



BULL SHOTS

OCTOBER 2024

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

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

October riding in Florida doesn't get any better. I ride on one of my bikes to work every day and the end of September and October are my favorite riding months. I still do not need a jacket, but it is cooler in the mornings. The afternoon ride for lunch is perfect and the ride home is still on the warm side, which suits me just fine. Also, the rain is tapering off by mid-September. I also get to see many members on our weekend rides that typically avoid the dog days of the summer heat. A bunch of our Road Captains are on the mend, but the rest of them are still planning some great rides. Be sure to check out the Calander and come on out.

Our 19th PAWS event is in the books. Steve and the volunteers put on another great event. If you were not able to come out, we are still taking donations for the balance of the year and will present the final check to SEGD/Dogs Inc. in February of 2025. Road Captain Don Amberg led the ride to Fishhawk Sporting Clays. It is always a treat to see the Chapter ride into an event. It was also good to see some of our members shooting that typically do not do the rides. It is great to catch up with them and see what they have going on.

Our next big event is the Christmas party. Renee and I are holding a Christmas planning meeting at the Dealership on October 9th at 6:30. **WE NEED HELP**, so please plan on coming to the meeting. The party is on December 7th, and our theme is America. Should be another great time with the Chapter.

We have one more overnight ride planned for October 25th to St. Augustine. The ride is being led by our Communications Officer/Road Captain Pete Barack. A couple other yearly rides are Biketoberfest and the Wreaths Across America ride, which coincides with the Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson Dealership's 25th Anniversary Celebration. I will need about 25 to 30 volunteers to help with the celebration event on December 14th. I have 8 volunteering members confirmed so far.

I have sat in on the Dealership's planning meeting on several occasions now and can tell you Jason and the team are planning quite the shindig. There will be plenty of entertainment and activities to do. They are giving away a 2024 Sportster and many other items will be up for grabs. Please come out and support the Dealership. If you do the Wreath Ride, they will have a gift for you when you come back to the celebration, after the ride. Marty Cusack will be on the ride, so be sure to check in with him before the ride leaves. See you soon.

Dennis "Gomez" Adams
Director OTC 2024



AD Steve Byrnes Ramblings

What a month of September! Great ride to Tellico Plains that started in August and finished the first days of September. The Lodge at Tellico with the new owners worked out well. A sincere “Thank You” to Rick and Sarah Vincent. They worked with us and Rick had great rides planned for Saturday and Sunday. The views from the Cherohala Skyway were exceptional. The Cherohala was completed in 1996 at a cost of \$100 million and spans approximately 40 miles. It was built for bikes, sports cars and hikers to enjoy. We rode both directions as well as both directions on the Tail of the Dragon.

Sunday’s ride down Highway 411 offered more views as well as the mountain we climbed and stopped at for pictures. We are discussing a return to Helen for Labor Day weekend in 2025 and would include the views from Brass Town Bald, the tallest elevation in Georgia.

Several rides to great Mexican restaurants filled the palate for Tacos and Beans in September. As always, RC Walter Schneider’s ride to The Happy Hanger Café was a favorite. Please support our Road Captains with a “Thank You” when you enjoy the ride and remember suggestions are always welcome.

Paws for Patriots has been a very rewarding experience for me personally. The Chapter support and participation is strong and appreciated. I will do a full overview next month as we are looking at Hurricane Helene dampening the area before our FishHawk Sporting Clays Tournament. A sincere ”THANK YOU” to all involved. As of 9/24/24 we have sent in \$25,000 to Dogs INC. That will continue growing as we develop final totals from the shoot and contact businesses after the shoot to contribute to supporting our Veterans.

Also, a THANK YOU to our Head Road Captain, Gary Stein, for shortening the rides in the hot summer months. Fall is here and rides are extending. Catch RC Pete Barack’s overnight ride to St. Augustine at the end of October. It will be fun to be in that area again. The Welcome Wagon Ride will be heading to Trattoria Pasquale’s. If you missed the Tuesday Night Dinner Ride, it offers great food and a cordial atmosphere. I will be leading the ride to Biketoberfest again this year. Always a good time. November is planned for a “777” patch opportunity.

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

So, you want to be Director – time to submit your name draws near

As discussed in the September newsletter, nominations for Director for 2025 opened up at the September 6th Chapter Meeting. Nominations will close at the October 11th Chapter Meeting. If you are interested in the position of Director and have not submitted your name to either Dennis Adams or Jason Whidden, the General Manager at our sponsoring Dealer – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson, you need to act now. Please review my last article in the September newsletter to see if you qualify for the position. Once nominations close, the nominees will need to visit with Jason Whidden for approval to be placed on the ballot. For those unfamiliar with how HOG Chapters work, the sponsoring Dealer has final and absolute say on how the OTC HOG Chapter operates. This includes who is Director and whether or not we have an election.

Assuming that all nominees meet with Jason's approval, election of a Director for 2025 will take place at the November 8th Chapter Meeting. If there is only 1 candidate after nominations are closed at the October 11th Chapter Meeting and with Jason's approval, we can hold the election at the October Chapter Meeting by suspending Section 5 – General Election Voting of the OTC Bylaws. By doing so, it gives the new Director for 2025 an early start on filling the other board positions for 2025. 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
Riverview, FL 33579**

(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.**



- October 1: International Coffee Day
- October 11: National Spread Joy Day
- October 13: Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- October 21: National Pets for Veterans Day

October fun facts:

- October 1886: The Statue of Liberty arrived in the United States from France
- October 1999: The world population reach six billion people
- October 1884: World time zones were created
- October is the month of pizza, cookies, sausages, popcorn and dessert
- October babies are more likely to live to 100 than those born in any other month
- ...and well, Halloween!

Upcoming events for LOH:

The LOH Breast Cancer Awareness ride will be on October 20. The Ladies have already raised over \$300 toward breast cancer research, through the Chili Cookoff held in April. Please join us for this ride to Harry's Seafood Bar and Grill in Lakeland.

The Ladies of Harley will be holding a yard sale in Nov, with proceeds going to the 2024 Paws 4 Patriots 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).

Send in your nominations for the LOH 2024 Humanitarian Award. Voting will begin on November 1.

The LOH Christmas party will be at Trattoria Pasquale's on November 10.

Florida weather should be cooler and dryer—perfect for rides and coming out of the summer hibernation! Stay careful out there!

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.

Drew's Views

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

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

1. **Left-hand turn accidents:** Stay w/in the speed limit; Cover the controls & be prepared to stop at intersections.
2. **Unsafe lane changes:** Always signal before switching lanes; Never drive in the middle of two lanes; Check blind spots before switching; Change one lane at a time; Never speed up when changing lanes; Never change lanes at an intersection.
3. **Speeding:** Just don't Don. Speed-related motorcycle accidents often end with fatalities.
4. **Dooring:** Note if parked vehicles are occupied. Stay away from parked vehicles in general.
5. **Head-on collisions:** Stay in correct lane; Maintain safe speed; Be aware of the road situation.
6. **Alcohol use or other DUI:** In the U.S., alcohol-impaired drivers cause 29 fatal accidents per day; 1 every 50 minutes. Steer clear of drivers exhibiting suspicious behavior.
7. **Lane splitting:** See dooring. Just don't do it Don.
8. **Sudden stops by the vehicle you are following:** Maintain reasonable speeds and safe distances. Practice the life-saving skill "Quick Stop" when you head out.
9. **Inexperienced or novice motorcycle riders:** Must eliminate distractions, remain aware of other vehicles, and practice life-saving skills. Quick stop, swerve. Take the free Tampa PD SMART Course.



[Tampa SMART - Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques | City of Tampa](#)

10. **Dangerous road conditions:** Slow down on rough roads; Keep a safe distance from vehicles to your front; Stop instead of swerving if possible; Eliminate distractions.
11. **Hitting fixed objects:** Be aware of the road situation; Maintain a reasonable speed; Avoid distractions and keep both hands on the handlebar.



12. **Running off the road or into oncoming traffic in a curve:** Be at the correct speed and in the correct gear before entering curves. Use the outside-inside-outside method to flatten curves.

13. **Motorcycle defects:** The cause of < 5% of accidents & easiest to avoid. Follow the maintenance schedule.

Remember:

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

*Drew Moores -
OTC Safety Officer*



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL

CHAPTER MEETING

September 6, 2024

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

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

The American Flag presented by Brandon High School Color Guard and The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dennis discussed Ride 365 and the changes to the program this year. Points earned can be redeemed for gift certificates at participating dealerships.

Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership was present. Jason Whidden thanked all the Chapter Members for our support of the Dealership. He stated that it is all about relationships and partnerships with the Chapter. Jason asked for suggestions on how to make the Dealership better. It was suggested that the 1st Sunday of the Month, our Welcome Wagon Meeting Day that the Dealership be open at 10:00 to give members a chance to shop.

New Bikes will be announced to the Dealership on 11/1/24. Look for more details as they become available.

Jason announced that the Dealership's 25th Anniversary will be held on 12/14. He stated that they will be expecting 1,500 – 5,000 people to attend and is asking for anybody from the Chapter that can assist, he would be totally grateful. This is the same day as "Wreath's Across America" ride lead by Jack Hinton.

The Chapter thanked Jason for the Gift Card Donations for our meetings.

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.

2 Guest(s) were in attendance.

We had 3 new member(s) who stood up and introduced themselves.

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

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann gave her report.

Ladies of Harley Officer –Renee reminded everyone that the Ladies of Harley Meeting will be on 9/10 at Portillo's; 10/20 – the Breast Cancer ride is being led by Leslie Monroe and will go to Harry's Bar & Grill in Lakeland; 11/10 LOH Christmas Party will be held at Trattoria Pasquale. Luigi Cavallaro will be creating a family style menu for the women to enjoy.

Merchandise Officer – Richard "Mack" McElvenny asked for two ladies to come up to the front who hadn't won anything. He asked a question to which he handed them each a shirt. He also asked a question of a man and handed out a koozie for the right answer.

September Rides & Events

- 9/1 – Sage Biscuit – Bob Monroe
- 9/3 - Fuzzy's Taco – David Brown
- 9/6 – Chapter Meeting – Hilton Garden inn
- 9/7 – Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant – David Brown
- 9/8 – Welcome Wagon – Plaza Mexico – Drew Moores
- 9/10 – Portillo's – Cal Reimann
- 9/11 – Board Meeting
- 9/14 – The Frog and Monkey Restaurant & Pub – Pete Barack
- 9/15 – Gator's Dockside – Harry Warner
- 9/17 – Cuenellis Rotisserie Chicken & Grill – Joe Hall
- 9/18 – Road Captain Meeting
- 9/21 – Happy Hanger Café – Walter Schneider
- 9/22 – Asian Fusion Buffet – Cal Reimann
- 9/24 – Thai Chili Pepper – Bob Backus
- 9/25 – PAWS Final Planning Meeting – Steve Byrnes
- 9/27 – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Bike Night
- 9/28 – Ride to Paws Clay Shoot – Don Amberg
- 9/29 – Ford's Garage – Lakeland – Leslie Monroe



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Safety Officer – Drew Moores reminded everybody of the Welcome Wagon Class and ride on Sunday, 9/8. Topic will be Personal Stories of near miss accidents and what you did to avoid them.

Steve Byrnes reminded everyone about the upcoming PAWS for Patriots Clay Shoot to be held at Fishhawk Clays on 9/28. He stated that in the 19 years that we had been collecting Southeastern Guide Dogs we made donations of \$640,000.00. To date, for the 2024 Clay Shoot, we have sent \$20,000.00 to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Dogs Inc. He reminded us that the work is not over. The third planning meeting is set for 9/25 at 7:00 at the Dealership.

Dennis 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.

A Posse Patch is earned by earning 18 points in a calendar year. Anybody winning it for the first time receives a Tombstone Patch. Anybody receiving it for any subsequent year receives a year patch.

Posse Patch Winners

Old Town Posse Patch
Bonnie Long -Tombstone
Ray Gentile - Tombstone
Luigi Cavallaro - Tombstone
Pam Mangiaracina -Tombstone
Axel Hollanda - Tombstone
Theresa Foecking - 2024 Yr
Ben Philhower - 2024 Yr
Daniel Ellis - 2024 Yr
Rick Vincent - 2024 Yr

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 was no 777 Patch Winner for the month of September.

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 8/31/24

Rider of the Month			
General Membership			
Denise Schneider	1st	1037	
Daniel Evans	2nd	1003	
Cathy Price	3rd	918	

Rider of the Month			
Board/Road Captain			
Walter Schneider	1st	1053	
Monica Byrnes	2nd	1019	
Craig Collet	3rd	935	

Member of the Month			
General Membership			
Sheri Philhower	1st	10	
Denise Schneider	2nd	9	
Terri Lynn Goodrich	2nd	9	
Vince Loadwick	2nd	9	
Theresa Foecking	3rd	7	
Ray Gentile	3rd	7	
Ben Philhower	3rd	7	
Bonnie Long	3rd	7	

Member of the Month			
Board/Road Captain			
Dennis Adams	1st	11	
Joe Hall	1st	11	
Monica Byrnes	2nd	10	
Walter Schneider	3rd	9	
Bob Monroe	3rd	9	
Crafton Price	3rd	9	
Walter Schneider	3rd	9	



Member and Rider of the Year as of 8/31/24

Rider of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Miles
Larry Snyder	3458
Earl Awshee	3103
Cathy Price	2778
James Schmitz	2707
Ed Johns	2638
Denise Schneider	2632

Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Miles
Steve Byrnes	6447
Bob Backus	5543
David Brown	5153
Cal Reimann	4375
Don Amberg	4262
Crafton Price	4080

Member of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Points
Larry Snyder	78
Vince Loadwick	61
Denise Schneider	54
Robby Salvog	51
Ed Johns	47
James Schmitz	47

Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Points
Cal Reimann	121
David Brown	105
Bob Backus	102
Gary Stein	95
Steve Byrnes	88
Becky Reimann	88
Kathy Reimann	88

Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 470 event points and have ridden a total of 20,192 miles in August 2024. Overall, year-to-date rider stats were given, OTC members have earned a total of 3437 points and have ridden a total of 122,507 miles in 2024.

Monthly challenge question Pete Barack who donated his T-shirt to our newest member, Gary Donato.

Newsletter Reader winner Mack McElvenny

Name Tag drawing winner Harry Werner

Ride Lotto winner was announced.

August T-shirt ride winner Gary Stein

Secret Greeter was Patty Kopcho winner was Marty Cusack

General Raffle winners David Brown, Bonnie Long and Gary Goff

50/50 drawing winner was announced.

Our next meeting will be October 4th, 2024.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Byrnes, Secretary

Year to Date Miles Ridden	122507
Year to Date Miles Available	7955
Year to Date Points Participated	3437
Year to Date Points Available	139
3rd Quarter Miles Ridden	29967
3rd Quarter Miles Available	1813
3rd Quarter Points Participated	873
3rd Quarter Points Available	35
August Miles Ridden	20192
August Miles Available	1328
August Points Participated	470
August Points Available	19





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

September 11, 2024

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

Board Members Present: Dennis Adams, Monica Byrnes, Kathy Reimann, Gary Stein, Jack Hinton, Pete Barack, Cal Reimann, Len Goellner, Becky Reimann, Renee Atkins, Richard McElvenny, Pam Mangiaracina, Debbie Speicher, Patty Kopcho, Mike Mangiaracina, David Atkins, Robin Bacchus, David Brown, Crafton Price

Board Members Missing: Dan Balla, Steve Byrnes, Craig Collet, Joe Hall, Lori Bacchus, Drew Moores, Bob Backus

Past Directors: Cal Reimann, Robin Bacchus, David Brown

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS: Shirts for Merchandising

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – stated that there are currently 11 teams for the PAWs for Patriots Clay Shoot. There are still 3 days remaining to sign up.

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 161 members, 0 waivers

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein – We currently have 18 active Road Captains and 1 inactive. Gary stated that we need more Road Captains and will actively be looking.

Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus – Not in attendance

Jack Hinton – all good

David Brown – all good

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – all good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – Not in attendance

Ladies of Harley Officer: Renee Adkins – stated that she is looking for \$1,200 for the LOH Christmas party. Motion was made by Patricia Kopcho and seconded by Becky Reimann. Renee will continue to help with Activities but her 2-year term for LOH will end in December. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact Dennis Adams.

Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – all good

Parliamentarian: Dan Balla – Not in attendance – David Brown will fill in at the Chapter Meeting during Dan Balla's recovery

Merchandise Officer: Mack McElvenny – is actively looking to purchase additional shirts due to the lack of shirt sizes in stock. Mack will be working with Jack Hinton to put together a shirt order. Mack is approved to purchase 9 rockers for "Merchandise".

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Public Relations: Patty Kopcho zero (0) new ads and zero (0) renewals. Red Star Restaurant's discount for Chapter Members is 10%.

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. Dennis purchased \$100 stamps for Hugs.

Webmaster: Craig Collet - Not in Attendance

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – Cal had 40 newsletters printed this month. He will review the amount used.

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

Historian: Crafton Price – is working on a Photo Album to cover the first 6 months of 2024.

Members at Large: Joe Hall – not in attendance

Mike Mangiaracina – all good

David Adkins – all good

Lori Bacchus – not in attendance

Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes – (reported by Monica Byrnes) [that the PAW's Sporting Clay Tournament](#) is scheduled for September 28th. We currently have 11 teams of four (4) for the shootout. There is the final Planning Meeting scheduled for September 25th. Drew Moores posted 5 Application Forms for military to sign up. He will update Steve on Saturday, September 14th.

PAWS Graduation is scheduled in October – Cal and Kathy Reimann were invited to attend and will represent the Old Town Chapter.

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

Cal Reimann – all good

Robin Bacchus – all good

David Brown – let everyone know that when using a credit card there will be 3% additional charge for usage and there is no charge when using a debit card.

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – The Dealership let Dennis know that it is ok to place the past directors' pictures around the display case. Len suggested that the picture in the top middle of the display case be larger to hold our founding director's picture. This is to be evaluated. Harley Membership will be prorated starting in October. December 14th is the Dealership's 25th Anniversary. The Chapter was asked to volunteer to help with this. It is also the Wreath's Across America ride led by Jack Hinton. They are hoping that people who do the ride and who volunteer to help with the 25th Anniversary will be given a bracelet and commemorative pin. The Dealership is still working on the particulars.

Activities – Next LOH Meeting will be 10/10 at Mission BBQ; 10/20 LOH Breast Cancer Ride; 11/10 LOH Christmas Kickoff Party at Trattoria Pasquale,
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Byrnes, Secretary



KSU to Great Food



HOURS

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	5-10PM
Wednesday	5-10PM
Thursday	5-10PM
Friday	5-10PM
Saturday	12-4PM, 5-10PM
Sunday	10:30am – 2:30PM, 5-10PM

Happy Hour Tuesday – Sunday 4-6PM

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CGC, CGCA, CGCU, SPOT-ON, DASH

Puppies Occasionally



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RIDING ON THE INTERSTATE – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

By Attorney Brad Souders – A Biker Representing Bikers!

Riding a motorcycle on the interstate can be an exhilarating experience, but it also comes with its own set of challenges. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. **Gear Up:** Always wear proper protective gear, including a helmet, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots, also have rain gear on board. Proper gear offers both protection and comfort to make a big difference on long rides. Invest in high-quality protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots. Full gear can significantly reduce your chances of an accident.
2. **Pre-Ride Inspection:** Make sure your motorcycle is in good condition. Conduct a thorough pre-ride inspection of your motorcycle. Check the tires for proper tread and air pressure, oil levels, brake functionality, your battery and lights to ensure everything is in proper working order for the safest ride ahead.
3. **Stay Visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing. This is true both during the day and at night time. Consider using a high-visibility vest. Whether riding solo or in a group ride, the bright vest increases your safety.
4. **Use Signals Early:** Signal your intentions well in advance of any lane changes or turns. Motorcycles can be less visible to drivers, so clear signaling helps communicate your movements. Consider using your signal in combination with hand signals, as both get other drivers' attention and make you a safer rider.
5. **Keep a Safe Distance:** Maintain a safe following distance from vehicles ahead of you. This gives you more time to react if something unexpected happens. Maintaining a safe following distance ahead gives you enough time to react to sudden stops or emergencies. Keeping a safe distance always applies; and especially more so during inclement weather such as foggy, rainy or other difficult traffic conditions.
6. **Stay Focused & Take Rest Breaks:** Keep your attention on the road and be aware of your surroundings. Avoid distractions like mobile phones or adjusting your music while riding. Remember the importance of "rest stops" to re-fuel, re-hydrate, and re-charge. This helps prevent fatigue and keeps you alert during your ride.
7. **Watch for Road Hazards & Constructions Zones:** Interstate roads can have debris, potholes, and other hazards. Keep an eye out for these and try to avoid them when possible. With construction zones, there might not always be a shoulder, as sometimes construction barriers leave no shoulder at all, which can be especially problematic if you have fuel, mechanical or weather issues, making it difficult to pull over.
8. **Maintain Speed and Control:** Ride at a speed that is comfortable and safe for you. The interstate can have varying speeds, so adjust accordingly. Ride at a speed that suits the current road and traffic conditions. Be cautious in adverse weather conditions or heavy traffic and adjust your speed to maintain control.
9. **Be Prepared for Weather:** Check the forecast before your ride and prepare for any conditions you might encounter, like rain, thunderstorms or strong winds. Before the start of any ride, consider yourself as a good pilot who checks the route in advance, knowing the weather in advance so you are the most prepared.
10. **Use Defensive Riding Techniques:** Always assume other drivers may not see you. Maintain a safe distance from vehicles, especially large trucks, and be prepared for sudden lane changes by other drivers.

Enjoy the ride and stay safe out there!

By following these tips, you can enhance your safety and enjoyment while riding on the interstate.

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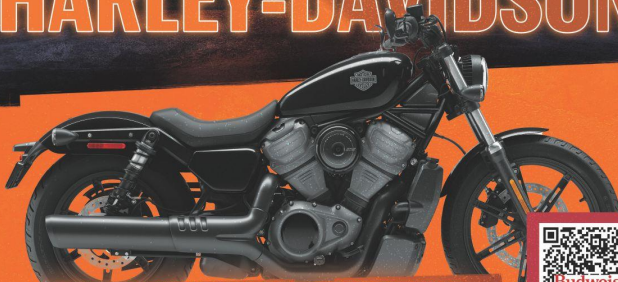


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October 2024

Brandon, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 Rosters Café KSU 9am from 7-11 914 S. Faulkenburg Rd., 144 miles, 1RS, 4.5 hrs. SRC David Brown	7 SRC David Brown	8 Wing House on 301 5003 US 301, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD SRC David Brown	9 SRC David Brown	10 SRC David Brown	11 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	12 Pop Stroke (Lutz) KSU @ 10am from Wawa, 13323 Boyette Rd, Riverview, 40 mi, 0 R/S, 1.25hrs. RC Walter Schneider
13 Welcome Wagon Discussion - 10am Welcome Wagon Ride Trattoria Pasquale KSU @ 11AM from TBHD, 29mi, 0RS, 1 hr. RC Drew Moores	14 TNRD/LOH - Mission BBQ 1504 Brandon Blvd. KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Bob Backus	15 TNRD/LOH - Mission BBQ 1504 Brandon Blvd. KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Bob Backus	16 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom	17 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom	18 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom	19 Biketoberfest - Destination Daytona HD KSU @ 7:30am from Flying J Travel Center, Exit 10 I-4, 155 Miles, 1RS, 4 hrs. RC/AD Steve Byrnes
20 CANCER AWARENESS RIDE Harry's Bar & Grill KSU @ 11:00am from 7/11 @ Falkenburg & Palm River Rd, 60 min, 0RS, 45 miles RC Leslie T-SHIRT RIDE	21 Chipotle Mexican Grill 1812 SR-60, Vairico, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Bob Monroe	22 Chipotle Mexican Grill 1812 SR-60, Vairico, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Bob Monroe	23 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	24 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	25 St. Augustine Overnight Ride Budget Inn KSU @ 8am from RaceTrac (29200 State Rd 52, San Antonio), 166 mi, 2 RS, 5 hrs. RC Pete Barack Bike Night	26 St. Augustine Overnight Ride Fun, Full Day to Enjoy all that St. Augustine has to Offer RC Pete Barack Great Catch KSU @ 8:30am from WAWA (1710 W Brandon Blvd and Lakewood), 110 mi, 1RS, 3hrs. RC Dir Dennis Adams.
27 St. Augustine Overnight Ride - RaceTrac KSU from Budget Inn St. Augustine (12 Anastasia Blvd, St. Augustine), 131 mi, 2 RS, 4.5 hrs. RC Pete Barack Linger Lodge KSU @ 9am from 7-11 914 S. Falkenburg Rd, 85m, 0rs, 2.5 hrs. RC Robin Bacchus	28 Cracker Barrel 9370 Theater Drive, Gibsonton KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus	29 Cracker Barrel 9370 Theater Drive, Gibsonton KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus	30 Cracker Barrel 9370 Theater Drive, Gibsonton KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus	31 Cracker Barrel 9370 Theater Drive, Gibsonton KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus		

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