



BULL SHOTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

OLD TOWN CHAPTER - # 5039
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
TAMPA, FL

Director Dennis “Gomez” Adams

As this September Director Article goes to press, I will be leading some of our members on my first overnight ride to Helen Georgia. Past Director Rick Vincent will be leading two days of local rides in the Helen area. Rick and Sarah moved to Blairsville a few years ago. I met up with them when I did my pre-ride to Helen, Rick promised new roads we have not been on before, since he has more time to explore the area now. Looking forward to seeing what challenging roads he discovers.

Our Assistant Director Harry Werner has been hard at work for our 20th PAWS Charity event. He has had two planning meetings with a good turnout of volunteers from the Chapter. Of course he can still use some more help, especially on the day of the event. Be sure to check out the web page for forms and how you can help raise funds for Dogs Inc. Road Captain Don Amberg will be leading a chapter ride to Fishhawk Sporting Clays for the charity event. Lunch tickets are available from Sr. Road Captain Bob Backus and will be available on the day of the ride too. If you have not been to one of the Clay Shoot, come on out September 27th and see what we have for silent auction items.

As the weather cools and the evening rains taper off, Jason will start up the Bike Nights in October. In the meantime, Tom is holding Motorcycle “Skills Challenge” on September 27th. Check out the Dealership’s advertisement in this Newsletter for further details.

Do not forget to submit your mileage to oteride365@gmail.com. We currently sit at 14th in the Southeastern Region. If we get to 10th or better, Jason will let us raffle off a chance for a motorcycle paint job valued at up to \$5,000. Also, Harley-Davidson has a riding promo where you get a coin for 1,000 miles and a hat for 5,000 miles. See Marty Cusack to register and check in your bike.

Our Road Captains are hard at work planning longer rides for November. This is going to be another chance for you to get a “777”-ride in. Also, keep an eye on the ride calendar for Luigi’s Inaugural ride. Our Chapter always comes out in force to support our newest Road Captain.

With September comes the peak of Hurricane Season. Be sure to check the web page and emails for any potential ride cancellations. We err on the side of caution during this time of year. See you on the next ride or meeting.

Dennis “Gomez” Adams
Director OTC 2024 - 2025



EMBRACING THE RIDE

Hunter S. Thompson, the so-called father of Gonzo journalism, has written a number of memorable things. One of his more oft-quoted sayings is: “Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming ‘Wow! What a Ride!’” It’s an interesting take on how to live one’s life and I believe we can learn from it. And I’ve known a few people over the years who have done their very best to live exactly the way Thompson describes in this quote!

While there are many who choose to interpret this quite literally, when it comes to motorcycle riding, I’m not so sure that’s the best philosophy! For those of us who have answered the call to ride – literally – there is most definitely a certain joie de vivre in letting the wind blow through your hair (notice I said YOUR hair, not mine!). The sense of freedom that comes from cruising around on our country roads is indeed thrilling and gives us a chance to leave our everyday concerns at home, at least for a while. At the same time, there are occasions when prudence dictates a more cautious approach, and we just have to slow down. To that end, it behooves all of us to take the time to slow down. Not just in life, but literally when we ride.

You all know I enjoy slow riding, doing the figure 8, “snow cone” and offset weave that you can see in exaggerated form on those infamous Police Rodeo videos. I certainly don’t count myself at that level by any means, but I do enjoy the challenge of trying to master the techniques. I would encourage all of you to take some time to practice your slow speed skills. Find an empty parking lot and use the parking spaces as a guide (they are generally 9 feet wide). Even if it’s just doing a circle (in both directions!) using a combination of 6 connected spaces (that’s 27 feet square according to Don). Start somewhere. And, if you want (or need) some help, ask any one of our Road Captains or more skilled riders. Or, if you haven’t done so yet, sign up for the Tampa Police SMART class. It’s a 1-day course and it’s free! Many of our members proudly wear their SMART course patch. Join the club. Or talk with Tom at the Dealership and sign up for one of the many classes he offers. By practicing your all-around riding skills, you can make sure that you can proudly proclaim, “Wow! What a ride!”

By the time you read this, we will have completed our annual ride to the Dogs Inc campus. For those who went, I hope you enjoyed it. If you couldn’t go, I encourage you to go down on your own and take in one of their tours so you can get a first-hand look at exactly what they do. It will give you a deeper appreciation for the phenomenal work they do with those amazing dogs.

Our 6th Annual Clay Shoot is coming up on September 27 at the Fishhawk Sporting Clays in Lithia. Join Don Amberg on the ride to the Clay Shoot (check the Calendar for start time and location) or just come on out and join the fun. If you’re interested, you can also form a team and participate in the shoot. Lunch is only \$20, and tickets are available at the Chapter meeting or from Renee Adkins and Bob Backus. Also, we are always looking for volunteers and/or donations, especially for the silent auction. If you have a basket that you’ve put together or something that could be auctioned off at the Clay Shoot, please contact Renee Adkins or myself. Obviously, the money we raise is going to a very good cause! When the dust settles, I’m looking forward to saying, “Wow! What a ride”!

**Harry Werner
Assistant Director
Old Town Hog 2025**

H.O.G. wants YOU to be our next DIRECTOR!

Over the next several months, we will be nominating and electing a new Director for 2026. I asked and Dennis Adams declined to seek another term. Dennis has done a great job over the past 21 months, but I understand his desire to pass the gavel on to a new Director.

If you are interested in leading the best HOG Chapter in the country, then you need to submit your name to either Dennis, our current director, Dan Balla, our Parliamentarian, or to Jason Whidden, the General Manager at our sponsoring dealer – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson. Nominations will open at the September 5th Chapter Meeting and close at the October 3rd Chapter Meeting. Election of a Director for 2026 will take place at the November 7th Chapter Meeting.

To qualify to be Director, you need to be a member in good standing, have served on the OTC Board of Directors at some time in the past for a minimum of 1 year, and be approved by Tampa Bay Harley Davidson. The office is a 1-year term, not to exceed 2 years per the OTC Bylaws.

Voting will take place at the November Chapter Meeting. To vote, you must be a member in good standing of the Old Town Chapter on or before 1 September 2025. Each member is limited to 1 vote. You must be present to vote, and no absentee votes will be counted per the OTC Bylaws.

If you have any questions regarding what the duties of Director are or how our election procedures work, please contact Dennis or a past Director or Dan Balla, Parliamentarian.



**Help Us Help a Military Member
– We Can Make a Difference**



Beretta, A300 Ultima

- Semi-automatic Shotgun
- 12 Gauge
- 28" Vent Rib Barrel
- Black Synthetic Stock
- Front Bead Sight
- 3" Chamber
- MobilChoke

Paws for Patriots Gun Raffle

Location: Fishhawk Sporting Clays
13505 Hobson Simmons Rd. Lithia, FL 33547

Drawing Date:
Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Raffle Tickets Prices:
1 for \$10.00
6 for \$50.00
12 for \$100.00

Ticket Sales:
See your friendly Old Town Chapter HOG representative for chances to win

Drawing Rules:
Each raffle ticket is a chance to win one of two guns. Individual guns will be drawn in sequential order.

Charity
Fundraiser to
Provide
Service Dogs
for our
Veterans



S&W Bodyguard 2.0

- .380 ACP Semi-Autom.
- Micro-Compact
- 2.75" Barrel
- Bright Dot Front, U-Notch Rear Sights
- 10+1 and 12+1 Capacity
- 2x Magazines

Do not have to be present to win
Must be 21 years or older to win
Complete Background Check and Pickup at 2nd
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Past Director/Elder	John McKelvey	July 3, 1952	January 30, 2022

Drew's Views – Be Brilliant at the Basics - Let's Brake it Down

Over the past few months we've covered the staggered column (SC), the importance of pointing out hazards in a SC, and riding in the rain and heat. I hope you found those articles of interest. We want to always show "brilliance at the basics," "making the routine, routine," and ever mindful "every move must have a purpose." We'll go over "braking" this month. Fairly basic; we do it 100s of times on every ride.



If you've read this page this year or attended a few Welcome Wagon Ride discussions, you know I stay keenly focused on following distance. We could call the "1-second, 2-second" rule the "following distance rule."

Per last month's article, we know when riding at 60 mph we cover roughly 90 feet of asphalt in 1 second. So how do we take that knowledge and apply it to stopping our motorcycles?

The distance traveled from the moment you first hit the brakes until you come to a complete stop is called the **braking distance**. The **stopping distance**, on the other hand, is the total distance traveled since the event began; the sum of distance travelled during 1) perception, 2) reaction, and 3) braking time.

Various sources indicated an alert and fit rider needs 0.75 seconds perception time; therefore at 60 mph you've rolled about 68 feet before you first engage the brakes.

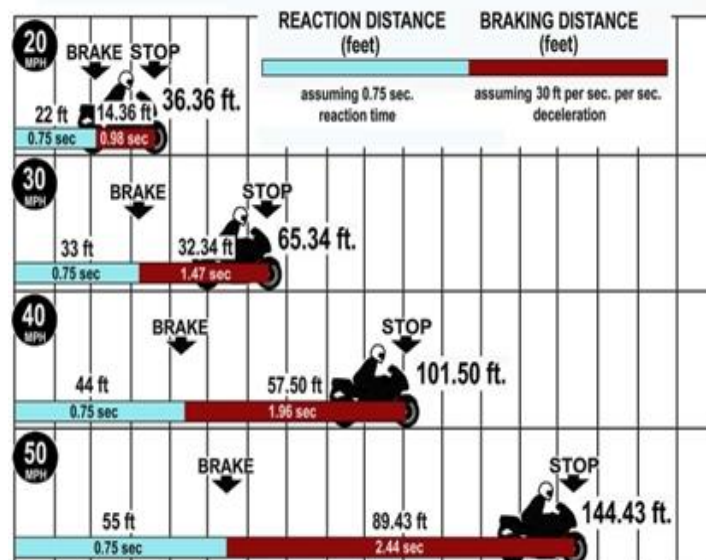
Per the chart, at 20 mph your stopping distance will be about 35 feet, while at 50 mph that distance increases to about 150 feet. That's just 2.5 times the speed but more than 4 times the braking distance.

Bottom Line: the faster you go the more following distance you need.

If you ride closer to something than your stopping distance at the given speed, and it stops, you will likely have to swerve or you will hit it.

Last two points. 1. Here's what Harley – Davidson thinks about **"MASTERING MOTORCYCLE BRAKING: TECHNIQUES EVERY RIDER SHOULD KNOW."** A "Must Read" for every rider:

<https://www.insurance.harley-davidson.com/resources/mastering-motorcycle-braking>.



2. A Tampa Police Department SMART course instructor told my class whenever he rides he executes a *quick stop* and a *swerve*, 2 "life-saving skills," in the first 10 minutes of his ride. A good habit in applying "be brilliant at the basics" and "making the routine, routine." The "purpose" of this habit? It may save your life. I've picked this one up.

Every move must have a purpose!

Drew Moores - OTC Safety Officer

If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start by rebuilding the engine." Consider practicing!



- September 1st – Labor Day
- September 11th – Patriot Day & National Day of Service
- September 16th – National Guacamole Day
- September 18th – National Cheeseburger Day

Ladies of Harley:

Hi everyone, just as a reminder school is in session and we need to remember to slow down especially in school zones and to stop for buses. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the rest of the year so please make sure to check our LOH Facebook page for updates. We have September 14th at 2 PM candle making. If you are interested, please let me know. Thank you all for supporting the best LOH group.

Upcoming LOH Events:

- September 9th – LOH Meeting Mission BBQ

Check the [Chapter Calendar](#) for locations and events!

Bonnie Amberg

Ladies of Harley Officer, 2025

Ladies of Harley is open to all women in the Chapter - - you do not need to be a rider to participate. You must however be an active full or associate member of HOG to be affiliated with Ladies of Harley. Although LOH is free of charge, membership is not automatic. If you would like to join, simply contact the national HOG office and request membership.



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL

CHAPTER MEETING

August 1, 2025

Chapter Member James McBride introduced the 2025 Officers: Secretary: Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Harry Werner, and Director: Dennis Adams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Director Dennis Adams and Harry Werner.

The American Flag presented by Barry Shapiro and we said The Pledge of Allegiance.

There were two (2) representatives from Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership. Marty Cusack and Mike Parker are Chapter Members.

Dennis discussed Ride 365. He stated that we are currently in fourteenth place. If we remain in the top ten, one of our members will have a chance to get a \$5k custom paint job. Remember to submit your mileage to Dennis Adams at otcrider365@gmail.com

Harry reminded everyone to visit our website, oldtownhog.com or Facebook page Old Town Harley for information on rides, the newsletter, photos, ride calendar, forum, and contact information. Answer the trivia question to win a prize.

If you are interested in placing an Ad in our Newsletter, please see Patty Kopcho.

Harry stated that the next Paws for Patriots meeting will be Thursday, August 7th at the Dealership. He thanked Dan Ellis for his help in securing the guns for the Paws for Patriots Gun Raffle. Harry stated we need Sponsors for the shoot and urged Chapter Members to be on the lookout for sponsors.

Information regarding the shootout is on our web page, www.oldtownhog.com. You are now able to donate directly to PAWS through a QR Code provided on the website using a credit card. Harry also stated that “Rook”, the PAWS for Patriots dog named after Colonel Ron Rook, is now in training to be guide dog.

Parliamentarian Dan Balla stated that it is time to start thinking about a new Director. In September there will be a formal announcement. If you are interested, please speak to Jason Whidden. October will be when nominations are made. If there is more than one person interested in this position, then a vote will be taken in November.

There was one (1) Guest (s) in attendance.

The attendees recognized and sang Happy Birthday to all members with August birthdays.

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann gave her Treasury report.

Activities Director - On August 16th, there will be a Celebration of Life for Mike Kwiecinski from 4 – 6 pm at the Brandon Moose Lodge, 804 S. Miller Road, Valrico, FL 33594-4216.

Movie night is also scheduled for August 16th at 6:30 at the Dealership.

Ladies of Harley Officer –Bonnie Amberg said Dealer Appreciation will be tomorrow, August 2nd. The next LOH Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5th, at Portillo’s. Bonnie stated that she will be driving to St. Augustine and if anybody is looking for a ride, she would be happy to take them. Bonnie stated that the Quilt Raffle for PAWS is going well. When you are out and about, please check with establishments for raffle items, gift cards, baskets. There will be a garage sale for PAWS in October, please check for anything that you may have to contribute, especially little trinkets as they go well at the sale.

Merchandise Officer – Pam Mangiaracina - If you are looking for a special T-shirt, please see Pam so she can get it ordered. She said that there were only two (2) hats remaining after sales at the Chapter Meeting. She said that they cooked hot dogs for the Dealership and were able to raise money for PAWS.

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Safety Officer - Drew Moores said that the next Welcome Wagon Meeting will be on Sunday, August 3rd going to O'Brien's in Plant City, a 44-mile ride. KSU AT 11:00.

Head Road Captain - Gary Stein welcomed Recruit Road Captain Luigi Cavallaro.

August Rides

8/1 – Chapter Meeting
8/2 – Fred's Market – Robin Bacchus
8/2 – Dealership Appreciation Lunch
8/3 – Welcome Wagon Ride – O'Brien's Pub – Drew Moores
8/5 – LOH Meeting – Portillo's – Leslie Monroe
8/6 – Board Meeting
8/7 – PAWS Planning Meeting
8/9 – Whiskey Joe's – Bob Monroe
8/10 – The Iconic Skipper's Smokehouse – Don Amberg
8/12 – Shamrock Ale House - Cal Reimann
8/13 – Road Captains Meeting
8/16 – The Breakfast Company – Pete Barack
8/16 – Movie Night
8/17 – Evening in Ellington: Anna Marie Oyster Bar – Leslie Monroe
8/19 – JF Kicks – Bob Backus
8/23 – Dogs Inc / The Grayson – Harry Werner
8/24 – 3 Bulls Tavern & Brewery – Jack Hinton
8/26 – Gloria Days – David Brown
8/29 – Helen Ride – Dennis Adams – Day 1
8/30 – Smokey Bones – Cal Reimann
8/30 – Helen Ride – Rick Vincent - Day 2
8/31 - Popi's Place – Randy Hutchinson
8/31 – Helen Ride – Rick Vincent – Day 3
9/1 – Return from Helen Ride to Tampa – Dennis Adams

If you want to be a Road Captain, please see Gary Stein.

Next Board Meeting will be August 6th.

Dennis stated that you can contact the Membership Officer, Robin Bacchus, to join the Chapter and/or go to the website for additional information and forms. We currently have 150 members and one (1) on waiver.

Dennis said any member who rides 777 one-way miles in one month's time will receive the 777 patch. If you complete the ride in any subsequent year, you will receive a year patch. Overnight ride miles will not be included in obtaining the 777 status.

There were no 777 winners for July. The next time will have a 777 month will be in November.

Harry and Dennis explained the Rider and Member of the Month awards: Member/Rider/Board Member/Road Captain of the Month awards presented to members having the most participation point/miles with a calendar month that have not previously received one within the calendar year.

There were seven (7) Posse Patches awarded in June.

Old Town Posse Patch	
Steve Kolacki	Tombstone
Coleen Mercer	Year Patch
German Pinto	Tombstone
Mike Mangiaracina	Tombstone
Pam Mangiaracina	Tombstone
Marcia Pembelton	Tombstone
Brad Souders	Year Patch

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Member of the Month – As of 7/31/25

Member of the Month - General Membership		
Steve Kolacki	1st	14
German Pinto	2nd	8
Dale Dulimba	3rd	7
Larry Snyder	3rd	7

Member of the Month - Board Member/Road Captains		
Craig Collet	1st	17
Don Amberg	2nd	10
Robin Bacchus	3rd	9

Rider of the Month – As of 7/31/25

Rider of the Month - General Membership		
Steve Kolacki	1st	5254
Dale Dulimba	2nd	1728
Steve Byrnes	3rd	422

Rider of the Month - Board Member/Road Captains		
Craig Collet	1st	5455
Joe Hall	2nd	452
Harry Werner	3rd	370

Year to Date Stats - Member and Rider Stats

Member of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Points
James Schmitz	98
Daniel Evans	77
Steve Byrnes	64
Larry Snyder	61
Luigi Cavallaro	53
Sheri Philhower	44

Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Points
David Brown	107
Cal Reimann	94
Bob Backus	93
Gary Stein	78
Joe Hall	68
Harry Werner	65
Kathy Reimann	65

Rider of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Miles
Dan Evans	11313
Steve Kolacki	8024
James Schmitz	4678
Steve Byrnes	2987
Luigi Cavallaro	2961
Larry Snyder	2902

Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Miles
David Brown	11341
Craig Collet	6954
Bob Backus	6093
Cal Reimann	4010
Don Amberg	3917
Harry Werner	3253



Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 430 event points in July and have ridden a total of 133,833 miles in 2025.

Year to Date Miles Ridden	133833
Year to Date Miles Available	12833
Year to Date Points Participated	2970
Year to Date Points Available	131
3rd Quarter Miles Ridden	33382
3rd Quarter Miles Available	5759
3rd Quarter Points Participated	430
3rd Quarter Points Available	28
July Miles Ridden	33382
July Miles Available	5759
July Points Participated	430
July Points Available	28

Monthly challenge question for the August Newsletter – Ron Lorch

Ride Lotto – Barry Shapiro

Newsletter Reader – Becky Reimann

T-shirt ride – Harry Werner

Name Tag drawing – Craig Collet

Secret Greeter was German Pinto,
and the winner was: Clayton Smith

General Raffles: 1) Bonnie Long;
2) Mike Parker;
3) Pete Barack

50/50 drawing – Emmett Lee

The next Chapter Meeting will be on September 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Byrnes, Secretary

2025 OTC Membership \$30.00

**Like what you see? Member of the
National Harley Owners Group?
New Membership forms will be found on
our website @**

**<http://www.oldtownhog.com> or are
available from our Membership Officer or
any OTC Road Captain. \$30.00 covers the
entire year of 2025.**

**Complete a membership form and
submit it with payment to:
Old Town Chapter.**

**Mail to: Membership Officer Robin Bacchus
11435 Newgate Crest Drive
Riverview, FL 33579**

(Help support “OUR” Great Chapter)

**Remember, if you want your birthday in the
newsletter you will have to give it to Robin
to provide to Newsletter Editor:
Cal Reimann.**



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 6th, 2025

The meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Director Dennis Adams.

Board Members Present: Dennis Adams, Bonnie Amberg, Lori Bacchus, Robin Bacchus, Bob Backus, Dan Balla, Pete Barack, David Brown, Monica Byrnes, Craig Collet, Len Goellner, Joe Hall, Patty Kopcho, Mike Mangiaracina, Pam Mangiaracina, Drew Moores, Michael Parker, Crafton Price, Becky Reimann, Cal Reimann, Kathy Reimann, Debbie Speicher, Gary Stein, Harry Werner

Missing Board Members: David Adkins, Renee Adkins, Jack Hinton, Kat Jensen

Past Directors Present: Robin Bacchus, David Brown, Cal Reimann

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Possible December Meeting at the Dealership on 12/5/25

Treasurer: Kathy Reimann – Kathy gave a report. A motion was made by Bonnie Amberg to accept the report, the motion was seconded by Len Goellner and approved.

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – nothing to report

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 150 members with 2 on waivers

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein stated that there is one (1) recruit Road Captain, Luigi Cavallaro. We will continue short rides due to the heat and weather through August. The next 777 ride will be scheduled for November.

Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus has both the gun raffle tickets and the lunch tickets for the Shoot Out.

Jack Hinton – not in attendance

David Brown – mentioned that they will be trailering the bikes to Sturgis or the bikes can be shipped. This will provide shorter travel times to the event and will provide 7 – 8 days of riding. He also stated that they would be attending the first 2 - 3 days of the event.

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – asked to confirm Luigi's new email address.

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – offered that he had office supplies available for anybody interested in them. Dennis inquired about a binder for Chapter Meeting minutes and a 3-hole punch.

Ladies of Harley Officer: Bonnie Amberg – October will be the Garage Sale; November is the Christmas Party and the Chili Cook Off. Bonnie will not be able to attend the Chapter Meeting in November and Leslie Monroe and/or Renee Adkins will be available to fill in for her.

Activities – Renee Adkins – the Celebration of Life for Mike Kwiecinski will be held from 4-6 pm at the Brandon Moose Lodge, 804 S Miller Rd, Valrico, FL 33594. Please wear Red, White and Blue to Honor Mike. Also, Movie Night is scheduled for August 16th starting at 6:30 pm at the Dealership.

Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – has lots of shirts available to be handed out.

Harley Davidson Representative: Kat Jensen – not in attendance

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Parliamentarian: Dan Balla made a motion to add Chapter Meeting at TBHD on 12/5/25, Bob Backus seconded the motion.

Merchandise Officer: Pam Mangiaracina and Mike Mangiaracina – asked about placing another order for hats – 7 were sold at the Chapter Meeting.

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho – Luigi Cavallaro renewed his ad.

Hugs: Becky Reimann – sent 7 cards out this month for Hugs

Webmaster: Craig Collet – all good

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – Thanked people for sending their articles in early. A reminder that articles are due by the 20th of the month. He also confirmed that Sandy Souders birthday is in April.

Photographer: Debbie Speicher – thanked everyone for sending pictures to her.

Historian: Crafton Price – all good

Members at Large: Joe Hall – all good

David Adkins – not in attendance

Lori Bacchus – all good

Mike Parker – all good

Assistant Director: Harry Werner – PAWS update – the bank account is open; outstanding bills paid. Harry is looking for sponsorship for the banner and station signs. Harry also spoke with Fran from Dogs Inc to see if Rook was available for the day of our visit to Dogs Inc. Regarding the PAWS Patch – 16 patches were distributed. There will be a drawing for a \$50 Gift Card to the first 25 people who made a \$100 donation to PAWS. There may be a second drawing as well. We had an anonymous sponsor who paid for the guns. 2nd Amendment will be at the shoot. LOH is putting together baskets to be raffled off at the event.

Past Directors:

Cal Reimann – all good

Robin Bacchus – all good

David Brown – the Trophies are ready and will be picked up on Friday, 8/8/25.

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – \$1600 has been collected for the gun raffle; \$630 for Kathy's Quilt and \$790 for Cal's Carving.

The Strawberry Crest ROTC will present the colors at the PAWS Shoot Out.

Activities – nothing additional

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Byrnes, Secretary

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Parker	Christopher Keeney
Brad Souders	David Leonard
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Lisa Branson	Mary Lou Brown

Chapter membership forms no longer ask for a member's birthday; we are unable to modify these forms as they are provided by National HOG. If you would like to share your special day with us, please contact/email our Membership Officer,

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Florida Statute 316.126 (Paraphrased)

If an authorized emergency vehicle, sanitation vehicle, utility service vehicle, wrecker, road, bridge maintenance, construction vehicle, or a disabled vehicle is stopped on the side of the road displaying warning lights or hazard lights ... the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe shall "vacate" the lane closest to such vehicles when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle.

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As a motorcyclist, we must be extra alert, attentive and watchful of our surroundings and must move over (or reduce our speed if we cannot move over). We must also have "situational awareness" as we are extremely "vulnerable" to hazards – sometimes faced with multiple hazards at the same time. This is especially true in rush hour or congested traffic situations. By following the rules, we considerably increase our chances of keeping ourselves and others alive. Additionally, a violation of the law results in a fine and points on your driver's license, which can lead to other consequences.

By having situational awareness and following the "Move Over Law", we significantly reduce risks of being involved in a crash, towards protecting ourselves, our emergency responders and many others.

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September 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Hwy 75 and Route 52 to Tampa KSU @ 5:30am from the Helen Welcome Center, 592 mi., 5RS, 12.5 hrs. RC Dir Dennis Adams	2 Mandola's Italian Kitchen 12926 US Hwy 301 Riverview, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Joe Hall	3 	4 	5 	5 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	6 Smokin' Aces BBQ KSU @ 9:15am from RaceTrac (Fletcher Ave. and Telecom Dr.), 73 mi, 0RS, 1.75 hrs. HRC Gary Stein Baggers & Boards: TBHD Cornhole Tournament 10am-6pm
7 Welcome Wagon Talk - 10am Welcome Wagon Ride Beef 'O' Brady's - Bloomingdale KSU @ 11am from TBHD, 30mi, 0RS, 1.25 hrs. RC/SO Drew Moores	8 	9 TNDR/LOH MEETING - Mission BBQ 1504 W. Brandon Blvd. Brandon, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann	10 Board Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	11 PAWS Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm	12 	13 Casa Di Pizza KSU @ 9:45am from Wawa, US 301 & Summerfield Crossing, 55mi, 0RS, 1.75 hrs. RC Harry Werner
14 ABC Pizza - Land O Lakes KSU @ 9am from 7-11 Falkenburg & Palm River, 71mi., 0RS, 2.25 hrs. RC Cal Reimann T-Shirt Ride	15 	16 The Talking Pint 13418 Boyette Rd, Riverview, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus	17 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm TBHD Classroom	18 	19 	20 Coney Island Drive-Inn KSU @ 8:30am from Wawa, 301 & Causeway, 71mi, 1R/S, 2.5hrs RC Walter Schneider
21 Florida Ave. Brewing KSU @ 10am from RaceTrac (Telecom Dr. and Fletcher Ave), 63mi, 0RS, 1.5 hrs. SRC Bob Backus	22 	23 LongHorn Steakhouse - Brandon 11102 Causeway Blvd, Brandon, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD HRC Gary Stein	24 	25 	26 	27 Ride to Paws for Patriots KSU @ 9:30am from Circle K Gibsonton Dr and Old Gibsonton Dr., 40mi, 0RS. 1hr. RC Don Amberg Paws for Patriots Clay Shoot @ 9am
28 Asian Fusion KSU 9:30am from 7-11 Palm River & Falkenburg, 58mi. 0 R/S, 1.75 hrs. RC Randy Hutchinson	29 	30 Bob Evans - Brandon 10119 Horace Ave, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Dir Dennis Adams	31 			

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Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2025

January	3rd - <i>Past</i>	July	11th <i>Past</i>
February	7th - <i>Past</i>	August	1st <i>Past</i>
March	7th - <i>Past</i>	September	5th
April	4th - <i>Past</i>	October	3rd
May	2nd - <i>Past</i>	November	7th
June	13th - <i>Past</i>	Nov. 29th	Christmas Party
		December	5th at TBHD



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