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ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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A New Millennium

BY Mike Coco

Director- 2020 EC HOG



From the Director

It's hard to believe but two months have already passed since we brought in the year 2020. This is my first attempt at writing the Newsletter so let me know if you have any feedback.

Our chapter is off to a great start with 73 members signed as of February 22nd.

Thanks to Luanne Jones on volunteering to handle Membership along with the Merchandise sales.

We have quite a few previous members sign back up and several new members that have joined our group for the first time.

Speaking of new members, if you are one of the seasoned members, take the time to introduce yourself when you meet a new member and invite them to join you in an activity, even if it's just sitting together at a chapter meeting. The more comfortable people are, the more likely they are to remain a member and participate in events.

Remember that we all share a common thread in Harley Davidson but we can also find through conversations, that others have some of the same interests as we do and that's what it's all about.

We have had lots of great ideas submitted for rides and events and we currently have activities scheduled through May 16th of this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christina Copeland for stepping up and taking on the role of Activities Officer along with her Secretary role.

Remember to keep checking our website, electriccityhog.com and our Facebook page, Harley Owners Group Electric City Chapter #4769 for schedules and updates on any events. On May 30th, there will be a class on accident scene management which will be instructed by a representative of the ASM/Road Guardians group. The class will be an 8 hour class with lunch provided and will train on first aid, CPR, and what to do at an accident scene until help arrives and is taught by certified instructors and medical professionals. The class is open to anyone and several of our Road Captains have signed up.

One change we made this year for the Mileage Challenge is that the ECHOG officers are no longer recording your start and stop mileage. This year you will take your bike to our sponsor dealership, Timms, and have Rob or Hank in the Service department, verify and log your miles in their system. The challenge starts on the day of the February chapter meeting (2/4/20) and ends on the day of the November chapter meeting (11/3/20). So have fun and RIDE!

One change that Timms made for this year is that they will hold less Bike Nights this year and they will be from 6 PM – 9 PM starting in May (5/7/20) and ending in October (10/1/20). They will still schedule them the first Thursday of the month, May through October and we will be looking for gate duty volunteers for Bike Nights and other events at Timms throughout the year. We are planning on another great year of partnering with the Timms team to hold events and increase awareness of our chapter with the dealership's help.

Our February 22nd chapter Chili Cook Off at Timms was a good example of our partnership with the dealership to hold an event that increases exposure to both that chapter and to Timms who provided the venue and many supplies to make it happen. Of course, it could not have happened without the volunteers who made chili and some yummy deserts that were sold by our LOH group during the cook off. The chapter raised \$215.00 for our charity, Calvary Home for Children and the LOH group raised \$137.00 for their charity, Quilts of Valor. For results of the Chili Cook Off, see our Facebook page.

I will close by thanking each and everyone one of you for your help and participation in making this chapter a great one. This includes all the folks that are listed on the following pages plus the entire membership who just by signing up or showing up, make our chapter what it is.

Remember, sign up for text alerts for all activities, check our website on a regular basis (we are working on updates) and check the two chapter Facebook pages, Harley Owners Group Electric City Chapter #4769 (members only) and Electric City HOG Chapter #4769 Historical Records (public).

Mike Coco

Director

ECHOG Group

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



WHY ELECTRIC CITY?

**BY: TIM JONES
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

Did you ever wonder how the nickname we wear on our patches, shirts, vests, etc. came to be?

For over a century now, the names Electric City and Anderson have been synonymous. Electric City has a proud history of being used by numerous clubs, organizations and events as a recognizable name for happenings in and around Anderson. Well, there is a history:

1895

Electricity was generated and transmitted six miles from an experimental hydroelectric station on Rocky River into the city of Anderson, the first such transmission in the Southeast.

1897

Electricity was generated and transmitted eleven miles from Portman Shoals Hydroelectric Station on the Savannah River into the city of Anderson, another first.

1897

Oliver Bolt connected his cotton gin to this new source of power, becoming the first gin in the world to operate by electricity.

1898

Anderson Cotton Mill connected to the new power generated by Portman Shoals becoming one of the first major industries in the Southeast to be operated by electricity.

1901

The General Robert Anderson Fountain was placed into operation near the courthouse, becoming the second fountain with underwater lighting in the nation. The fountain is still in operation and is currently located at the Anderson County Museum.

1914

A potential giant in the hydroelectric business, Duke Power Company, bought Anderson Water, Light and Power Company, thus solidifying Anderson's connection to the generation of electricity, and forever tying

the names of Electric City and Anderson together. Information provided by Don Williams

Thanks to the historical innovation of Anderson engineer William Whitner, electricity could be conducted by wire to mills throughout the county. Anderson was the first city in the United States to have a continuous supply of electric power, which was supplied by a water mill located in the high shoals area of the Rocky River in Anderson County.

So when you show your pride in being a member of the Electric City HOG Chapter 4769, remember our name has a heritage to be proud of as well.

(reprinted from May 2014 newsletter).

Tim Jones

New 2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Safety Officer

SAFETY OFFICER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FEB 2020

Pretty soon we will be laying down some miles as we do some serious springtime riding. The cold temperatures and endless rain has really put a damper on opportunities to ride this winter and hopefully we're going to turn the corner in a few weeks, pun intended. And, with spring, comes daylight saving time which means it will get light later in the morning and stay light later in the evening. One thing that we need to be aware of is the position of the sun when we are riding. Both, how it affects us and how it affects other drivers. Not just when the time changes but all the time.

Riding into the sun is always a challenge because our motorcycles don't have sun visors and when the sun is seemingly rising or setting on the highway that big ole ball of fire makes it difficult to see what's ahead and what's coming at you. There aren't many fixes for this but one thing I've found is that I can use the visor on my helmet to block some of the rays and help with my vision. We also need to understand that when the sun is in the eyes of oncoming traffic those drivers may have a very tough time seeing a motorcycle since it's real easy for us to blend into the sun. Using your high beam headlight(s) may help a little so always run with high beams on during the day. We have also talked about drivers going through red lights and how we should look both ways before we proceed forward when we have the green. Well this is even more important when those drivers are driving into the sun. They may just simply not see the red light.

You and I both know that we have to be on high alert when riding because vehicle drivers make mistakes, take chances, and drive distracted. Sun blindness just exacerbates that, not to mention that some folks can't drive anyway. So, keep your eyes open, your head on a swivel, your brain on red alert mode, and try to keep an escape route mentality. It may just make the difference in whether you make it home next time.

And remember to practice your skills. A better rider is a safer rider.

Stay safe out there and I hope to see you on the road soon.

Ken



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

January 7, 2020

Electric City HOG Monthly Chapter Meeting

Tim Jones opened the meeting and introduced Mike Coco as the new Director. Mike gave a short introduction and welcomed all the members to the new year with ECHOG.

George Turner lead the members in prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

Tim Jones welcomed the new members to the group: David Dewey, Tim Rogers, Steve Sawyer, Mark Sherman. There were 50 members in attendance.

New Officer Line up:

- Director: Mike Coco
- Asst. Dir & Photographer: Tim Jones
- Secretary / LOH Road Captain – Christina Copeland (Lady Rider)
- Treasurer / Chaplin– George Turner
- LOH Officer – Karen Blomberg (Lady Rider)
- Safety Officer/Web Calendar – Ken Higginbotham
- Membership/Merchandise/Historian – Luanne Jones (Lady Rider)
- Webmaster – Lyn Guffee
- Editor – Ray Keiper
- Head Road Captain – Open
- Activities – Christina Copeland
- Volunteer Coordinator - Open

Christmas Party for December? Friday 12/11 or Saturday 12/19?

Members elected Saturday 12/19 for the party.

George Turner stated that HOG Bal is \$188.16 and LOH \$34.42.

Mileage Challenge: Timm's will be keeping up with mileage this year. First day to log mileage is February 4th.

Last day for mileage is November 3rd.

Request submissions for ride and activity suggestions.


Karen Blomberg announced that Karen Collins will be at the LOH meeting to talk to the ladies about the Women's Freedom Ride taking place in June of this year.

Member Pride

50/50

Adjourn

Submitted by Christina Copeland -- Secretary



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

February 4, 2020
Electric City HOG Monthly Chapter Meeting

Mike Coco opened and welcomed the members.

George Turner lead the members in prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.
There were 45 members plus 3 guests and a Timm's liaison in attendance.

Gerald Sloan from Road Guardians came to talk to the group about Accident Scene Management course and Advanced First Aid Program. Website: Roadguardians.org Members are looking at May 30th class.

Tim Jones talked about HOG.com and Ride 365 for Ride Challenges and Calendar events. Mileage Challenge: Timm's will be keeping up with mileage this year. First day to log mileage is February 4th. Last day for mileage is November 3rd.

Chili Cookoff – Feb 22nd asking for entries.

George Turner stated that HOG Bal is \$1,467.91 and LOH \$74.42.

Request submissions for ride and activity suggestions.

Karen Blomberg thanked everyone for attending the LOH meeting with Karen Collins. Ten ladies have signed up to Bake for the Bake Sale. Valentine's Luncheon February 16th at Carson's 12:30. Road Captains meeting at Karen's 6pm. LOH Comedy show in March in Abbeville.

Luanne – Membership name tags, please let her know if you need to order. HOG Merchandise available for purchase.

Road Captains will meet after meeting.

Member Pride
50/50

Erika talked about Timm's and did trivia for Gift Cards.

John Munns suggested a new PA system be purchased for HOG Chapter.

Adjourn
Submitted by Christina Copeland -- Secretary

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/>

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

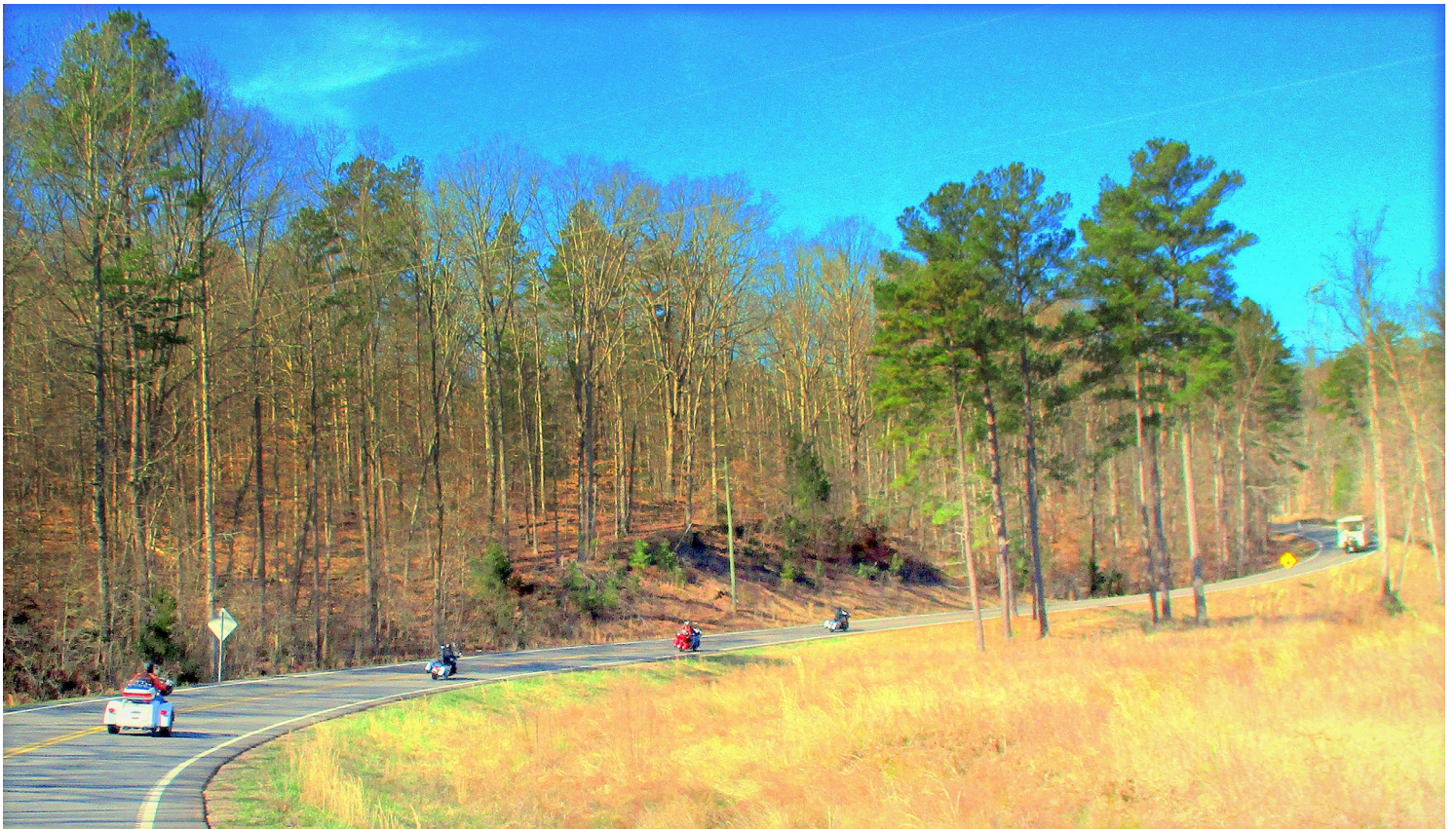
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**THE CLUB IS LOOKING FOR A NEW HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN, AN ACTIVITIES OFFICER
 AND FOR A BIKE NIGHT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR 2020.**





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