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**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

Writing this article, I realized that this will be the last time for me to be in the Director Position (at least for this term) as Mike Laymon and I change positions on January 1st (Thanks DAD!!). The last 2 years as Director have been filled with great times and countless memories from our chapter adventures. The rides, activities, and social events have all been fun (some of the volunteering is hectic and tiring) and have made me grateful for being a part of the best HOG chapter in Georgia, if not nation wide. Thanks to all of the chapter members and dealership personnel for all that you have done!!!!!

December in Georgia can still be a great time to ride as our weather can be beautiful for a few days here and there. We are winding down to the end of the year but still have some rides, activities and dealer events to keep you busy. Get out and have fun with our chapter!!!!!!

See you on the road!

Tom "Pelican" Rapp, **Director**
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S CORNER

A group of us have just returned from awesome ride to the Southeast HOG rally! While I believe the rallies have some work to do, we all had a great time in the Pensacola Beach area; watching the Blue Angels practice was the highlight of the rally. The 2018 HOG rally dates should be announced later in November so we will see what areas of the country these will be located.

Be sure to purchase your HOG Chapter Christmas party tickets for December 2nd, this year’s party is shaping up to be the best ever! Also coming up in the end of November and the month of December we will be helping the dealership by wrapping gifts, so plan on signing up and come out and help spread some Christmas cheer with your Hoggies and the dealership.

Wow, before we know we will be in 2018! I am very much looking forward to 2018 as we celebrate the 35th year of the Harley Owners Group and the 115th year of continuous production of Harley-Davidson Motorcycles!

I will be leading a ride to the 115th Anniversary party in Milwaukee with a stop on the way in the Louisville area to tour some of the bourbon trail. The tentative plan will be leaving up Saturday August 25, arriving in the Milwaukee area Tuesday the 28th, begin our return on Sept 1st, and home on the 2nd. This should be another epic ride so start saving those vacation days now.

I am also planning to do at least two other overnight rides in 2018, with one being in the Pensacola Beach area where the last HOG rally was. Ask a few folks, this area has beautiful beaches and outstanding rides in the area.

Mike “Round-a-bout” Laymon, Assistant Director

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Atlanta Chapter HOG

Annual Christmas Party

What: Dinner by Jim ’N Nick’s, DJ duties by Harold and Debbie, Dessert Contest, Door Prizes, Fun and Games

Where: American Legion Post 160
160 Legion Dr. SE
Smyrna, 30080

When: Saturday December 2nd from 6 to 10 pm

How much: $15 per person until Nov. 29, after Nov. 29 tickets are $20 per person. 1st 25 tickets sold will go to the front of the Chapter serving line.
“Tis the season for gift wrapping”

Fa la la la la la la la!

The dealership is offering free gift wrapping to customers and have asked for our chapter’s talent in wrapping gifts.

They asked for our assistance on November 24th, 25th and December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd.

Please sign up at the chapter meeting to volunteer your time, or contact Lilli or Janie. Any time would be greatly appreciated!

“FISH FRY FRIDAY”

Come join us every Third Friday of the month at the AMERICAN Legion Post 145; 6449 Bankhead Highway Douglasville

Two Pieces of delicious Haddock, hush puppies, French fries, cole slaw and tea or water, dessert - all for just $8.00

6:30 pm

Lots of good friends sharing good food, card games, pool, and conversations.

Janie Rodriguez, LOH Officer
Lilli Czegledi, LOH Officer
Atlanta Chapter’s Ladies of Harley presents

Who’s Ridin’ Next to Ya?

We are featuring two people from the Chapter each month - next time you're at Bike Nite, at a HOG event, or a chapter meeting don't be surprised if someone says "SMILE" you’re on Hoggie Camera!

Jim Dunn

Jim’s Road Name is “Red Bone”. Jim’s ride is a 2017 black Road Glide and he has been riding for 49 years. Jim’s favorite ride was to Alaska a few years back. He enjoys biking, camping and traveling.

*note from editor* Jim also has lots of great stories he likes to share, get him to tell one next time you see him hangin’ around!

Cheryl Dunn

Cheryl doesn’t have a Road Name (yet)! Cheryl has a beautiful 2016 Road Glide and has been riding for 9 years. Her favorite ride was to Key West. Cheryl also likes to ride, camp and travel.

*note from editor* Cheryl should probably be called “Wonder Woman” for being able to keep up with “Red Bone”! That’s quite a feat!
**TREASURER’S ARTICLE: ATTENDANCE JACKPOT**

Congratulations to Roy Copening whose name was drawn for the November Attendance Jackpot. Roy was not at the meeting to claim the $70. We will add $10 to the Jackpot for the next chapter meeting, bringing the jackpot to $80. Remember you must be at the meeting and a member in “Good Standing,” a current member of national H.O.G. and Atlanta Chapter. If the member whose name is drawn is not at the meeting, we will add $10 and try again next meeting. Please have your National H.O.G. card with you at the meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

René Durham, **Treasurer**

*Monthly drawing winners:*

**H-D Atlanta Loyalty**— Marty Berry

**Monthly Road Captain**— Marty Berry

**Monthly Volunteer**— Mike Laymon

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**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER’S ARTICLE**

The Atlanta HOG membership is renewable on a yearly calendar and not on an annual bases like National HOG.

In order to join the Atlanta HOG chapter you **must** be a member of the National HOG organization. You may join / renew at [https://members.hog.com/](https://members.hog.com/). To join / renew our local Atlanta chapter you may join / renew at the dealership during normal business hours, at the chapter meetings, business meetings or any ride that a chapter member is present. If your national membership expires during the calendar year it must be renewed to keep your Atlanta Chapter membership in good standing.

The total number for chapter membership is 227 including 74 new members for 2017.

Barbara Laymon, **Membership Officer**
**HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER**

Wow, where has this year gone. It is hard to believe that the end of 2017 is upon us. We have had some good rides and a ton of fun this year. Now, as the Christmas music starts playing on the radio, we turn our attention to buying gifts and making plans for Christmas parties. If you have not already purchased your tickets to our chapter Christmas party, you need to get them soon. The annual Christmas party is always a blast and you do not want to miss it. You can see Rene Durham at the dealership for tickets. They are $15 now and $20 at the party.

I have truly enjoyed my time as Head Road Captain this year. We have had almost 100 rides and rode over 150,000 miles this year. All of the road captains should be proud of the leadership they have shown in leading the rides for the chapter. You have all done an outstanding job. As we get ready for next year, I would love to hear from the membership on what you want from the road captains for next year. I have already started thinking of new places to go so it should be a fun year. But the year is not quite over so keep an eye on the calendar and Facebook for rides.

Be sure to congratulate Marty Berry on becoming our newest road captain. From what I hear he lead a great ride to Florida. I will be looking for more new road captains next year so let me know if you are interested. Being a road captain is a lot of fun.

**NO BOUNDARIES - Let's Ride**

See you on the road.

Dee Pearson, **Head Road Captain**
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## PIG RIDE LEGEND

**ONE PIG:** Non-curving terrain and a ride of short duration (50 miles round trip)

**TWO PIGS:** A few gentle curve and be a bit longer (100 miles round trip)

**THREE PIGS:** Long ride (200 miles round trip) with curving terrain and urban area traffic.

**FOUR PIGS:** Lots of curves, some with “decreasing radius” turns and/or cover a major distance requiring a good deal of technical skill and stamina. Major traffic such as I75 can be part of this rating.

**FIVE PIGS:** Most difficult category due to the severity and number of curves combined with a long ride. The Southern Highroads Trail, Suches, and Gatlinburg would fall into this category.
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Harley-Davidson of Atlanta Owner’s Corner

Hello Fellow Hoggies. Wow, did this year fly by! Renee Nichols was kind enough to allow me to use her space to share my thoughts with you this month. First and foremost, thank you. Every time we need help, you guys and gals step up and get it taken care of. I don’t know of any other chapter that works with their dealership like you. I would like to thank the Primary Officers: Tom, Mike, Melissa, and Rene’ for all of their hard work in keeping our Chapter organized, informed, and active. Our rides are the best and the Chapter events are always fun. Also, I would like to say kudos to all the activities officers as they all do a great job. But a huge shout-out needs to go to Jessie and Denise Harris as the volunteer coordinators. They do a fantastic job of getting you guys to volunteer, show up and work to make our events the best ran and organized in the city.

As we look forward to 2018, I sincerely hope this Chapter will continue to grow and prosper. I see some new faces coming into our group and I love it! So share the road, share the ride, and share the fun. Again, thank you to each and every member of this great Chapter. You are the ones that make it happen.

Jeff Eubanks
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Message from Harley-Davidson of Atlanta

Don’t miss these upcoming December events at Harley-Davidson of Atlanta!

Saturday, December 2: Customization Workshop 10am & 2pm
   Imagination is the fuel that turns motorcycles into legends. Learn how to create
   the bike of dreams at the Customization Workshop.

Saturday, December 9: Capt. Herb Emory Memorial Ride Benefitting Toys for Tots
   Hosted by Fred’s BBQ.
   Registration begins at 10:00am at Harley-Davidson of Atlanta. $15 rider/$5 pas-
   senger
   Kickstands up at 11:00. Roundtrip, escorted ride around scenic Douglas Coun-
   ty.
   Return to Fred’s BBQ for Santa, Nascar, Cars, Helicopters, and Celebrities.

Thursday, December 14: Bike Night with JB Walker
   We move the party inside for a night of live music, free food and free beer*.  
   Sponsored by Lawbike. *please ride responsibly.

Saturday, December 16: Santa Lands at Harley-Davidson of Atlanta! 12pm-3pm
   Bring the whole family and enjoy free pictures with Santa and Ms. Claus.
   Hot Cocoa, snacks, and free cookie decorating with the Ladies of Harley.

Monday, December 25: Merry Christmas from your Harley-Davidson of Atlanta Family!

*** Harley-Davidson of Atlanta will be CLOSED January 2-3, 2018 for Inventory***
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: ATLANTA CHAPTER

Member Name:

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 Phone: ___________________ Member Nat’l H.O.G. Number: __________

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership:

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G.®, it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter the “RELEASED PARTIES”) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death), or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.® Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the injury or damage is caused by negligence (except with due care). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the “RELEASED PARTIES” harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G.® activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUET THE “RELEASED PARTIES” FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1642 of the California Civil Code which provides:

“A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.”

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read the Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the “RELEASED PARTIES”.

Member Signature: ___________________ Date: __________

Local Dues Paid: $___________________ Date: __________

(Does not exceed maximum amount prescribed in Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters, as contained in the H.O.G.® Chapter Handbook)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

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Message from our friends at LawBike

Handlebar Height

Handlebar height is regulated by GA Code 40-6-314(b):

   No person shall operate any motorcycle with handlebars more than 25 inches in height above that portion of the seat occupied by the operator…

In 2016, the Georgia Legislature modified the height to 25 inches and it was signed by the governor and passed into law. It was previously restricted to 15 inches.

Some confusion may exist of where to begin measuring the “portion of the seat occupied by the operator.” Because many seats are curved, would a proper measurement begin at the lowest point, the highest point, or the average of the two on the seat where the operator sits? Furthermore, would the handlebar height be measured by the end of the grip, the highest point on the bars (regardless of hand or grip position), or an average of the two? More specific guidelines for measurement are not outlined in the statute, nor has there been a Georgia case where a court has interpreted the measuring standards.

Depending upon how the areas of measurement are interpreted, it is even possible that some modern factory original production motorcycles may actually violate Georgia’s handlebar height law.

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