

BULL SHOTS NOVEMBER 2025

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

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

Morning commutes are below 70's now, so it is a light jacket riding gear in the mornings and just a shirt for the ride home. We have had dry weather this fall, so we should see more attendance of the rides now. Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson has had some great sales and has their fall weather riding gear like sweatshirts and long- fingered gloves. Helmet and boot specials have been out for the last few months to clear out old inventory.

November brings the Snowbirds back which means more traffic and drivers not familiar of where they need to be to get where they think they want to go. For motorcyclist, that means we need to be on top of our skills to stay out of harm's way. One way to do that is hit the range. While we cannot just go out on the range anymore, we can attend one of the open range days Tom Holden has setup on the last Saturday of the month. He will have the cones out there and will work with you to improve your riding skills. Another way to sharpen your skills is to work on your emergency breaking, U-turns, and slow roll. These can all be done on remote roads and parking lots.

Ladies of Harley Old Town Chapter are voting on our 2025 Colonel Ron P Rook, USMC Humanitarian Award this month. We will announce the winner at the Christmas party, which is set for November 29th. It will be a sitdown dinner this year. You must have a food ticket this year (which is \$40 each) and select which dish you want. When you check in, you will be given a card reflecting the dish you signed up for to be placed at your seating spot.

Renee held her first planning meeting and we had a decent turnout. We still would like you to bring a nonperishable/non expired item for Feeding Tampa Bay and a gift or gift card for Guardian Ad Litem. Renee will have more details at the Chapter meeting and the signup sheets. At the November OTC Meeting we will also have our vote for 2026 Director of Old Town Chapter. Both Harry Werner and Gary Stein are running this year.

November is a 777 month. Road Captains planned some longer rides to help reach our goal. Hurricane season has been kind to us so far this year, so we should have some good trips for the weekends. Our Sponsoring Dealership started Bike Night back up in October on the 30th. Keep an eye on the Ride Calander and Bull Shots for the November Bike Night (at press time I am not sure of the actual date of November Bike Night). Come out to Bike night for some camaraderie with other HOG Members. Weather should be wonderful by then. I hope to see you there.

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



ON BEING THANKFUL

Many of our members, like me, are transplants from more northern climates. Obviously, there are a number of differences between living in Florida versus, in my case, living in Western New York. There are things that I miss and, certainly (obviously?!), things that I don't (more on that another time!). One thing that I do miss is the colors of the Fall, watching the leaves turn yellow and orange and red. It's a beautiful time of year that I was lucky enough to get another glimpse on a recent business trip back to Upstate New York. Fall isn't quite the same in Florida. Pretty in its own way, but not the vibrant colors you see up north.

Still, I'm glad to be right where I am. While we might comment from time to time about how "flat" Florida is, it nonetheless has its own beauty. And not just the beaches, which we don't ride on! We take many rides to the north of the Tampa Bay area where we get to enjoy terrain that is a bit hillier and thickly wooded, with some really beautiful, winding roads. Those rides are made all the more enjoyable as they are made with wonderful HOG friends. And, yes, at this time of year we actually do get to see some trees changing color, an added bonus!

Like many of you, I have lived in a lot of places around the country over the years and even got to live in Germany for a year. Everywhere I've lived I have been lucky enough to get to know wonderful people and see amazing things. Each place is unique, and all hold special memories of people, places and events. I hope many – all – of you have been fortunate enough to have had similar experiences in your lives.

I say all of this, not out of a sense of nostalgia or longing for days gone by. We can't bring back the past, nor would I want to in many ways! But we can be thankful for the roads that have led us to where we are, for the things that have shaped our lives, and for the people that have come, and gone, along the way. I remember with fondness, and sometimes a tear in my eye, so many things that I have experienced along life's journey to bring me to where I am today. And, I am thankful for all of it. I hope you can all say the same!

And now, in this phase of my life's journey, I am thankful that I found the Old Town HOG Chapter! What an absolutely wonderful group of people you are! Sure, we have our differences politically, religiously, socially, etc. But we share a common bond in our love for riding and the camaraderie that comes with it. I look forward to all of our rides and group events as I know each and every one of them will be the source of fond memories.

And I have each and every one of you to thank for helping to make those memories. Without you, it wouldn't be the same. I am thankful for Dennis and Rick and David and all of the past Directors and their unflagging leadership. I am thankful for the Road Captains who put so much time and effort into planning some fantastic rides. I am thankful for the Ladies of Harley and the many ways they support our Chapter. I am thankful to so many of you individually, too many to name individually (please don't feel left out!) who volunteer your time, money and resources in support of all we do and help make this the best HOG Chapter in the country. All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

Harry Werner Assistant Director OTC - 2025

Election of Director for 2026 at November Chapter Meeting

Nominations for Director for 2026 were closed at the October Chapter Meeting. We have two qualified candidates for the position.

Assistant Director Harry Werner and Head Road Captain Gary Stein offered themselves up as Director for 2026 for the best H.O.G. Chapter on the planet. Both candidates have been approved by our sponsoring Dealer, Tampa Bay Harley Davidson.

What happens next? At the November7th Chapter Meeting we will have an election. In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IX – Procedures, Section 5 – General Election Voting, "Old Town Chapter members in good standing are entitled to vote and are limited to one (1) vote in the general election. A member in good standing is defined as a member of Old Town Chapter on or before September 1st of the current year.

All members must be present to vote and no absentee votes shall be counted."

Please attend a ride or event and talk to the candidates to learn more about their vision for the future of Old Town Chapter.

If you want your opinion to count, see you at the November Chapter Meeting.

Cast your vote and help determine who leads the Old Town Chapter in 2026.

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://ww.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
11435 Newgate Crest Drive
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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.



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Not Drew's Views (but he agrees)1

Skill is NOT Enough: Survival depends on mental behavior By: James R. Davis (A recognized expert in the fields of Motorcycle Safety)

With more than 50 years of experience on two wheels, I've faced innumerable 'tests' on the road and, thankfully, I've passed them all. That must sound like I've got super-human riding skills. I do not - and never did.

My skills have never been greater than 'competent' - an issue we've often talked about here. My opinion is that a competent rider has skills that are adequate to successfully deal with virtually any threat presented.

But there are others out there who possess particular riding skills that are enormously better than mine ever were, and yet several of those others are likely to be involved in life-threatening accidents sooner or later. Why is that?

Let's get past the obvious - some accidents are truly unavoidable. Larry Grotsky was perhaps the world's best known motorcycle safety guru. No question that he knew what he was doing and that he behaved with safety foremost in his mind, yet at 55 years of age, while riding in Texas a couple of years ago, he died after colliding with a deer. It was not the result of rider errors or lack of skills.

Every licensed motorcycle rider CAN apply their brakes and slow, or bring their motorcycles to a stop from any speed. They CAN shift gears. They CAN twist their right wrists to change speed. Those are only examples of fundamental skills.

Rider errors, the greatest cause of motorcycle accidents and the resulting injuries and deaths, are examples of DOING or NOT DOING something with skill. So, it might occur to you the way you stay healthy while continuing to ride is to develop your skills. And I say, competence is sufficient for other than competitors. Surely I'm wrong - or am I?

In my opinion, merely being able to respond properly to any given threat is not enough - that is, having the skill to deal with a situation is important, but inadequate.

Motorcycling is a hugely mental endeavor. **Judgment and caution** are not skills - they are mental. Becoming skillful is primarily a muscle management ability. MASTERY is primarily a mental management ability. It is not a throwaway line to suggest that being a master at something involves being able to, but positioning yourself to never have to, demonstrate that mastery.

Drew Moores - OTC Safety Officer

¹ Ha! Got you thinking, didn't it? "*Not* Drew's Views" just means I did not write it! Safety is no accident!



- November 2nd Daylight Savings time (Clocks go back 1 hour)
- November 5th National Donut Day
- November 11th Veterans Day
- November 13th World Kindness Day
- November 27th Thanksgiving Day

Dear LOH Members,

As we roll into the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on our recent successes and share some exciting updates about upcoming events!

A Huge Thank You!

First, a heartfelt thank you to Deborah Speicher for stepping up and leading our October LOH meeting while I was out of town. Your leadership is deeply appreciated!

We also had an incredible turnout for our garage sale benefiting PAWS. Thanks to your generosity—through donations, volunteering, and spreading the word we raised over \$1,000! That's a phenomenal achievement for both LOH and PAWS. A special shoutout to Renee for graciously hosting the sale again this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

A LOH Holiday Party - November 9th

Mark your calendars! Our annual LOH Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th, following the Welcome Wagon. Festivities will begin around 1 PM. Once again, Luigi is generously providing the venue and delicious food. We're still finalizing the location—either Brandon or Tampa—so please keep an eye out for updates.

Chili Cookoff - Rescheduled

Our Chili Cookoff, originally planned for the end of November, has been postponed to early next year. Stay tuned for the new date, we're already looking forward to the friendly competition and tasty creations!

Final LOH Meeting of the Year – November 11th

Join us for our last LOH meeting of the year on Monday, November 11th at Mission BBQ. Let's come together to celebrate a fantastic year and look ahead to what's next. Your energy, support, and camaraderie make LOH such a special group to be part of.

- LOH Holiday Party November 9th (Location TBD)
- LOH Meeting November 11th @ Mission BBQ

Don't forget to check the Chapter Calendar for the latest updates on locations and events!

With gratitude and excitement,

Bonnie Amberg Ladies of Harley Officer, 2025 813-748-9496

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 October 3, 2025

The Board Members were introduced by Debbie Zitch. Present were Secretary: Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Harry Werner, and Director: Dennis Adams.

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

The American Flag presented by Marty Cusack and we said The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dennis discussed Ride 365 - Remember to submit your mileage to Director Dennis Adams @ otcride365@gmail.com . We are currently running 18th in the region.

Dennis stated that the Skills Training course is scheduled for the last Saturday of the month. Bike night will return in October.

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.

The PAWS for Patriots Shoot-Out was held on September 27th and was a success! The winner of the Quilt that was made by Kathy Reimann was Judi Ashlock and the winner of the Eagle that was made by Cal Reimann was Steve Byrnes. Rick Williams won the pistol, and Rick Bajo won the shotgun. A huge thank you was given to all the members who attended and helped in any way.

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

As a reminder, the information regarding our PAWS fundraising efforts 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.

Parliamentarian Dan Balla stated that both Harry Werner and Gary Stein are running for the position of Director. A motion was made by Gary Goff to close the nomination and was seconded by Don Amberg. A vote will be taken at the November Chapter Meeting to elect the new Director.

The floor was opened to both Harry Werner and Gary Stein.

Both nominees expressed their desire to serve the Chapter and to work closely with the Dealership in the future. The mantra of "Riding and Having Fun" was at the forefront of their intentions.

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

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

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann presented the Treasury report.

Activities Director – Leslie Monroe reported for Renee Adkins, who could not attend – Christmas Party scheduled for November 29th. The theme of the party is White Christmas.

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

October 12th – Leslie Monroe will lead the Cancer Ride.

The set-up for the LOH Garage Sale will be October 16th at Renee Adkins' home. The LOH Garage sale is scheduled for October 17th and 18th with proceeds going to PAWS.

Please check to see if you have anything that you may be able to contribute, especially smaller items.

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Bonnie will be driving to St. Augustine on October 24th and welcomes anybody who needs a ride.

The Chili Cookoff will be rescheduled to 2026.

Merchandise Officer – Pam Mangiaracina will 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, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. The ride will be to Plaza Mexico.

October Rides

10/3 – Chapter Meeting

10/4 – Shamrock Ale – Cal Reimann

10/5 - Welcome Wagon - Plaza Mexico - Drew Moores

10/7 – LOH – Portillo's – Bob Backus

10/8 – Board Meeting

10/11 – James Joyce Irish Pub & Eatery – Walter Schneider

10/12 - Cancer Really Sucks Ride - Café Kocopelli - Leslie Monroe

10/14 – Zekos Mediterranean Grill – Robin Bacchus

10/15 - Road Captains Meeting

10/16 - Christmas Planning Meeting TBHD

10/16 - Battle of the Bands at TBHD

10/18 - Biketoberfest - Don Amberg

10/19 - Linger Lodge - Robin Bacchus

10/21 – Hot N Crazy Crab – David Brown

10/24 - St Augustine Overnight Ride - Pete Barack

10/25 – Breakfast Station – Gary Stein

10/26 - Boathouse Tiki Bar & Grill - Bob Backus

10/28 - Sushi Yama - Leslie Monroe

10/30 – Bike Night TBHD

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

Next Board Meeting will be October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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 157 members and four (4) 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 not enough miles for the 777 in September. 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 six (6) Posse Patches awarded in September.

Old Town Posse Patch
Holly Orlando (Year)
Michael Parker (Year)
LeeAnn Bartle (Year)
Terri Lynn Goodrich (Year)
Denise Keeney (Year)
Cheryl Moore (Year)

Member of the Month – As of 9/30/25

Member of the Month - General Membership		
Chris Coles	1st	7
Gary Goff	1st	7
Vince Loadwick	1st	7
Luigi Cavallaro	2nd	6
Ben Philhower	2nd	6
Holly Orlando	3rd	5

Member of the Month - Board Me Captains	mber/Roa	ad
Becky Reimann	1st	15
Dennis Adams	2nd	12
Robin Bacchus	3rd	9

Rider of the Month – As of 9/30/25

Rider of the Month - General Membership		
Emmett Lee	1st	586
Steve Byrnes	2nd	504
Gary Goff	3rd	296

Rider of the Month - Board Member/Road Cap- tains		
Becky Reimann	1st	980
Dennis Adams	2nd	808
Lori Bacchus	3rd	647

Member of the Year - General Membership		
Name	Points	
James Schmitz	128	
Daniel Evans	91	
Steve Byrnes	86	
Larry Snyder	71	
Luigi Cavallaro	65	
Bob Monroe	54	

Member of the Year - Board Member/ Road Captains		
Name	Points	
David Brown	133	
Cal Reimann	122	
Bob Backus	119	
Gary Stein	103	
Joe Hall	89	
Don Amberg	88	

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Rider of the Year - General Mem- bership		
Name	Miles	
Dan Evans	12681	
Steve Kolacki	8024	
James Schmitz	6459	
Steve Byrnes	3879	
Luigi Cavallaro	3434	
Craig Corlett	3237	

Rider of the Year - Board Road Captains	Member/
Name	Miles
David Brown	13215
Craig Collet	7255
Bob Backus	6884
Cal Reimann	4906
Don Amberg	4742
Gary Stein	4062

Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 395 event points and 12,953 miles in September and have ridden a total of 164,446 miles in 2025.

Monthly challenge question for the October Newsletter – Crafton Price

Ride Lotto – David Brown

Newsletter Reader – Wayne Scott

T-shirt ride – Becky Reimann

Name Tag drawing – Chris Coles

Secret Greeter was Diane Cusack, and the winner was Rick Williams.

General Raffles: 1) Rick Williams; 2) Dan Balla; 3) Luigi Cavallaro

50/50 drawing – Pete Barack

The next Chapter Meeting will be on November 7, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Byrnes, Secretary





THANKSGIVING



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2025

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

Board Members Present: Dennis Adams, David Adkins, Renee Adkins, Robin Bacchus, Dan Balla, Pete Barack, Monica Byrnes, Craig Collet, Len Goellner, Joe Hall, Kat Jensen, Patty Kopcho, Mike Mangiaracina, Pam Mangiaracina, Crafton Price, Becky Reimann, Cal Reimann, Kathy Reimann, Debbie Speicher, Gary Stein, Harry Werner

Missing Board Members: Bonnie Amberg, Lori Bacchus, Bob Backus, David Brown, Jack Hinton, Drew Moores, Michael Parker,

Past Directors: Robin Bacchus, David Brown, Paul Fore, Cal Reimann, Marty Roland

Past Directors Missing: David Brown, Paul Fore, Marty Roland

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Whidden attended the Board Meeting. After meeting and talking with Director Dennis Adams and Assistant Director Harry Werner it was decided that the Chapter Monthly Meetings will be moved to the Dealership starting in December. One of the considerations was for the Chapter to save money that we were spending on the Hotel Meeting Room. This also brings us back to our home Dealership. Jason stated that the Dealership is thrilled to have the Chapter Meetings at TBHD and that they are making improvements to be able to accommodate our needs.

Dan Balla made a motion to have the 2026 Chapter meetings at TBHD and Gary Stein seconded. Vote was taken and motion was approved.

Harry Werner made a motion to buy 50 additional chairs and chair cart for a cost up to \$1,100.00 to be used for the Chapter Meetings, and Gary Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Kathy Reimann – Kathy gave a report. A motion was made by Len Goellner to accept the report, the motion was seconded by Pam Mangiaracina and approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – all good

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 157 members with 4 people are on waivers. The Dealership will cover the membership through National Hog for one year from the date of purchase of a new bike. The local membership dues will be covered by Old Town Hog for the remainder of the calendar year. Robin is waiting for the new 2026 National Hog Membership form to be available. He will contact Bruce Motta at Headquarters for his help in procuring the form.

Robin stated that he and Lori will be on a Cruise from October 27th through November 7th and Kathy Reimann will be handling the Membership and Statistics during their time away.

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein stated that there are currently 17 Road Captains and one (1) recruit Road Captain, Luigi Cavallaro. The next 777 ride is scheduled for November. David Brown will be leading a ride for the Georgia Lunch Bunch as part of the 777 ride. The Tuesday night dinner rides will be longer, as well as most of the rides for November.

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

Senior Road Captain: David Brown - not in attendance

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – all good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – not in attendance

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Ladies of Harley Officer: **Bonnie Amberg** - not in attendance but Renee Adkins stepped up to fill in for Bonnie Amberg.

The Breast Cancer Ride is scheduled for October 12th. From the 50/50 for that day, 50% will go to the winner and the remaining 50% will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

October 17 - 18 - Garage Sale to benefit PAWS will be held at Dave and Renee's home. Set up for the Garage Sale will be held October 16^{th} . Mike Mangiaracina will be cooking hot dogs from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. the days of the event.

Activities – **Renee Adkins** – October 16th is the Christmas Party Planning Meeting at the Dealership. Christmas Party is scheduled for November 29th. There will be one (1) give away per couple or individual. Renee made a motion for \$6,000 to be used for the Christmas Party and was seconded by Joe Hall. There will be a collection of food items to be donated to Feeding Tampa Bay and toy donations for Guardian Ad Litem.

Kathy Reimann stated that there was a \$550.00 check written and held for the DJ for the Christmas Party. The DJ only cashes the check after the event.

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.

The election for Director will be at the November Chapter Meeting. You will only be able to vote if you are a member of OTC on or before September 1ST. A vote will be held as you enter the meeting.

Merchandise Officer: Pam Mangiaracina and Mike Mangiaracina – Pam stated that she was able to get with Kathy Reiman to place an order for 48 T-shirts. Pam made a motion for \$1,500 to make this purchase, seconded by Pete Barack. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho – all good

Hugs: **Becky Reimann** – sent three (3) cards out this month for Hugs. (Monica Williams, Missy Williams and Larry Snyder)

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 taking and sending pictures to her.

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 – she is working with Jason Whidden on better communication between the Dealership and the salespeople with regards to getting people to join OTC. Jason Whidden stated that the Bike Night and Rodeo will be on October 30th. He stated that future Bike Nights will be moved to the third Thursday of the month. There will also be a co-ed Bike Wash at Bike Night.

Members at Large: **Joe Hall** thanked Jason Whidden for his efforts in building relationships between the Dealership and the HOG Chapter.

Director Dennis Adams— Will check to confirm that we have the room at TBHD for our meetings on the dates set up for 2026.

David Adkins – all good

Lori Bacchus - not in attendance

Mike Parker – not in attendance



Assistant Director: Harry Werner presented the Board with a breakdown the costs and revenue associated with the Clay Shoot. The total money raised for PAWS so far this year is \$27,319.92. Harry stated that so far 40 people are eligible for a PAWS Patch for collecting or donating \$100.00 for PAWS, of the 40 people eligible 38 patches have already been handed out. There will be 1 drawing for a \$50.00 gift card for those who contribute \$100 or more.

Past Directors: Cal Reimann – all good, Robin Bacchus – all good, David Brown – not in attendance.

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – nothing additional.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Byrnes, Secretary*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James Braine

WELCOME BACK
RETURNING MEMBERS

WE ARE 158 MEMBERS STRONG!

We're glad you joined the Old Town Chapter and look forward to seeing you on our Chapter Rides and participating at our events. If you have any questions about Chapter events, please contact our Director, Dennis Adams. Remember, you must maintain your National HOG membership to maintain your membership in the Old Town HOG Chapter. Any member who lets their national HOG membership expire will be put as "inactive" in the Old Town Chapter and will no longer be eligible to receive the newsletter!



Sharon Zimmer

Marty Cusack

Ray Gentile

Larry Snyder



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,

His Contact information: Robin Bacchus 813.415.5011 casybritt@aol.com

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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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Old Town Chapter	<u>_</u>	H.O.G. Cale	Calendar	November 2025	. 2025	Brandon, FL
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			HOOM CANADA			1 Jazzy's Dinner KSU @ 9:15am from WAWA (Boyette and Fishhawk/Bell Shoals), 107mi, 1 RS, 3 hrs. RC Don Amberg
2 Smokin' Joe's BBQ KSU @ 9:30am Palm River Rd. & S Falkenburg Rd.), 64 miles, 0 RS, 1.5 hrs. HRC Gary Stein	က	4 Liang's Bistro 812 Providence Rd KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Dir. Dennis Adams	သ	ဖ	7 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FI. Social Hour 6- 7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	8 Sunset Bar & Grille – Sebring KSU @ 9am from 7/11 (Falkenburg & Palm River), 98mi, 1RS, 3hrs. RC AD Harry Werner
9 Welcome Wagon Disc 10 am. Welcome Wagon Ride Charm City Seafood KSU @ 11AM from TBHD 68mi, 0RS, 1.75hrs RC SO Drew Moores LOH XMAS Party	10	11 TNDR/LOH MEETING - Mission BBQ 1504 W. Brandon Blvd. @ 7pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann	12 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom	13	14 Rodeo Practice 2-5pm	15 Merk's Bar & Grill KSU @ 7am RaceTrac (Fletcher Ave & Telecom Dr), 142mi, 2RS, 4hrs. RC Joe Hall T-Shirt Ride
16 Sleepy Hollow KSU @ 8:30 am from RaceTrac (Fletcher Ave & Telecom Dr.), 100 mi, 1RS, 3hrs. SRC Capt. Jack	17	18 Fatburger 9950 Upper Alafia Ct, Riverview, KSU @ 7:00pm from TBHD RC Pete Barack	19 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	20	21	22 G.C. Grill House KSU @ 8am from Wawa (US- 301 & Summerfield Crossing Blvd), 116mi, 2RS, 3.25hrs. RC Bob Monroe
23 GA Lunch Bunch Ride Toucan's Ale House, KSU @ 6:30am from RaceTrac (E Sligh Ave & Rt- 301), 275mi, 3RS, 5hrs. Georgia Lunch Ride Home KSU @ 1:00pm from Toucan's Ale House, 275mi, 3RS, 5hrs. SRC David "Figure 8" Brown	24	Jason's Deli - Tampa Jason's Deli - Tampa 2702 E Fowler Ave B, Tampa, KSU @ 7PM from TBHD HRC Gary Stein	26	THAN WESTING	28	29 Brunchies – Lutz KSU @ 8am from 7-11 (S Falkenburg Rd & Palm River), 57mi, ORS, 1.5hrs. SRC Bob Backus Christmas Party @ 6pm
30 O'Toole's Irish Pub – Brandon KSU @ 9:30am from WAWA (Summerfield Crossing & Rt- 301), 55mi, 0RS, 1.75hrs. RC Randy Hutchinson						
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Harley Owners Group



This month's Chapter Meeting is: NOVEMBER 7, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn

4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL 33578 Social Hour from 6:00 PM—Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Nov. 29th

at the Hilton Garden Inn 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Next month's Chapter Meeting is: December 5, 2025 at Tampa Bay Harley Davidson

Come out and join us for our **WELCOME WAGON DISCUSSION & RIDE**

November 9th from 10 - 11am in the Colonel Ron Rook Training Room at TBHD Class is followed by a short (approx. 50 mi) ride.





Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2025

January July 11th Past 3rd - Past February 7th - Past August 1st Past September 5th Past 7th - Past March 4th - Past **April** October 3rd Past

2nd - Past May November 7th

Nov. 29th Christmas Party 13th - Past June

December 5th at TBHD



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