



HOGWASH

The Official Newsletter of the
Atlanta Chapter, Inc.
Chapter Number 0788

DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE

Happy Holidays, no matter how you celebrate this time of year, I hope you have a good one. The end of the year has arrived and what a year it has been. First I want to thank all of the 2008 Officers for everything they did to keep this chapter running smoothly and making Bobby and me look good, LOL. As most of us are new officers, we spent most of the year scratching our heads and trying to make sure, we stayed true to the HOG family motto of "Ride and Have Fun." I think for the most part we have been successful in making sure, we had a little something for everyone, from the Dual Chapter Picnic to the weekday rides. Rene' continued to keep our finances straight along with anything else, we could talk her into. B.K made sure the chapter was well informed and handled the Historians' duties. Diana did an outstanding job on keeping the calendar full; I think she actually did a better job than I did as Head Road Captain. Jim was never without a handy safety tip. Erik, well what can you say, he has brought so many new ideas and events to the chapter that I think he was the driving force behind making sure every chapter member had something exciting to look forward to. Michelle started and Lori finished the year handling the membership duties, primarily making sure the new members felt welcome and part of the family. Then there is Bobby, he has stepped up and made sure that anything that needed to be handled, was handled. With my work schedule, I have been unable to attend most of the weekend events but Bobby was there to make sure things were handled. With 45+ events attended this year he has gone far and above to make sure the members enjoyed their chapter experience. All of the Road Captains did a great job keeping the members on the road. I want to thank Eddie, Chris and Jeff for working hard to keep strengthening the relationship between the chapter and the dealership. I also want to thank the Charles Watwood from LAWBIKE.COM

and George Stein and Jeremy Citron from STEELHORSE LAW for their advertisements in the HOGWASH.

The biggest challenge for the officers will be to offer more in 2009 that will be quite a job in itself. I am confident that you the members will not be disappointed; we are already planning and searching for new rides and events to keep everyone busy and riding. Most of the officers will be returning next year, but we are looking for a Membership Officer, Head Photographer and as many Photographers and Road Captains as we can get. We really want to get as many members as possible involved. This is your Chapter and your family, so get involved and help to keep this the best Chapter not only in Georgia but in the country. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Social.

Chris Robey, Director

Chapter Photographers Wanted

Do you like to take pictures? Do you want to help out your chapter and be a part of recording its history? We are looking for chapter photographers, multiple photographers. If you are interested in helping contact me or one of the officers. The job requirements only involve taking pictures and getting them to me or the Head Photographer (we are also looking for) to post on PhotoBucket. Take pictures at three chapter events and you'll get a photographer patch for your jacket or vest.

Chris Robey, Director

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2009 Membership
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Tentative Activities Schedule

January 2009

01 Tommy Tyner/Good Luck Ride
05 HOGWASH Articles Due
06 Atlanta Chapter Business Meeting
11 Fox & Hound Sunday Brunch
15 Atlanta Chapter Monthly Meeting
17 HDA General Manager's Ride
20 Day Ride
24 Great American Motorcycle Show Ride

February 2009

03 Atlanta Chapter Business Meeting
05 HOGWASH Articles Due
14 Valentine's Ride
11 Fox & Hound Sunday Brunch

Celebrating Birthdays

12/05 Rolando Adique
12/05 Ralph Anglin
12/08 Ronald Bowen
12/08 Bill Bryant
12/08 Richard Sudduth
12/09 Donna Provost
12/11 Thomas Engle
12/12 Diana Bodden
12/12 Steve Knight
12/13 Matt Langley
12/13 John Martin
12/14 Kim Green
12/18 Thomas Essex
12/18 Steve Gray
12/20 Gene Williams
12/22 Gary Easterwood
12/22 Patrick Stevens
12/24 Bob Dumas
12/25 Noel Dillard
12/26 Bill Berry
12/27 Hugh Austin
12/31 Vicki Jones

Pig Ride Legend

One pig - steady cruising rides of relatively short distance, easy on the throttle, few curves, etc.

Two pigs - a bit longer or have some curves but nothing too challenging.

Three pigs - ride should be of moderate difficulty.

Four and five pigs - rides with a high number of curves, long distance, saddle time, road conditions, speed, and weather.

SAFETY OFFICER'S ARTICLE

STOP

We as bikers have a habit of not coming to a complete stop at stop signs. I am as guilty as anyone else who rides. I am now making it a practice to come to a complete stop and put one foot on the ground. My reasons are as follows:

- Coming to a full stop gives me time to survey all on coming traffic.
- Coming to a full stop gives oncoming traffic time to see me.
- If caught not stopping at a stop sign by a traffic officer may get you two (2) points on your driver's license for a rolling stop.

Jim Byrd, Safety Officer

October 14, Ride Recap

Thanks to Mark Brady, Joseph Tesar, Lori and Chris

Robey for coming out and joining me on a weekday lunch ride. After a good lunch, we headed south to Roopville, turn left on highway 5 through Whitesburg, to Douglasville, and then returned to the dealership.

One small mishap occurred. Can you imagine how embarrassing it is to be the lead rider and have your muffler heat shield fall off, and the rider behind you run over it? Well it happened to me. Can you believe something like this happening on an American-built Harley-Davidson—it does?

Jim Byrd, Safety Officer

Christmas Social

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available on-line by e-mailing Erik Grandowski at: erik@grandowski.com or visit Rene' Durham at the dealership.



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ACTIVITY OFFICER'S ARTICLE

Recap of the 2008 Atlanta HOG Summer Movie Festival

Throughout the summer we have witnessed the tension between Marlon Brando and Lee Marvin; John Travolta skinny-dipping with Martin Lawrence; Sir Anthony Hopkins relieving himself on a lemon tree, and Nicholas Cage's hair (and whole body) catches on fire! While we gawked, we scarfed down hot dogs, popcorn, yummy desserts and washed it all down with cool beverages. Yes, if you missed it, this was a synopsis of the 2008 Atlanta Chapter HOG Summer Movie Festival.

From April to October, we met in the Pavilion and enjoyed a different feature every other month. For the final movie in October; Ghost Rider, we were treated to a great selection of Door Prizes, courtesy of Atlanta H-D. I would like to thank Michelle Conway, Denise King, Leslie Lanier, Karen Mathiasen, Mark & Nancy Redmon, and of course, Fiona Grandowski; everyone who helped prepare the food, setup and tear down the equipment, and made

yummy desserts.

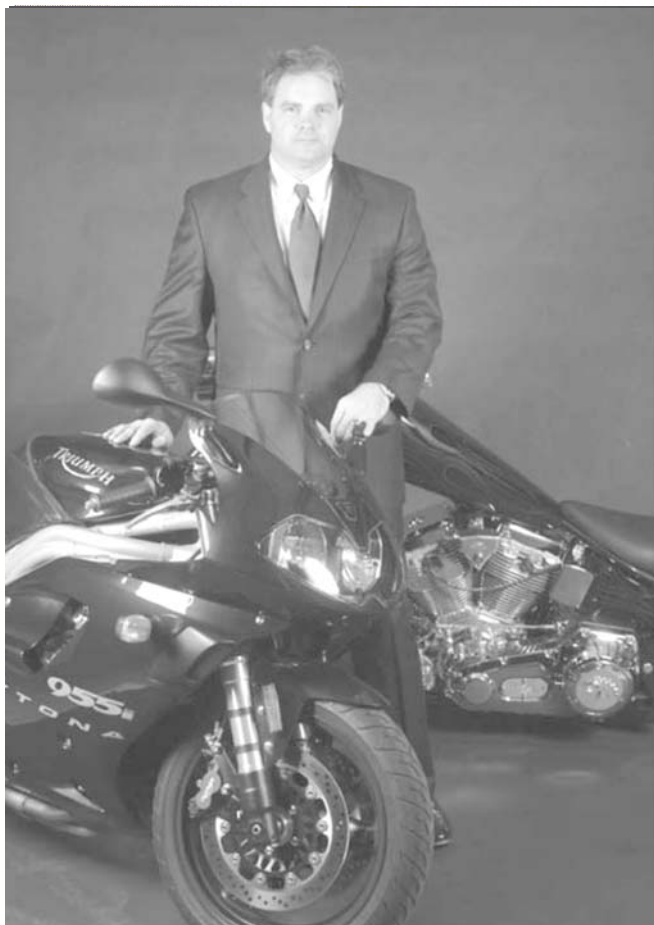
Overall, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the movie festival throughout the summer, those who came out to watch a movie, or who helped out in one way or another to make the festival a success.

The 2009 Summer Film Festival will be titled "Blockbuster Summer." Essentially any popular movie that was published to DVD during the summer will be in contention, and all movies will be decided on a vote.

I look forward to munching on yummy movie foods while watching the big screen with fellow Atlanta Chapter members again next summer.

Erik Grandowski, Activities Director

2008 HOGgie Awards
Log on to the Atlanta Chapter web page:
www.atlantahog.com
and vote for 2008 HOGgie Awards.
Voting ends Friday, December 5



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HISTORIAN'S ARTICLE

1990 Atlanta Chapter Officers

B.K. Ellis - Director
Lloyd Southwick - Assistant Director
Dick Gehring - Secretary
Lynn Fine - Treasurer
Glenda Ridley - Ladies of Harley Officer
Dan Prince - Head Road Captain
Bill Howell - Activities Officer

1990 Brain Tumor Ride fo Kids

We did it again! The Atlanta Chapter, H.O.G. was the club that contributed the most money to the Brain Tumor Foundation this year. We raised more than \$17,000! Lloyd and Anne-Marie were set up in the staging area at Perimeter Mall when we got there and things went like clockwork. I signed in 130 Atlanta Chapter members and I know I missed some. It was an excellent turnout. The ride left Perimeter Mall on time and wound its way down Peachtree, through downtown and ended up at Lakewood Amphitheater. Later on television I saw a good shot Kevin Trask riding along wearing his coyote hat and I'm sure I saw Herman Ridley. Conditions were a lot better than in the past when the ride ended in Helen, GA. It was hot, sunny day but there were plenty of covered seating and good entertainment. The food lines took quite a while in the hot sun and left a little to be desired. I found myself wondering how much of that barbecue and cold beer Lloyd and Anne-Marie could have sold if they had set up here. Comedian Jay Leno was there and I understand that he is now a member of the Atlanta Chapter. The new Atlanta Falcon coach, Jerry Glanville, was there as was our own chapter member, Johnny Beckman, leading the pack. There were more than 1,800 motorcycles in the ride this year and a grand total of more than \$213,000 was raised for Brain tumor foundation. We're proud to claim Johnny as one of our own, but I'll bet he's just as proud of the Atlanta Chapter, I sure am. Thank you, Atlanta Chapter members for all the work and money you contributed over this past year to this worthy cause. We did good.

Fund Raiser of the Year

A special thanks to Dell and Monty Pearson, the Fund Raiser of the Year. Dell and Monty raised \$2445. Tickets for a special drawing for a "Willie G." were given to our member for each \$50 raised. The drawing for the jacket, donated by Eddie Houghton and Harley-Davidson of

Atlanta, followed the July chapter meeting. The lucky winner was Anne-Marie Southwick. Congratulations, Anne-Marie, I'll tell you really deserve it for all the work you've done this past year. Thanks, Eddie, we couldn't have done it without your enthusiastic support.

TV Star Joins the Atlanta Chapter

TV comedian and stand in for Johnny Carson, Jay Leno, is now some dues paying member of the Atlanta Chapter. We owe this distinction to our other TV star, Johnny Beckman, who enlisted Jay to help promote the Ride for Kids this year. Now that we all belong to the same chapter, I wonder if he'll ever invite some of us to be on the Johnny Carson Show. Talking about an appearance on TV, be sure to watch the Jerry Lewis Telethon on Labor Day. B.K. Ellis, Dick Gehring and Glenda Ridley will present the Atlanta Chapter check to MDA. We are scheduled to appear at 2:20 P.M..

Chapter Member's Viewpoint

The new officers have been elected and for the first time since the beginning of the chapter it's a brand-new team. I remember on of the very first rides of the Atlanta Chapter to Pine Mountain. When we stopped at a rest area there were three or four separate groups and several riders walking around alone. Now when we stop everyone seems to mingle together. Times have changed. I remember, in those early days of the chapter, a rider doing some top end work on his engine during a stop and then be ready to ride when the group left. Now it's rare to see any thing but the Evolution engine and no one performing maintenance on their bike during a ride. Times have changed for the better, I guess. The first few years, with a few exceptions, B.K. mapped every ride, led every ride and organized every event. It was wonderful to sit back and enjoy the ride under his capable leadership and not have to deal with any responsibility, just the enjoyment of the sport. There weren't any rallies, on Daytona and Sturgis but we had great times enjoying our local activities with the chapter, as we do now. B.K. has laid a foundation for what has been called the largest and best organized local H.O.G. Chapter by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company corporate officers.

Perhaps the Atlanta Chapter's greatest moments came on June 11, 1989 when, led by Lloyd Southwick, we were recognized for our fund raising efforts at the Johnny Beckman Ride for Kids. When I saw Johnny on state reading the list of donors and he came to the Atlanta Chapter's contribution, looked at the crowd, turned to his companion and whispered, "Is this correct?", then

announced \$22,000. That moment will live forever with the Atlanta Chapter members who were present. Lloyd's leadership to accomplish this will never be matched. This event helped launch the "Beckman Ride" as one of the major motorcycle charity rides in the country.

In 1988 one of our members saw how difficult it had become for B.K. to handle all of the responsibility for the Atlanta Chapter. She began to organize the weekend rides and events and in January 1989 and 1990 an entire year of scheduled events was passed out at the meeting. An amazing feat when you consider that most of the other local chapters had barely a newsletter showing the next weekend event planned. A result of Glenda Ridley's efforts was the participation of other members in mapping out rides, leading rides and suggesting event which this chapter has never seen before. As with all organizations, its life depends on the participation of its members. Some of the people who have come and gone and some who still remain say "The Atlanta Chapter is not what it use to be" and they are right! I have seen it grow from infancy and it is stronger, smarter and more alive than it has ever been. It's such a pleasure to be a member.

B.K. Ellis, Historian

5th Annual Signal Mtn. Ride RECAP

We met at HDA and added some riders at the CrossRoads for a chilly morning with expectations of sunshine. We were not disappointed! As we made our way briskly northward across John's Mtn. to the foothills of Lookout Mountain, we were able to stop and shed a layer or two at Cooper Heights. Then across the mountain and onto Trenton, GA for a hearty lunch at Randy's Buffett. Mmm good! Now for dessert...twisties!

We headed up Raccoon Mtn. with smiles on our faces. After some beautiful color along the mountain twisties, we stopped at the TVA Pump Station Reservoir. We were greeted by golden, tree-capped, well-paved roads; followed by a view of the TN River with a backdrop of Signal Mtn. Further along, we traveled a one lane road across the top of the reservoir for a spectacular view across many miles of canyon. We dismounted to enjoy the Gift.

Then we headed across the valley and onto Hwy. 27 toward Suck Creek. We were enclosed by autumn color as we challenged our riding skills up and down the western face of Signal Mtn...breathtaking! This may have been the highlight of the ride. As we exited from the Leaf Blanket, we warmed our souls in sunshine along the TN

River. As we reached the southern tip of Signal Mtn., we embraced our tanks for yet another twisty experience. Past the Space Ship house, along the main Hwy. 127 and down the northern tier of Signal Mtn., finding ourselves back in the valley watching hot-air balloon folks get ready for their dose of Fall Color. We stopped in Whitwell for some fuel and to share our colorful stories. From here, we head north on Hwy. 108 to Gruetli-Laager only to be greeted by our last set of twisties on Hwy. 50 through Pelham and Hwy. 41S into Monteagle. What a great ending to a day of 280 miles with experienced riders.

After removing some road dust from ourselves, we gathered to socialize and have some dinner together. We joked and laughed until our eyelids became heavy. Now, we realized we were on Central time AND the clocks were to be turned back.... so we gained some well deserved sleep!

We regrouped in the morning for a ride to Sewanee, TN and the University of the South. Once again, we said our thanks at the Peace Memorial. This year we went to the University for a spectacular and healthy breakfast...\$6/person.. All-u-can-eat...From here we went through Sherwood for twisties along Hwy. 156, into Stevenson, up Lookout Mtn. at Mentone and Valley Head, then into Menlo, GA. We continued on to Cave Springs and stopped for some refreshing spring water. Afterwards, Noel announced it was time to eat—again. So he led us to his new favorite spot in Rockmart, GA—the Impala Diner. WOW...a 60's car buff's dream. We ate along side the Blues Brothers and a mint '61 Impala Convertible. Treat yourself to a Father's day meal at this place. Be careful, its only opened Thursday through Sunday, and Sunday is 11am-3pm. This brought us to about 180 miles for the day with welcomed solace to head home.

I thank the 15 riders and their passengers for making yet another memorable and safe Signal Mtn. Ride. The friendships we have built these past five years are most valuable. For those of you yearning to go, watch for the 6th Annual Signal Mtn. Ride...Nov. 7, 2009. I have already begun plans for this one with more new roads. As past participants will tell you, there are always new roads and surprises when you Ride...The Mountain!

Happy Holidays to ALL!

Steve Magel, Road Captain



December 2008

Atlanta Chapter



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All rides leaving Harley-Davidson of Atlanta, riders, meet in pavilion!	1	2 ★ Business Meeting 7:00 PM La Salsa Mexican Rest. 411 Maxham Rd.	3	4 HOGWASH Articles Due Friday December 5	6 ★ Toys for Tots M-9:30 AM BQH Next door to HDA L-10:00 AM	Saturday ★ Vortex M-12 Noon HDA L-12:30 PM Andrea Oparnica 2-Pigs
7	8	9	10	11	12 ★ Christmas Social 7:00 PM HDA	13
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>See Rene' or go to www.atlantahog.com for your 2009 Atlanta Chapter renewal application. Ride and Have Fun with the Atlanta Chapter in 2009.</p> </div>						
14	15	16	17	18 ★ NO Chapter Meeting	19	20 ★ SHARE House Toy Ride M-12:30 PM HDA L-1:00 PM Gary Easterwood 2-Pigs
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Please check Weekly Emails or the Web Page for additional rides that might be added this month as weather and time permits. If you do not have Email or Internet access, please contact Chris Robey to get phone updates.</p> </div>						
28	29	30	31	<p>Atlanta Chapter Pictures. Go to www.photobucket.com If required, sign in using the ID and Password listed below.</p>		

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