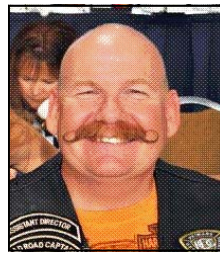




HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP OF CLAYTON COUNTY # 0809
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A Word from Our Director



Wow! The January meeting was a great success with a large number of people there to renew their Clayton County HOG membership.

By the end of the meeting we had over 70 people complete their paperwork and pay their dues on site, or they had already done so at the dealership. As of this writing we have 80 members, and several of them are new. Thank you so much for being prompt in taking care of the "business" side of our HOG Chapter. Thank you also goes to our Membership Officer Stephanie for setting up at the meeting and recruiting volunteers to help her. For those of you who didn't register, you can do so at the next meeting or stop by the Harley Davidson of Clayton County and take care of it.

During our meeting we talked extensively about upcoming rides and many of them are already on the Clayton County HOG website. Just click on the calendar at the top left hand corner of the page and you can see what we have coming up. We will continue to have the ever popular Wednesday night dinner rides, day rides on weekends, overnights and of course attending rally's or bike events.

I will be leading a ride to the Louisiana State HOG Rally in LaFayette, Louisiana. I've always wanted to go to a State HOG Rally that wasn't in Georgia and the one in Louisiana is the first one of the year, so why not! We're all about riding and having fun and I plan on accomplishing both. So far, we have four Clayton County HOG members registered and ready to go, and you are all welcome to join us. I will be leaving out on Wednesday, April 18th. I will give more details later or have them posted

on the website.

If you are interested in attending a State HOG Rally and have a particular state in mind the website will be [www. then add the two letter state abbreviation such as ga and the rest of it will be statehogrally.com](http://www.statehogrally.com). All together it will read www.gastatehogrally.com for the Georgia State HOG Rally. Try researching for yourself and you might find one that interests you and maybe someone else.

Some of the officers are also making plans to attend HOT (Hog Officers Training). This year it will take place in Mobile, Alabama, and it is my wish that officers will be able to attend who haven't had the opportunity to go in the past.

It is my pleasure and honor to be the Director of Clayton County HOG. I'm proud of the current slate of officers and those who have served in the past, and all those Clayton County HOG family members that I have. But most of all, I'm proud to be just a little cog in the wheel of the greatest motorcycle riding organization on earth and riding the worlds greatest motorcycle!

I hope to see you all at the February meeting or at a ride before then. Until next time Ride and Have Fun!

Robert Glaze
Director



Patch Sewing Cost

Clayton County HOG Members



Do you need patches sewn on your biker wear? If so email Deanne Glaze at deanne@theclassybiker.com or see her at the HOG meeting. She can sew patches on leather or denim. Special discount for CCHOG members. (See details below)



Small Patches up to 12 square inches (3x4)	\$2.00 each
Medium Patches up to 36 square inches (6x6)	4.00 each
Large Patches up to 72 square inches (8x9)	\$6.00 each
X-Large Patches more than 72 square inches	\$10.00 each

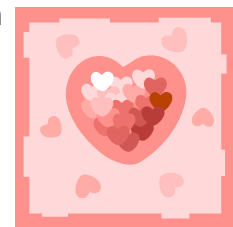
Editorial News

What is an editor? I believe an editor is a mediator— someone who stands between the reader and the audience to help them understand one another. I am the means by which our officers and members communicate with each other.

Please remember that this is **your** newsletter. I'm looking for input from the members to include each month. Please feel free to e:mail me at b96s@bellsouth.net with your stories, articles and photos! Articles are due by the 20th of each month to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Looking forward to keeping you informed!!

Babs Grimes
Editor



Happy Valentines Day!!

Chapter Officers

Director	Robert Glaze	Ride Captain	Jorge Nevarez
Asst. Director	Paul Grimes	Ride Captain	Steve Sullivan
Treasurer	Ed Levy	Ride Captain	Peggy Glaze
Secretary	Shaun Mobley	Ride Captain	Stephanie Basile
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Membership Officer	Stephanie Basile	Reservations Officer	Brenda Holland
Sr. Ride Captain	Bobby McDaniel	Photographer	Jorge Nevarez
Ride Captain	Jesse Newcomer	Chapter Chaplain	Norman Schneller
Ride Captain	Paul Grimes	Chapter Historian	Deanne Glaze



Senior Ride Captain Update

Let's Ride CCHOG, We Make Our Own Path!

As promised, your Ride Captains are putting a list of rides together for the calendar so everyone can make their plans ahead of time. (Please see the calendar at the back of this newsletter.)

Check the wall in the Chapter Room for posted ride sheets. There is also a ride "suggestion" sheet for anyone to add a ride request.

We started the year with 423,000 miles toward our goal as Million Mile Riders. It won't be long before we reach the next mile marker of 500,000 and current members that have ridden 30 chapters rides will receive their rocker patch.

We are planning to have at least one BBQ Ride every month. In January we rode to Mac's BBQ in Warm Springs.

Senior Ride Captain Update (cont'd)

The turnout for the New Years Day Ride to Buckners was great! We had 32 members and guests, the largest group ever! We left for lunch on time and as scheduled, but, I didn't get the memo that Buckner's changed their opening time to 11am, so we were not in front of the line. We waited about 30 minutes outside, but thankfully the sun had popped out so it wasn't too cold.



At the January membership meeting Brenda Holland advised there is a sign up sheet for the Georgia State Rally in September. She has secured 40 rooms and they are going fast, so get your name on the sheet. Rumor has it that the rally was such a huge success last year rooms are selling out in Hiwassee everywhere. Don't hesitate if you plan to attend this year, sign up now.

Things to do!

- Great American Motorcycle Show and lunch at the Varsity, January 29
- I will host Dinner Rides for February, so please come join us.. (See Locations on February calendar)
- I am working on a Valentines Ride for February 12, so keep an eye out for details.
- Remember check the web site for new last minute rides to be posted each month.



Senior Ride Captain Update (cont'd)

More Things to do!

- **March 31—April 1 April Fools Ride to Savannah**
- **April 14 Hapeville Georgia Parade**
- **April 19—April 22 Louisiana State Rally**
- **April 26—April 29 Leesburg Rally**
- **April 28 Police Memorial Ride**
- **April 28—8th Annual BBQ and Blues Festival Barnesville, GA**
- **May 25—May 27 Kentucky Bourbon Trail Ride**
- **June 9—June 10 Chattanooga Open Air Market**
- **June 25 Million Mile Monday**
- **September 6—September 9 Georgia State Rally**
- **September 28—September 30 Bennett's BBQ Gatlinburg**
- **October 10—October 14 Panama City Beach "Thunder Beach Rally"**

Other Rides of interest (no dates established)

Georgia's Covered Bridge Trail

Tellico Science Museum

Governor's House and lunch in Milledgeville, GA

Providence Canyon State Park

Dragon's Tail

Daytona Bike Rallys

Blue Ridge Parkway

Smokey Mountain, Maggie Valley Area

Greenville, SC

Outer Banks from Charleston to Nags Head



Where do ya'll want to go?

Have you ever found yourself standing among a group of bikers trying to decide where to go? Depending on the size of the group it can turn out to be fun, frustrating and even time consuming. In one of the newsletter articles I wrote last year I asked everyone to submit their "bucket list" rides. I was curious to know where our chapter members wanted to go and perhaps get some ride ideas. Throughout the year nine of our members sent in their list and they were published in the chapter newsletter. I kept track of these lists during the year and tried to compile them into one organized list. Well, it turns out that these lists are as diverse as our membership. I'll try to list these rides into somewhat vague geographic categories and also reveal how alike we are by sharing how many duplicate destinations were submitted.

Our "Bucket List"

Georgia

Westville, GA
Savannah, GA

Southeast

Gatlinburg, TN
Memphis, TN
Lookout Mountain / Chattanooga, TN
Linden, TN
Cherahola Skyway (2 members)
Blue Ridge Parkway
Dragons Tail
Gulfport / Biloxi MS/ Casinos
Delacroix, LA
New Orleans, LA
Key West, FL (5 members)

East Coast

Ride the East Coast of the US. (3 members)
Outer Banks, NC (3 members)
Gettysburg, PA

Northeast

Maine (5members)
Catskill Mountains, NY
Adirondack Mountains, NY
Niagara Falls, NY / Ontario

Mid-West

Milwaukee, WI/ National HOG Rally (2 members)
Route 66 / IL to CA

Old West

Big Texan Steakhouse / Amarillo, TX
Three Twisted Sisters, TX
Sturgis, SD (3 members)
New Mexico (2 members)
Grand Canyon
Four Corners Monument
Winslow, AZ
Arizona
Utah
Colorado

Northwest

Yellowstone National Park
Alaska (2 members)

West Coast

Pacific Coast Hwy / Hwy 101 (3 members)
Golden Gate Bridge
Ride the West Coast of the US (2 members)

Then there are the rides that are too big to categorize:

Ride in all 50 states (2 members)
Tour Europe / Sweden to Austria via Normandy
Retire and ride (2 members)
Ride to another states HOG Rally
Ride to the extreme four corners of the US as part of one big ride / **Madawaska, ME; Blaine, WA; San Ysidro, CA; Key West, FL**

2nd In Command (cont'd)

There were other items listed such as retiring to ride and doing rides with family members. Our own Rich Miller wants to be the oldest active National HOG charter member. There were some great destinations, goals, and dreams on these lists.

So how did we do as a chapter making these rides happen? Last year our chapter led rides to the Cherahola Skyway, the Florida Keys, and the Natchez Trace. Many of our members got together and rode out west with some going as far as California.

This year's ride planning will include some of the destinations on this list. Some of the rides being planned this year are to Chattanooga, Savannah and Gatlinburg. We will also ride to the Louisiana State HOG Rally in Lafayette, LA going through Biloxi, Gulfport, and New Orleans on the way. Please continue to send your ride ideas and "bucket lists" to Head Road Captain Bobby McDaniel or Newsletter Editor Babs Grimes. This is **your** chapter. Let us know where you are interested in going.

Paul Grimes
Assistant Director

*"The best alarm clock is
sunshine on chrome!"*

2012 GEORGIA STATE HOG RALLY HOTELS

There will be a sign up sheet at February's meeting (for the Brasstown Valley Resort only). If you wish to stay at any of the other three locations, you are responsible for securing your own room. Please send any questions to claytoncountyhogreserve@yahoo.com. All locations are holding the 2011 rates of \$109.00 per night (plus tax)

For more information visit the websites, or call any of the resorts below:

<p>The Ramada Inn at Chatuge 653 U.S. Highway 76 Hiawassee, Georgia, 30546 (800)613-4349 or (706) 896-5253 www.lakechatugelodge.com</p>	<p>Brasstown Valley Resort 6321 Highway 76 Young Harris, Georgia 30582 (800) 201-3205 or (706) 379-9900 www.brasstownvalley.com</p>
<p>The Ridges Resort 3499 Highway 76 West Young Harris, Georgia 30582 (888) 834-4409 or (706) 896-2262 www.theridgesresort.com</p>	<p>The Holiday Inn Express in Hiawassee 300 Big Sky Drive Hiawassee, Georgia 30546 (877)-859-5095 www.hiexpress.com</p>

Membership Officer



January's meeting was absolutely fantastic with a total of 80 chapter members enrolling to start off the 2012 year. We had a record number of members renew their membership, we enrolled 10 new members and enrolled 3 members that had been members in previous years. We would like to welcome the following new members: Billy Bardoe, Sarah Bilodeau, Dr. Augustus Brown, Bob and Dana George, Larry Hill, Brandon and Kristi Roy, and Robert and Peggy Stalnaker. We would also like to welcome back Marc Palmer, Margie Race and Patty Sheats after taking a year off! At the next meeting, I challenge each of you to seek out these new members and give them

a wonderful CCHOG welcome!

Safety Officer



A couple of weeks before Christmas, I rode over to Anniston, AL to pick up a gift for my son-in-law at the Civilian Marksmanship Program headquarters. It was a clear, cool day in the low 40's so I had my electric vest on as well as the heated grips turned on. I took the bike not only because it was a good ride but it kept me from buying some larger object I really didn't need (one can't have too many Garands or Springfields).

The trip went well until I exited I-285 to I-75 South on the trip home. Looking down at my instruments I found both the "Check Engine" and "Battery" lamps illuminated. Bummer. A glance at the voltmeter showed just under 11 volts. Crap.

When something like this happens, a lot runs through your mind; is it real or a false alarm, how long do I have before it quits, should I look for a place to pull over, etc, etc.

Late model fuel injected bikes (and cars) need a minimum of 10.5 volts to run. If system voltage drops to near that level bad things start happening. The electric fuel pump in the tank can stop, plugs can misfire, or injectors can stop pulsing. Not good! So I started shutting off power consumers, spot lights, heated grips, radio-radio? (Oh no, no tunes?). As I did the voltmeter began to show an increase in voltage, now showing 12 volts if I kept the engine above 12-1500rpm. So at least I started to think I could make it home but still stayed in the right lane, just in case.

So what do you do when you find yourself with a bike that suddenly quits and is not able to get you where you're going, especially if you're alone? Remember that with your national HOG membership you also get a \$100 allowance for roadside service thru Road America. The toll-free number (1-888-443-5896) is on the back of your national HOG card your policy number is your HOG member number. There are upgrades available that will haul your ride to the nearest dealer, no matter how far it is and even provide motel accommodations under some conditions (www.road-america.com - a good investment if you're heading out on a long trip). Maybe still a little scary, but much better than trying to figure out for yourself who to call and where to go, especially if you're away from home in unfamiliar territory. I've never had to use it (where's some wood?) but know some who have. It can be a life saver if you have no other choice.

So what was the problem? Once I got home, emptied a couple of brown bottles from the old fridge, I got out my trusty volt-ohm meter & began going thru my checklist: Connections-OK, grounds-OK, stator resistance-OK, Hmm. A couple of years ago I had installed a chrome plated voltage regulator (chrome is good) and still had the OE black regulator...in a box...somewhere...in the attic...I think. So after some digging I found it & plugged it in. Problem fixed. (But, now I have that ugly black regulator again, oh well).

Ride Safe...Ride Often
Rich

Chapter Chaplain



REAL LOVE!

I suspect the title of this article might get your attention. It is about Valentine's Day which is always celebrated during the month of February.

Following is a bit of history about how Valentine's Day started.

The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

In summary, Valentine's Day is all about showing an expression of love to our spouse or perhaps a special friend.

There are several applications of love. For instance, one might say, "I would love to go visit my friend." Another is..."I love that outfit you are wearing." "I love my children." or "I love my spouse." All are expressions of Love, however they have different applications. Love is mentioned in the Bible 311 times which represent different applications. One such verse in the Bible regarding love is one I'm sure you know by heart.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Another descriptive verse is found in **Romans 5:8** ***"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."***

It is difficult to understand that God could have so great a love for mankind as to send His own Son to die on a cross, so that we can have eternal life. All we need, is to accept His love and in faith believing, repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

This Valentine's Day as you give cards and flowers, let's remember the greatest giver of Love.....Jesus Christ. This is **REAL LOVE!**

God Bless you and ride safely!

Norman Schneller, CCHOG Chaplain
678-614-4775



JESUS L♥VES YOU

Shaun Mobley, Secretary

Minutes from the January Officer's Meeting:

Meeting began @ 4:30 pm on January 14, 2012

Robert Glaze opened the meeting with the Introduction of officers (present and new) and additional positions. You can find your 2012 HOG Chapter Officers at www.claytoncountyhog.com and on page 3 of this Newsletter. Harley Officer Training (HOT) will be held in Mobile Alabama, March 16, and 17th, 2012. All officers are requested to attend, especially new officers. There are 6 positions reserved to go, spouses can attend, but cannot go to the meetings only the party.

Robert announced he has developed a HOG Chapter Handbook which should be passed on to the next President. He handed out each officer's responsibilities for their position along with references to the National HOG website for addition officer information.

Clayton County officers will be having additional meetings outside the normal meeting times several times this year. There were suggested locations—details to be determined at a later date.

This year's emphasis is to "**Ride and have fun**" which is what the majority of the meeting consisted of. Robert asked for ideas.

Tonight's main objective – Registration for 2012

Robert (President) – New idea – After he calls the meeting to order it was his suggestion to allow other officers to lead the remainder of the meeting. This would help get the others used to running the meeting in case Robert could not be there and to teach the up and coming officers for the future. Then he turned the meeting over to the following for their suggestions and or concerns.

Ed Levy (Treasurer) – Christmas Party's paid \$1,800 plus a \$250 deposit. The \$250 deposit should be refunded. Balance in account is currently \$1,103.02. Once deposit refund is received we will have \$1,353.02 which is a great start for the New Year. Last year's beginning balance was around \$19.00.

Stephanie Basile (Membership Officer) – Robert asked Stephanie about turning the update on memberships in to HOG and that this should be done quarterly. Stephanie stated she usually does this after each meeting, but would check on the requirements with HOG. Charter was applied for 1 month ago. Also, Ed was reminded to get Raffle permit at Sheriff's office.

Paul Grimes (Assistant Director) – Spoke on the ride in January (New Year's Day ride). According to the chapter's calendar year, as of December 31st anyone riding on Jan 1st is not technically a "member" until their membership dues are collected. This poses a threat since it is not a "Harley related ride" until dues have been paid. However the release form does protect us from liability. Robert states to carry on as usual. A good question to ask at HOT. A suggestion was made to re-establish our year or change to keep the same year but get January free.

Paul suggested a barbeque ride every week in July – needs places to go. Bobby wants to do 1 barbeque ride a month. There were concerns on how many you could post to our calendar. Peggy stated as many as you want, but you need to pull up the Yahoo calendar.

Frank Basile (Event/Volunteer Director) Wants to plan a ride for Thunder Beach in Panama City, Florida, but wants to plan for the one in the fall. Everyone agreed.

Jorge Nevarez (Horhay) suggested a ride to Leesburg. Needs to plan.

Babs Grimes (Newsletter Editor) – Robert welcomed Babs and what a great job she did on the first newsletter. Babs suggested having a Public Corner – Talk about Kids, Grandkids, get pictures etc.

Paul suggested interviewing new members; get their information and what they are all about or interviewing a member of the month. Everyone likes this idea.

Newsletter cut off is the 20th of each month, need to get articles in to Babs by that date.

Richard Miller (Safety Officer) – He posed a question regarding planning a Group Riding video. Billy did this two years ago. Robert states this is a good idea and for Richard to plan to do this.

Shaun Mobley, Secretary (minutes cont'd)

Jesse Newcomer (Ride Captain) – Suggestion to book with certain chains for hotel room to build up points for free rooms, like the Hilton/Hampton Inns. To be looked into.

Steve Sullivan (Ride Captain) - Suggested an April fool's Day ride March 30, April 1st in Savannah. Also Peggy suggests a "Bug Run". Oh what fun to ride with the bugs!

Harriett Nevarez (Ladies of Harley Officer) - This is Project Overcoat. She hopes that we get a good turnout for this charity with Kroger. At the meeting there were a number of bags filled with coats and blankets. Thanks to all HOG members who contributed! Harriett suggested that around May 19th to plan a trip to Chattanooga to see the aquarium and market. Also suggested a "Frankly my dear" (Gone with the Wind ride to Tara. Harriet would like to have a "Lady's only ride". Needs to know what the regulations are on this. She will get back to the officers on this.

Harriet would like to have the members collect Christmas decorations they don't use anymore and pick an underprivileged family to decorate their home during the Christmas 2012 season.

Bobby McDaniel (Sr. Ride Captain) He was totally surprised on the reaction for the suggestion of rides. He suggested a Valentine's Day ride and then it was suggested maybe a Valentines party. Very short notice, but will look into. Robert suggests that our group should go to another state's rally. He would like to plan a trip to Kentucky for their State Rally.

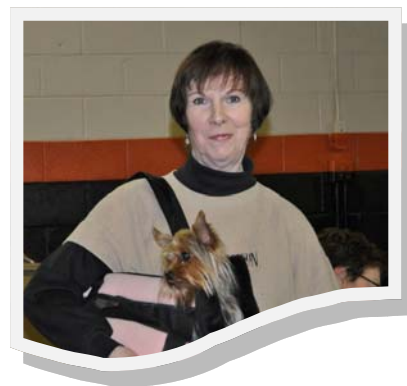
Hooters in McDonough want us to support the Clayton County Police Officers (Bike Night). They want our input. Possibly participate once a month on Dinner Ride night.

There was a suggestion to have an "Idea List" for member to complete on what rides they would like to go on.

Robert – Last call – Great American Ride in 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned 5:47pm.

Chapter Meeting January 2012!!!



February 2012

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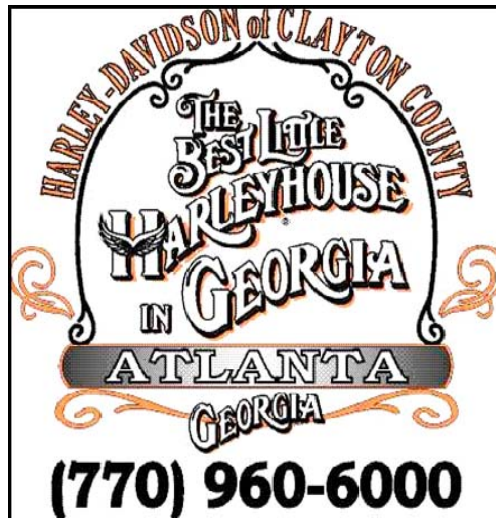
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