



# ***BULL SHOTS***

## ***OCTOBER 2025***

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

*Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams*

Oh yes..... mornings are in the 70's again, which is perfect riding weather. It still gets hot on the ride home, but mornings are great. Hopefully we will see more members come out on our rides now. My first overnight ride to Helen Georgia was a success. Past Director Rick Vincent found some amazing roads to take us on. Thanks for putting it all together Rick. We even had past members Mike Jenkins and Rich and Susan Cass ride with us. Also, Robert Ebaugh rode with us. He and his wife spend summers in Georgia and winter in St. Pete. He joined last year. His wife is a puppy raiser for Dogs Inc and brought her second dog she has raised for them. It was like an Old Town North Georgia meet up.

Our Assistant Director Harry Werner has been hard at work for our 20<sup>th</sup> PAWS Charity Event. He held his third planning meetings with a good turnout. Plans are finalized and now we just need to raise funds and get some military shooting teams. Be sure to check out the Quilt and Carving from the Reimann's. They are doing well selling raffle tickets. Bob Backus is also heading up the lunch tickets and gun raffle.

Communications Officer Pete Barack is leading our last overnight ride of the year to St. Augustine, which leaves on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Sounds like a good size group is heading up with Pete. It is not too late to join all the members going up for the weekend.

Our newest Recruit Road Captain Luigi is working with his sponsor Don Amberg. Head Road Captain, Safety Officer and Sr. Road Captains are all helping Luigi out. Even Range Officer Tom Holden has taken time to help Luigi on his range work. Hopefully Luigi will be ready to announce his inaugural ride at November's Chapter meeting. I can tell you Luigi is very excited to become a Road Captain. His excitement is infectious.

November is still looking like a 777 month. Road Captains are planning some longer rides to help reach our goal. November is still Hurricane Season, so 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. Our Sponsoring Dealership is also planning a Bike Night for October 30<sup>th</sup>. They may also have something for Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. See you on the next ride or at the Chapter Meeting.

***Dennis "Gomez" Adams***  
***Director OTC 2024 - 2025***



## IN FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO...

October brings with it, in addition to Halloween, Columbus Day. Most of us growing up learned the old rhyme: “In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.” It was an easy way to remember the (supposed) discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. In actuality, Columbus landed in the Bahamas around October 12, 1492 and in 1493 he landed in Hispaniola (present day Dominican Republic). As far as I know, Columbus never actually set foot on mainland USA, so it’s probably more accurate to say Columbus came to “the Americas” in 1492. And, here’s a little bit of trivia for you (no extra charge): the modern-day federal holiday of Columbus Day is thanks to the lobbying efforts of Mariano Lucca from (drumroll please) – Buffalo, New York! So, from this transplanted Buffalonian, Happy Columbus Day!

While I have always associated Columbus Day with the discovery of the Americas, after a little reading on the subject I came to learn that its origins actually go back to the 1700’s. On October 12, 1792, the Columbian Order of New York decided to celebrate their Italian heritage by commemorating Christopher Columbus’s discovery of the Americas (he was Italian, you know). Over the years, people in other areas around the country held similar celebrations around October 12<sup>th</sup> as a way to celebrate their Italian heritage. As Columbus Day began to be celebrated more universally around the country, in the late 1800’s the focus included lessons on citizenship, social progress and loyalty to country, which gave rise to the Pledge of Allegiance. While its association with the celebration of Italian heritage has diminished over the years, in 1971, the second Monday in October officially became the present federal holiday of Columbus Day (thanks to Mariano Lucca of Buffalo!). Class dismissed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Don Amberg for leading the ride to Dogs Inc in August while I was away for my daughter’s wedding. Those who attended were introduced to our very own Rook, who made a guest appearance with her trainer. The visit at Dogs Inc was followed by lunch at The Greyson, a new restaurant for our group that got good reviews from those in attendance. We’ll be going back there at some point in the future.

When you read this, our annual PAWS Clay Shoot will already have taken place. We had a number of shooting teams and the Silent Auction was a great success with some wonderful prizes. As of this writing, I don’t know who won the Quilt, Eagle or Gun raffles, but I’m sure whoever did win is thrilled. A special word of thanks to Kathy and Cal Reimann once again this year for contributing the Quilt and Eagle, which were both beautiful! Their selfless and thoughtful efforts in aid of our fundraising efforts are truly appreciated. Food this year was provided by BubbaQue’s (and I hope it was to everyone’s liking!). I want to thank all of my volunteers – too numerous to name individually – who made the event not only possible, but also a great success! As I quickly learned, there is no way we could have pulled off this event without their tireless efforts. And, thank you to all of you who contributed in other ways, either by way of donations, spreading the word or securing donations from friends, family, employers and colleagues, and to our sponsors. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Stay tuned for updates on the results of our fundraising efforts on behalf of Dogs Inc.

Harry Werner, Assistant Director

## Nominations for Director for 2026 closing soon

As discussed in the September newsletter, nominations for Director for 2026 opened up at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. Nominations will close at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Meeting. If you are interested in the position of Director and have not submitted your name to either Dennis Adams or Dan Balla or Jason Whidden, the General Manager at our sponsoring Dealer – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson, you need to act now. Please review my last article in the September newsletter to see if you qualify for the position.

Once nominations close on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the nominees will need to visit with Jason Whidden for approval to be placed on the ballot. For those unfamiliar with how HOG Chapters work, the sponsoring Dealer has final and absolute say on how the OTC HOG Chapter operates. This includes who is Director and whether or not we have an election.

Assuming that all nominees meet with Jason's approval, election of a Director for 2026 will take place at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. If there is only 1 candidate after nominations are closed at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Meeting and with Jason's approval, we can hold the election at the October Chapter Meeting by suspending Section 5 – General Election Voting of the OTC Bylaws. By doing so, it gives the new Director for 2026 an early start on filling the other board positions for 2026.

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.







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Past Director/Elder	John McKelvey	July 3, 1952	January 30, 2022



## Drew's Views

### The 13 Most Common Causes of Motorcycle Accidents: How to Avoid Them

Short and sweet item this month, but plenty of food for thought.

1. **Left-hand turn accidents:** Stay w/in the speed limit. Cover the controls & be prepared to stop at intersections.
2. **Unsafe lane changes:** Always signal before switching lanes. Never drive in the middle of two lanes. Check blind spots 1st. Change 1 lane at a time. Never change lanes in/near an intersection.
3. **Speeding:** Speed-related motorcycle accidents often end with fatalities.
4. **Dooring:** Note if parked vehicles are occupied. Stay away from parked vehicles in general.
5. **Head-on collisions:** Stay in correct lane; Maintain safe speed; Be aware of the road situation.
6. **Alcohol use or other DUI:** In the U.S., alcohol-impaired drivers cause 29 fatal accidents per day; 1 every 50 minutes. Steer clear of drivers exhibiting suspicious behavior.
7. **Lane splitting:** See dooring.
8. **Sudden stops by the vehicle you are following:** Maintain reasonable speeds and safe distances. Practice the life-saving skill "Quick Stop" often.
9. **Inexperienced or novice motorcycle riders:** Must eliminate distractions, remain aware of other vehicles, and practice life-saving skills. Quick stop, swerve. Take the free Tampa PD SMART Course.  
[Tampa SMART - Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques | City of Tampa](#)
10. **Dangerous road conditions:** Slow down on rough roads. Keep a safe distance from vehicles to your front. Stop instead of swerving if possible. Eliminate distractions.
11. **Hitting fixed objects:** Be aware of the road situation. Maintain a reasonable speed. Avoid distractions and keep both hands on the handlebars.



12. **Running off the road or into oncoming traffic in a curve:** Be at the correct speed and in the correct gear before entering curves. Use the outside-inside-outside method to flatten curves.
13. **Motorcycle defects:** The cause of < 5% of accidents & easiest to avoid. Follow the maintenance schedule. Johnny will thank you!

#### Remember:

**Be Brilliant at the Basics. Keep the Routine, Routine. Every Move Must Have a Purpose.**

*Drew Moores - OTC Safety Officer*



- October 1<sup>st</sup> – International Coffee Day
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Canine Companion Day
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – National Pets for Vets Day
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – National Candy Corn Day
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

#### Ladies of Harley:

Thank you to all who were able to come out and join me at Magnolia Soap & Bath Co, it was a fun and enjoyable afternoon. The candles all smelled wonderful. Just a couple of notes for the upcoming month. I will be in Virginia from October 4-13 for a wedding and Leslie (Slider) & Renee will be running the October LOH meeting. Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is the Cancer Ride being led by Leslie (Slider) Monroe, please come on out and support the ride. There will be patches and fun prizes given away after the ride and a cancer mug made by our own Pete Barack. October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> is our PAWS for Patriots garage sale at Renee's. If you have items for donation, please get them to Renee or me before the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Also, anyone who can volunteer to help set up on the 16<sup>th</sup> or help run the sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> please let myself or Renee know. HUMANATARIAN AWARD- Ladies we are coming down to the wire to get nominations in. I have received 3 nominations, and we will be closing nominations by October 17<sup>th</sup> so I can get everything put together to be voted on. Finally, October 24-26 is our ride to St. Augustine, if you are interested in going but do not want to ride a bike up, please let me know. I am driving up with the group and would love the company. You can reach me via Facebook, email or via my cell.

The chili cookoff scheduled for the end of November has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for the first part of next year. Please stay tuned for updates. The final months of the year are very busy for our organization. A big thank you goes out to all the Ladies of Harley for all that you do, and the friendships gained through our organization. You all make this a great organization to be part of.

Upcoming LOH Events: Cancer Ride, PAWS Garage Sale, St. Augustine Ride

LOH Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup> – Portillos

Check the Chapter Calendar for locations and events!

Bonnie Amberg  
Ladies of Harley Officer, 2025  
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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

September 5th, 2025

Chapter member Lori Bacchus 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 was presented by Michael Parker, 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 - Remember to submit your mileage to Director Dennis Adams @ [otcride365@gmail.com](mailto:otcride365@gmail.com)

Dennis stated that the Skills Training course is scheduled for the last Saturday of the month. Bike night will return in October. There may also be a Bike night in September.

Harry reminded everyone to visit our website, [oldtownhog.com](http://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.

The PAWS for Patriots Shoot-Out will be on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. Bubba-A-Que will provide lunch. If you are interested in providing a gift basket for the Silent Auction, please see Harry, Renee, or Bonnie.

Road Captains when you go to your restaurants on your rides, please see if the restaurant is willing to donate a gift card. The gift cards will be collected and put together to make a basket for the Silent Auction.

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, September 11th at the Dealership. He thanked Dan Ellis for his help in securing the guns for the Paws for Patriots Gun Raffle. Harry stated we still need Sponsors for the shoot and urged Chapter Members to be on the lookout for sponsors.

As a reminder, the information regarding the shootout is on our web page, [www.oldtownhog.com](http://www.oldtownhog.com). You are now able to donate directly to PAWS using a credit card through a QR Code provided on the website.

Parliamentarian Dan Balla stated that it is time to start thinking about a new Director. If you are interested in applying for the position of new Director, please speak to Jason Whidden or Dennis Adams. The nominations will be submitted prior to the October Chapter Meeting. If there is more than one person interested in this position, then a vote will be taken in November.

Harry Werner accepted the challenge to run for the Director position.

There was no (0) Guest (s) in attendance.

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

**Treasurer** - Kathy Reimann gave her Treasury report.

**Activities Director** – Renee Adkins – Christmas Party scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the party is White Christmas.

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**Ladies of Harley Officer** – Bonnie Amberg - Upcoming LOH Events:

September 9<sup>th</sup> - LOH Meeting Mission BBQ

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Candle Making Event at Magnolia Soap and Bath

The LOH Christmas Party is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Leslie Monroe will lead the Cancer Ride.

The set-up for the LOH Garage Sale will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at Renee Adkins home. The LOH Garage sale is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going to PAWS. Please check to see if you have anything that you may be able to contribute, especially little trinkets as they sell well.

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.

**Merchandise Officer** – Pam Mangiaracina will get with Kathy Reimann to put together a shirt order. The shirts will be in for the new year. At this time, there will not be any hats ordered.

**Safety Officer** - Drew Moores said that the next Welcome Wagon Meeting will be on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The ride will be to Beef O' Brady's. A few of the members will be traveling to former member Carmen DiQuollo's Celebration of Life in Lady Lake, FL.

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

**September Rides:**

- 9/1 – Return from Helen, GA – Dennis Adams
- 9/2 – Mandola's Italian Kitchen – Joe Hall
- 9/5 – Chapter Meeting
- 9/6 – Smokin' Aces BBQ – Gary Stein
- 9/7 – Welcome Wagon Meeting – Beef O' Brady's – Drew Moores
- 9/9 – TNDR/LOH Meeting – Mission BBQ – Cal Reimann
- 9/10 – Board Meeting
- 9/11 – Paws Planning Meeting – Harry Werner
- 9/13 – Casa Di Pizza – Bob Backus
- 9/14 – ABC Pizza – Cal Reimann
- 9/16 – the Talking Pint – Robin Bacchus
- 9/17 – Road Captain's Meeting
- 9/20 - Coney Island Drive Inn – Walter Schneider
- 9/21 – Florida Avenue Brewing – Bob Backus
- 9/23 – Long Horn Steakhouse – Gary Stein
- 9/27 – Ride to Paws for Patriots Shoot Out – Don Amberg
- 9/28 – Asian Fusion – Randy Hutchinson
- 9/30 – Bob Evans – Dennis Adams

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

Next Board Meeting will be September 10th.

Harry 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 154 members and one (1) on waiver.



Harry 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 are not included in obtaining the 777 status.

There were no 777 winners for August. 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 two (2) Posse Patches awarded in August.

Old Town Posse Patch	
Jeffrey Prenosil	Tombstone
Daniel Ellis	Year Patch

### Member of the Month – As of 8/31/25

Member of the Month - General Membership		
Marcia Pembelton	1st	7
German Pinto	1st	7
Larry Snyder	1st	7
Luigi Cavallaro	2nd	6
Lisa Branson Brown	3rd	5

Member of the Month - Board Member/Road Captains		
Don Amberg	1st	11
Kathy Reimann	1st	11
Robin Bacchus	2nd	10
Pete Barack	2nd	10
Lori Bacchus	3rd	9
Becky Reimann	3rd	9
Deb Speicher	3rd	9

### Rider of the Month – As of 8/31/25

### Year to Date Stats - Member and Rider Stats

Member of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Points
James Schmitz	112
Daniel Evans	84
Steve Byrnes	75
Larry Snyder	68
Luigi Cavallaro	59
Sheri Philhower	47

Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Points
David Brown	122
Cal Reimann	108
Bob Backus	108
Gary Stein	90
Joe Hall	78
Don Amberg	76

Rider of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Miles
Dan Evans	12347
Steve Kolacki	8024
James Schmitz	5933
Steve Byrnes	3375
Luigi Cavallaro	3172
Larry Snyder	3082

Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Miles
David Brown	12550
Craig Collet	7131
Bob Backus	6560
Cal Reimann	4480
Don Amberg	4322
Harry Werner	3759



Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 389 event points in August and have ridden a total of 151,493 miles in 2025.

Year to Date Miles Ridden	151493
Year to Date Miles Available	14229
Year to Date Points Participated	3359
Year to Date Points Available	150
3rd Quarter Miles Ridden	33382
3rd Quarter Miles Available	5757
3rd Quarter Points Participated	819
3rd Quarter Points Available	47
August Miles Ridden	17660
August Miles Available	1396
August Points Participated	389
August Points Available	19

Monthly challenge question for the September Newsletter – Harry Werner

Ride Lotto – Kathy Reimann

Newsletter Reader – Bob Backus

T-shirt ride – Dan Evans

Name Tag drawing – Gary Goff

Secret Greeter was Bonnie Amberg, and the winner was Hope Lee.

General Raffles: 1) Kathy Reimann; 2) Brett Naum; 3) Paul Keeney

50/50 drawing – Sheri Philhower

The next Chapter Meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Monica Byrnes, Secretary*

**OTC Membership: \$37.50 covers the last quarter of 2025 and all of 2026**

**Like what you see? Member of the National Harley Owners Group?  
New Member forms can be found on our website @ <http://www.oldtownhog.com> or are  
available from our Membership Officer or any OTC Road Captain.  
Complete a membership form and submit it with payment to: Old Town Chapter.**

Mail to: Membership Officer Robin Bacchus  
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**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**  
September 10, 2025

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

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

Missing Board Members: Bob Backus, Pete Barack, Jack Hinton, Kat Jensen, Drew Moores,

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

**Director:** Dennis Adams

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dennis Adams mentioned that Kat Jensen informed him that she did not think Jason Whidden would be providing HOG with a letter stating that the Chapter could hold its monthly meetings at the Dealership or for any specified period of time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Following discussion about the monthly meetings, David Brown made a motion for Dennis Adams to speak with Jason Whidden regarding the letter committing the Dealership to have our monthly meetings at the Dealership. The motion was seconded by Dan Balla and passed unanimously.

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

**Secretary:** Monica Byrnes contacted Bobby Newman regarding Silent Auction items for the Paws for Patriots Clay Shoot. Bobby will get back to Monica prior to Monday to let her know when the items can be picked up. Items picked up from JC Newman will be delivered to Renee Adkins to review and inventory prior to the shoot. Monica will confirm that the Strawberry Ridge ROTC will attend the Clay Shoot as previously discussed.

**Membership Officer:** Robin Bacchus reported 154 members with 3 people on waivers. The Dealership will cover the membership through National Hog for one year from the date of sale. The local membership dues will be covered by Old Town Hog for the remainder of the current calendar year upon confirmation from TBHD and HOG.

**Head Road Captain:** Gary Stein stated that there are currently 17 Road Captains and one (1) recruit Road Captain, Luigi Cavallaro. The goal is to have Luigi complete the program for Road Captain prior to the October Meeting. The next 777 ride will be scheduled for November. David Brown will be leading a ride for the Georgia Lunch Bunch as part of the 777 ride. Monica Byrnes stated that the original Georgia Lunch Bunch location is no longer in existence.

**Senior Road Captains:** Bob Backus, Jack Hinton – not in attendance

**Senior David Brown:** – stated that the Road Captains will discuss the 777 ride at the next Road Captain meeting and will make sure that there are enough miles to give everyone a chance to earn the patch or year marker.

**Communication Officer:** Pete Barack – not in attendance

**Safety Officer:** Drew Moores – not in attendance

**Ladies of Harley Officer:** Bonnie Amberg –October 17 – 18 - Garage Sale to benefit PAWS; November is the Christmas Party. The date of the Chili Cook off will be determined later. Bonnie will be out of town and will not be able to attend the LOH Meeting in November and Leslie Monroe and/or Renee Adkins will be available to fill in for her. Bonnie Amberg made a motion for \$1,300 of the LOH Money to be used for the LOH Christmas party. The money will be used to cover the Christmas luncheon and gifts for the ladies. The motion was seconded by Renee Adkins and approved. Please turn in your nominations for Humanitarian of the Year.

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**Activities:** Renee Adkins asked for a budget for the Christmas Party. Renee stated that we will be collecting food items for Feeding Tampa Bay and toy donations for Guardian Ad Litem. She is also looking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

**Fundraising Officer:** Len Goellner – all good

**Parliamentarian:** Dan Balla asked if anybody had any questions regarding the election of officers. Dan explained that the only position up for election is the Director. He stated that it was then up to the new Director to set up his Board of Directors.

Dan also asked if anyone holding a Board position can remain after the next meeting in case anybody has questions regarding their positions.

**Merchandise Officer:** Pam Mangiaracina and Mike Mangiaracina – Pam stated that she will get with Kathy Reimann to place an order for shirts for the first of the year. At this time, there will not be an order for Chapter hats.

**Public Relations:** Patty Kopcho – all good

**Hugs:** Becky Reimann – sent three (3) 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. Cal is asking if anyone is interested in being the Newsletter Editor. If you have any questions regarding this position, please don't hesitate to contact him.

**Photographer:** Debbie Speicher – thanked everyone for sending pictures to her. Debbie stated that there was an up-tick of people looking at pictures posted on the website.

**Historian:** Crafton Price – started on putting together the yearly photo book. The current book will run through the end of the year and be available for order in January 2026.

**Harley Davidson Representative:** Kat Jensen – not in attendance

**Members at Large:** Joe Hall – asked if the new Board will be announced at the Christmas party. At the current time that is the plan.

David Adkins – all good

Lori Bacchus – all good

Mike Parker – all good

**Assistant Director:** Harry Werner – There were 25 PAWS patches distributed. There will be a drawing for a \$50 Gift Card to the first 25 people who made a \$100 donation to PAWS. Currently there are 5 teams that signed up for the Clay Shoot. Harry is concerned about a lack of available cash to cover anticipated bills in connection with the Clay Shoot as a result of most donations being made by check or credit card directly to Dogs Inc. Harry was informed that in past years Dogs Inc has agreed to pay some invoices directly. Harry will talk with Dogs Inc.

**Dennis Adams** – will check to confirm that we have the room at TBHD for our meetings

**Past Directors:** Cal Reimann – all good

Robin Bacchus asked if Dennis Adams had all the pictures that he needed of past Directors. Also, he wanted to confirm that when the new Board is in place the Stats will be given back to a Senior Road Captain to manage as it has been done in the past.

David Brown reminded anyone that had a Harley Card, that the points will be doubled this Saturday.

**Open Discussion:** Dennis Adams – nothing additional.

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

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Monica Byrnes, Secretary*

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

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**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

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**Theresa Foecking**

**Steve Stroh**

**Christine Caraway**

**Gary Goff**

**Paul Keeney**

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**Charles Tack**

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's "Move Over Law" – Motorcycle Safety Tips

In Recent News: A motorcyclist was "ejected" from his bike and propelled into the back of a Road Ranger truck stopped on the side of the highway, and his motorcycle hit the back of an SUV the Road Ranger was assisting. As the investigation is pending, there may be a question of whether another vehicle caused the biker to hit the Road Ranger's stopped vehicle. Tragically, the biker died as a result of the crash and the Road Ranger himself (sitting in the truck) may have catastrophic or life-threatening injuries.

### 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.

If such movement cannot be safely accomplished, the driver shall slow to a speed limit 20 mph less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or greater or slow down to five (5) mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less, except when otherwise directed by law enforcement officer. A violation may result in a traffic infraction, punishable as a "moving violation" with related fine and points added to your driver's record.

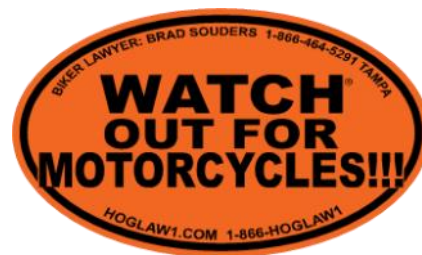
As a motorcyclist, we must be extra alert, attentive and watchful of our surroundings and must move over (or reduce our speed if we cannot move over). We must also have "situational awareness" as we are extremely "vulnerable" to hazards – sometimes faced with multiple hazards at the same time. This is 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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### October 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Welcome Wagon Talk</b> <b>Welcome Wagon Ride</b> <b>Plaza Mexico – Sun City Cntr.</b> <b>KSU @ 11am from TBHD, 35mi, 0RS, 1hrs</b> <b>RC SO Drew Moores</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b> <b>CancerReallySucks Ride</b> <b>Cafe Kocopelli - Dade City</b> <b>KSU @ 2:45pm from TBHD 65mi, 0RS, 2hrs</b> <b>RC Leslie Monroe</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> <b>Linger Lodge – Bradenton</b> <b>KSU @ 9am from 7-11, 914 S Falkenburg Rd. 84mi, 1RS, 2.5hrs.</b> <b>RC Robin Bacchus</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<b>Hot N Crazy Crab</b> <b>133 E. Bloomingdale Ave., KSU @ 7pm from TBHD</b> <b>SRC David "Figure 8" Brown</b>			<b>St. Augustine Overnight Ride (Day 1) - Budget Inn St. Augustine</b> <b>KSU @ 8:00am from RaceTrac (E Fletcher Ave &amp; Telecom Dr), 187 mi, 2 RS, 6 hrs.</b> <b>RC Pete Barack</b>	<b>Breakfast Station – Zephyrhills</b> <b>KSU @ 9:00 am from RaceTrac (Causeway &amp; Falkenburg Rd.), 46mi, 0RS, 1.4 hrs.</b> <b>HRC Gary Stein</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Boathouse Tiki Bar &amp; Grill</b> <b>KSU @ 8:45am, Wawa (Summerfield &amp; US 301), 106mi, 1RS, 2.75hrs</b> <b>SRC Bob Backus</b>	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>St. Augustine Overnight Ride (Day 3) - Heading Home</b> <b>RC Pete Barack</b>		<b>Sushi Yama</b> <b>10017 E. Adamo Dr, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD</b> <b>RC Leslie Monroe</b>		<b>Bike Night @ TBHD</b>		<b>St. Augustine Overnight Ride (Day 2)</b> <b>RC Pete Barack</b>

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Social Hour from 6:00 PM—Meeting starts at 7:30 PM



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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 <i>Past</i>
April	4th - <i>Past</i>	October	3rd
May	2nd - <i>Past</i>	November	7th
June	13th - <i>Past</i>	<b>Nov. 29th</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
		December 5th	at TBHD



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