

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ATLANTA CHAPTER, INC., CHAPTER NUMBER 0788**DIRECTOR'S CORNER:**

Happy March Atlanta Chapter H.O.G.! Our year has started off with some extreme weather, cold temps in the teens and nice sunny days in the 60's. As the old saying goes, if you are not happy with Georgia weather just stick around a couple days and it will change. I haven't heard any complaints about the spring like days we've had in January and February; they were really pretty nice! With spring just around the corner our chapter's 30 year anniversary is off to a great start, we've had several nice rides and lots of social events, Amanda McDonald arranged a night of bowling for us that was well attended, competitive, and lots of fun. We had a meeting of our Road Captains and there are lots of ideas for rides throughout the year, there should be something for everyone from weekend trips to afternoon lunch and meeting rides.

You'll be noticing that our monthly member meetings are taking on a little different format; we plan to have more weekend meetings that include rides and activities. If you have something that you'd like to see on our agenda bring the idea to me or one of the other chapter officers, we'll do our best to make it happen.

Remember the best way to make the most of your membership is to get out there and participate!

Ride on!

Chuck "Chaos" Fuller, Director

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we move closer to better riding weather, our Atlanta HOG Chapter has a lot to look forward to. We are in the works on planning our Chapter's 30th anniversary, new member orientation/ ride including a "slow" cook-off (whatever your specialty is in a crock pot). Our ride calendar is beginning to take shape with many rides being scheduled. Keep a look out in our E-Blast for impromptu rides as well as our chapter Face Book Page as rides will be added as our current weather permits. The Georgia Rally committee is busy working on the events and plans for November 5-7th with on line registration available now (www.gastatehogrally.com/registration). For those heading to Daytona, ride safe, my friends!!

Tom "Pelican" Rapp, Assistant Director

TREASURER'S ARTICLE: ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

Congratulations to Harold Leverette whose name was drawn for the February Attendance Jackpot. Harold was at the meeting to claim the \$110. We will add \$50 back to the Jackpot and start over for the next chapter meeting. 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

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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.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Active Members: 203

This month let's focus on your National Harley Owners Group membership benefits. There are numerous advantages to having a current membership with the National H.O.G. including the H.O.G. Magazine, H.O.G. Roadside Assistance, the H.O.G. North America Touring Handbook, the H.O.G. Insider E-Newsletter, H.O.G. Merchandise, Embroidered H.O.G. Patch & Pin, Theft Reward Program, and more.

If you haven't visited www.hog.com recently or if you are new to H.O.G. , you should take a look at the website and discover the many benefits available to you. One of the more important benefits is the H.O.G. Roadside Assistance Program that is included with Full or Full Life Memberships. Besides the standard package that covers one H-D motorcycle, one service per year, up to \$100, additional coverage packages are available ranging in price from \$19.95 per year to \$49.95 per year. These additional coverage packages cover up to 3 vehicles for the Ultra Plus package (including cars and light trucks) and emergency travel reimbursement.

To purchase any of the additional packages, simply go to the website, download the form for the current year, fill it out completely and accurately and send along with payment information to the address provided on the form. This benefit alone is worth the nominal dues for your annual membership and as some folks can tell you, it can save your trip!

Another benefit I want to touch on is the Member Services Center that is available to all membership levels. By calling 1-800-CLUBHOG (258-2464) you can renew your membership, change your address, get forms, enroll in programs, and get answers to nearly any question you may have. They can even assist with forgotten user names and passwords for the HOG.com website.

I encourage everyone to visit the National H.O.G. website and explore the benefits that are given to us with our annual dues. You'll be amazed at everything that Harley-Davidson gives us to enrich our owner experience!

Mary Carol Wall Vasilik (Speedy), Membership Officer

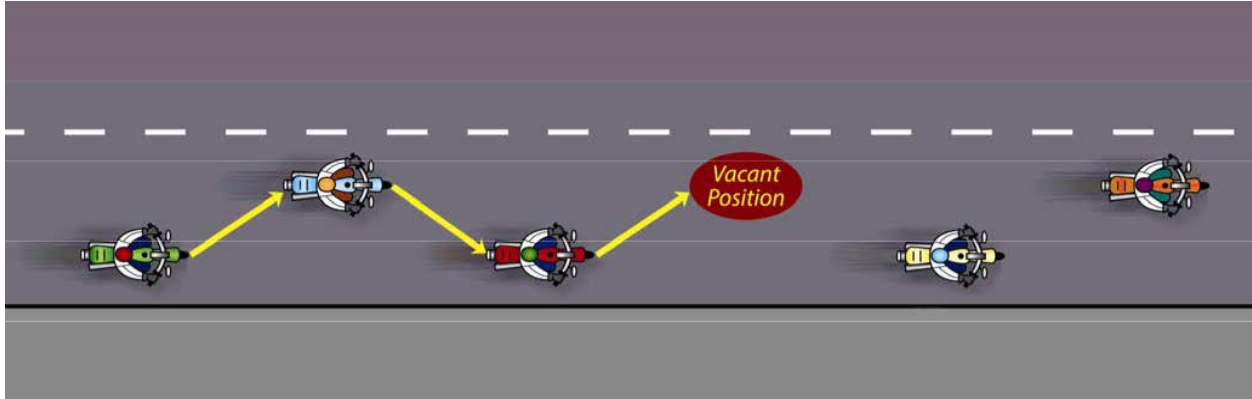
P.S. The month of January saw 1 ride and 4 events with 141 HOGgies participating!! Upcoming in February is at least one ride and 6 events! Can't wait to see the number of participants "roll in" on the sign-in sheets!!

2015 HAUNTED COAST GEORGIA HOG RALLY

Online registration is up and running for the Georgia HOG Rally on Jekyll Island. Lots of us have already booked our rooms, so if you haven't yet now's a good time to do so. You can find all the information you need [here](#).

SAFETY CORNER: GUIDE TO GROUP RIDING

If a rider leaves during the ride, the rest of the group should re-form the staggered formation by crisscrossing into the next vacant position. Although it would seem more efficient for the column directly behind the missing rider to move up, we do not recommend it because passing another rider within a lane can be risky.



Mike Laymon, Safety Officer

POLARIS SLINGSHOT NOW REJECTED BY TWO STATES

Connecticut is the latest state to reject the Polaris Slingshot. Polaris received notice from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles in early December stating that the Slingshot more closely resembles an automobile, a designation that would require it to meet more stringent safety standards. "It is the consensus of the DMV that this vehicle closely resembles an automobile in appearance, and is equipped (brake, clutch, accelerator, steering wheel, four-cylinder engine, seat belt, gear shifter, etc.) and handles like an automobile rather than a motorcycle," wrote DMV senior attorney Sharon Geanuracos. The DMV has suggested Polaris go to the state Legislature to create a new classification for the vehicle.

This comes on the heels of rejection from the State of Texas. In November, Polaris Dealers in the State of Texas were notified that they would be unable to sell the new Slingshot because customers will not be allowed to register their new Slingshot as a street legal motorcycle. According to the Texas DMV, the Polaris Slingshot is not classified as a motorcycle. While the company is working with the DMV to find a resolution, no timeline was given.

The conflict centers on the definition of a motorcycle in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Operator's Manual defines three-wheelers by certain characteristics, such as "saddle seating," which means "seating in which the rider/passenger straddles the vehicle" or "If designed for a passenger, the passenger must be seated behind the operator (or in a separate passenger compartment in the case of a motorcycle with sidecar)." The manual diagram includes examples of both a traditional trike with one front, two back tires, as well as a two front, single back tire like a Can-Am Spyder. While the Slingshot has a two front, one back design, the seats are side-by-side, with three-point seatbelts. That's why Texas will not classify it as a motorcycle.

The company states that "Virtually all states classify Slingshot as a motorcycle, and therefore any licensing regulations and restrictions (like helmet laws) that apply to motorcycles also apply to Slingshot. California is an exception in that it classifies Slingshot as a 3-wheeled motorcycle, which can be ridden with only a Class C license. Virginia classifies it as a 3-wheeled motorcycle and offers a special 3-wheeled motorcycle license (M3)." The company originally had approval from the State of Texas to sell Slingshots until learning of the reversal on November 4. The matter is complicated further by the fact that similar vehicles with the same seating arrangement, such as the Morgan Three-Wheeler and Campagna T-Rex, are capable of being registered in the state.

In addition to being a pressing issue to Polaris, the decisions made in Texas and Connecticut could have far-reaching effects. The precedence these states set has the potential to sway the definition of motorcycles and three-wheel vehicles in more states, as well.

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YESTERDAY AND TODAY: MIKE PINSON



LOH PAINT PARTY

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015

Irish Bred Pub and Restaurant - 6682 Broad Street Douglasville, Georgia

RL: Angie Rodriguez

LOOK! Another LOH Paint Night COUPLE'S PAINTING 7:00pm – 9:00 pm Painting- Fifty Shades of Grey \$25 each if you use discount code ATL20 www.paintnite.com. Everyone is responsible for their own ticket and they are limited. Meet at 5:30 pm if you want to have dinner before painting. I hope to see you all there!!

PONCE INLET LIGHTHOUSE

Saturday, March 7th, 2015

Kangaroo gas station at 201 Main Street

Meet at 9:30 KSU 10:00

RC-Mike Laymon

Meet at the Kangaroo gas station at 201 Main Street which is between South Peninsula Drive and South Halifax Ave. We will take a nice easy ride to through the Florida Palmetto lands to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse to take a couple photos. Then we will ride back to a destination in Daytona for Lunch and then onto Destination Daytona.

ROCK BACK PIZZA

Sunday, March 15th, 2015

HDA 10:30 KSU 11:00

RC-Mike Laymon

We will ride around 100 miles then stop in Newnan for pizza at Rock Back Pizza which is started by a former founder of Mellow Mushroom Pizza, where the ride will end.

Your taste buds and ears won't have all the fun at Rock Back. The place is practically covered in original underground-style comic art, sculpture and artifacts. It's a loud, rockin' and colorful place where staff is encouraged to dance if they feel like it - and they usually do. The pizza eating public (that would be you) can look forward to an entertaining new way to enjoy classic or contemporary pizzas and groovin' tunes.

EASTER RIDE NASHVILLE STYLE

April 2nd – 5th, 2015

RC- Jesse Rodriguez

I HEAR BANJOS, “SADDLE & PADDLE” OCOEE RIVER TRIP

Saturday, June 6th, 2015

QT (Quick Trip) at Exit 7 on I-575 (9765 Highway 92, Woodstock) at 9:00 KSU at 9:30

RC- Mark Redmon & Jesse Harris

4-pigs

Go ahead and mark your calendars for the weekend of June 6 & 7. The Atlanta HOG Chapters “I Hear Banjos” River Run will take place at the Ocoee River in Ducktown, TN with a well- established outfitter, [Wildwater Adventures](#). If you’ve done the Ocoee before you know what a thrilling experience it is. The Ocoee offers some of the most popular whitewater in the Southeast with rapids like Vegematic, Double Trouble, Diamond Splitter, Powerhouse and Tablesaw. Each raft will be guided by an experienced Wildwater guide. This is a trip you will not want to miss.

- The cost: \$42.73 per person, with tax and fees.
- Reservation Deadline is May 2nd.

To make a reservation call 800-451-9972 and reference the “Atlanta HOG Reservation # 162958” [Middle Ocoee River Trip](#) for June 6th at 1:00 pm.

After experiencing the Ocoee we will saddle up and ride to Murphy NC, spend the night and ride some beautiful and twisty roads back home. Jesse Harris is finalizing the motel arrangements and reservation information for the motel will be forthcoming. We will have lunch at [Wildwater Willie’s Restaurant](#) at the Wildwater Rafting Center.

If you have any specific questions please contact Mark Redmon or Jesse Harris.

RALLYS, PIN STOPS, AND OVERNIGHT CHAPTER RIDES (* = Pin Stop)

Dates	Rally / Ride	Location / Road Captain
March 7 – 14, 2015	* Daytona Bike Week	Daytona Beach, FL
April 09 - 11, 2015	Louisiana H.O.G. Rally	West Monroe, LA , US
April 16 - 18, 2015	Alabama H.O.G. Rally	Montgomery, AL , US
April 23 - 25, 2015	* Laughlin River Run	Laughlin, NV
April 23 - 25, 2015	South Carolina H.O.G. Rally	Anderson, SC , US
April 29 – May 3, 2015	Panama City Beach Spring Rally	Panama City Beach, FL
May 9 – 16, 2015	* Myrtle Beach Bike Week	Myrtle Beach, SC, US
May 14 - 16, 2015	Texas H.O.G. Rally	Tyler, TX , US
May 24, 2015	* Rolling Thunder XXVIII	Washington, DC, US
May 26 - 30, 2015	Tennessee H.O.G. Rally	Cookeville, TN , US
May 28 - 30, 2015	Kansas H.O.G. Rally	Topeka, KS , US
June 04 - 06, 2015	Kentucky H.O.G. Rally	London, KY , US
June 11 - 13, 2015	South Dakota H.O.G. Rally	Rapid City, SD , US
June 11 - 13, 2015	Alaska H.O.G. Rally	Fairbanks, AK , US
June 13 – 20, 2015	Laconia Motorcycle Week	Loudon, NH, US
June 18 - 20, 2015	Arkansas H.O.G. Rally	Hot Springs, AR , US
June 18 - 20, 2015	Colorado H.O.G. Rally	Gunnison, CO , US
June 18 - 20, 2015	Missouri H.O.G. Rally	Springfield, MO , US
June 18 - 21, 2015	Maryland-Delaware H.O.G. Rally	Deep Creek Lake, MD , US
June 24 - 27, 2015	Virginia H.O.G. Rally	Williamsburg, VA , US
June 25 - 27, 2015	Minnesota H.O.G. Rally	Alexandria, MN , US
July 08 - 12, 2015	West Virginia H.O.G. Rally	Huntington, WV , US
July 09 - 11, 2015	Wyoming H.O.G. Rally	Sheridan, WY , US
July 09 - 11, 2015	Wisconsin H.O.G. Rally	Janesville, WI , US
July 16 - 18, 2015	New York H.O.G. Rally	Corning, NY
July 16 - 18, 2015	Montana H.O.G. Rally	Missoula, MT , US
July 23 - 25, 2015	Iowa H.O.G. Rally	Des Moines, IA , US
July 23 - 25, 2015	Indiana H.O.G. Rally	Kokomo, IN , US
July 23 - 25, 2015	Maine H.O.G. Rally	Skowhegan, ME , US
July 23 - 25, 2015	H.O.G. Iron Adventure Run	Sturbridge, MA , US
August 3 - 9, 2015	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	Sturgis, SD
August 12 - 15, 2015	Illinois H.O.G. Rally	Alton, IL , US
August 13 - 15, 2015	Michigan H.O.G. Rally	Marquette, MI , US
August 27 - 29, 2015	Pacific Northwest H.O.G. Rally	Portland, OR
August 27 - 29, 2015	Pennsylvania H.O.G. Rally	Erie, PA , US
September 09 - 12, 2015	New Mexico H.O.G. Rally	Albuquerque, NM , US
September 10 - 12, 2015	Oklahoma H.O.G. Rally	Poteau, OK , US
September 10 - 12, 2015	North Carolina H.O.G. Rally	Wilmington, NC , US
September 17 - 19, 2015	New Jersey H.O.G. Rally	Seaside Heights, NJ , US
October 07 - 10, 2015	Florida H.O.G. Rally	Ft. Myers, FL , US
October 09 - 11, 2015	Hawaii H.O.G. Rally	Honolulu, HI , US
October 15 – 18, 2015	Biketoberfest	Daytona Beach, FL
October 21 – 25, 2015	Panama City Beach Spring Rally	April 29 – May 3, 2015
October 22 - 24, 2015	Arizona H.O.G. Rally	Yuma, AZ , US
November 05 - 07, 2015	Georgia H.O.G. Rally	Jekyll Island, GA , US

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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Business Meeting HDA Break Area 6:30 pm Open to All Members!!	6	7 St. Jude Charity Ride HDA Register 9:30 KSU 11:00 \$25 bike / \$5 passenger includes t-shirt Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Kangaroo gas station at 201 Main Street Meet at 9:30 KSU 10:00 RC-Mike Laymon Blessing Of The Bikes HDA 11:00 - 12:30pm
8	9 Mexi-Monday Jalapeno Joe's @ 6:30 pm RL: Denise King	10 HOGWASH Articles Due	11	12 Daytona's Bike Week Loop and Beyond Ride Meet @ Julian's 88 S Atlantic Ave Ormond Beach, FL M 9:00 - KSU 9:30 RC: Chuck Fuller BIKE NIGHT HDA 6:00pm - 9:00pm	13	14 Save the Cooch Calendar Signing HDA 2:00pm - 4:00pm
15 Rock Back Pizza HDA 10:30 KSU 11:00 RC-Mike Laymon	16	17	18	19 Chapter Meeting HDA Pavilion Meeting: 7:00 pm	20	21 Lucky 15 Party HDA 11:00 - 4:00pm
22	23	24	25 Wing Wednesday The Crafty HOG, 652 Concord Rd, Smyrna, GA 6:30 pm RL: René Durham	26	27	28 1st Annual WISE Ride 2015 HDA 8:30a- 4:00pm
29	30	31	1	2 Business Meeting HDA Break Area 6:30 pm Open to All Members!!	3	4
					Easter Ride Nashville Style	

All rides leaving HDA will meet at the pavilion
Chapter Events are Black Text

All Chapter Events are "Closed" unless otherwise noted

All times listed are "A.M" unless otherwise stated
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