



# BULL SHOTS

### JANUARY 2024

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

#### Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

Happy New Years everyone. Before any new business, I want to thank Sheri Philhower for putting together such a fun Christmas party and thank all her volunteers for helping make it a successful night. Also, a big congratulations to the "Colonel Ron P Rook, USMC Humanitarian Award" recipients; Kathy Reimann, Leslie Monroe, Renee Adkins, Gina Werner and Sheri Philhower. I am so proud of you ladies for what you did for Ron and Mary. The memorial for Ron is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>. I meet with the Dealership and Defenders President to finalize the plans on January 4<sup>th</sup>. I will send out the details to you all that evening.

I want to thank you all again for allowing me to lead this great HOG Chapter. I also want to give a big thank you to all the Board Members for signing on to help me in 2024. I am looking forward to working with all of you and the many enjoyable rides and events we have in store for 2024. I was pleased to announce my Primary Officers: Assistant Director Steve Byrnes, Treasurer Kathy Reimann and Secretary Monica Byrnes. I am confident Steve will do a great job on our PAWS event which is already locked in for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Steve, Monica, Becky, and I were invited to Southeastern Guide Dogs (SEGD) for a graduation ceremony. Andy Kramer, of SEGD, sat with us during the presentation and luncheon. He is looking forward to coming to the Chapter Meeting to receive the final check for the funds we raised for SEGD. The graduates had a chance to speak about the three weeks of onsite training with their new service dogs. Some were first time recipients and others were on their third or fourth service dogs. The one gentleman had waited a year and a half for his fourth dog, and he said it was a very difficult time being without a service dog. Another recipient received her first dog for vision assistance. She said her first walk with the dog was fast. I did not understand what she meant by that, but then she went on to say how when she got back to the campus and said something to the other classmates, they asked her how she liked walking around the lake. She insisted there was no lake there and the gentleman that was on his fourth dog said, "look up next time." She realized she did not have the trust yet and was looking down. She looked up on the next trip and felt confident that the dog would be her eyes and no longer needed to rely on the stick and walk cautiously. This is why we choose SEGD for our Chapter Charity.

I want to thank Past Director David Brown for passing on the cases and cases of Director Garb. He could not wait to give them to me after the Christmas party. I am sure Mary Lou is also happy to get them out of the house. Thank you, David, for also emailing me all the information to make my transition seamless.

I am very happy to see we have two Recruit Road Captains: Harry Werner and Drew Moores. I am really looking forward to your inaugural rides and ask the Chapter to come out and support them. I know when I did my Inaugural Ride, I was so relieved to see so many members come out. It is still the largest attended ride by members I have ever led.

I am also looking forward to our New Years Assistant Director ride, since Steve is taking us to my favorite restaurant - Der Dutchman. I have been going to a Der Dutchman since I was a kid in Ohio. My folks would take us there on the weekends and to visit all the Amish areas of Ohio. I am looking forward to building the Old Town Chapter back to the numbers we had before COVID. This is still the best Chapter of the half dozen I was in, and I look forward to being the Director for 2024. Be safe and hope to see you soon.

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Dennis "Gomez" Adams Director OTC 2024

#### **AD Steve Byrnes Ramblings**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The AD Ride on New Year's Day will be going to Der Dutchman in Sarasota. We updated the ride route in mid-December and are hoping for a good turnout and expecting a fun ride to kick off 2024!

I am honored to become Our Chapter's Assistant Director for 2024 and look forward to working with our HOG Team to continue our heritage of Fun Rides, Exceptional Social Events, Awesome Overnight Rides, and Fund Raising for our Charity, the Paws for Patriots program with Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Dennis, Becky, Monica, and I were invited to attend the 336<sup>th</sup> Commencement for Southeastern Guide Dogs. This was for sight impaired individuals and each graduate spoke of their experience. One person shared that during training she walked around a lake with her new best friend without knowing she was walking around a lake. She enjoyed it even more in the pitch black of night knowing that she was safe. Another person was receiving their second guide dog. A third person was receiving their fourth. Their stories of how their guide dogs have brought hope and a better life is awesome. The closing presentation was from a Marine who had lost himself in the darkness of PTSD and he spoke of the ongoing support from his best friend to help him see the light. SEGD has wallet tissues on the table that were put to good use by many in attendance.

During our tour of SEGD's campus in November, Andy Kramer updated us on the changes and future plans for the campus. It is amazing that they support the Guide Dogs for life and are focused on providing HOPE for those that receive these Well-Trained Friends. I had a chance to speak online at Lunch and Learn for Volunteerism for DME, my employer, and gave an overview of our support for SEGD and the ongoing relationship we have with them. Be proud that we are the longest continually active organization of our type supporting them. Also be proud that not a single life has been lost to suicide for any of the canine recipients.

As the weather gets colder, remember one of the first signs of Hypothermia is uncontrolled teeth chatter. Also remember to stay Hydrated even in the cold. Looking forward to seeing each of you on a ride.

Stay Safe and Have FUN. SB



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Past Director/Elder	Andre' Chiasson	Feb. 22, 1955	March 26, 2017
Past Director/Elder	John McKelvey	July 3, 1952	January 30, 2022



#### Happy New Year to Everyone!

#### January dates to remember:

January 09: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

• January 19: National Popcorn Day

January 24: National Compliment Day

• January 26: National Fun at Work Day

• Zodiac signs: Capricorn and Aquarius

Birthstone: GarnetFlower: Carnations

January in Florida makes it easy to add fresh fruits and vegetables into your menus (think taste instead of diet).

• Fruits and Vegetables in season: Grapefruit, oranges, strawberries, peanuts, broccoli, collard greens, tomatoes, corn, avocados, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, mushrooms, radishes and squash, to name a few.

A motorcycle does more than get you from one point to the next:

- Enhances brain power
- Boosts happiness
- Improves core strength
- Strengthens your legs
- Builds muscle
- Burns calories
- Decreases stress and improves mental focus



Renee Adkins, LOH Officer

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.



#### Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

Surprise!!! I am the interim Safety Officer for the next couple of months. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The morning commutes have been a bit brisk, but typical for this time of year. I do enjoy not having rain to interfere with riding. I find it is best to layer up, since mornings are around twenty degrees cooler than afternoons. I note the temperatures with what I wear, so I know my gear needs to remain comfortable. I will say I am glad I have saddle bags and a tour pack to store the layers as I shed them. I am also sure to keep a water bottle close at hand since hydration should not be ignored, even in the winter.

My topic for the Welcome Wagon Class will be about Ocular Riding Techniques. It is something I learned early on in my Formula car racing days and applies to riding a motorcycle. Basically, look where you want to go. We look ahead to see where our upcoming turns are, if riders ahead in the column are pointing out road hazards and to maintain our one second - two second stagger position without yoyo-ing. Remember "you are responsible for your own safety". Look beyond the rider ahead and at the surrounding area to stay safe.

If you only look at the rider in front of you, you are likely to hit the same potholes or worse; if they go off the road, you are likely to follow. If you are looking at the pothole, you will freeze up and hit the pothole. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation uses the SEE principle, See, Evaluate and Execute. Seeing the pothole is the first step, and the farther you look ahead, the longer you will have to Evaluate what course of action to take. Once you decide it is as simple as Execute to avoid the impact.

I use every ride to learn something or try something to make me a better rider. If you are riding on a country road and come across a picket fence, try and count the posts when looking to the side. Pretty tuff isn't it. Now look way ahead and count. It is much easier because you have more time and distance to process it. It really is that simple.

I am looking forward to passing on my experience and look forward to other riders input during the class. I hope to see you on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>. My goal as Director is to try and get our membership numbers up and get our existing members out on more rides. I enjoy catching up with all of you and hearing about your vacation plans for the coming year. See you Sunday and look forward to bringing in some more riders and showing them how our recommendations for group riding creates a safer environment to enjoy a weekend ride.

Dennis "Gomez" Adams

Director OTC 2024





#### OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON, FL

#### **CHAPTER Christmas Party**

December 2, 2023

Today was the "Christmas in the Tropics Party" for all Members at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Awards given tonight:

Old Town Posse Riders for November 2023: Marty Cusack, Cathy Price

David and Dennis explained the Rider and the Member of the month awards: Member/Rider/Board Member/Road Captain of the Month awards are given to members having the most participation points/miles within a calendar month that have not previously been awarded within the calendar year.

#### **November Rider/Mileage Awards**

Member of the Month		Board Member/Road Captain of the	
		Month	
1 <sup>st</sup> place Lisa Branson	8 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place Jack Hinton	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Jorge Giraldo, Crafton	7 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Renee Adkins, Robin	7 points
Price		Bacchus	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Lori Bacchus, Monica	5 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Randy Hutchinson	6 points
Byrnes, Drew Moores			

Member Rider Mileage Award		Board Member/Road Captain	
		Mileage Award	
1 <sup>st</sup> place Harry Werner	469 miles	1 <sup>st</sup> place Jack Hinton	383 miles
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Lisa Branson	383 miles	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Denise Schneider, Walter	211 miles
		Schneider	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Drew Moores	316 miles	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Robin Bacchus	200 miles

**Colonel Ron Rook Humanitarian award** was presented to the following ladies:

Renee Adkins, Leslie Monroe, Sheri Philhower, Kathy Reimann, and Gina Werner.

David Brown presented the 2023 Board Members with Certificates of Appreciation.

2024 Director Elect Dennis Adams announced the new Board Members.

After the awards were given, everyone enjoyed the party.

Becky Reimann, Secretary

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## SOME SELECT CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES

















#### ${\bf OLD\ TOWN\ HOG\ CHAPTER-BRANDON, FL}$

#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### **December 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Director David Brown.

**Board Members Present:** David Brown, Dennis Adams, Cal Reimann, Len Goellner, Kathy Reimann, Gary Stein, Rick Vincent, Walter Schneider, Mack McElvenny, Deborah Speicher, Denise Keeney, Paul Keeney, Robin Bacchus, Bob Backus, Craig Collet, Becky Reimann, Mike Klein, Pete Barack, Renee Adkins, Daniel Ellis, and Denise Schneider

Guests/new Board Members for 2024 Present: Joe Hall, David Adkins, Lori Bacchus, Monica Byrnes, Patty Kopcho, Mike Mangiaracina, Pam Mangiaracina, Drew Moores, and Crafton Price

**Director** – David Brown thanked current Board Members. David stated the Christmas Party was great and a success.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer** – Bob Backus – Bob gave report. A motion was made to accept the report, motion seconded, and approved.

**Secretary** – Becky Reimann – all good.

**Membership Officer** – Kathy Reimann, reported 188 members, 8 requiring waivers. 2024 enrollment forms and dues of \$30.00 per member are now being accepted and have 57 already signed up. Kathy stated that there are several corrected forms still to come.

**Head Road Captain** – Walter Schneider – all good. 16 current Road Captains and 2 new Road Captain recruits.

**Senior Road Captain** – Mark Rowley – not present, Gary Stein – all good, Eddie Walker – not present.

**Communications Officer** – Pete Barack- all good.

**Safety Officer** – Robin Bacchus – stated that a great job was done with the Christmas Party. Two new Road Captain recruits. Harry Werner has done the class portion. Harry is working on support positions and will do range in January.

**Ladies of Harley Officer** – Renee Adkins - Renee discussed that the Dealership Appreciation Luncheon will be this Saturday. Gift wrapping at Dealership is covered for all days.

Fundraising Officers – Paul Keeney – all good.

**Parliamentarian** – Rick Vincent – all good. Rick will get together with Dan Balla about duties for next year.

**Merchandise Officer** – Holly Orlando – (not present)– Mike Klein – all good – Carie McGugin (not present) – Mack McElvenny –all good.

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**Public Relations** – Len Goellner – all good.

**HUGS** – Denise Keeney – all good. Denise stated she has sent out a few cards since the last meeting.

Webmaster – Denise Schneider – all good.

**Newsletter Editor** – Cal Reimann – all good. Cal thanked everyone for getting in their articles every month.

Photographer – Deborah Speicher – all good.

**Treasurer** – nothing new

**Activities** – Sheri Philhower – not present.

**Historian** – Daniel Ellis- Thanked David Brown. Daniel stated he found a letter that represents how the Chapter was started and how SEGD was selected as our Chapter Charity.

**Members at Large** –Dan Balla – not present, Cathy Hutchinson – not present, Randy Hutchinson – not present, Craig Collet – all good and eager to be Webmaster next year.

**Assistant Director** – Dennis Adams – Dennis clarified that Sheri Philhower will not be Activities Officer next year but will assist until a new person is confirmed. He also discussed the importance of Board

Members and their participation in meetings. Reminded everyone of VIP shopping event this Friday at the Dealership. Kathy Reimann and Steve Byrnes will need to be added to the bank account and receive credit cards for next year. Dennis said that the calendar with next year's meeting dates will be emailed to Board Members.

**Past Directors** – Paul Fore - not present, Cal Reimann – Cal asked about an update on the memorial patches for Lionel Theroux and Col Ron Rook. Mack McElvenny will order the patches with Len Goellner's assistance, Marty Roland- not present, Rick Vincent – all good, Robin Bacchus – all good.

#### **Open Discussion:**

Renee Adkins presented the shirt for Colonel Ron Rook's memorial ride. Sh where the shirts can be ordered for those interested.

Mike Klein thanked everyone for the years he was on the Board.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Becky Reimann, 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 <u>present</u> 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.





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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.

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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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#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Bryan Stross** Leonard Traskell Norma Rodriguez

Don't forget to renew your membership prior to January 15 for a chance to win one of 4 -\$50 gift cards. Drawing to be held at the February Chapter Meeting. Must be present to win.

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!



Mike Jenkins

Lisa Goodwin

**Bob Backus** 

Bruce Morgan

Pam Retter

Steve Kolacki

**Marty Roland** 

Del Fore

Terri Lynn Goodrich

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#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

(don't forget to include your full name in the email for a chance to win a \$25 H-D gift card.)

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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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.

<u>CALL ATTORNEY BRAD SOUDERS</u>: (Free Initial Consultation) Brad (a lifetime biker) has an office in Tampa and represents bikers & their families throughout Florida. <u>Call Brad directly on his cell phone at 813-220-7767</u>. Brad offers home, hospital, evening, weekend and virtual appointments. For additional information, visit <u>www.hoglaw1.com</u>. All Bikers Welcome! Ride Safe, Brad.

**BRAD SOUDERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW** 

Old Town Chapter	apter	H.O.G. Calendar	ndar	January 2024		Brandon FL
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DOH!	Asst Director Ride Der Dutchman KSU @9:30am from Wawa, 301 & Summerfield Crossing, Riverview 90mi, 1R/S, 2hrs	2 Cici's Pizza 1991 W Lumsden Rd KSU @7pm from TBHD RC/Dir Dennis Adams	ေ	4	Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FI. Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	6 The Freezer Tiki Bar KSU @830am, RaceTrac (5951 US-301, Tampa, FL 33610) 108mi, 1R/S, 3.5hrs RC Mark Rowley
7	8	6	10	11	12	
Welcome Wagon Class 10 am. RC/SO(DIR) **Welcome Wagon Ride Asian Buffet 1742 Bruce B Downs Blvd., Wesley Chapel KSU @11am from TBHD 70mi, 0R/S, 1.5hrs RC/DIR Dennis Adams	Bahama Breeze, ISLAND GRILLE	Bahama Breeze 805 Brandon Town Center Dr KSU @7pm from TBHD SRC David Brown	Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom			Rook Memorial Pay attention to Bullshots for ride info RC/DIR Dennis Adams Gibtown Bikefest KSU @2pm from TBHD 60mi, 0R/S, 1.5hrs SRC Jack Hinton
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Molly Goodheads KSU @830am from 7-11, 914 S. Falkenburg 92mi, 1R/S, 3hrs SRC Bob Backus	YE MAN'S	Yeoman's Cask & Lion 202 N Morgan St, Tampa KSU @7pm from TBHD RC Mark Rowley	Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom		OCALAHANS	O'Calahan's Pub KSU @830am from Race Trac 5951 N US Highway 301 & Sligh Ave 100mi, 1R/S, 2.5hrs RC Rick Vincent
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 - Cafe Kocopelli,
Station 400 KSU @7am from 7-11, 914 S. Faulkenburg & Palm River) 60mi, 0R/S, 1.5hrs RC Robin Bacchus	Portillo's	Portillo's - Brandon, 1748 W. Brandon Blvd KSU @7pm from TBHD HRC Gary Stein			PISTEST.	Kumquat Festival KSU @8am from RaceTrac, 6911 E Fletcher Ave 80mi, 1R/S, 2.5hrs SRC Jack Hinton Lakeland Pig Fest KSU @9am from 7-11 @ 914 Faulkenburg Rd 80mi, 1R/S, 3hrs RC David Brown T-Shirt Ride
28	59	30	31			***
UMI Sushi & Seafood Buffet KSU @930am from Wawa Summerfield 56mi, 0R/S, 1.75hrs RC Randy Hutchinson	WALK-ON'S	Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux - Tampa (Midtown), 1140 Gramercy Ln, Tampa KSU @7pm from TBHD				
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# Harley Owners Group



## This month's Chapter Meeting is:

**JANUARY 5, 2024** 

Next month's Chapter Meeting is:

February 2, 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 - July 5th -

February 2nd - August 9th -

March 1st - September 6th -

April 5th - October 4th -

May 3rd - November 8th -

June 7th - Dec. 6th Christmas Party



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