



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,

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.**

If you read our March/April newsletter, that opening statement above probably looks very familiar. Well I am using that opening again because I continue to be confident in our future even though it seems we are on the Corona roller coaster. I am encouraged by the expected trends.

Despite the restrictions and ups and downs we have all experienced, we have increased our membership and am proud to say that at this writing we have 88 members in our family and hope that through the rest of the year, we can all participate in one event or another.

Speaking of events, our Road Captains are looking closely at their personal schedules and hoping to lead a ride or two in the near future. No rides are scheduled yet in July but we do have three on schedule for August and one for September.

Date	Day of the Week	Destination	KSU
8/11/20	Tuesday	Hot Springs NC	8:30 AM
8/22/20	Saturday	Clarksville GA	10 AM
8/27/20	Thursday	Pisgah Astro Center NC	9 AM
9/12/20	Saturday	Maggie Valley TN	9 AM

There are also events at Timms HD that some of our members are helping out with and all are invited. These include Bike Nights on the first Thursday of the month through October and a few other events thrown in. Check Timms website or the calendar posted in the ECHOG area of the dealership.

We are planning to have our August chapter meeting at Fuddruckers once again and more details will be posted on what social distancing measures are in place including limiting the capacity of the room we use.

Also, keep an eye on our Facebook page and text messages for notices of rides that may be scheduled with short notice. Who knows, you may just want to get out and join one!

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

Mike Coco
Director
ECHOG Group

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



What will be the new normal?

BY: TIM JONES
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

July 15, 2020

Being that our Chapter is based upon being a riding club indicates two things. Riding, which is at our core, and club which means more than one person doing something in common together, and that brings in the “social” part of what we do.

Covid19 has attacked us on our social front, while riding seems to be one of the perfect things to do while social distancing.

Where we evolve to as to group riding once again is high on my curiosity watchlist for sure, along with all other things we do as a group affected

by this pandemic.

I have enjoyed several rides to the mountains, had a few friends along and had a great ride just riding. Stopping for bathroom breaks when needed, if not able to utilize mother nature’s surroundings (lol), is pretty much the only time I felt threatened as to my safety by being in contact with others. Taking proper precautions help lower that risk greatly.

From witnessing turnout for meetings, I get the feeling many are not comfortable mixing and mingling even with proper distancing in

place these days. I respect those that wish to be cautious, just as we say when it comes to riding “ride your own ride”.

I hope to see my fellow HOG members able to ride comfortably again when it comes to the current environmental hazards being dealt with by all. Heck, we have enough hazards out on two wheels already, we did not need any more! At the beginning of the pandemic, I was pleased to be able to ride with hardly any traffic to contend with, but that didn’t last long and when the traffic returned it was obvious folks had

evolved to a state of horror as to being mindful and respectful of others on the road. To make a long story short, it is still extremely dangerous out there, especially if you are on two wheels.

Thanks to all our Road Captains for their willingness to lead rides when able, and I look

forward to seeing rides on our calendar once again. Without someone willing to take the lead, there will be none. Please share your gratitude to the Road Captain who may be leading the ride you're on for their donation of time to do so.

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.

2020 Assistant Director – Electric City HOG



Riding with the Safety Officer

From the Chapter Safety Officer:

Personal responsibility. What a concept? It seems to me that people just don't take responsibility for their actions these days. There's always some excuse for why something went awry. As most of you know, I believe that each of us is responsible for our own safety. That is not to say that we can avoid every bad thing from happening but I do think that almost everything is preventable either by me or someone else. A motorcycle crash is virtually always caused by something someone does or doesn't do. And, if someone causes them, someone can also prevent them.

At Michelin, we often heard, "Safety is no Accident". There is a twofold meaning there, if we don't have an accident then we are safe, but it also means, if we consciously take the actions necessary to stay safe we won't have an accident. So it is imperative that, as motorcycle riders, we take those necessary actions. Obviously, there may be times when there is nothing we can do to avoid an incident which means someone else did something that caused an accident that we could not prevent. But we can prevent any accident that we may cause and some caused by others if we take the needed precautions.

The first action that I think of is being alert. Doing everything possible to be aware of what is going on around us. Doing our best to minimize surprises. Removing distractions from

the bike or vehicle. That may mean turn off the music or stop screwing around with all of the technology that we have at our disposal now days.

Secondly, being prepared comes to mind. Just like a Boy Scout. Equipping ourselves with all of the knowledge and protection that we can. That, of course, includes continually improving our riding skills by practicing, taking instruction, reading, and learning. Try to anticipate what could happen and formulate a plan, know your escape route, watch, listen, and position ourselves to provide the maximum amount of margin for error.

The third thought is knowing my current skill level. Most of us think we are better than we really are. We need to be realistic about our abilities and avoid unnecessary risks or situations that may be beyond our capability to navigate. Staying out of other drivers' blind spots, keeping our speed under control, not riding/driving when we are too tired, sleepy, cold, hot, under the influence.

There is lots more to say about avoiding or preventing accidents but most readers have already lost interest by now so I'll finish this off.

Assume personal responsibility for your own safety. Largely because you can depend on someone else to do it.

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.

KEEP SAFE KEEP STRONG ... WE WILL RIDE AGAIN



ELECTRIC CITY HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #4769

May meeting cancelled due to COVID-19



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June 2020 Chapter Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome!
2. George Turner: Opening Prayer
3. Pledge to the flag.
4. Luanne: Attendance and total Member count
5. New members (In attendance or not)
6. Birthdays in April, May or June
7. Timms Representative: TBD
8. Other guests:
9. Anything to add from officers:
 - A. Tim (Assistant Director)
 - B. Christina (Secretary/Activities Officer)
 - C. Karen Blomberg (LOH)
 - D. Luanne (Membership/Merchandise)
 - E. George (Treasurer)
 - F. Ken (Safety Officer)
 - G. Road Captains

Open Positions:

- A. Head Road Captain
- B. Bike Night Volunteer Coordinator

10. March-April Newsletter on web. Thanks Ray.
11. Special thanks to Ken for all the calendar changes.
12. Activities:
 - A. Bike Nights June through October.
There will be an event on Saturday August 29th. Timms needs our help. See Volunteer sheet.
 - B. Mileage Challenge February 4th meeting thru November 3rd meeting. You must log your start and end miles with Timms (Rob). Next year our chapter challenge will start February 2 thru November 2.
 - C. Crash Course May 30th 9 AM – 5 PM.
Christina Copeland
Cheryl Sanders
Kathy Miller
Mark Miller
John Munns
David Barton
Neil Wagner
Tim Jones

Mike Coco

D. Christina: Current list of rides/activities to propose and Road Captains meet after this meeting. Submit requests anytime or at the meeting. Let's support our community and local businesses.

E. Please submit suggestions for rides and activities. FEEDBACK tab on website works – Thanks Lyn. New sheet passed around.

- 13. Membership ticket drawings**
- 14. 50/50 Raffle.**
- 15. Any other questions or comments?**
- 16. ADJOURN**

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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?



National HOG Newsletter from our Regional Manager

A Message from your Regional Manager

I sincerely hope you and your chapter members are enjoying the fresh air and putting miles on, whether in groups or solo, because riding motorcycles is why we joined H.O.G. We are having great weather here in Wisconsin and I have been enjoying some time riding with my wife on weekends, which has been really nice. Working from home these past few months has also allowed me to mentor a few friends in their riding journey, which is also a blessing.

In the past few weeks we began a series of informational sessions with dealers and officers. The first one was dedicated to Ride 365 and helping everyone understand the programs that all fall under it. The plan is to conduct more of these in the coming months and to keep them short, about 30 minutes or so and to the point. If you or any of your fellow officers missed this one and need a follow up, let me know and we will set something up.

I also want to say "Well Done!" to all the chapters that are flourishing with new ideas, challenge rides, using Ride 365 rewards, online meetings, etc. to keep members motivated, connected and out riding, this is super exciting and your chapters are enjoying it, I can tell from the pictures on FB!

In closing, follow the 2 and a half rules we talk about, as well as federal, state and local and dealership policies related to COVID-19, riding and socializing. That is all we require of you. No special permission from us needed, just do the right thing as always and let your dealer guide you.

I look forward to getting back on the road with all of you. Thank you for all you do for H.O.G. and your chapters.

PETE SCHWAB
H.O.G. Regional Manager - Southeast/West
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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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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

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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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