of \$95.00: Neil Wagner**
- **Membership Pride: Nancy Sutherland – not present**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Robin Perry, 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 sign in sheets to Robin Perry.

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

• **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.**

Chapter Officers

Director	Tim Jones	
Asst. Dir.	Tim Hill	
Secretary	Robin Perry	
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Head Road Captain	Gary Clemons	
Safety Officer	Ken Higginbotham	
Membership	Melissa Clemons	
Activities	Bruce Reignier	
Chaplain	George Turner	
Historian	Luanne Jones	
Photographer	Tim Jones	
Volunteer Coord.	Mike Coco	

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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

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 2019

GARY	CLEMONS	864 238-0626
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FISH	GUFFEE	864-844-4174
KEN	HIGGINBOTHAM	864-313-5178
TIM	JONES	803-463-9758
RAY	KEIPER	864-353-8993
DALE	PERRY	864-356-4688
BRUCE	REIGNIER	678-485-4216

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
NEIL	WAGNER	610-213-0286

And our Lady Road Captains

MELISSA	CLEMONS	864-340-2265
CHERYL	SANDERS	864-221-0416
TAMI	MEALOR-LOOPER	864-979-8944
BRENDA	HILL	864-554-0120



2019 PRIMARY AND LOH OFFICERS. L to R: Tim Hill -Asst. Director, Pam Waitekus - Treasurer, Karen Blomberg-LOH Officer, Robin Perry- Secretary, Tim Jones- Director



A few of our Ladies of Harley