




Low Country Harley Davidson Owners Group Chapter #4774 Meeting Minutes February 3rd 2024

Attendees 25

Meeting was called to order by Tim Shaw Welcomed new members followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting started as follows;

Dealership — Chris Harper

- **Poral Bear Plunge** -  (Feb 4th) HOG volunteers needed Ride and Plunge to raise money for Low Country **Veterans**. Check-in at LCHD dealership: 11am-12:30pm (Coffee & Donuts) – for further Info got dealership website/event

Tim also added that, we also need volunteers at Folly Beach to help with the Parking

- **Biker Breakfast and Blessing of the Bikes** – is being held on Feb 10th the FREE Pancake breakfast starts at 9 AM - 11 AM . Right After breakfast, CMA will be hosting a blessing of the bikes for both individual bikes and the group as a whole.
- **Bike Night** – change of rotation, Bike night will now be held every 3rd Thursday of the month. The Next one will be on Feb 22 Thursday @t 501 Bar & Grill- 118 Ashland Dr, Summerville, just off state road 17 , near Royle Rd,



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Director - Tim Shaw -

- **Loyalty Points**

- Ride 365/Challenge /Ride for points program

There is still somewhat confusion on how this all works. We are sure that HD HQ are receiving a lot of feedback to streamline this process. In the meantime, as we meet every month, and ride during the month, I'm getting better on explaining parts of the new programs.



Ride for points



Every calendar year, you must register your bike odometer **Mileage** validated along with your VIN at the dealership. And guess what ..

GET REWARDED FOR RIDING

1. Get your 2024 starting mileage reading to enter the Annual Mileage Challenge.
 2. Ride miles! and enjoy riding with our Chapter
 3. Check the odometer about every month, to see how many H-D Rewards Points are left to earn.
- Tim further explained beside the Ride 365, (Ride for points) also as a HOG Group would like to participate in the DEALERSHIP CHALLENGE and 10 RIDES FOR '24.



A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist – which was hosted last month by: Lovely Law Firm and Low Country HOG, was a great success. We will try to establish a second class for those that didn't get an opportunity. In the meantime, view some of the pictures that were taken during the class (<https://chshog.org/media/> 2024)

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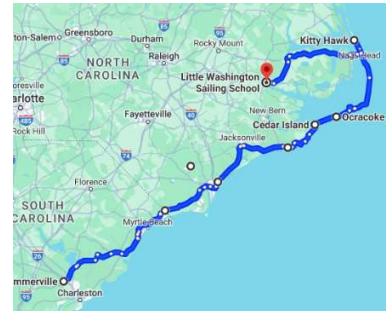
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Assistant Director - Kent Mouzon

- **The Outer Banks** - (April 18 – April 21) overnight trip, any members interested to partake in the Outer Banks road trip. Please let us know (ASAP) As Routes/Ferries and Hotel reservations are being planned, there are 9 members showing interest. The ride is planned to avoid most of the Interstate highway. It should be a sweet 😊 ride



- **MEET US IN DAYTONA** (MARCH 2 - MARCH 9)
We will be making plans soon to go to Daytona Beach **for a couple days.**

To let you know, those that maybe want to try latest models demo rides of HD, also a special for **HOG Members** who complete a demo ride will receive up to 1,000 points-a value of \$10.** Check out the H D App to get more information about your exclusive member benefits at Daytona.

Treasurer – Fred Roberto

- We are in good shape, there not too many transactions to report.
 - All the renewals HOG Membership from the drive have been deposited.
 - Gift cards have been issued for the High Mileage award.
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Secretary – Ed Hottat

- Welcomed the group, mentioned that the distribution of the monthly minutes is usually dispatched within 2 weeks from the monthly meeting. The registered members will receive the minutes via email from (secretary@chshog.org). At the same time, they will be also be posted on the HOG Website, under a secured menu Member's section only.
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Membership — Mike Drentlaw,

- We now have a group update currently of 73 Members of which were 13 new members. Mike added, that this will need to be readjusted come Feb 15th which is the Cut-off date for Members that did not renewed

SORRY !!

- Don't be late or you 'll miss a year of fun
- RULES - The Chapter requires current Membership Forms signed each year. If you haven't signed a Membership Form in the calendar year 2024, you are NOT considered a current member.
- The disappointing thing, after February 15, 2024. You will be dropped from the Membership Roster and media platforms. (website/emails/Etc.)



Mike introduced the
- 2023 High Mileage rewards-



The top prize went to

- ✓ Diane Stupalski with over 22k
- ✓ Kent Mouzon also with 22K

An inspiring



Head Road Captain – David Zimmerman –

Absent

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Safety Officer – Jeff Umstead –

- Let's talk about the **"No-Zone"**
 - What is the No Zone? That area that a semi-truck driver (or car/pickup) has a difficult time seeing a motorcyclist. If a trucker looks in their rear-view mirror, odds are, they aren't going to see a motorcycle in the **"no-zone."**
 - ❖ If you're riding behind a truck, don't set in too close to the rear of the trailer.
 - ❖ You can't react to debris lying on the road or getting kicked up.
 - ❖ Trucker's may not see you or know that you're there.
 - ❖ Stay back enough that you can see the mirror and increase the chance the driver can see you.
 - ❖ When passing a semi, be sure there is plenty of clearance to pass quickly and safely to get around the truck.

- Let's talk about the **"Wind Factors"**
 - You don't want to be sitting in the left lane alongside a truck for long. Side winds can move a trailer around. That wind can easily push that trailer over into your lane, and you obviously do not want to be there, you're not going to win pitting an 80,000-pound truck with a 900-pound bike.
 - ❖ Also the threat of a semi tire blowing out/ coming apart is always possible. Listen before you pass, you can hear a tire that is beginning to fail on a semi (thump, thump, thump!).
 - ❖ On a side note, in my experience most truckers are motorcycle friendly and I've had one or two help me in tight situations.
 - ❖ A few years ago outside Baltimore in heavy traffic a car to my right refused to yield when entering the freeway. A trucker behind me saw the situation and laid on his horn, alerting (waking up?) the driver that was coming into my lane, avoiding a near collision. I waved to the trucker and he gave me two small toots on his horn to answer "your welcome"!
 - ❖ Just be sure to constantly survey your surroundings, conditions, weather, erratic drivers, etc. as you ride and put yourself in the best place for the current situation.

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Old Chapter Business:

Tim/Kent/Jeff -volunteered to plan out the Outer Bank (overnight trip)
In progress

Ed -volunteered to plan out Highway 11 – Gaffney SC./Oconee Station
(overnight trip) *TBA*

The road Captians - Ride shoot outs, many local trips (view HOG
calendar, Facebook & emails)

*We need your
support!*

For ride - Bring your ideas to the table or contact us via email To:
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