



BULL SHOTS

NOVEMBER 2024

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

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

I am grateful our OTC Family is recovering from the devastation that Helene and Milton brought to our community. Hopefully by the time our Editor, Cal Reimann, prints the November Newsletter, we will all have our homes back in order and we can take time to enjoy time together. As you know we canceled many OTC events after Hurricane Milton, because it was not safe to be out there with so many traffic lights not working, shortage of gas, and trees or flooding blocking roads. We also did not want to get in the way of any recovery efforts getting citizens to safety or linemen trying to get power back to the millions without power.

Many of our members were affected by the power outages and losing their belongings from flooding. Please keep them all in your prayers. I did my pre ride for October 26th ride to Great Catch and still had to make several changes since roads are closed. I was shocked to see so many homes well north of Tampa completely flooded, nine days after the hurricane hit.

We had 13 members come out for the Christmas Party planning meeting. We need more members to step up to make the party a success. Please get with Renee or me to see what you can do. We are doing a Patriotic Themed Christmas party this year, so the food will be in keeping with that theme. Also looking forward to seeing what everyone wears to the party. I did hear the man in Red is going to attend. We will also be supporting Guardian Ad Litem by asking each attendee to bring a new unwrapped gift. We will also support Feeding Tampa Bay by bringing a non-perishable food item per person. Please be sure the expiration date has not passed.

Since we did not have an October Chapter meeting, I will do the Ride Lotto drawing for September at the November Chapter meeting. If the winner is not at the meeting, we will carry the money over to the next drawing, which is from October. The September tickets would be tossed and only the October Ride Lotto tickets will be used for the second drawing. If we have a September winner, then those tickets are still tossed and only the tickets from October will be used for the next Ride Lotto drawing. We will also have multiple riders and members of the month at the November meeting. September's winners are listed in this Newsletter, since we did not have Chapter Meeting minutes - Editor Cal Reimann suggested it.

A few remaining 2024 events are planned to include Wreaths Across America ride and our Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson Dealership's 25th Anniversary Celebration. I still need about 25 to 30 volunteers to help with the celebration event on December 14th. I am up to 11 volunteers confirmed so far. 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.

Since we missed the October Chapter Meeting, we will have the Parliamentarian fill us in on the status of electing a Director for 2025. Please keep Parliamentarian Dan Balla and Member Daniel Evans in your prayers as they heal from their accidents. Also check in on our members affected by the storm. I am proud of being a member of the most giving HOG Chapter I have ever been a part of.

Dennis "Gomez" Adams
Director OTC 2024

AD Steve Byrnes Ramblings

Despite the dampening put on us from Hurricane Helene, we had a very successful Fund-Raising event at FishHawk Sporting Clays for Paws for Patriots. There were 12 Teams competing, drawings for the Quilt, Carving, Guns, and 50/50. The Silent Auction went well, especially the second carving and the items from J. C. Newman Cigar Co. Mission BBQ did a great job catering with desert supplied by one of our Team Members. A **SINCERE THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the event, raised money to date, and assisted. It was truly an OTC Driven Success. Please see the letter below from Titus Herman. The need is still very much so we will be raising funds as Director Dennis mentioned last month through the end of the year. To date, we have contributed \$30,989. to SEG/Dogs Inc. We also covered all our expenses for the shoot totaling \$10,443. which brings the total raised to \$42,432. You still have time to earn a patch. Remember, the \$100 does not have to come from your pocket. Calls and visits can be made to local businesses many of whom have given in the past. The Range is reserved for September 27th, 2025. Appreciate **YOU ALL!**

Riding weather is getting better and November is a 777 month. I will be doing the Georgia Lunch Bunch ride on Sunday, November 24th. Come out and earn a patch for this year's ride.

Ride Safe and Have FUN!

Steve Byrnes
Assistant Director / RC OTC



October 4, 2024

Steve Byrnes, Assistant Director
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Dear Friends,

With our waiting list at a record high, more brave heroes than ever before are looking to our dogs for refuge from fear, anxiety, and darkness. Your dedication allows us to continue this important work.

Thank you for your \$4,000 gift of the proceeds from this year's Paws for Patriots Clay Shooting Event. I'm so honored and impressed that you've fundraised \$30,839 for the veterans relying on our dogs for refuge from fear, anxiety, and darkness.

I hope you know how grateful I am to the entire Old Town Chapter for the love you give our dogs and the brave veterans who need them.

Thank you for believing in our mission and your tireless efforts on our behalf.

Warm regards,



Titus Herman
Chief Executive Officer



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

So, you wanted to be Director – The time to submit your name has past.

As discussed in the September newsletter, nominations for Director for 2025 opened up at the September 6th Chapter Meeting. Nominations were closed as of the October 11th Chapter Meeting date. If you were interested in the position of Director you should have submitted your name to either Dennis Adams or Jason Whidden, the General Manager at our sponsoring Dealer – Tampa Bay Harley Davidson. 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 have met with Jason's approval, election of a Director for 2025 will take place at the November 8th Chapter Meeting.

This 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.

2025 OTC Membership Renewal \$30.00

It's not too early to renew your membership for 2025. Renew your membership by **January 15, 2025** for a chance to win one of four **\$50 Harley-Davidson Gift Cards!*** See info below for particulars.

****Must be present at the February 2025 Chapter Meeting to win!***

Go to our website @ www.oldtownhog.com to get the membership form.

(NOTE: Date the form 01/01/2025)

NEW MEMBERS 10/1/24 - 12/31/24 \$37.50

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.

\$37.50 Covers you for balance of 2024 and the entire year of 2025. Complete a membership form for 2024 and a membership form (renewal) for 2025. Payment to Old Town Chapter.

(NOTE: Date one form with the current date and the second form 01/01/2025)

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.

Drew's Views



Riding in the Cold: It's Coming, Get Ready



(Such as it is in the Sunshine State)

Believe it or not, I had a tough time finding reliable sources on cold weather riding in Florida, so I took what I could find and tailored it to our environment here.

No surprise, most of the items focused on riding well north of Florida and began with a focus on the effects of snow and ice on the bike. I must keep this to one page, so we'll focus on the rider.

1. **The cold makes you tired.** Your body must work harder to generate heat and burns more calories. The cold dehydrates the body as well. As the sun in the summer (and we have it in winter too, of course), the colder, dryer air takes the moisture out of you with less notice. That is, you won't have a sweaty shirt to remind you.
2. **The cold reduces dexterity.** Although the answer to the MSF question is you "ride a motorcycle with your eyes and your mind," you still need your hands and feet. A tip: Two things call for a mandatory stop: a shiver (core is getting cold) and stiff hands.
3. **The cold reduces mental concentration.** People can't help but think about being cold when feeling wind chill of 30 – 40 degrees. Stay focused on riding. The cold affects your reaction & movement time, accuracy, memory, decision-making, focus, and ability to do complex tasks, like riding a motorcycle! This raises the next topic.
4. **Good riding gear essential.** As with tires and brakes, go with a quality jacket, boots, and gloves. You can't go wrong always covering your neck. Rick Vincent led a ride to Ocala last winter and Don was smart enough to wear chaps. I snapped this pix when he wasn't looking! Consider heated gloves, jackets, and seats. Full face helmets are warmer. Related:
5. **Layer your clothes.** One article recommended multiple layers. Wicking, two insulating layers, and a waterproof shell.



So, you've done all this, and you may still be cold. What next?

1. **Exercise.** Do some at rest stops, but not to the point of sweating. Just stretching will keep you limber and increase blood circulation.
2. **"Field Expedients."** As said in the military. You won't look fashionable, but if caught in the cold a bit unprepared newspaper or plastic bags under your clothes will keep you warmer. The next gas station will have these.
3. **Have snacks.** Digestion burns calories, which creates heat.
4. **Know when to stop and take a break.** In the famous words of Clint Eastwood, "you have to know your limitations."

Remember:

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

*Drew Moores -
OTC Safety Officer*



- November 5: Election Day
- November 10: Marine Corp. Birthday
- November 22: Go for a Ride Day
- November 27: What do you Love About America Day

October fun facts:

- November 1848: The first medical school for women opened in Boston
- November 1938: Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed
- November 1947: The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California
- November 1990: Mary Robinson became Ireland's first female president
- November is the month of banana pudding

Upcoming events for LOH:

The Ladies of Harley will be holding a yard sale Nov. 22-23, 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://OldTownChapter-Home(oldtownhog.com)).

The nominations for the LOH 2024 Humanitarian Award are in and the Ladies will be voting November 1-15 for the winner.

The LOH Christmas party will be at Trattoria Pasquale's on November 10, pending verification from Luigi.

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

I hope this edition of the LOH newsletter finds you recovered from the historical hurricanes, and able to enjoy some time riding and away from the hustle of October.

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 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

LOCATION: **HILTON GARDEN INN**
4328 GARDEN VISTA DR, RIVERVIEW, FL

DATE: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

TIME: **6:00PM - 10:00PM**

THEME: **PATRIOTIC ATTIRE** 🇺🇸

COST: **\$40 PER ATTENDEE***

*RENEE ADKINS IS NOW ACCEPTING PAYMENT. ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A TICKET AND MUST PRESENT THE TICKET AT CHECK IN.

FEEDING TAMPA BAY - WE ASK THAT EACH PERSON WHO ATTENDS THE OTC CHRISTMAS PARTY PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM. THESE DONATED FOOD ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AND DONATED TO FEEDING TAMPA BAY.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM - WE ALSO ASK THAT EACH PERSON WHO ATTENDS THE OTC CHRISTMAS PARTY BRING ONE, NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFT THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM.



PEARL HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Be sure to congratulate those Members for winning rider/member of the month for September! (Thank you Helene and Milton)

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS AND WINNERS FOR THE MONTH

| Rider of the Month | | | Member of the Month | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|----|
| General Membership | | | General Membership | | |
| Ed Johns | 1st | 1,022 | James Schmitz | 1st | 13 |

| Rider of the Month | | | Member of the Month | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-----|----|
| Board/Road Captain | | | Board/Road Captain | | |
| Craig Collet | 1st | 1,126 | Monica Byrnes | 1st | 10 |

| Old Town Posse Patch |
|----------------------|
| Michael Parker |
| Jeffrey Prenosil |
| Daniel Evans |
| Mike Mangiaracina |

| YEAR TO DATE MILES AND POINTS | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Year to Date Miles Ridden | 141,678 |
| Year to Date Points Participated | 3,814 |

| SEPTEMBER MILES AND POINTS | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| September Miles Ridden | 19,171 |
| September Points Participated | 377 |

YEAR TO DATE LEADERS FOR MILEAGE AND POINTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

| YTD Rider of the Year | | YTD Member of the Year | |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|----|
| General Membership | | General Membership | |
| James Schmitz | 4,072 | Larry Snyder | 87 |
| Earl Awshee | 3,921 | Vince Loadwick | 65 |
| Larry Snyder | 3,858 | Denise Schneider | 61 |
| Denise Schneider | 3,701 | James Schmitz | 60 |
| | | Robby Salvog | 56 |

| YTD Rider of the Year | | YTD Member of the Year | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Road Captains/Board Members | | Road Captains/Board Members | |
| Steve Byrnes | 7,766 | Cal Reimann | 135 |
| Bob Backus | 6,546 | David Brown | 114 |
| David Brown | 5,409 | Bob Backus | 113 |
| Don Amberg | 5,399 | Steve Byrnes | 103 |
| Crafton Price | 4,909 | Gary Stein | 100 |



YOUR OLD TOWN CHAPTER PRIMARY OFFICERS for 2024

WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



Dennis "Gomez" Adams, Director



Steve Byrnes, Assistant Director



Monica Byrnes, Secretary



Kathy Reimann, Treasurer



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024

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

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

Board Members Missing: Steve Byrnes, Monica Byrnes, Jack Hinton, Craig Collette, Dan Balla, Joe Hall, Lori Bacchus

Past Directors: Cal Reimann, Robin Bacchus, David Brown

Past Directors Missing: Paul Fore, Marty Roland, Rick Vincent

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – Not in Attendance

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 162 members with 2 waivers. Robin stated he's received a few phone calls from people purchasing bikes from the Dealership inquiring about joining the Chapter. Dues will be \$37.50 for anyone joining now. That's the prorated amount for the rest of the year plus next year.

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein – Thanked everyone for being understanding lately. LOH meeting has been rescheduled for this coming Tuesday. Bob Monroe agreed to change his destination. 18 active road captains and 1 inactive. Thanked Pete for doing a good job with the Bull Shots.

Senior RC Bob Backus – All good.

Jack Hinton – Not present.

David Brown – Commended the HOG Chapter for stepping up and helping each other during this difficult time.

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – All good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – Not present

Ladies of Harley Officer: Renee Adkins – Reminded everyone that the Breast Cancer Awareness ride is coming up. LOH meeting was rescheduled to this coming Tuesday and Bob Monroe agreed to lead the ride to Mission BBQ. LOH Christmas Party will be at Luigi's restaurant. Liang's Bistro is now open, formerly Win Win.

Activities – Christmas Party planning meeting will be tomorrow night at the Dealership. 57 people have signed up so far.

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Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – All good.

Parliamentarian: Dan Balla – Not in Attendance. Dennis thanked David Brown for helping with the elections.

Merchandise Officer: Richard McElvenny – All good.

Pam Mangiaracina – All good.

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho – continues to work on obtaining new ads for the newsletter.

Hugs: Becky Reimann – Several cards sent out to members this past month

Webmaster: Craig Collet – Not present.

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – All good.

Photographer: Debbie Speicher – All good.

Historian: Crafton Price – Crafton put together a memory book and had it printed for the first 6 months of the year. It will be at the Chapter Meeting for everyone to see. He will begin the second 6 months soon.

Members at Large: Joe Hall – Not present

Mike Mangiaracina – All good.

David Adkins – All good.

Lori Bacchus – Not present.

Assistant Director: Steve Byrnes – Not in Attendance

Cal Reimann – All set.

Robin Bacchus – All good.

David Brown – All good.

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

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – There will be a challenge coin for the 25th anniversary celebration at the Tampa Bay Harley Dealership. The Chapter will be volunteering in several areas to assist the Dealership.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Reimann for

Monica Byrnes, Secretary



KSU to Great Food



HOURS

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| 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 |

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A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Put off until tomorrow what you ought not to do at all.



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ADVERTISE IN THE OTC NEWSLETTER

New Rates for 2024

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| 1/4 | \$16 | \$176 |
| 1/2 | \$25 | \$275 |
| Full | \$42 | \$462 |

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- *Check out our menu page or customize lunch or dinner menu for your next event! *Stop in for casual dining or drinks by the water!
- *DJ Service Available! *Check events on Facebook & Instagram
- *10% discount to HOG members with a membership card**



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Mike Arwine

WE ARE 163 MEMBERS STRONG!

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



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| Nick Webb | Ray Gentile |
| Sharon Zimmer | Jon Wigby |
| Marty Cusack | Larry Snyder |

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

DID YOU READ OUR NEWSLETTER?

Send an email by **Friday, November 8th @ 1 pm** to otnewsletter@hotmail.com with a subject line of:

Happy Thanksgiving



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



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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TRAILING A MOTORCYCLE – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Owning a motorcycle sometimes requires trailering – possibly related to a call from a friend who is broken down or for other reasons. Safely trailering a motorcycle requires careful preparation, proper equipment and attention to detail.

Here’s a checklist to help you transport a motorcycle securely:

1. Choose The Right Trailer.
2. Secure The Trailer Hitch, Chains & Lights.
3. Check Tire Pressure of Vehicle & Trailer Tires.
4. Gather Essential Equipment - Ratchet Straps, Wheel Ramp, etc.
5. Prepare The Motorcycle for Loading onto Trailer.
6. Loading The Motorcycle onto The Trailer - Safely.
7. Consider having a helper for added safety.
8. Walk the bike up the ramp (or ride slowly if inexperienced).
9. Place the front wheel into the wheel chock.
10. Ensure the bike is upright and balance before securing.
11. Put the kickstand down.
12. Secure The Motorcycle with Ratchet Straps.
13. Check & Re-Check Your Straps during the trip at stops.
14. Drive Safely/Watch Your Speed.
15. Load & Unload on Flat Ground.

To see the full article, simply visit our Blog page at: <https://www.hoglaw1.com/trailing-a-motorcycle.php>

By following the above suggestions, you significantly increase your chances of towing a motorcycle without accidents or problems, for the safety of yourself and others.

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Old Town Chapter H.O.G. Calendar November 2024 Brandon, FL

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | |  | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Roosters Cafe Loop Ride KSU @ 9am from 7-11 914 S. Faulkenburg Rd., 145 mi, 1RS, 4.5hrs. SRC David Brown | 4 | 5 FatBurger 9950 Upper Alafia Ct, Riverview, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Pete Barack | 6 | 7 | 8 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm | 9 Fishhawk Sporting Clay (Pistol Range) KSU @ 12:15 from 7-11, 1001 US 301 (301 and Palm River Road -NOT FAULKENBURG), 2.5hrs., 1RS, 95 mi, RC Don Amberg |
| 10 Welcome Wagon Discussion Welcome Wagon Ride Traattoria Pasquale, KSU @ 11AM from TBHD, 26mi, 0RS, 1 hr. RC/SO Drew Moores | 11 | 12 CiCi's Pizza 1991 W Lumsden Rd., Ste D, Brandon, FL KSU @ 7pm from TBHD Dir RC Dennis Adams | 13 Board Meeting 7pm. TBHD Classroom | 14 | 15 | 16 ABC Pizza House – Dade City KSU @ 8am from Wawa (301 and Causeway Blvd.), 127 mi, 1RS, 3.5 hrs. HRC Gary Stein |
| 17 Molly Goodhead KSU @ 8:30am, 7-11, 914 Faulkenburg, 92 mi, 1RS, 3hrs SRC Bob Backus | 18 | 19 Bubba's 33 2580 S Falkenburg Rd Tampa, FL KSU @ 7pm from TBHD HRC Gary Stein | 20 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom | 21 | 22 | 23 Stumpknockers on the Square KSU @ 8:30am from 7-11 Falkenburg & Palm River, 95 mi, 1RS, 3hrs. RC Cal Reimann T-Shirt Ride |
| 24 Georgia Lunch Bunch Cowboys Firepit Grill & Bar, KSU @ 7:45AM, 7/11, US 41 & SR54 (2400 Land O'Lakes Blvd.), 5 hours, 206 mi, 2 RS RC/AD Steve Byrnes | 25 | 26 Pizza Rock 401D, S. Parsons Ave, Brandon, FL KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Robin Bacchus | 27 | 28 | 27 Bike Night @ TBHD 6pm – 9pm | 30 Casa Di Pizza KSU @ 8am from 7-11 Falkenburg & Palm River, 107 mi, 1 RS, 3.5 hrs. RC Harry Werner |

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Harley Owners Group



This month's Chapter Meeting is:
NOVEMBER 8th, 2024

Next month's Chapter Meeting is:
December 7th, Christmas Party
at the *Hilton Garden Inn*



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

Come out and join us for our
WELCOME WAGON DISCUSSION & RIDE
Sunday November 10th from 10 - 11am in the
Colonel Ron Rook Training Room at TBHD
Class is followed by a short (less than 50 mi) ride.



Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2024

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| January | 5th - PAST | July | 5th - PAST |
| February | 2nd - PAST | August | 9th - PAST |
| March | 1st - PAST | September | 6th - PAST |
| April | 5th - PAST | October | 11th - PAST |
| May | 3rd - PAST | November | 8th - |
| June | 7th - PAST | Dec. 7th | Christmas Party |



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