



# ***BULL SHOTS***

## ***APRIL 2024***

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

***Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams***

Four months into my role as Director have just flown by. We have had wonderful rides already and I am looking forward to Assistant Director Steve Byrnes' overnight ride to Key West. It is one of my favorite trips. I have been riding down to the Keys since 1996, when I rode my Sport Bike down from Cleveland, Ohio. Seven Mile Bridge is so good for the soul when you do it on a motorcycle. Be sure to check out the web page for additional details on the Key West trip and for all the upcoming overnight rides.

For those that went to Bike Week in Daytona, led by Sr. Road Captain and past Director David Brown, you saw that the motorcycle community is still strong. Roads and destinations were packed with bikers. Thankfully, Becky and I did not see any accidents this year, unlike last year. The lines at the demo rides were long and so were the lines to get your bike customized by the hundreds of tuners in the area.

Bruce Motta of HOG National was there and filled us in on some of the upcoming events for HOG members. Bruce also confirmed that we do still get mileage points on the HOG Visa card. The dealership seems to have it figured out now on entering our mileage, so please email me your mileage at [otcride365@gmail.com](mailto:otcride365@gmail.com).

Since I have not been able to find an Activities Officer, LOH Officer Renee Adkins and I will be leading the Spring Picnic, but not without the help of several members that came out to the first planning meeting. Many thanks to Patty, Mike, Gary, Sheri, Monica, Craig, Kathy, and Cal for their support. The Picnic is on May 4<sup>th</sup> at E.G. Simmons Park. Be sure to sign up with Renee and give her your \$15 for lunch. The \$15 will be returned to you if you show up. We will have a few new games this year and some old favorites. New Road Captain Harry Werner will be leading the road games immediately after the riders show up. Head Road Captain Gary Stein will be leading the "Guess the Mileage Ride" to the park.

Be sure to keep an eye on the Bull Shots from Communications Officer Pete Barack and our web page, maintained by Web Master Craig Collet as the Dealership cannot always get their events to us in time to put in the Newsletter. The web page will always have the latest editions of their activities. Note: ONLY the events on the printed calendar will be allotted an attendee point. The Dealership's first Bike Night, since the time change, had a good showing of Old Town HOG Chapter members.

Speaking of Pete Barack, welcome, Pete to the Road Captain ranks of Old Town Chapter. Pete led us on his inaugural ride to McGrath's Irish Ale House on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have now added three new Road Captains and I hear there are a couple more that are planning to join us soon. The best way to support the Road Captains is to come out and enjoy their rides. That is what our Chapter is all about – "Riding and Having Fun". The mornings are no longer cold, so be sure to come on a ride before the sweltering temperatures arrive. Don't forget that sunscreen. It is easy to forget when it is cool at KSU and then halfway into the ride it's blazing sun.

Assistant Director Steve Byrnes is well on his way lining things up for our PAWS event. We had the SEGD donation bank at the grilling event for Saint Patrick's Day (Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>) and raised over one hundred dollars. Thanks to volunteers Mike and Pam Mangiaracina (and their Grandsons, who helped) grill some delicious sausage sandwiches.

Our Chapter is only as good as our members. Our Road Captain program is growing, the Board is made up of many first-time members and our Dealership is incredibly supportive compared to the past. Old Town Chapter has been around for 18 years now, and it is only going to continue to be the best if members are willing to get involved. Look forward to seeing you on the next ride.

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



## AD Steve Byrnes Ramblings

**With TAX Season almost behind us, Let's Ride and Have FUN!**

The Raid on Key West is on for April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Looking forward to leading that ride this year. Plans are complete for our first overnight ride of the season. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. Still spots open for the Sunset Cruise on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Planning has started for our Labor Day trip to Tellico Plains. The Lodge at Tellico has reserved their rooms for us. We are being offered a 10% discount for Credit Cards and 15% discount for cash. I will lead the ride up and back. Past Director, Chapter Elder, RC Rick Vincent will lead the Saturday and Sunday ride in the area. There are 15 rooms available and parking is inside. Book early and if something comes up, you can always cancel. See their terms and conditions on line.

Past Director, Chapter Elder, Senior RC David Brown's ride to Biloxi is planned and available for the second overnight ride this year.

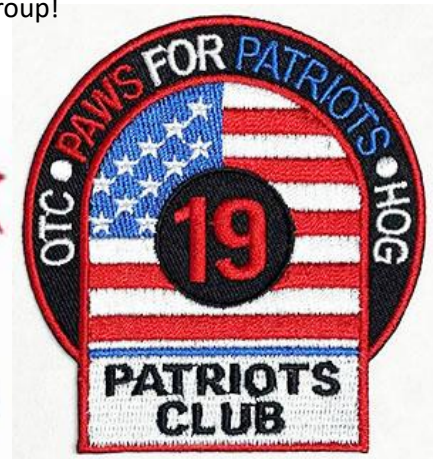
Congratulations to our Three new Road Captains, RC Harry Werner, RC and Safety Officer Drew Moores, and RC and Communication Officer Pete Barack for earning their positions on our Road Captain Team. The Strength of our Chapter rests on shoulders of this Team and we are all thankful for their planning and support! Additional overnight rides are in the planning stage. Watch the Website and Newsletter for information.

Planning for Paws for Patriots is starting to ramp up. Our 19<sup>th</sup> year patches are on order and should be available starting in early April. Four of our Chapter Team have already earned theirs when they come in. You may have seen the SEG Dog at one of the Dealership events. Funds over \$130 have already been raised. We appreciate the support of Tampa Bay HD and look forward to a strong season for our focused charity. We continue to be the longest running group continuously supporting Southeastern Guide Dogs.

The magazine rack at the Dealership offers some interesting insights regarding local happenings like Bike Week in Daytona and the upcoming Leesburg Rally. There are also interesting articles. Two I picked up on recently were in Born to Ride. James Irwin's article on "A BIKER HELPING BIKERS" was excellent. Let's avoid ever having to say, "I wish I knew back then what I know now." This article highlighted muscle groups while riding, low impact exercise, stress and its toll, and brain health. The second article by Nefarious James: OLD SCHOOL RESPECT AND HONOR. "Old school respect is something that is earned through DEEDS, ACTIONS AND THE WAY ONE CARRIES THEMSELVES." This is shown in our Chapter every day. I appreciate being a member and respect every one of our riding group!

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

## Drew's Views - When in Doubt, Point it Out

### To point, or not to point, that is the question?

The other day I heard two GOBs talking. That's "grizzled old bikers;" a technical term only used accurately and respectfully. GOB 1 was chiding GOB 2 about pointing out asphalt patches and the like as road hazards when they did not present a hazard, and said he was not gonna follow suit. This exchange has agonized me for weeks, and I haven't been able to sleep.

What if I'm in the middle of the column and these two GOBs are in front of me; we are all in the right column a few bikes apart. I see GOB 2 point out something with his foot, and GOB 1 right behind him did not. So what happened? I'd have these questions.

Did GOB 2 not point it out because it was just a road patch, he thought it was a road patch, or did he just not see either the hazard or GOB 1 pointing it out? How would I know it wasn't really a wheel-bending, axle-breaking pothole? Answer: I wouldn't.

And what if I'm new to the group, and I hear in the pre-ride brief "pass all the signals back." And I see what's described above; what would I conclude? *These guys are not serious about passing signals back. I guess it's optional.*

Of course, like most things in riding motorcycles you can go to extremes, and we should use moderation and common sense. I remember one ride down 7th Avenue in Ybor City. The rider in front of me pointed out every bump and misaligned cobblestone. There were so many you couldn't avoid them, and they were just a few feet apart. All of us might as well have just kept our feet off the floorboards and ridden with our boots pointing off each side kicking like a hoe down. "It's a rough road; we got it. Just point out the most dangerous ones." Of course, it's a judgement call.



Yikes!!

Not everybody is gonna point out every obstacle 100% of the time; this we know. However, I believe "when in doubt, point it out." You obviously saw something. That said, what's the best way to see road hazards, for both getting advanced warning and identifying them? Don't ride so close to the rider to your diagonal front, which means you are also closer to the rider directly in front of you, so you can't see hazards in time, whether the rider(s) in front of you point them out or not. As I mentioned in last month's article; proper separation is safer, and costs nothing. Riding too close can cost a lot.

Last bit. When riding solo I find shadows on the road the most unnerving place to encounter road hazards. I've been riding in the bright sunshine, my eyes aren't used to darkness, and then I come to a big, shadowed place on the road; most roads are black, shadows are black, and potholes are black. Tire strips are black. Slow down, cover the controls, and be ready.

**When I'm riding my motorcycle I am glad to be alive! When I stop riding my motorcycle I am glad to be alive! Safety is no accident.**



April dates to remember:

- April 8: Total Solar Eclipse in North America
- April 11: National Poutine Day
- April 22: National Jelly Bean Day
- Zodiac signs: Aries and Taurus
- Birthstone: Diamond
- Flower: Daisy and Sweet Pea

Average temperatures in Tampa for the month of April are 80-84 and the lows usually stay above 66 degrees. This makes April another perfect month for riding and enjoying wind therapy.

Let me introduce you to our Ladies of Harley, Old Town Chapter:

**Kathy Reimann** has been a HOG member since 2004 and is one of the Chapter's founding members. She holds the office of Treasurer in 2024 and was one of five members selected by the Ladies of Harley to win the Colonel Ron Rook Humanitarian Award for 2023. Kathy spends approx. 30 hours per month in her role as Treasurer, between the banking, documenting ride lotto information from each ride (preparing the slips for the drawing), tracking T-shirt and Patch inventory. Her favorite HOG events are the weekend rides and participating in the Paws for Patriots fundraiser for Southeastern Guide Dogs. She doesn't have one favorite LOH event because we have fun at all of them!

**Monica Byrnes** has been a HOG member for 13 years. As the Chapter Secretary, she spends about 20 hours per month capturing and documenting meeting minutes for the Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings. Her favorite HOG events are the weekend rides, especially the weekend rides. Her favorite LOH event is the annual holiday party, where all the ladies get together to play. Monica has also been a recipient of the Humanitarian Award for selfless acts outside of her Chapter participation.

**Deborah Speicher** has been a HOG member for 20 years and is also a founding member of the Chapter. She has attended numerous national events for HOG. Deborah is the Chapter Photographer for 2024, after filling in when the position was mid term in 2023. Deborah doesn't have a favorite Chapter Event since she enjoys them all. She really enjoys getting together with the Ladies of Harley and says that the Christmas Parties are the "icing on the cake".

Kathy, Monica, and Patty also volunteer for all chapter events to help make them run smoothly and allow our members to enjoy themselves.

Tune in next month to learn more about our amazing LADIES OF HARLEY!

Renee Adkins  
LOH Officer, 2024

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

March 1, 2024

Chapter Member/Head Road Captain Gary Stein introduced the 2024 officers: Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes, and Director: Dennis Adams.

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

The American Flag presented by Craig Collet and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Dennis discussed Ride 365 and the changes to the program this year. He stated that Visa does earn mileage.

Tom Holden represented Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership.

Steve 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.

1 Guest(s) were in attendance.

There were no new members this month at the meeting.

The attendees recognized and sang Happy Birthday to all members with March birthdays including Lori & Eddie Walker's grandson, David.

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

**Ladies of Harley Officer** – Renee Adkins mentioned that Mary Rook could use support. She just found out that the dog that she adopted, when the Colonel was sick, has cancer. Please feel free to drop Mary a card at 1203 Calista Avenue, Valrico, FL 33596.

Renee introduced the four new members who recently signed up for Medicare and presented them with much-needed Medicare supplies for seniors.

The next LOH Meeting will be at Win-Win.

3/14 Plan Picnic Meeting at the Dealership from 7-9 p.m.

3/24 - Coloring Contest and Easter Egg Hunt at the Dealership put on by the Ladies of Harley.

4/26 Chili Cook Off at Bike Night.

6/19 – Road Captain Appreciation – Retired Road Captains are encouraged to attend this event.

8/3 Dealership appreciation luncheon

**Merchandise Officer** – Richard “Mack” McElvenny asked the question regarding the meal associated with March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day. Drew Moores answered the question and received a T-Shirt for the correct answer: “Corned Beef and Cabbage.”

Rides in March:

March 2 – Bike Week – David Brown

March 3 – Welcome Wagon – Glory Days Grill – Drew Moores

March 5 – Win Win Asian Kitchen – Walter Schneider

March 9 – Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grill – Bob Monroe

March 10 – Charm City – Eddie Walker

March 12 – Stein & Vine – Mark Rowley

March 16 – Harborside Grill – Gary Stein

March 17 – Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant – Rick Vincent

March 19 – Duke's Brewhouse – David Brown

March 23 – McGrath's Irish Ale House – Pete Barack Inaugural Ride

March 24 – Southern Belle Country Bar & Grill – Walter Schneider

March 26 – Dave & Busters – Eddie Walker

March 30 – Sesh Brewing Company – Mark Rowley

March 31 – The Scrambled Egg – David Brown

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**Safety Officer** – Drew Moores will host the Welcome Wagon Class on Sunday. The destination for the ride will be Glory Days.

Steve Byrnes stated that the Chapter now had 149 members.

Dennis explained that a 777 patch is awarded to any member who rides 777 one-way miles in one months' time. This does not include overnight rides. You can only receive the 777 patch once. Each year following that you ride 777 miles in one month you will receive year patch.

There were no 777 Patch Winners for February.

Dennis explained that the Posse Rider Patch is awarded to any member who has received eighteen participation points in a calendar year. The Tombstone patch is only awarded once, and each subsequent award is a rocker for the specific calendar year.

There were 10 Posse Patches given to members who achieved eighteen participation points.

Dennis and Steve explained the Rider and Member of the Month awards:

Member/Rider/Board Member/Road Captain of the Month awards given to members having the most participation point/miles with a calendar month that have not previously awarded within the calendar year.

Rider of the Month							
General Membership				Board/Road Captain			
Larry Snyder		1st	535	Cal Reimann		1st	564
Barry Shapiro		2nd	287	Steve Byrnes		2nd	532
Edi Shapiro		2nd	287	Bob Backus		3rd	443
James Schmidt		3rd	270				

Member of the Month							
General Membership				Board/Road Captain			
Larry Snyder		1st	11	Bob Backus		1st	12
James Schmidt		2nd	8	Gary Stein		1st	12
Earl Awshee		3rd	7	David Brown		2nd	11
Crafton Price		3rd	7	Steve Byrnes		2nd	11
				Becky Reimann		2nd	11
				Dennis Adams		3rd	10
				Robin Bacchus		3rd	10





<b>Rider of the Year - General Membership</b>		<b>Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Larry Snyder	922	Cal Reimann	1022
James Schmidt	526	Steve Byrnes	958
Barry Shapiro	519	Harry Werner	856
Edi Shapiro	519	David Brown	810
Gina Werner	380	Gary Stein	805
Denise Schneider	346	Bob Backus	772
Crafton Price	341	Don Amberg	704
Ed Johns	324	Robin Bacchus	603
<b>Member of the Year - General Membership</b>		<b>Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Larry Snyder	19	Cal Reimann	27
Crafton Price	13	Gary Stein	24
James Schmidt	13	Bob Backus	23
Robby Salvog	11	David Brown	22
Denise Schneider	10	Steve Byrnes	19
Vincent Loadwick	10	Dennis Adams	18
Barry Shapiro	10	Becky Reimann	18
Edi Shapiro	10	Kathy Reimann	18

Steve stated that OTC Members earned a total of 361 event points and have ridden a total of 20,953 miles in February 2024.

There were 4 Harley Davidson Gift Card Winners: George Bartle, Bonnie Long, Gina Warner and Eddie Walker

**Monthly challenge question** – February won by Patty Kopcho

**Newsletter Reader** – February won by Patty Kopcho

**Name Tag drawing** – February won by Cal Reimann

**Ride Lotto** – February won by Lori Bacchus

**T-shirt ride** – February won by Steve Byrnes

Secret Greeter was Eddie Johns won by Jorge Giraldo

**General Raffles:** Bonnie Long, Dennis Adams, Eddie Johns, and David Brown

50/50 drawing Robby Salvog

Our next meeting will be April 5th, 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted, Monica Byrnes Secretary**



**OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2024**

**The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Director Dennis Adams.**

**Board Members Present:** Dennis Adams, Steve Byrnes, Monica Byrnes, Kathy Reimann, Gary Stein, Bob Backus, Jack Hinton, David Brown, Drew Moores, Pete Barack, Cal Reimann, Len Goellner, Crafton Price, Becky Reimann, Renee Atkins, Richard McElvenny, Pam Mangiaracina, Dan Balla, Debbie Speicher, Patty Kopcho, Craig Collet, Joe Hall, Mike Mangiaracina, Lori Bacchus, Robin Bacchus

**Board Members Missing:** Dan Balla, David Adkins

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

**Director:** Dennis Adams

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Dealership is reviewing the thought about patches for Volunteers and Merchandise

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer: Kathy Reimann** – Kathy gave a report. A motion was made to accept the report, the motion was seconded and approved. Kathy provided Dennis Adams with a hard copy of the Treasurer's Report.

**Secretary:** Monica Byrnes – nothing to report

**Membership Officer:** Robin Bacchus reported 150 members, and one waiver.

**Head Road Captain: Gary Stein** – Congratulations to Pete Barack on becoming a new Road Captain. His inaugural ride will be on 3/23. There is one Road Captain recruit that will be introduced at the April meeting. Gary announced that all the rides in May will honor Colonel Ron Rook. The armbands were ordered and received. A plaque will be presented at the next Chapter Meeting.

**Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus** – Congratulations to the 3 new Road Captains; Jack **Hinton** – all good, **David Brown** – stated that he presented Nika will one hundred copies of the introduction letter to the Chapter to be given out with new bike purchases.

**Communication Officer:** Pete Barack – nothing to report.

**Safety Officer:** Drew Moores is looking forward to the Range Scheduler, Tom Holden. He mentioned that they have thoughts of the "Open Range" on Sunday afternoons. Drew will work with Tom setting up times to do this.

**Ladies of Harley Officer: Renee Adkins** – asked if there was interest in planning a game night or movie night.

**Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner** – He said that our 50/50's were going well. He is looking for any donations and unique items to use as giveaways at the meetings. The Harley General Manager is providing gift cards for the meetings.

**Parliamentarian: Dan Balla** – not in attendance

**Merchandise Officer:** Richard McElvenny – stated that he has ninety-four men's shirts and 141 ladies' shirts. He is looking for a new catalog to purchase some additional shirts.  
Pam Mangiaracina – nothing to report.

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**Public Relations: Patty Kopcho** said that she is planning to pick up a check from Marty at the Dealership for an AD and possibly Win Win next week.

**Hugs: Becky Reimann** – please let her know if any members know of anybody who is sick, in the hospital or a death in the family so she can send hugs from the Chapter. She is continuing to send out cards to Chapter Members.

**Webmaster: Craig Collet** – please text or email Craig if you have any changes or additions

**Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann** – Your articles are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you for getting them in a timely manner.

**Photographer: Debbie Speicher** – thanked everyone who sends her pictures when she is not on the ride. She is having a little trouble with some of the old picture's recycling on the web and will be working with Craig Collet to hopefully resolve the issue.

**Historian: Crafton Price** – nothing to report

**Members at Large: Joe Hall** – not in attendance; **Mike Mangiaracina** – Grilling at Harley on 3/17 – set up will be at 11:00 am and serving at 12:00 pm; **David Atkins** – not in attendance; **Lori Bacchus** – nothing to report.

**Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes** – will be working with Nick on doing a New Owner's Night monthly at the Dealership. Key West Flier is complete, and the ride is on April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Steve stated that the Paws for Patriots Shoot Out is September 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a need to contact our Corporate Sponsors early and not to wait for the last minute. A discussion will follow at the Road Captain meeting to see if there is enough interest to do a Labor Day Overnight ride – more information to follow.

**Past Directors: Paul Fore and Marty Roland** – not in attendance.

**Cal Reimann** – He stated that our display case at the Dealership needs to be reorganized and updated.

**David Brown** – is planning a ride to Biloxi. David also wants to put the "Rolling to Remember Flier" on the Website for 2025.

**Open Discussion: Dennis Adams** – Picnic Planning Meeting will be March 14th. Harry Warner will oversee the Biker Games. Gary Stein will lead the Mystery Ride to the picnic. Mission Bar-B-Que will provide food again this year. The cost will be \$15 per person and will be returned to you upon your arrival at the Picnic. Anyone that does not show up will forfeit their deposit. The Picnic is May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dennis stated that he is working with the Dealership on the starting mileage for the 365 Mileage Program. No mileage submitted to Harley for January and February.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Monica Byrnes, Secretary*





Ride Lotto is a Chapter participation program that started in July 2020 and will continue as long as there is interest. This is completely voluntary and there is no obligation to participate.

**How it works:**

Each ride you attend for the month, whether you do the ride or meet at the destination you have the option to participate in the Ride Lotto. If you choose to participate, you pay \$1 to the Road Captain that is taking attendance for the ride. The Road Captain will track your participation on the ride roster and collect your \$1.

- Ride Lotto will be available to participate in for all Chapter rides on the calendar each month.
- For every ride you attend and choose to participate in the Ride Lotto by paying \$1, you get one entry in the drawing. By the end of the month, if you participated in all the rides, you would have multiple entries in the Ride Lotto for that month's drawing.
- You cannot buy entries in the Ride Lotto. You must be present at KSU, on the ride, or meet at the ride destination to pay for an entry in the Ride Lotto.
- The Ride Lotto entries are tracked just like the ride mileage and attendance is tracked for each ride.
- At the Chapter Meeting there will be a drawing for the winner of the Ride Lotto for the previous month's rides. The person that is picked from the drawing **MUST** be present to win (spouses, family members or significant others cannot claim the prize for that person).
- If you are not at the Chapter Meeting and your name is drawn, then the Ride Lotto rolls over to the next month and will be added to the money collected for the Ride Lotto for the next month's drawing.
- All the money in the Ride Lotto is given to the winner if present at the meeting. This is not a 50/50.





## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

OLD TOWN CHAPTER— BRANDON

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.\* or H.O.G.\* Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.\* members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.\* activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

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I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

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By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your signed membership form and a check for \$30 payable to Old Town Chapter insures your passport to continued fun in 2024.**

Mail to: Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus  
11435 Newgate Crest Drive  
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**(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.**

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***Ernie House***

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***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!***



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***Membership Officer,***


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

# Old Town Chapter

## H.O.G. Calendar

April 2024

Brandon FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Hooters 4215 W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa 33614, KSU @ 7:00 P.M. from TBHD RC Rick Vincent	4	5	5 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	6 Blackburn's BBQ KSU @ 8:00am from 7-11, 914 S. Falkenburg & Palm River, 120 mi., 1 RS, 3.5 hrs. RC Harry Werner
7 Welcome Wagon Class-10am Welcome Wagon Ride Plaza Mexico KSU @ 11am from TBHD, 40 mi, 0RS, 1hr RC/SO Drew Moores	8	9 TNDR/LOH Meeting Portillo's 1748 W. Brandon Blvd, KSU @ 7pm TBHD SRC Bob Backus	10 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom	11 Picnic Planning Meeting TBHD Upstairs conference Room, 7pm	12	13 Burger and Pancake House KSU @ 8:32am Wawa 13323 Boyette Rd Riverview. (Boyette and Bell Shoals) 130 mi, 1RS, 3.5 hrs. RC Don Amberg (Crazy A\$\$)
14 Fat Willie's Fish Camp KSU @ 9:00am from Wawa, 13323 Boyette Rd., 88 Mi, 1-RS, 2.5 hrs. SRC David Brown <b>T-Shirt Ride</b>	15	16 Culver's 2470 S Falkenburg Rd, Tampa, FL 33619, KSU @ 7pm TBHD RC Bob Monroe	17 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm TBHD Classroom	18 Raid On Key West KSU @ 6:30 from Wawa Summerfield, 13026 US 301, Riverview 33578, 390 mi, 4 RS, 10 hrs. RC/AD Steve Byrnes	19 Boondocks Grille, Key West KSU @ 10:30am from 3700 S. Roosevelt Blvd, KW, 1 Fuel Stop (if necessary), 24 mi, .75 hr. RC/AD Steve Byrnes	20 Lollygaggers KSU @ 8am, Wawa 201 N St. Cloud & SR60, Valrico. 155 mi, 2 RS, 4 hrs. RC Mark Rowley Sunset Cruise, Key West Appledore Star, Check-in 6pm RC/AD Steve Byrnes
21 Mulligans Tavern KSU @ 9:45am, Wawa US 301 & Summerfield Crossing, 61 mi, 1.75 hrs., 0 RS SRC Bob Backus Roland Martin Tiki Hut Clewiston, KSU @ 7:30am from 3700 S. Roosevelt Blvd, KW, 2 RS, 5 hrs., 230 mi RC Steve Byrnes	22	23 Pomodoro Pizza, Pasta, & More 1076 E. Brandon Blvd Suite 115, Brandon, FL 33511, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD HRC Gary Stein	24	25	26 Tampa Bay HD Bike Night 6pm – 9pm	27 Leesburg Bike Fest KSU @ 8am from RaceTrac 29200 St. Rd. 52 San Antonio FL 98 mi, 3.5 hrs., 2 RS (1 Historical) SRC Capt. Jack
28 JB Boondocks KSU @ 8:30am from 7-11 Falkenburg Rd and Palm River Rd., 98mi, 1RS, 3hrs. RC Cal Reimann	29	30 Mel's Hot Dogs 4136 E. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL. 33617 KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann				

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## **WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A MOTORCYCLE CRASH? THE BASICS:**

**SAFETY FIRST:** Move to a place of safety and out of harm's way.

**DIAL 911:** It's important to call 911 to immediately report the crash, request police; and if there are any injuries, request fire rescue/paramedics. Do not let the other driver talk you out of calling the police!

**COOPERATING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS:** Tell the paramedics ALL of your complaints. Providing all complaints of pain will help them identify your injuries, treat such injuries and will help with transport you to the nearest hospital. When asked questions by the police, whether at the scene or at the hospital, simply tell the officer how the crash happened in your own words. Afterwards, the officer typically provides you with a Drivers Exchange of Information, to allow your legal representative to order the Florida Traffic Crash Report (Long form). The officer may also provide you with a Tow Report, noting the details of the towing company and where your bike has been stored.

**PRESERVING THE EVIDENCE:** Photographs should be taken of the vehicles involved in the crash (including license plates & any business signs), the crash scene and of all injuries. Additionally, make best attempts of obtaining the names and contact information of all witnesses who may have witnessed the crash, including those who may have assisted afterwards. Also take photographs of any personal property items that have been damaged including your helmet, glasses, jacket, gloves, pants, boots, cell phone and any other items damaged by the crash, as such additional damages are reimbursable as well. Best to also keep an Accident Folder to staying organized, to store all papers, bills, etc.

**SEEKING MEDICAL CARE:** Follow EMT recommendations including transport to the nearest hospital for complete for a comprehensive exam, having all injuries diagnosed and treated. It's critically important you explain to the ER all complaints of injury from top to bottom to allow for the best examination, including diagnostic testing, so all injuries are properly diagnosed and treated. Alternatively, If you left the scene on your own and experience complaints of injury later the same day, next day or afterwards, present to a local urgent care. Within the exam room, tell them the history of present illness (the motorcycle crash) and report all complaints of injury, for the reasons noted above. For billing purposes, make sure all healthcare providers have copy of your health insurance card, front and back. Auto PIP coverage does not apply.

**SEEKING LEGAL REPRESENTATION:** As soon as possible, contact an attorney for representation. You want an attorney who is available, experienced, reputable and trustworthy. Timeliness is the key as we may need to hire a private investigator to obtain additional property damage photographs, scene photographs, injury photographs and witness statements within 24 hours to 48 hours after the crash, to prove your side of the case. We may also need to hire an accident reconstructionist to request a data download and inspection of the other vehicle. Your attorney will order the crash report, will report the crash to all applicable insurance companies, obtain the assigned claims representative(s), requesting all applicable insurance coverage. Your attorney will also report your property damage claim to timely schedule inspection and appraisal of your motorcycle, guiding you through this process as well, also to help you obtain loss of use monies and/or a rental car. Moreover, your attorney provides recommendations on continued medical care, towards providing you with specialist(s) for the examination, documentation and treatment of your specific injuries.

**DEALING WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES:** Importantly, you should NOT call any insurance company and do NOT post anything on social media. You should not be giving any statement to any insurance company after the crash. Should any insurance company contact you, by phone, in person or otherwise, simply decline from giving any statement this time until you have obtained legal counsel, allowing your attorney to give all statements on your behalf and/or to schedule any statements with your own insurance company at a reasonable time afterwards, also having prepared you beforehand.

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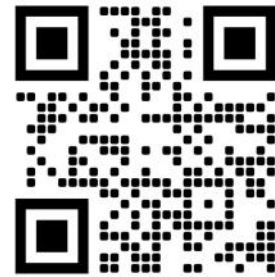
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***APRIL 5, 2024***

**Next month's Chapter Meeting is:**

***May 3, 2024***

**at the *Hilton Garden Inn***

4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL 33578

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

***Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2024***

January	5th	-	PAST	July	5th	-
February	2nd	-	PAST	August	9th	-
March	1st	-	PAST	September	6th	-
April	5th	-		October	4th	-
May	3rd	-		November	8th	-
June	7th	-		<b>Dec. 7th</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	



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