



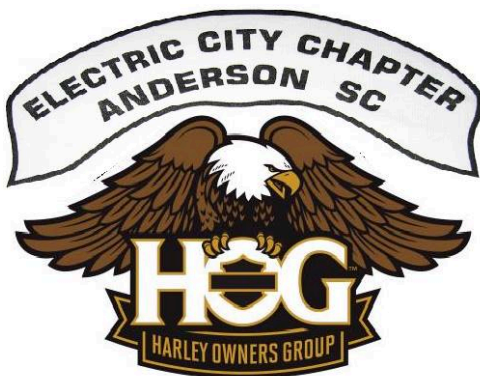
The H.O.G. Tells

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Fall (and the future of our Chapter) is upon us

BY TIM JONES

Director- 2019 EC HOG

Well here we are already into the end of the 3rd quarter of 2019 going soon into the 4th. This year has been a challenging one with weather versus riding. Seems we had lots of interesting places to go, but getting soaked (or the threat of) put a damper on the fun on a lot of them this year.

As we approach the 4th quarter, that means election time again for officers again. Last year you may recall all former 2018 Primary Officers agreed to carry on for 2019. This year is one of those years where we have all Primary Officer positions open and in need of filling. A few secondary positions are being left open as well, Head Road Captain and Activities Officers will be vacant in 2020, but all those will be filled at the digression of the new Primary Officers for 2020, so let it be known to the current officers if you have interest in helping out by filling one of these positions and we will see the new Director is aware.

As Director for the past 4 years, I am ready to pass the torch. As some have joking described it as being “ready to sit in the back of the room for a change” (opposed to being a part of conducting and planning each of the monthly meetings, etc...amen). Being a Primary Officer does involve time, effort and dedication for sure. But the meetings are just a part of it, and not so much the fun part...riding!! There is a lot that goes on behind the ride that most members don't ever see. The behind the scenes efforts have been my focus for the last four years through some trying times with beloved members passing, coordinating Chapter events/meetings and supporting other officer positions as best I can in their efforts to add fun, excitement and order to the Chapter events. I won't say I'm burned out by no means, but I think it best for the Chapter to have a leader with a fresh approach. It's kind of like doing a ride when someone steps up to be a new Road Captain, the different routes they find to lead us to get to a repeat destination sometimes is a very interesting approach out of the norm. I wish to remain a strong supporter and member of this Chapter as I have since day one of first joining in 2013. This has been our family since my wife Luanne and I arrived in Anderson in 2013 and overall, I don't think anyone could ride their Harley's with a finer crowd. It is my sincere hope we will have four members willing and able to step forward and fill these much-needed positions.

As you know our secretary position was vacated earlier this year and our membership officer, Melissa Clemons, fortunately for the Chapter was willing to carry the duties of the two positions for the remainder of 2019. The Secretary position is open for 2020 and in need of someone willing and able to be our Secretary.

Pam Waitekus, our 2019 Treasurer has given notice she wishes to retire at the end of this year. The Treasurer position requires filling by a willing and able member.

Our Assistant Director Tim Hill has given notice he is ready to pass the torch and not interested in taking on the position of Director for 2020.

I myself may consider and be willing to serve as Assistant Director to the Director if it brings comfort to the new Director to have someone familiar with the guidelines, bylaws of operation, etc. close at hand. I will gladly support and step aside for anyone requesting to be the Assistant to the Director as well (and still be willing to provide guidance as mentioned).

This is an urgent call to arms folks.....your Chapter needs you, so please consider giving it you all and you will have my support behind the scenes. I have been in those shoes before when becoming Director and know what it means to have good people beside and behind you. I feel it my duty to payback the support I was given when I began as an Officer of this Chapter.

I look forward to the great destinations we have yet to ride for the ending of 2019 and hope we are paid back with good riding weather for all those times we missed due to bad weather earlier this year, although I don't think Mother Nature really cares whether we ride or not, haha. As most of you know, fall is my favorite time of the year for riding when the leaves are turning, the sun is bright, and the temps. are just right to where a jacket feels good.

Please don't hesitate to ask me or any of the others in an officer position about the duties they fulfill if you may be interested. The future of our Chapter is in the making, so whatever we do.....Let's RIDE!

Tim Jones
Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Head Road Captain

Safety Officer Newsletter Article September 2019

Well, here we are in “almost fall”, or as we call it in South Carolina, summer 2.0. Hopefully some of the best riding weather is right around the corner. You’re probably like me and love the cool, crispness of a fall morning, especially on a Harley.

So, as we continue to ride our motorcycles I have one piece of advice for you, Ride Safe. There is really nothing new or that we haven’t said about safe riding. It’s not like technology, it doesn’t change. Safety is just a few fundamental elements; awareness, preparedness, and skillful execution.

Being aware is largely just paying attention to what is going on around you. We all see riders who seem to be in a world of their own. They are an accident waiting to happen. If you don’t consciously stay on high alert you are asking for trouble. Your safety is your responsibility. Own it, practice it, and hopefully you’ll live it.

Preparedness is sometimes just a matter of knowing what to do when a dangerous situation occurs. One thing I often do when I’m riding is to ask myself what would I do if this car pulled out right now, or if this guy changed lanes suddenly, or if the car or bike in front of me swerved to miss something that I couldn’t see? This exercise helps you to quickly develop strategies to increase your chances of avoiding an accident so that when it happens you react with intent rather than have a knee jerk reaction, or, worse yet, freeze.

Skillful execution largely comes from practicing and improving your ability to ride. You can take a class or go out to a parking lot and work on what you may perceive to be a weakness. Your ability to execute the strategy mentioned above is very much dependent upon how well you can handle your bike and there is no substitute for practice.

Remember, a better rider is a safer rider. Have fun and ride safe.

Ken H.

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 Take the time to introduce yourself to any of the new members (or any member you may not know).

Remember when you first joined the family? How you felt coming in as a stranger? I think we all can relate. Show your southern hospitality, and aren’t we all here for the camaraderie and group riding fun?



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769 Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Klein

Roll Call (Melissa Clemons) Enrollment 96, Members Present 42, 1 new member

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the July meeting.
- **Chapter condolences to Deb Gutcheus on the loss of her mother**
- **June meeting/Pizza night at the Timms Pavilion**– Thank you to Bruce and Gail Reignier for handling the food and delivery.
- **Bike Night reminder** – First Thursday of the month. Mike Coco (volunteer coordinator) passing sign up sheet for volunteers for gate duty.
- **Robin Perry resignation** – As of June 5, 2019, she has resigned. We wish her thanks for the time she served and spent toward the chapter.
No plans being made to replace her. Primary officers and Membership officer (Melissa Clemons) will carry on the responsibilities. As such, please send ride sheets to Melissa Clemons.

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **Welcome of New Members** – We had 1 new members join tonight. Nancy Dost

Pam Waitokus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report**
- See Pam for merchandise sales

Bruce Reignier (Activities Committee) ABSENT

- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar, Facebook, etc. for rides and events

Karen Blomberg (LOH Report) – ABSENT

- **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).

Ken Higginbotham (Safety Officer)

- **Hydration** – Ken reminded everyone of the importance of hydration during these exceptionally hot days while riding. Hydrate early, before a ride to prevent dehydration.

Gary Clemons (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides are posted as scheduled.**

Timms Representative (ABSENT)**Drawings**

- **Chapter Pride:** \$20.00 won by Bobby DePrima
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Jim Ward
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Fish Guffee, Jay Sanders
- **50/50 Winner of \$55.00:** Michelle Chapman/Sanders
- **Cookie tokens by Fuddruckers to several members**

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by **Melissa Clemons, Membership officer**



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the August 6, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bobby DePrima

Roll Call (Melissa Clemons) Enrollment 96, Members Present 44, 1 new member

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the August meeting.
- **Bike Night reminder** – First Thursday of the month. Mike Coco (volunteer coordinator) passing sign up sheet for volunteers for gate duty.
- **Primary officer elections** - We need replacement officers for elections in 2 months. Tim Jones, Tim Hill, and Pam Waitekus plan to retire. The vacant Secretary position needs to be filled as well. It is time to pass the torch, so please see any current officers if you have questions about the positions. The BOD will be soliciting names of interested candidates for the November officer elections. Let's keep ECHOG great!

Tim Hill (Assistant Director)

- **HOG Rally details** – Tim Jones will be leading the chapter ride to the Rally. Others may be travelling independently as well.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

- **Financial Report**
- See Pam for merchandise sales

Bruce Reigner (Activities Committee)

- **Calendar** – Check the ECHOG calendar, Facebook, etc. for rides and events
- **Asking for an assistant to anyone interested.**

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).
- **Quilt raffle** – Benefitting Quilts of Valor. Tickets are \$5 each. Quilt donated by Jeannie Jensen. Raffle winner announced at October LOH meeting.
- **August meeting** – Cece Lewis guest. Discussing Christmas stockings
- **September meeting** – Carole Bingham, jewelry representative

Ken Higginbotham (Safety Officer)

- **No new info**

Gary Clemons (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides are posted as scheduled.**

Timms Representative (Ashley)

- **Thank you to volunteers at Vintage Fest**
- **Timms calendar** – Please check for upcoming events
- **Carolina Challenge** - Reminder you can still participate

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** Rex Allen not present - \$20.00 next meeting
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** George Turner
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Chris Painter, Tim Hill
- **50/50 Winner of \$60.00:** Neil Wagner

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Melissa Clemons, Membership officer



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/>

Once more I give thanks to our Road Captains for leading us on our great riding adventures and helping us make history!!



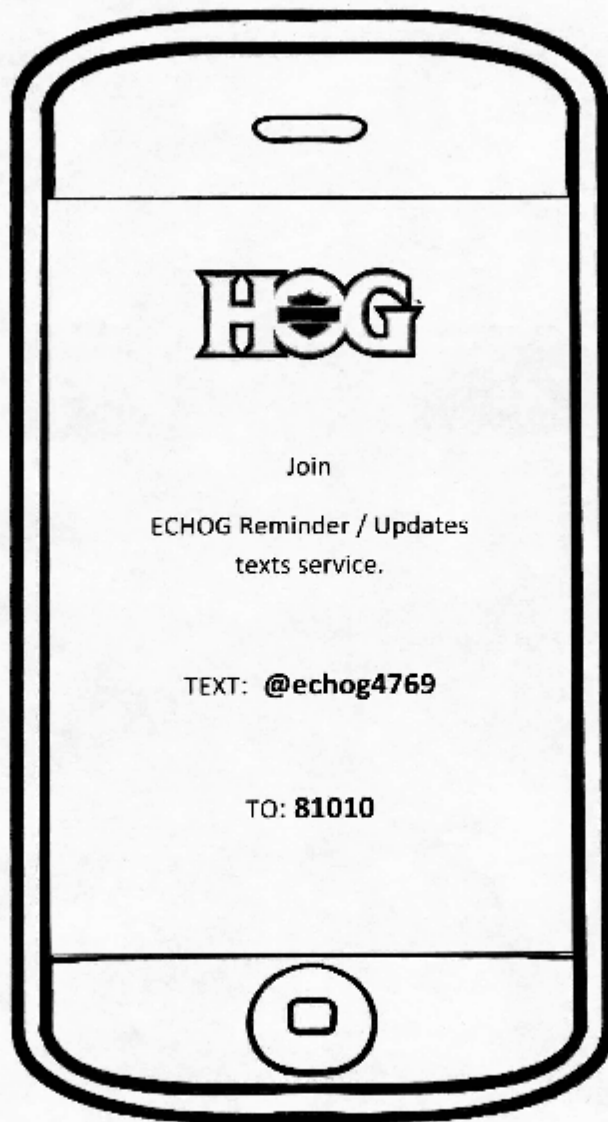
Have you made your plans to attend the Hills N Hollers Rally yet?

HILLS N HOLLERS H.O.G. RALLY

For those who attended, we were blessed with great weather and a great time. Serving on a Rally Committee before I could see all the hard work and effort the rally committee group put forth for our enjoyment. East Tenn. and the whole surrounding area is loaded with great roads to ride. The HOGS versus PIGS competition at the rally was a great event to see as always. Our two members who participated, Tim Hill and Gary Clemons did very well in the competition. Tim came away placing 2nd for the HOGS and help lead the HOGS to a win over the PIGS! Gary missed out (barely) in the competition to run against the PIGS, and was “deputized” by the Tennessee HP to run for their side in absence of their own manpower. Be sure and congratulate them on a job well done when you see them. Lots of gifts given away at the closing ceremony, unfortunately for our chapter only one member won and that was Margaret Tucker who won a set of shot glasses. I’m not sure of next years location, but if it is in East Tenn. I would definitely go back again!

Road Captains reminder for remainder of 2019 sign in sheets can be e-mailed to Melissa Clemons at melcost@bellsouth.net. Give me the sign in/guest waivers in paper form at the next following Chapter Meeting if this works best for you.





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Rolling Hills Chapter from Cheltenham England enjoying the Hills and Hollers Rally with us!







