



The H.O.G. Tells

ELECTRIC CITY CHAPTER #4769

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A New Millennium

BY Mike Coco

Director- 2020 EC HOG

From the Director
Mike Coco
July/August Newsletter Submission

Well we have all made it through two thirds of what has been a very different year and I hope that you all stay healthy and enjoy the rest of the year and beyond.

Although this year has been one like no other we have seen, our membership numbers were surprisingly high with current membership at 90 members. It has been a challenge to schedule rides and events especially with the social guidelines changing on a continual basis. Even so, we have managed to plan and complete about 20 rides, including two LOH rides this year despite the ebb and flow of cancellations. There were many non-sanctioned rides and get togethers that occurred that were attended by our members who managed their own social guidelines to stay safe and continue to make connections within the chapter.

One event that we look forward to each year is the annual Electric City HOG Christmas party at Tucker's restaurant. We are in the planning stages of that event and are contacting all members through monthly meeting sign-up sheets, posting the event on our group Facebook page asking for response, and sending email invites to all members.

Hope to see you all there.

It is also that time of year to start thinking of next year's positions for keeping our chapter going and nominating yourself or others that you feel may be a good fit for any of the following positions:

Director
Assistant Director
Secretary
Treasurer
LOH Officer
Membership Officer
Merchandise Officer
Safety Officer
Webmaster

Editor

Volunteer Coordinator Officer

*Contact any officer for more details on these positions or to nominate yourself or someone else.

Upcoming Rides and events that are 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
10/24/20	RIDE: MAGGIE VALLEY
10/25/20	RIDE: BUB LOLLIS/WHITTEN CENTER
10/29/20	BIKE NIGHT AT TIMMS
11/3/20	CHAPTER MEETING
11/7/20	VETERANS TRIBUTE AT TIMMS
11/8/20	RIDE: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN 14 TH ANNUAL RIDE TO RICHARD CAMPBELL VETERANS HOME
11/17/20	LOH MEETING
11/27/20	BLACK FRIDAY AT TIMMS
12/1/20	CHAPTER MEETING
12/12/20	LOH CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/15/20	LOH MEETING
12/19/20	CHAPTER CHRISTAMS PARTY

Keep an eye on our website calendar (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.

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon!

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



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769



Legend of the Bell

BY TIM JONES

Asst. Director

So, have you heard about the bell??

According to legend, the “open road” isn’t really as open as you’d like it to be. Rather, it is inhabited by countless “road gremlins,” dispatched by evil spirits to wreak havoc on you and your motorcycle. Some say these gremlins are the source of all the mishaps and mayhem that sometimes make your ride less than perfect.

Fortunately, there’s a defense against these invisible little evil doers. It’s called a “ride bell,” a powerful weapon in the battle against bad luck. If you don’t already have one yourself, chances are you’ve seen one on somebody else’s bike. Or maybe you haven’t, as they’re attached to the bike somewhere inconspicuous.

No one is exactly quite sure how they work – different theories abound. One is that the gremlins are attracted to the pleasant sound,

but then become trapped inside the bell, where the constant ringing drives them crazy. Eventually, they drop to the ground and, according to some, that’s where potholes come from.

However, they work, everyone seems to agree on one important thing about ride bells: Sure, you can buy one for yourself, but their power is *doubled* when you receive one as a gift.

Will having a ride bell prevent you from ever experiencing bad luck on the road? We can’t guarantee that. We *can*, however, say for certain that your troubles will *not* be caused by invisible evil spirits.

Whether you believe the legend or not, a ride bell makes a great gift.

No matter if you’re the giver or the recipient, it’s a powerful token of friendship, respect, and affection.

As we fast approach the end of 2020, I wish everyone well in these historic times we are in and hope for a much better new year in 2021 !.

Attendance on what few rides we have had Road Captains for, along with attendance at Chapter meetings and activities speaks for itself as to today’s pandemic and negative effects on not only ours, but every Chapter in our state and country.

Mainly what I mostly miss is just getting together with our members to ride!

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Let’s Ride.

Tim J.

2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG



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Riding with the Safety Officer
Ken Higginbotham

Fall is here and we're seeing some cooler temperatures. If you're like me, you've had about enough of the heat. I'll take a few minutes to touch on a couple of issues to be aware of as the weather continues to cool off.

Take a good look at the tires and check the pressure. Your tires will lose 5 to 10 pounds of air pressure in fall and winter weather because cold air is more dense than warm air. Make sure to inflate them to the recommended levels. Always use the pressures published by the bike manufacturer not any that may be engraved on the tire. It is recommended that you check the pressures when the tires are cold as riding will cause the pressure to increase. The same is true for your other vehicles. You can find this information on the sticker or plaque on the inside of the door jam. Check the owner's manual or the sticker on the frame for pressure recommendations for your motorcycle. And, be aware, the front and rear pressures are usually not the same. While you're at it, look at the tread to see if you may be getting close to needing to replace a tire.

The second thing I'll mention is the loss of dexterity due to wearing heavier clothing (not to mention stiff bones and muscles). Bigger gloves can make it difficult to use levers and buttons on your motorcycle. This along with a heavy jacket and chaps will make your make your reaction times longer so you may need to anticipate braking or turning a little earlier. Keep these ideas in mind when dressing for a cold weather ride and maybe you'll be a little safer for it.

Remember to practice your riding skills. A better rider is a safer rider.
See you on the highway.

Ken Higginbotham



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

Minutes of the July 7, 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 88, Members Present 28, 0 guest

Officers Reports

Mike Coco (Director)

- **Welcome** – Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Birthdays** – April, May, June, July
- **New Members** – Larry Moore & Carolyn Locke
- **Christmas Party** – 148 days away!
- **Thank You** – Timm's HD for providing hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the meeting.

George Turner (Treasurer's Report)

- HOG Balance: \$2,277.64
- LOH Balance: \$149.42

Tim Jones (Assistant Director)

- **HOG Membership Rules**

Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – July 21st (only 4 at last meeting)

(Head Road Captain)

- **Road Captain Meeting to Follow Chapter Meeting**

Timms Representative (none present)

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Christina Copeland, Secretary



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Minutes of the August 4, 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 88, Members Present 25, 0 guest

Officers Reports

Mike Coco (Director)

- **Welcome** – Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Birthdays** – George Turner
- **New Members** – Tracy Moore

George Turner (Treasurer's Report)

- HOG Balance: \$2,387.64
- LOH Balance: \$248.13

Ken Higginbotham (Safety Officer)

- **Chapter Rides** – Ken has reminded us that before you show up for a ride you should make sure that your fuel tank is full. Check in with the Ride Captain when you arrive. Pay attention to the ride briefing. Always use hand signals. Single file through curves and construction areas. Trikes should be in the back of the line. Use breadcrumbs so that everyone arrives in the same place.

Karen Blomberg (LOH Report)

- **LOH Meeting** – August 18th at Sue's

(Head Road Captain)

- **8/8 Blue Ridge Parkway:** KH leads with KSU@9AM
- **8/11 Hot Springs, NC:** TJ leads with KSU@8:30
- **8/22 Clarksville, GA:** MC Leads with KSU@10AM
- **8/27 Pisgah Astro Center:** TJ leads with KSU@9AM
- **9/12 Maggie Valley, NC:** MC Leads with KSU@9AM

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,

First, thank you for supporting Harley-Davidson and the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.). This year has been challenging for all of us so your commitment to keeping things rolling to keep your chapter members engaged is appreciated. We've seen great new ideas for riding and having fun despite restrictions. If you need ideas, reach out to nearby chapters, or check chapter Facebook pages to see how other chapter members are getting creative.

As the days shorten and the weather turns cooler in many parts of the country, now is a good time to start thinking about encouraging your members to close out their RIDE365 mileage readings before the end of the year. And, don't forget to take advantage of our awards like 50 Rides One Nation challenge coins and the 10 for 20 poker chips. There is still plenty of time this year to check off more of those rides.

We have some exciting new rides in the works for 2021, as well as a full state of regional and touring rallies planned to get us all back out riding together. Stay tuned to next month's Officer email and *The Enthusiast* magazine in November for details.

Let's ride! Keep getting yourself and your chapter out riding. Again, if you need help just ask. Looking forward to 2021 and seeing you all back out on the road! Be careful out there.



PETE SCHWAB

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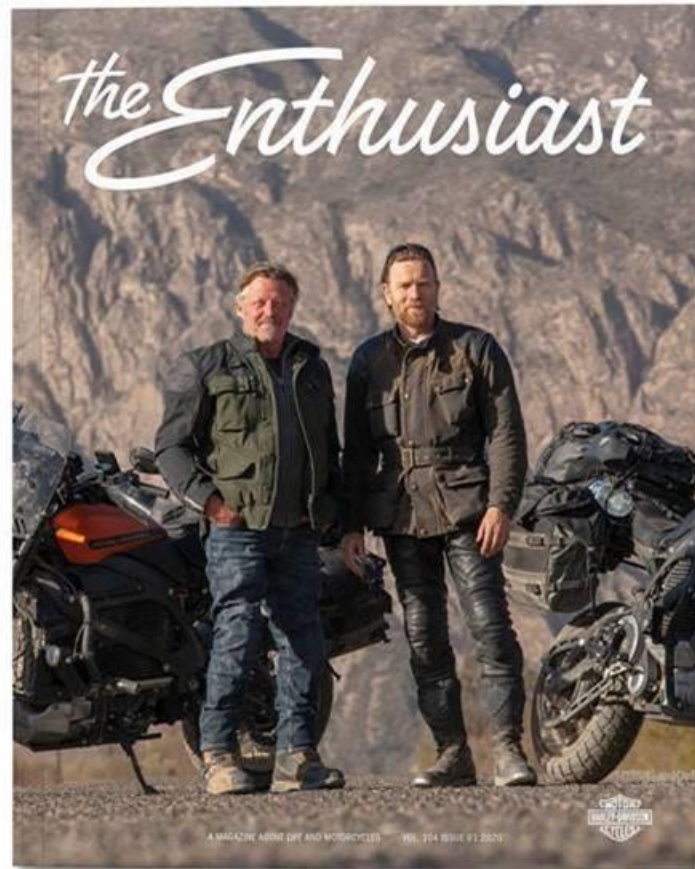


Keep your Chapter rolling to the end in the 2020 Mileage Challenge

Days are getting shorter, but there's still plenty of time left in this riding season to push your chapter over the finish line in the 2021 Ride 365 Chapter Mileage Challenge. Help your chapter members log more miles by organizing local rides and encouraging them to make sure to get a final annual mileage reading at your sponsoring dealership before the Dec. 31 deadline.

As an added incentive to get those miles logged, members who are also eligible H-D™ Visa® cardholders can earn up to 50,000 points and \$500 in cash rewards just for riding their motorcycle thanks to the H-D Visa Rewards Program. Visit [h-dvisa.com](https://www.h-dvisa.com) for full details. Of course, these miles also count towards your chapter and individual mileage programs.

The rewards for participating in RIDE365 go far beyond the miles amassed or the achievement of prizes. Riding is fuel for the soul, something we all need more of in these challenging times. Every mile counts so spread the word, and let's ride!



The Enthusiast Magazine Returns

By now the relaunched edition of *The Enthusiast* magazine should have arrived in your mailboxes. Returning to a storied name from our past, the magazine continues to be a showcase of motorcycle culture and the riding lifestyle as seen through the lens of the Harley-Davidson brand, bringing the rich experiences of our riders to life in print four times per year. The name and design have changed, but one thing hasn't: all Full and Life H.O.G. members continue to receive a complimentary subscription to *The Enthusiast* magazine as part of their membership benefits. Free App versions of the magazine are also available for iOS and Android phones and tablets. For more information and history about *The Enthusiast*, visit h-d.com/enthusiast.



Thank you for making Let's Ride a success

Thanks to all the chapters who answered our call to contribute rides to the Let's Ride program this summer. The rides you designed have helped build the Harley-Davidson Ride Planner tool into an incredible resource for riders seeking adventures and exploration on the best roads our beautiful country has to offer, and it's another great resource at your disposal to help create great riding experiences for yourself and your members. Explore it at h-d.com/rideplanner.



Ride 365 Awards are in the mail

Challenge coins and poker chip awards for members who have participated in 50 Rides, One Nation and the annual 10 for 20 Rides Challenges of the Ride 365 program are being mailed out on a regular basis.

There are still plenty of days left this year to complete these rides and earn the rewards, so encourage your members to take advantage of the program and earn those rewards!

Top Chapters by Total Mileage*

- Fort Lauderdale Florida Chapter 976,392
- Derby City Chapter, Louisville, KY 634,043
- El Cajon California Chapter 475,988

Top Chapters by Average Miles per Member*

- Ottumwa Chapter Southeast, Iowa 24,590
- Loma Linda California Chapter 7,993

- Iron Horse Chapter, Durango, CO 6,871

*Results as of 9/15/20

CHAPTER TIP

Is your dealer using their complimentary H.O.G. Memberships?

Did you know every dealership that sponsors a H.O.G. Chapter is entitled to receive two complimentary Full annual memberships? These memberships can be used for the sponsoring dealer principal, general manager, or any other dealership staff member, including H.O.G. chapter managers. To ensure you are taking advantage of this benefit, please confirm your dealer's designated memberships in your chapter profile in the H.O.G. Management system on HDNet.

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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!!

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And our Lady
Road Captains

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