



BULL SHOTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

September already. It is that time of year when all our efforts are going to PAWS. It is our 19th year of raising funds for Dogs Inc. (formally Southeastern Guide Dogs). We had Morgan with his new Dog Donzi at the August Chapter meeting. Morgans wife Amber gave an insightful example of how a service dog has not only saved Morgan's life but helped keep their family together. Morgan will also be at our Clay-Shoot to tell his story to our guest shooters.

Assistant Director Steve Byrnes had his second planning meeting. We need more shooters and Military attendees. Please help get the word out. The brochures can be found on our web page. See Bob Backus for gun raffle tickets. We need your help with selling a chance at a Glock 9mm or an over under Shot Gun. Cal is doing well on his carving and Kathy Reimann is off to a great start on a quilt. T-Shirts will be for sale at the Chapter meeting and on some of the rides.

Our Dealership is planning their 25th anniversary celebration on December 14th. I have been asked to sit on their planning board meetings to help with the celebration. I will be sure to pass along the various activities at the next few Chapter meetings. From what I have heard this will be the largest event at Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson since I have joined the Old Town Chapter.

We had a great movie night. Due to a mix-up at Publix, they only made two of the three trays of food ordered. They refunded our money for the missing tray, but I still want to apologize to anyone that did not get a sandwich to eat. Members brought plenty of other food and snacks to eat. I want to thank everyone for cleaning up after. You would never have known we had 25 members there with food.

Our newest Road Captain Joe "Just Joe" Hall had his inaugural ride. 36 Bikers and five guests came out for a perfect day of riding. Joe could not have asked for better weather. After a brief shower from the many members with squirt guns, Joe did a great job leading us to Golden Corral for Breakfast. Please talk with Head Road Captain Gary Stein if you want to know more about becoming an Old Town Road Captain.

Dennis "Gomez" Adams
Director OTC 2024

**Help Us Help
Our Veterans!**



Congratulations to our newest Road Captain, Joe Hall! Great Inaugural Ride! Look forward to Future Rides, Joe!

Many thanks to Morgan Watt, his wife Amber, and Donzi for great updates and better understanding of Succession with Dog's Inc. Morgan and Donzi will be at our Sporting Clay's Tournament on September 28th. It is Crunch Time with Paws for Patriots!

This year's Theme: **Changing Times don't Change OTC's Commitment to our Veterans!**

Our next planning meeting is August 28th. If you can't make it but would like to help, please let us know. A trip to the dentist this week brought Gun Raffle interest and possibly a Shooting Team so you never know when a casual comment will generate interest in our "Great Charity"! SPREAD THE WORD!!

Steve Byrnes

Assistant Director / RC OTC

Town Chapter Harley Owners Group ("OTC HOG") has been involved with the "PAWS for Patriots" for the past eighteen (18) years. This year, we will be hosting our **fifth (5th) annual Paws for Patriots Sporting Clays Tournament** to support veterans that have been blinded, have lost limbs and/or suffer from PTSD.

These Veterans need our help. The Veteran's Administration does not recognize service animals as a prosthetic need and therefore will not pay for a guide dog or assistance dog to be assigned to a Disabled Veteran. However, through Southeastern Guide Dogs and with your private donations, we are able to help impaired Veterans to regain their freedom, mobility, independence and dignity through three levels of service: 1) to provide a live-in guide dog to visually impaired Veterans, 2) to provide Assistance Dogs who provide comfort to Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, and 3) provide Facility Therapy Dogs, escorted by volunteer handlers, who visit wounded warriors recovering at Military Hospitals and Veterans Medical Centers.

Paws for Patriots

Sporting Clays Tournament
Held at **FISHHAWK SPORTING CLAYS**

Saturday September 28, 2024, at 9:00 am
Single Shooter fee is \$125 / 4-Person Team entry fee is \$500

Help us to help a wounded veteran regain mobility, independence, dignity, and FREEDOM!

ALL ACTIVE MILITARY PARTICIPATE FOR FREE – (LUNCH, SHOOT, GUN & AMMO PROVIDED AT NO EXPENSE)

Become a Corporate Banner Sponsor

(Company Name and Level on Banner)

Patriot Event Sponsor is \$5,000

Double Platinum Sponsor is \$2,000

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Become a Team Sponsor or Enter to Shoot

Gold Team Sponsor is \$500

Silver Shooter Sponsor is \$125

Become a Shooting Station Sponsor

Station Sponsors \$200 per each station

ALL ACTIVE MILITARY PARTICIPATE FOR FREE (LUNCH, SHOOT, GUN & AMMO PROVIDED)

Make you tax-Deductible Donations Payable To: "Southeastern Guide Dogs" and mail c/o Steve Byrnes at 10304 Lakeside Vista Dr., Riverview, FL 33569 To Pay by Credit Card: Call Steve at (407) 922-6275 OR email Steve at sr_byrnes@msn.com

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

***MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARLIAMENTARIAN
CHAPTER ELDER DAN BALLA***

It is Election Season for the Country, State and your HOG Chapter

This Fall, we will be electing a Director for 2025. If you are interested in leading the best HOG Chapter in the country, then you need to submit your name to either Dennis Adams, our current Director, or to Jason Whidden, the General Manager at our sponsoring Dealer – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson. Nominations will open at the September 6th Chapter Meeting and close at the October 11th Chapter Meeting. Election of a Director for 2025 will take place at the November 8th Chapter Meeting.

To qualify to be Director, you need to be a member in good standing, had served on the OTC Board of Directors at some time in the past for a minimum of 1 year, and be elected annually if running again. The office is a 1-year term, not to exceed 2 years per the OTC Bylaws.

Voting will take place at the November Chapter Meeting. To vote, you must be a member in good standing of the Old Town Chapter on or before 1 September 2024. Each member is limited to 1 vote. You must be present to vote and no absentee votes will be counted per the OTC Bylaws.

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

2024 OLD TOWN CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Like what you see? Member of the National Harley Owners Group? New Membership forms will be found on our website or available from our Membership Officer or any OTC Road Captain.

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.

Drew's Views Hydroplaning

Most Florida drivers have experienced this; any Florida **riders** that have won't soon forget it. Check this out, think about it, slow down in the rain, and don't lose traction! From James R. Davis, a recognized expert in the field of motorcycle Safety Dynamics.

Hydroplaning results when tires move so FAST across a wet road, they don't have enough time to channel the water away from the tire's center. The water lifts the tire and thus all traction is lost. [Crikey!!]

Of course, 'fast' is relative. Tread design & depth, the bike's weight, tire pressure, the water's depth and even consistency - muddy or clean - play a part in affecting at **what speed** the tire will hydroplane. We can assess any speed over 60 MPH is fast enough to support hydroplaning regardless of the other variables.

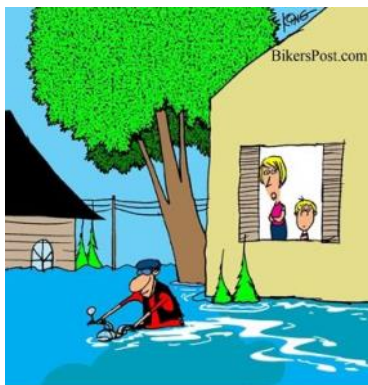
However, this is not to say that at 55 MPH or slower you are safe from hydroplaning.

In any event, there are two **absolutely essential** NO-NO's to remember should you have the unfortunate experience of hydroplaning:

- Do NOT apply your brakes.
- Do NOT try to steer in any direction but straight ahead.
- [Do NOT use cruise control on wet roads, whether on 2, 3, 4 or more wheels]

I think if you start to hydroplane, you are likely going to go down unless you keep the front wheel pointed straight ahead and your hydroplaning is of the briefest of durations.

Drew again. "Briefest of durations." If you are riding at 60 mph and lose traction due to hydroplaning, only two things can happen. 1. You regain traction and hopefully keep control of the motorcycle. 2. You don't regain traction. Then what happens? You aren't going to slide across the water indefinitely. How long is the "duration?"



"You didn't think a little rain was going to stop your father from riding, did you?"

One last bit not stated in the article. The last time I lost traction I was riding south on 301 and slowed to turn left on McIntosh. I downshifted too quickly and lost traction on the rear tire for a split second. I don't think I was actually hydroplaning but just lost traction on a wet road.

Regardless, not an experience I want to repeat.

Always slow down on wet roads and think about **not** hydroplaning.

Keep the routine, routine.

Safety is no accident.

**Drew Moores -
OTC Safety Officer**



Don A. on his new Pan Am next month. I have a special camera!

" Travelling in a car is like watching a movie. Riding a motorcycle is like starring in it!"



- September 2: Labor Day
- September 4: Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- September 15: National Linguine Day
- September 29: National Coffee Day

Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 19th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. (Tierney McAfee)

September in Florida is 5-10 degrees cooler than August. We don't see the leaves changing like other areas of the United States, but we see fewer visitors in the state after Labor day, the rainy season is winding down and school is back in session. Get out and ride if you can, stay hydrated and enjoy!

Here is a recap of our Ladies of Harley August events:

- Delivery of back-to-school supplies collected: We collected supplies to fill an SUV, plus over \$1000 in cash. These supplies were graciously accepted by the Principal and her secretary during the week before school was back in session. Thank you to our Tampa Bay Harley Davidson team for partnering in this project.
- Dealer Appreciation Potluck: The meatballs and mac n cheese were a big hit! Thank you to our Dealership for the teamwork—we appreciate you!

The Chapter is kicking into high gear for our Paws for Patriots event at Fishhawk Sporting Clays on September 28. The Ladies of Harley will be holding a yard sale in Oct/Nov, with proceeds going to the 2024 P4P campaign. For more information on our partnership with Dogs Inc./Southeastern Guide Dogs, and this event, go to the Old Town Chapter website: [Old Town Chapter - Home \(oldtownhog.com\)](http://oldtownhog.com) We are always looking for a few good volunteers and sponsors!

Renee Adkins

Ladies of Harley 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
August 9, 2024

Chapter member Denise Schneider introduced the 2024 officers: Secretary: Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes, and Director: Dennis Adams.

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

The American Flag was presented by SO Drew Moores and The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dennis discussed Ride 365 and the changes to the program this year. We are currently listed in 30th place. The newest list will be sent this week.

There were no representatives from Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership present. Please Note: Sunday Dealership Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The dealer will have a special on the Learn to Ride Class.

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.

There was 1 Guest (s) in attendance.

Today, we were honored to have Morgan Watt, his dog Donzi and Morgan's wife, Amber, of Southeastern Guide Dogs d/b/a Dog Inc. Morgan shared his story and thanked the Chapter for all our support and explained how both Foley (Morgan's service dog of 9 years) and his current dog, Donzi, have been able to help him and his family.

We had one (1) new member, Eivette Icaza, who stood up and introduced herself.

The attendees recognized and sang Happy Birthday to all members with August birthdays – eleven (11) Birthdays were celebrated.

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann gave her report.

Ladies of Harley Officer – LOH and the Dealership collected 9 laptops, \$1009 cash and an SUV full of school supplies for Wimauma School. Tuesday, 8/13 is Ladies of Harley Meeting at Mission BBQ. 8/17 Movie Night showing "Family Plan" at the TBHD Dealership from 5-8 p.m.

Merchandise Office – Richard "Mack" McElvenny – Mack purchased 12 hats that were being sold for \$23 each available at the Merchandise table in the back of the room.

Safety Officer, Drew Moores, said that the next Welcome Wagon Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 11th, focusing on Traffic Jams - Causes and Cures.

Gary Stein introduced the latest new Road Captain, Joe "Just Joe" Hall. He also reminded our members that the rides in August will all be short rides due to the heat.

August Rides

- 8/3 - Keel Farms & Winery – Harry Werner
- 8/4 – Florida Avenue Brewing – Bob Backus
- 8/6 – Shamrock Ale House – Cal Reimann
- 8/10 – Brocato's Sandwich Shop – David Brown (T-Shirt Ride)
- 8/11 - Welcome Wagon Class – Hungry Harry's BBQ – Drew Moores
- 8/13 – Tuesday Night Dinner Ride / LOH – Mission BBQ – Pete Barack
- 8/17 – Joe Hall's Inaugural Ride – Golden Corral – Winter Haven
- 8/18 – Chowder House – Randy Hutchinson

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- 8/20 – Waves Cajun Crab House – Robin Bacchus
- 8/24 - Poblanos Mexican Bar & Gille – Leslie Monroe
- 8/25 - 301 Family Restaurant – Cal Reimann
- 8/27 – Trattoria Pasquale’s – Steve Byrnes
- 8/30 – Bike night at the Dealership

- 8/30 – Tellico Plains, TN, The Lodge at Tellico – Steve Byrnes
- 8/31 – Cherohala Skyway Ride – Rick Vincent
- 8/31 – Rock & Brew – Bob Monroe
- 9/1 – McCaysville Georgia Ride – Rick Vincent

Next Board Meeting will be August 14th.

Steve stated that the next PAWS for Patriots planning meeting is on Wednesday, August 28th. All are welcome to attend. Steve also announced that he will be donating a 9mm Glock to the PAWS for Patriots Gun Raffle.

Dennis Adams 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.

Steve Byrnes 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 a year patch.

There was no 777 Patch Winner for July.

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



Member and Rider of the Month – As of 7/31/24

Member and Rider of the Year – As of 7/31/24

Rider of the Month			
General Membership			
Luigi Cavallaro	1st	449	
Barry Shapiro	2nd	285	
Edi Shapiro	2nd	285	
Denise Schneider	3rd	261	

Rider of the Month			
Board/Road Captain			
Kathy Reimann	1st	332	
Walter Schneider	2nd	261	
Gary Stein	3rd	259	

Member of the Month			
General Membership			
Luigi Cavallaro	1st	12	
James Schmitz	2nd	11	
Denise Schneider	3rd	9	

Member of the Month			
Board/Road Captain			
Don Amberg	1st	12	
David Adkins	2nd	11	
Renee Adkins	2nd	11	
Walter Schneider	3rd	9	

Rider of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Miles
Larry Snyder	3056
Earl Awshee	2213
Barry Shapiro	1937
Edi Shapiro	1937
Cathy Price	1860
Bret Naum	1759



Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Miles
Steve Byrnes	5248
David Brown	4893
Bob Backus	4377
Cal Reimann	3880
Gary Stein	3356
Harry Werner	3229

Member of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Points
Larry Snyder	65
Vince Loadwick	52
Robbie Salvog	50
Denise Schneider	45
James Schmitz	41
Jorge Giraldo	40

Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Points
Cal Reimann	104
David Brown	95
Gary Stein	91
Bob Backus	90
Becky Reimann	75
Steve Byrnes	74
Monica Byrnes	74

Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 485 event points and have ridden a total of 9,775 miles in July 2024.

The overall, year-to-date rider stats were given, OTC members have earned a total of 2,967 points and have ridden a total of 102,315 miles in 2024.

Year to Date Miles Ridden	102315
Year to Date Miles Available	6627
Year to Date Points Participated	2967
Year to Date Points Available	120
3rd Quarter Miles Ridden	9775
3rd Quarter Miles Available	485
3rd Quarter Points Participated	403
3rd Quarter Points Available	16
July Miles Ridden	9775
July Miles Available	485
July Points Participated	403
July Points Available	16

Leslie Monroe donated two tickets to the USF / Bethune Cookman Football Game to be held at Raymond James Stadium. David Brown raffled them off and Jack Hinton won the bid for \$70. The money goes to Southeastern Guide Dogs d/b/a Dogs Inc.

Monthly challenge question – Steve Byrnes

Ride Lotto – Bob Monroe

Newsletter Reader – Bonnie Amberg

T-shirt ride – To be done at our September Meeting

Name Tag drawing – Bob Monroe

Secret Greeter winner was Debbie Speicher

General Raffles: 1) Eddie Johns; 2) Renee Adkins; 3) Terri Lynn Goodrich

Our next Chapter meeting will be September 6, 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Monica Byrnes, Secretary**





**OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 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, Drew Moores, Pete Barack, Cal Reimann, Len Goellner, Becky Reimann, Renee Atkins, Richard McElvenny, Pam Mangiaracina, Debbie Speicher, Patty Kopcho, Joe Hall, Mike Mangiaracina, David Atkins, Lori Bacchus, Robin Bacchus

Board Members Missing: David Brown, Dan Balla, Craig Collet, Crafton Price

Past Directors: Paul Fore, Marty Roland, and Rick Vincent not present.

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS: Ride 365 Points

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer: Kathy Reimann – Kathy gave a report. Pete Barack made a motion to accept the report, the motion was seconded by Renee Adkins and approved.

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – nothing to report

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 157 members, 1 on waiver.

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein – Thank you to our Road Captains; Inaugural Ride for Road Captain Joe Hall is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th, 2024. We currently have 18 active and 1 inactive Road Captains.

Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus – Gun Raffle tickets will be ready for Saturday, August 17th, 2024.

Jack Hinton – the T-Shirts for the 5th Annual Clay Shoot will be ready for the weekend.

David Brown – not in attendance

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – all good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – asked Steve to forward him the information regarding the PAW's Sporting Clay Tournament for the base.

Ladies of Harley Officer: Renee Adkins – Movie night is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at the Dealership. Renee is working on getting the Meal tickets for the Clay Shoot. The luncheon will be \$15.00. Renee will check on a gift from Fran Haasch. She mentioned that they will start requesting Humanitarian Award nominations on October 1, 2024. Renee asked about interest in a December Cookie Exchange, both Joe Hall and Len Goellner are interested.

Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – looking for Harley gifts to give away at the meetings. He stated that anybody who gives him a giveaway will receive a ticket for the raffles. The Harley General Manager continues to provide the gift cards for the meetings.

Parliamentarian: Dan Balla – Not in attendance

Merchandise Officer: Richard McElvenny – all good

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho zero (0) new ads and two (2) renewals. Patty let everybody know that the Chapter is receiving a 10% Discount at Red Star.

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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. There were many members who received Hugs this month. Thank you to Renee Adkins for helping while Becky was on vacation.

Webmaster: Craig Collet –Not in attendance. Please text or email Craig if you have any changes or additions (remove David Brown from Ride 365). Thank you to Gary Stein who helped while Craig was on Vacation.

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – articles are due by the 20th of the month. Election to be listed in the September and October Newsletters.

Photographer: Debbie Speicher – thanked everyone who sends her pictures when she is not on the ride.

Historian: Crafton Price – not in attendance

Members at Large: Joe Hall – all good

Mike Mangiaracina – all good

David Adkins – all good

Lori Bacchus – all good

Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes – please email me with any information or suggestions on PAW's. [PAW's Sporting Clay Tournament](#) is scheduled for September 28th. We are still working to get ten (10) teams of four (4) for the shootout. There is another Planning Meeting scheduled for August 28th.

Thank you to Bob Backus for the Gun Raffle Tickets. They are expected to be available on Friday, August 16th.

Thank you to Jack Hinton for getting the T-shirts and to Renee Adkins for working on the meal tickets.

The 1st 30 people who get a patch will go in a drawing for a \$25 Gift Card.

PAWS Graduation is scheduled September 5th – Cal and Kathy Reimann and Dave and Renee Adkins will represent the Old Town Chapter.

The Tellico Plains ride is scheduled for August 30th – September 2nd. Steve will be leading the ride up and back and Rick Vincent will lead the rides on August 31st and September 1st.

Past Directors: Paul Fore, Marty Roland, Rick Vincent, and David Brown – not in attendance.

Cal Reimann – all good

Robin Bacchus – all good

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – Dennis expressed his appreciation and thanked both to Pam and Mike Mangiaracina who stepped up to cook for the BBQ at the Dealership when another group didn't show up.

Activities – Christmas Party - There will be servers for the appetizers for the Christmas Party.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Byrnes, Secretary



"Please support the OTC Newsletter Sponsors".

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Great mountains of happiness grow out of little hills of kindness.



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1/4	\$16	\$176
1/2	\$25	\$275
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September
BIRTHDAYS

Chris Keeney Brad Souders
David Leonard Steven Byrnes
Walter Schneider Lisa Branson
Mary Lou Brown

*Chapter membership forms no longer ask for a member's birthday; we are unable to modify these forms as they are provided by National HOG. If you would like to share your special day with us, please contact/email our Membership Officer,
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 813.415.5011 casybritt@aol.com*

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2. **Riding beyond skill level:** Some motorcyclists push themselves too hard, attempting maneuvers or speeds beyond their capabilities, leading to accidents.
3. **Neglecting regular maintenance:** Failing to maintain your motorcycle can lead to mechanical failures while riding, which can be extremely dangerous.
4. **Ignoring road conditions:** Motorcyclists need to be particularly vigilant about road conditions such as potholes, gravel, or oil spills, as these can cause loss of control.
5. **Riding under the influence:** Just like driving a car, operating a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol or drugs greatly impairs judgment and reaction time.
6. **Tailgating:** Following other vehicles too closely reduces reaction time and increases the risk of rear-end collisions.
7. **Neglecting to signal or check blind spots:** Motorcyclists should always signal their intentions and check their blind spots before changing lanes or making turns.
8. **Speeding:** Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases the severity of accidents. It's important to adhere to speed limits and adjust speed according to road conditions.
9. **Riding without proper training:** Many motorcyclists hit the road without proper training or education, which can lead to unsafe riding practices.
10. **Being invisible to other drivers:** Motorcycles are smaller and less visible than cars, so it's important for riders to ride defensively and assume that other drivers may not see them.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 McCaysville Georgia Ride KSU @ 7:30am from Tellico Lodge, 149 mi, 3 RS, 7hrs. RC Rick Vincent	2 The Lodge at Tellico Plains to Tampa KSU @ 6:30am from the Lodge, 592 mi, 12.5hrs., 5 RS including Lunch RC Steve Byrnes	3 Fuzzy's Taco 2874 Providence Lakes Blvd., KSU @ 7pm from TBHD SRC David Brown	4 	5	6 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	7 Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant KSU @ 8:30 from Wawa 10115 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview, 81 Miles, 1 RS, 2 1/2 Hours SRC David Brown
8 Welcome Wagon Discussion - 10am....Last time I almost... Welcome Wagon Ride Plaza Mexico, KSU @ 11AM from TBHD, 35mi, 0RS, 1hrs RC Drew Moores	9 TNDR/LOH- Portillos 1748 W. Brandon Blvd, Brandon, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann	10	11 Board Meeting 7pm, TBHD Classroom	12	13	14 The Frog and Monkey Restaurant & Pub KSU @ 8:30am from 7-Eleven (Falkenburg Rd and Palm River Rd), 95 mi, 1 RS, 3 hrs. RC Pete Barack T-Shirt Ride
15 Gator's Dockside KSU @ 9:30 AM from 7-11 (Falkenburg & Palm River), 2 hrs., 0 RS, 63 miles RC Harry Werner	16	17 Cuenellis Rotisserie Chicken & Grill 3834 US-301, Riverview, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Joe Hall	18 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm TBHD Classroom	19	20	21 Happy Hanger Café KSU @7am from Racetrack, 699 W Lumsden, 122 mi, 1 R/S, 2.75hrs RC Walter Schneider
22 Asian Fusion Buffet KSU @ 9:30am from 914 S. Falkenburg Rd & Palm River Rd, 60mi., 0RS, 1.75hrs RC Cal Reimann	23	24 Thai Chilli Pepper 228 Oakfield Dr. KSU @ 7pm from TBH SRC Bob Backus	25 PAWS Final Planning Meeting 7pm. @ TBHD	26	27 Bike Night @ TBHD	28 Ride to Paws Clay Shoot KSU @ 9:14 am Circle K- 9218 Gibsonton Drive (Gibsonton/Old Gibsonton Drive across from Walmart), 1.25 hrs., 0RS, 45 mi RC Don Amberg Paws for Patriots Clay Shoot @ 9am
29 Ford's Garage - Lakeland KSU @ 11:00 am from TBHD, 50 mi., 0 RS, 1.75 hr. RC Leslie Monroe	30					

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SEPTEMBER 6th, 2024

Next month's Chapter Meeting is:
October 11th, 2024
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Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2024

January	5th - PAST	July	5th - PAST
February	2nd - PAST	August	9th - PAST
March	1st - PAST	September	6th -
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