



# The H.O.G. Tells

**ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769**

**Sept / Oct 2020**

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## *A New Millennium*

*BY Mike Coco*

Director- 2020 EC HOG

From the Director  
Mike Coco  
September/October Newsletter Submission

Hello all members and hope you and your families are doing well and staying safe. The leaves are changing and this is a great time to get out and ride either by yourself, with friends or joining in on one of our scheduled chapter rides. With the cooler temperatures and colorful scenery, riding the upstate and beyond creates some great experiences and memories. Check out the chapter website link to pictures from some of the rides or go directly to the Face Book page Electric City HOG Chapter #4769 Historical Records to view some of the great pics taken by our chapter Photographer/Historian, Tim Jones who is also our Assistant Director. We have more events and rides that are scheduled through the end of the year and have been able to hold events with a reduced number of members than would normally attend. I personally have been in touch with many of our members who have made the hard decision to not attend any of our scheduled events and the main concerns are the safety of themselves and/or their families. This is something that we all understand and we respect the personal choices they have made and we truly miss seeing them at any of our events. One event that we look forward to each year is the annual Electric City HOG Christmas party at Tucker's restaurant. It is with a heavy heart that we had to announce the cancellation of this party this year due to social distancing restrictions and for the safety of our members. We are contacting all members through monthly meetings, posting on our group Facebook page and sending email to

all members to notify everyone.

There is some thought to postponing this annual event and depending on the state of COVID in 2021, we may have an event next year.

Your chapter officers are working on tabulating final numbers for awards to be presented for the chapter milage challenge, participation percentage, and Volunteer recognition. We are hoping to present the awards at the December chapter meeting and will find a way to deliver the awards to those recipients who do not attend the meeting.

During our October meeting, we announced that all primary officers of the chapter were willing to continue in their positions for another year. We also asked for nominations for primary and secondary officer positions but did not receive any. The current status of chapter officers is as follows:

Director – Mike Coco

Assistant Director – Tim Jones

Secretary – Christina Copeland

Treasurer – George Turner

LOH Officer – Karen Blomberg is stepping down and there are no nominations for this position.

Membership Officer – Luanne Jones

Merchandise Officer – Christina Copeland

Safety Officer – Ken Higginbotham

Webmaster – Lyn Guffee

Editor – Ray Keiper

Volunteer Coordinator Officer – Mike Coco

Confirmation of officers will be announced at the November chapter meeting and posted in the November/December chapter newsletter.

Rides and events completed or scheduled to date:

DATE	EVENT
9/1/20	CHAPTER MEETING
9/3/20	BIKE NIGHT AT TIMMS
9/15/20	RIDE: ROSMAN LOOP
9/19/20	RIDE: LEAP FROG
9/26/20	RIDE: SULLY'S @ BREVARD NC
10/1/20	BIKE NIGHT AT TIMMS
10/6/20	CHAPTER MEETING
10/17/20	RIDE: CHEROHALA SKYWAY
10/20/20	LOH MEETING
10/31/20	RIDE: MAGGIE VALLEY
10/25/20	RIDE: BUB LOLLIS/WHITTEN CENTER
11/3/20	CHAPTER MEETING

11/7/20	RIDE TO THE ROCK RESTAURANT
11/8/20	RIDE: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN 14 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIDE TO RICHARD CAMPBELL VETERANS HOME
11/17/20	LOH MEETING
11/21/20	RIDE TO LAKE LURE NC
11/27/20	BLACK FRIDAY AT TIMMS
11/29/20	TOYS FOR TOTS TOY RUN
12/1/20	CHAPTER MEETING
12/12/20	LOH CHRISTMAS PARTY & RIDE TO BRASSTOWN BBQ GATHERING PLACE
12/15/20	LOH MEETING (cancelled)

Keep an eye on our website calendar ([electriccityhog.com](http://electriccityhog.com)) and our group Facebook page (Harley Owners Group Electric City Chapter #4769) for these any other events that might be scheduled through the remainder of the year.

Thanks to all for being a part of this great group.

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon!

**Make this a great year.....Let's Ride!!**



## ***Thank you, Road Captains!***

**BY TIM JONES  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

When we come out to take a Chapter ride, it is for the enjoyment of having friends and companions to ride with as a group, with a willing Road Captain at the lead. We gather to ride and hopefully see some scenic roads and places, while the wind is in our faces and our hands are on the bars. It's what we do mostly, we ride!

As most have witnessed 2020 has been an off year for rides and activities for our Chapter, to say the least.

I generally make mention several times a year how important Road Captains are to our (or any) HOG Chapter. I truly hope we can retain those that have been and asked to be considered a Road Captain and have led us on some rides in the past. Yes, it does take some effort on the RC's part to be one, and as one I have a great appreciation for those that carry that title and perform that duty. Should anyone have a desire to become a Road Captain and lead the Chapter on a ride, you will be welcomed and supported by the officers and I'm sure the members as well. Contact any of the Primary officers should you have questions about becoming a Road Captain.

While on the topic of Road Captains, we have the vacant Head Road Captain position unfilled going into 2021 as well. Inquire within if interested in the position!

I hope we can continue to do a few rides while adhering to social distancing amongst all that is going on with the pandemic, and I have great appreciation for those that are patient and understanding in regards to it as to its ill effects on our Chapter activities.

**Here's to a better year in 2021! I hope to see you soon....and Let's Ride!!**

**2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG**



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## **Riding with the Safety Officer**

Safety Topic for Oct 2020.

Well, it's almost Thanksgiving and Christmas is within sight. If you're like me 2020 can't end too soon. I don't want to rush time along but this year seems like it has been going on forever and with the pandemic, so many hurricanes, and the election we need to get out of 2020 as fast as we can. So, having said that, I hope everyone is well and safe and will stay that way and maybe there will be a working vaccine soon.

It may be a good time to make a few comments about group riding since we are a group and we ride. When we are riding alone it's all about us and making sure we are prepared for vehicles around us and ready to take the necessary actions to avoid a collision. Well, the same is true with group riding but we also have to consider what we are doing and how it may affect the other riders. I've often said, "be predictable". That means try to avoid any action that may surprise your riding companions. Keep a steady speed, ride in your lane, signal your intentions when appropriate and generally be aware that they are counting on you not putting them in danger by making an unexpected maneuver.

Our bikes have so much technology for us to use these days it is easy to get distracted by the sound system, the GPS, or the other bells and whistles at our disposal. Technology is good to have and use for a more enjoyable ride but can spell disaster if we allow our focus to be taken away from the more important task of operating the motorcycle in an effective and safe manner. Please always keep in mind your responsibilities to your fellow riders and don't put them in difficult and dangerous situations because of your lack of attention.

Ride safe and I'll see you somewhere down the road. And remember, a better rider is a safer rider.

Ken Higginbotham



**ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769****Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Chapter Meeting**

**Meeting** called to order by Mike Coco

**Opening prayer** was given by George Turner

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mike Coco

**Roll Call (Luanne Jones)** Enrollment 90, Members Present 22, 0 guest

**Officers Reports****Mike Coco (Director)**

- **Welcome – Mike** welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Birthdays** – Pete
- **New Members** – Daniel Jones
- **Christmas Party** – December 19th at Tucker's.
- **Mileage Challenge** – Ends November 3rd. Please make sure to stop by Timms and have your mileage logged in.
- **Ride 365** – Ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see Rob at Timms to log your mileage.
- **Activities:**
  - **Cherohala Skyway Ride:** 9AM, 330 Miles with Lunch Stop
  - **Maggie Valley Ride**
  - **Bub Lollis Whiten Center Ride:** 11AM
  - **Bike Night** – October 29<sup>th</sup>: Halloween theme
  - **Veterans Tribute @Timms** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11AM – 5PM Volunteers Needed
  - **Black Friday @Timms:** November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7AM – 1PM. Volunteers Needed
  - **LOH Christmas Party:** December 12th

**George Turner (Treasurer's Report)**

- HOG Balance: \$2,301.36
- LOH Balance: \$248.13

**Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)**

- **LOH Meeting** – September 15<sup>th</sup> at Sue's

**(Head Road Captain)**

- **9/12 Maggie Valley, NC:** Destination to be changed or cancelled
- **9/15 Rosman Loop:** David Barton, KSU@10AM.
- **9/19 Leap Frog Ride:** Mike Coco Ride Captain, KSU 10AM
- **9/26 Sully's Steamers in Brevard, NC:** Lisa McGinnity Ride Captain, KSU@10AM.

**Timms Representative (none present)**

**Drawings**

- **Chapter Pride:** Neil Wagner
- **Winner of \$25.00 gift card donated by Timms HD:** Luanne Jones
- **Door Prize Winners of \$20.00 gift cards:** Redman, Lyn

**Meeting adjourned**

**Submitted by Christina Copeland, Secretary**





**ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769**  
**Minutes of the October 6, 2020 Chapter Meeting**

**Meeting** called to order by Mike Coco

**Opening prayer** was given by Mike Coco

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mike Coco

**Roll Call (Luanne Jones)** Enrollment 90, Members Present 22, 0 guest

### Officers Reports

#### **Mike Coco (Director)**

- **Welcome – Mike** welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Birthdays** – Fish & Tim Jones
- **Christmas Party** – December 19 at Tucker's.
- **Officer's** – All current officers have agreed to continue for next year. The LOH Director is stepping down and we are looking for nominations for this position.
- **Mileage Challenge** – Ends November 3rd. Please make sure to stop by Timms and have your mileage logged in.
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#### **George Turner (Treasurer's Report)**

- George was absent.

#### **Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)**

- **LOH Meeting** – Meeting for October is on the 20th. We will be discussing the Christmas party. Karen is stepping down. We are looking for a new LOH Director.
- **Ladies events** – LOH Christmas Party, December 12th. Home of Lisa Coco at 2pm. Sign-up sheet circulating for potluck lunch. Events to be determined.

#### **Christina Copeland (Secretary)**

- We are taking orders for RED (Remember All Deployed) T-shirts. They are \$25, if you would like one please let me know.

**(Head Road Captain)**

- Rides are posted as scheduled.

**Timms Representative (none present)**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Submitted by Christina Copeland, Secretary**

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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?**





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### A Message from your Regional Manager

Greetings,

What a year, hard to imagine I am writing this and the trees in my yard are in full fall color, the maples in particular are absolutely breathtaking, especially the orange ones. As beautiful as they are and as much as I enjoy this time of year, it just seems so bitter sweet to have the riding season coming to an end way too soon. It does remind me that I need to get those last mileage readings in to get full credit for the riding I did.

By the time you read this we will have registration open for our 2021 HOG Rallies, get out and plan your next adventure for not only you but your chapter. Remember some of your chapter has never experienced a rally or an overnight trip, use it as a way to build that deep attachment to motorcycling, give your chapter a memory that will last a lifetime on the way to and from a rally as well as while there.

A lot of chapters have been using destination challenges instead of group rides recently and I am so proud of the creativity you all brought into it and happy to see your members posting on social media all the fun places you have been sending them. Don't forget that the 10 for 20 rides end on December 31<sup>st</sup> as well as your chance to get your poker chip so make sure you get your pictures submitted in time.

I know I have asked all of you to confirm your email address in your member profile on the HOG website, but after I sent my email to all of you last month you would not imagine I had nearly 100 rejected emails, please get out and update your information, remember this is how we communicate to you and your dealer, so help them get updated as well. Thank you for all you do for HOG and Harley-Davidson.

Hope to see you on the road in '21!

Pete



#### **PETE SCHWAB**

H.O.G. Regional Manager – Southeast/West  
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### **Regional Officer Connection 2021**

The Regional Officer Connection sessions will be back in 2021. Due to the uncertainty of our future related to COVID, we will again conduct R.O.C. sessions online. The feedback we received on the online sessions was very positive and the team is looking forward to 'seeing' you all again. The H.O.G.® team is underway developing the curriculum for next year. Sessions will be held early next year in the first quarter. Exact dates and registration info will be forthcoming soon.



### **H.O.G.® Rallies 2021 – Touring & Regional**

Yes, we know you're looking forward to riding more miles in 2021 just as we are. A great opportunity to ride, is to ride to one of the H.O.G.® Rallies in 2021. Check out the [Rally Map on H-D.com/HOG](https://www.hog.org/rally-map) for the H.O.G.® Regional & Touring Rallies scheduled for 2021. Additional details will be added as planning continues.



### **Ride 365 – Year End Approaching**

Yes, unfortunately for some of us, the riding season may be coming to end soon, bummer. As that end nears, remember to get a mileage reading at your local Harley-Davidson® dealership. And you lucky Harley riders that are able to ride year-round, you too remember to get a final mileage reading for the year before December 31st. This will ensure your mileage for the year is counted towards the Ride 365 Annual and Chapter Contests.

It is a best practice to get multiple mileage readings throughout the year in addition to the first reading early in the riding season and the last reading late in the riding season before the end of the calendar year.



### **H.O.G.® Custom Merchandise**

Looking for a way to encourage riders to be a part of your chapter? Look no further than [www.norscothogstore.com](http://www.norscothogstore.com). or check out the latest catalog. Great items are immediately available. Customizable chapter merchandise is easily created on demand by adding chapter names to many more articles than are shown. These items make great rewards for your members being active and participating. Also, take a look at the section on garage art or she shed options including banners, flags and all sorts of gifts.

### **CHAPTER OFFICER TIP(s)**

Frequently, questions arise from officers whether new to the role or seasoned. Remember your first (and best) source of information will be the Chapter Charter and Handbook. Be sure to share these with your new officers as well.

To ensure that you'll continue to receive H.O.G.® Officer Connection and have the ability to register for next year's Regional Officer Connection, be sure to have your contact

information (including your current e-mail address) up to date in your membership profile on the H.O.G. website.



## **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 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

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KEN	HIGGINBOTHAM	864-313-5178
TIM	JONES	803-463-9758
RAY	KEIPER	864-353-8993
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
PAM	WAITEKUS	518-281-8763
KAREN	BLOMBERG	401-226-6511
CHRISTINA	COPELAND	864-518-4735





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