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A New Millennium

BY Mike Coco

Director- 2020 EC HOG



From the Director,

With the current state of the union as it is, I won't use this forum to belabor what we already know but will just start by saying that **I am confident there are better days ahead.**

The unprecedented times we have recently lived through have no doubt put the words anxiety and uncertainty in the forefront of describing people's feelings, especially those that are on the front lines of this battle. We salute them and hope that someday we'll once again be able to show our appreciation with a hug.

There has not been a lot of events this calendar year that our chapter could attend as a group but as I write this note, the Governor of our state is opening up restaurants for dine in and dine out. This means there is a good chance we will have a June chapter meeting and there is be a confirmation sent out later this month. With the staged openings of many businesses in South Carolina and surrounding states, it should also provide the opportunity to plan rides and events going forward into this year. More to come!

Speaking of events, we had several chapter members sign up for the May 30th accident scene training course as instructed by ASM Road Guardians group. At this writing, that course has been confirmed and the venue will be open for the class to take place with social distancing. An email has been sent out to all of those that signed up to confirm the class date and time.

I have asked that the Regional Officer Connection newsletter be included in our newsletter as it is also an interesting read on current events and the closing events from last year.

Take care, stay safe and hope to see you all soon.

Mike Coco
Director
ECHOG Group

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



A LONGING FOR GROUP RIDING

**BY: TIM JONES
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

May 11, 2020

In these historic times (and praying they fade and do not become repetitive times) it has given most all of us time to do some reflecting on lots of things.

For me, while finding some time to do a bit of proper safe and social distancing on my motorcycle (where I do my best reflecting), I have been able to keep some sanity with a little wind in my face. I respect those that made the decision to stay home during the pandemic. I love living in the land of the free!

I do miss our HOG group activities as much as anyone. The large group riding portion for sure, but of course, having some great eating establishments as a riding destination has been greatly missed by me as well, maybe you too?

Proper Social Distancing has shown me a thing or two. I have packed a lunch, found a destination along a mountain lake, once in a vacant church parking lot perched on a high hill and a few other scenic, out of the way places to have a nice and peaceful lunch. Even with these pleasing places to take a break along the ride, it has shown me that is still not so much the destination that counts, it is the ride. Actually, I'm starting to enjoy these lunches I pack myself! Maybe we need to plan more of these.

I do have a longing for our Chapter Group Rides to become active again. At this writing, our riding activities have been halted ever since the Governor's first orders.

I look forward to some great times with our HOG group in 2020. Freaky weather has sure been in the mix lately. Let's hope we have encountered enough historic road and ride blocking events for one year!

One other thing I have been shown while out doing some safe distancing and riding, these times do not make riding any safer, and maybe even worse. Drivers out on the road since and during the quarantine seem to feel they are the only ones using the road. One thing that I have not missed is seeing the frequent reports of "biker down" on the Upstate Facebook web site.

Please do not let your guard down when out riding and remember to watch out for others not watching out for you on the road.

Thanks for everyone's patience and understanding with our Chapter while we do our best to take proper precautions and safely get back to business...the RIDING business, and Let's Ride.

Tim J.

New 2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Safety Officer

From the Chapter Safety Officer:

Is it just me or are drivers getting crazier? It seems to me they are taking more unnecessary chances than usual and driving faster than ever. I'm seeing people cutting others off with surprising frequency. I was driving on Clemson Blvd a few days ago and there were three cars weaving in and out of traffic and "shooting the gap" with the smallest margin for error. Very impressive, NOT. Also, I was on Hwy 24 rolling with the flow of traffic at a few miles per hour over the speed limit of 45 when this guy blew by me doing at least 75. Funny thing was the next vehicle coming up in my rear view had blue lights and a siren. Nailed him.

Why are they in such a hurry? With the Coronavirus we haven't able to go anywhere so why do you need to get nowhere in record time? I guess the whole thing is starting to stress people out and they're trying to prove something by showing the rest of us by their version of a "fly by". When I have gone out, I've found myself taking the long way and usually not going back the same way I came whether I'm on the bike, in the car, or the truck. It feels good not to be in a hurry. I'm starting to like it.

I do hope that you've found some time to ride while all of this has been going on. We've had some really nice weather for it, especially after all of the rain we saw over the past several months. And, for those of you who have found themselves with an abundance of leisure time, I hope you've taken some opportunities to work on your riding skills. As you know, there are no new safety ideas or tips, just good old common sense, paying attention, and trying to stay one step ahead of the next bozo who's trying to kill you.

Please be alert at all times regardless of what you're riding/driving and don't take dumb chances with your life or anyone else's. Live free, ride free, and live to ride tomorrow. See you on the highway.

Ken

KEEP SAFE KEEP STRONG ... WE WILL RIDE AGAIN



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

March meeting cancelled due to COVID-19



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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/>

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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THE CLUB IS LOOKING FOR A NEW HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN AND FOR A BIKE NIGHT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR 2020.









A Message from your Regional Manager

There's no doubt we're living in 'interesting' times. Safe practices have put a damper on many aspects of our lives – including getting together with our chapter members and going for a ride. But we can also use this time to plan rides and events for when we're able to get back out on the road. The best way to do that is to keep in touch with your fellow Chapter officers and members. See what ideas they have and where they would like to go when it's time to get together as a group again. Whether it's on social media, video chats or just picking up the phone to say Hello, take the time to stay connected. It's not just good for planning, it's also the best way to get through these challenging times.

Here in Milwaukee we continue to review options for upcoming rallies, events, and H.O.G. Check-Ins. As things evolve, we will keep you updated on any changes. So, for now stay safe, keep a light heart, and look out for one another. As always, I'll see you down the road.



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