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A New Millennium

BY TIM JONES

Director- 2019 EC HOG

FIRST OF ALL We need to say thanks to all of the officers that served the HOG Club in 2019 !!



And we're offto a great start for 2020 with 50 members as of the first meeting of the year!!

2019 was a good year, and I'm not going to rehash all the great things we did, as those that participated already know. For others, all I can say is "you just had to be there".

How pleased I was at our first meeting of 2020 by being there to introduce my successor Mike Coco as he stepped into his new Directors position. I feel our Chapter will be in good hands, and wish Mike all the best in leading our group into 2020 and the next millennium.

I was equally pleased to see several new folks who ride Harley's waiting to join our EC HOG membership before our meeting!

I know I can count on every member, former and new, to join me in support of Mike in his efforts to guide our Chapter into an awesome year of riding and adventures.

And don't forget George Turner and Christina Copeland, who will be a great asset to our Primary Officer group as I have already seen. The time and effort it takes to fulfill any of these officer positions, primary or otherwise is a great donation of one's time and the dedication speaks highly of the member.

I never wish for any of us to forget how many other past officers and members we owe a great debt of gratitude for keeping this Chapter rolling in the years past as well, setting the ground work for many great ideas we still utilize in the group today.

I hope to see our Chapter adhere to our core value in the future, and that's to ride and have fun. As the Allstate commercial says...I think we got this.....yeaaaaah.

Let's roll into 2020 and make this a great year ahead....and Let's Ride!!

Tim Jones
New 2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG



NEXT Let's all step up and welcome our officers for 2020.

The 2020 officers at this time are as follows:

Mike Coco- Director

Tim Jones- Assistant Director/Photographer/FB Events-Historical Support

George Turner- Treasurer/Chaplain

Christina Copeland- Secretary

Karen Blomberg- LOH Officer
Head Road Captain ..vacant
Activities Officer...vacant
Membership Officer/Merchandise Sales- Luanne Jones
Safety Officer/Calendar Support- Ken Higginbotham
Text Support- Tim Hill
Webmaster- Lyn Guffee
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Notes from Tim Jones:

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve as your Director these last four years and as Asst. before that. I could not have succeeded in keep us rolling without my fellow officer's contributions of time and support.

We have had some great times riding and traveling the area as a HOG group, and as mini-groups throughout the country, all with a kinship and connection to the love of riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, and our pride of being an Electric City HOG Chapter member.

The support you have shown, continue to show (and some are about to show) says it all! I am honored to call you all friends.

I look forward to continuing to be of support along with you to our new Director Mike Coco and hope to rub elbows with you as we keep the riding spirit alive in our Chapter.

I wish us all a safe and fantastic riding season in 2020 no matter where we ride!



Riding with the Safety Officer

Safety Officer Newsletter Article January 2020

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Moving into 2020 there are two things we often do; reflect on the year that just ended and consider what the new year may bring. Well, I guess there is a third one, trying to remember it's not 2019 anymore when we type or write the date.

Regarding our chapter, 2019 was an interesting year. A lot of things happened, some fun and happy and others not so much. On the bright side, we did some rides we haven't done in the past, largely thanks to Bruce Reignier's activities planning. Also, we had a much safer riding year than 2018 as I don't recall any members being involved in a motorcycle accident, especially when riding with the chapter. Many of our members bought new bikes and we also added several new faces to the group.

But we lost some longtime friends and former members who passed away and others who are dealing with sickness that has caused them to give up riding. Certainly not as critical, but we also cancelled a record number of rides in 2019 due to weather.

Hopefully 2020 will bring a banner riding year for us and we will continue to ride safely. And, since we have a few months of winter to navigate yet, I'll remind everyone of some of the unique challenges that cold weather riding brings. First, it gets cold so make sure you are dressed properly. It is not enjoyable riding a Harley when you are cold so put on plenty of layers to help keep you warm. Layers also allow you to remove them as the day warms up. Next, realize that your reaction time may be a little slower and dexterity impeded so give yourself more room to maneuver. Braking distance increases slightly due to the hardness of cold rotors and pads. You may want to take more riding breaks because the cold and wind has a cumulative effect on our bodies. The longer we ride the colder we get. And worrying about being cold can cause us to lose focus. From an equipment standpoint remember that

your tires will lose pressure when the temperatures drop so you may want to keep an eye on that.
 As always prepare properly and be aware.
 Stay safe out there and I hope to see you on the road soon.
 Ken



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

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones
Opening prayer was given by George Turner
Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Turner
Roll Call (Melissa Clemons) Enrollment 99, Members Present 44

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the November meeting.
- **Primary officer nominations** -The BOD has approved the nominations for the 2020 officers.
 Mike Coco, Director. Tim Jones, Assistant Director. George Turner, Treasurer. Christina Copeland, Secretary.
- **Mileage Challenge** – Deadline to turn in mileage is tonight. Please turn in forms to Tim Jones. Prizes will be given at the Christmas party.
- **Christmas Party** – December 14 at Tucker's. Deadline for sign up will be the November LOH meeting, November 19, 2019. \$20 per member, \$30 for non-member as a guest of a member. It will be a buffet. Please see Pam for payment. Donations for gifts are welcome.
- **Charity** – The official tally for charity (Calvary Home) will be presented at the December chapter meeting. Anyone wishing to add to the funds see Tim Jones.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer's Report)

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

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).
- **Ladies events** – Holly Jolly Christmas Fair, November 17. Meet at Chili's for lunch at 12:30 prior to attending.
 LOH Christmas Party, December 7. Home of Luanne Jones at 1pm. Ugly sweater, candle exchange, Dirty Santa. Sign up sheet circulating for potluck lunch.

Ken Higginbotham (Safety Officer)

- **No new info**

Gary Clemons (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides are posted as scheduled.**

Timms Representative (none present)

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** Brad Tucker (not present)
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Sharber Brown
- **Door Prize Winners** of \$20.00 gift cards: Mike Coco, David Evans

- **50/50 Winner of \$65.00:** Robert Redman

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Melissa Clemons, Membership officer



**ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769
Minutes of the December 3, 2019 Chapter Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Tim Jones

Opening prayer was given by George Turner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Jones

Roll Call (Melissa Clemons) Enrollment 99, Members Present 35, 1 guest (Rodney Jeanes)

Officers Reports

Tim Jones (Director)

- **Welcome** – Tim welcomed everyone to the December meeting.
- **Calvary Home presentation** – Laura Lindsey from Calvary Home for Children is with us tonight for the presentation of our “big” check of \$640.
Mike Coco, Director. Tim Jones, Assistant Director. George Turner, Treasurer. Christina Copeland, Secretary.
- **Christmas Party** – December 14 at Tucker’s. See Pam tonight if you still haven’t signed up to attend. \$20 per member, \$30 for non-member as a guest of a member. It will be a buffet. Donations for gifts are welcome. Dirty Santa will be played for anyone interested (\$15 - \$20 gift).
- **Mileage Challenge** – The sheets have been turned in. Winners will be announced at the Christmas party (need not be present to win).
- **Ride 365** – Don’t forget to turn these details in to the dealership. HOG sends patches to members from recorded mileage.

Thank you to all the Officers and committee member for their support this year. Welcome to our new Primary Officers: Mike, George, and Christina.

Pam Waitekus (Treasurer’s Report)

- Luanne Jones will handle merchandise sales for now and next year.

Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – Meeting for December is cancelled. Guest speaker for January 21, 2020 meeting will be Karen Collins.
- **Ladies events** – LOH Christmas Party, December 7. Home of Luanne Jones at 1pm. Ugly sweater, candle exchange, Dirty Santa. Sign up sheet circulating for potluck lunch.

Ken Higginbotham (Safety Officer)

- **Distracted driving** – Ken has reminded us that the holiday season brings distracted drivers as many people are thinking of everything but the road. Please stay safe this holiday season!

Gary Clemons (Head Road Captain)

- **Rides are posted as scheduled.**

Timms Representative (none present)

Drawings

- **Chapter Pride:** J.B. Clifton (\$30)
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Robert Redman
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Cheryl McCullough, Jeanie Jensen

- **50/50 Winner of \$50.00:** George Turner

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Melissa Clemons, Membership officer

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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?



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/>



Electric City HOG Chapter Chili Cook-off



Timms Harley Davidson

Saturday, Feb. 22nd 2020

12 noon. \$5.00 to taste and vote

Tasting Open to Timms Patrons

Profits go to Calvary Home for Children



L.O.H Bake
Sale



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

ELECTRIC CITY HOG ROAD CAPTAINS FOR 2019

MIKE	COCO	407-361-3304
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
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
BRENDA	HILL	864-554-0120



THE GROUP IS LOOKING FOR A NEW HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN, AN ACTIVITIES OFFICER AND FOR A BIKE NIGHT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR 2020.





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