



BULL SHOTS

MAY 2025

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

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

We are holding our May Chapter Meeting at the Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson (TBHD) Dealership due to a conflict with the hotel. TBHD is going to great lengths to pull this off. If you stopped at TBHD in mid-April, you would have noticed they are moving the Parts Area to the Service Area. This will be a topic of discussion during the May meeting. It also opened room to hold our meeting.

The sign-up sheet for mine and Rick Vincent's ride to Helen is out, so please be sure to sign up and book your room. Being a holiday weekend, rooms are filling up quickly. Past Director and Road Captain Rick Vincent will lead two rides around the Helen Area. Followed by me leading the group back to Tampa. Details for all our overnight rides are on the web site at www.oldtownhog.com.

Our Ladies of Harley, led by LOH Officer Bonnielee Amberg, did a wonderful job holding the Dealerships annual Easter-Egg Hunt, for the future riders of Harley's. The weather turned out beautiful and brought out so many families to enjoy a day of fun. Assistant Director Harry Werner is leading a special ride for Mother's Day on May 10th. He will bring the riders back to the Dealership where mothers will enjoy an afternoon of pampering, compliments of TBHD.

Activities Officer Renee Adkins is working on our upcoming Game Night in June. Watch our web site and come out to the next Chapter Meeting for more details. Before you know it, she will be planning our Movie Night and Christmas Party for this year. Harry is also preparing for our PAWS fundraising Efforts. Harry tells me he will be planning a ride to Dogs Inc to see firsthand what happens to the funds we raise. If you have never been to Dogs Inc. (i.e., Southeastern Guide Dogs) be sure to attend the ride. It is an amazing facility.

More of our HOG members have gotten some great deals on new motorcycles this year. Recently two of my Board Members picked up new Road Glides. They both have amazing paint jobs on the tins, which I am happy to see from the typical plain solid colors of the recent models. One of them cannot decide what color they want to be. If you do not understand my comment, check out Beck's bike when you see her on a Chapter ride. Thanks to our members that support the TBHD Dealership. Because of you we have the greatest HOG Chapter around and great support for TBHD.

***Dennis "Gomez" Adams
Director OTC 2024 - 2025***

LET'S CELEBRATE – AND REMEMBER

May is loaded with celebrations. Yes, we look ahead and celebrate the fact that Spring is in full bloom, bringing with it warmer days (before the blast-furnace of summer!) and pleasantly cool nights. But May also brings with it a slew of holidays: Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. To call these holidays "celebrations," though, is a bit of a misnomer. They are really days set aside for us to remember special events or people in our lives.

For those of us not of Mexican descent, Cinco de Mayo probably doesn't hold much meaning, it's just a day to perhaps go out for a Mexican dinner. Contrary to popular belief, though, Cinco de Mayo is not a celebration of Mexican Independence Day, something I didn't really know until I looked it up in preparation for writing this article (please forgive my ignorance – all those years of education and I'm still a dunce!). Cinco de Mayo is actually a day to remember Mexican General Zaragoza's victory in a decisive battle in the French-Mexican War when the General's greatly outnumbered forces defeated the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. There's no extra charge for that little tidbit of history. In any event, Happy Cinco de Mayo!

May also gives us the opportunity to remember our mothers. For those lucky enough to still have their mothers in their lives and for those of us holding on to cherished memories of days gone by, it is a day set aside to honor our mothers and to remember the special role they have played in our lives. First of all, they gave us life! Second, they raised and nurtured us and helped shape us into the people we have become. So, we set aside a special day to remember and celebrate our mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

Speaking of Mother's Day, Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson is getting into the act for Mother's Day this year by sponsoring a pre-Mother's Day loop ride on Saturday, May 10. I will be leading a ride from the Dealership, leaving at 10 a.m., and going on a nice little jaunt through the countryside and stopping at Keith's Oaks Bar & Grill in Brandon for lunch before heading back to the Dealership. Jason, the TBHD manager, has planned some special activities for the day (including a surprise associated with the ride!), so come out for a pleasant ride and some fun at the Dealership!

May is also when we "celebrate" Memorial Day. As the name implies, it's not a celebration, rather it's a day of remembrance. A day set aside to remember those who have served, and died, protecting this great country. I'm sure most, if not all of us, have family members, relatives or friends who gave their lives in service to their country. We, as the Old Town HOG family, certainly remember and appreciate the life of our own beloved Colonel, Ron Rook. I wasn't lucky enough to have known him in his heyday, but the man I did get to know was truly a great man. I hope Memorial Day will bring with it warm memories for all of you and that you can share those memories with your loved ones.

As I look at the calendar for May, it is chock full of great rides and events! Two rides of note are David Brown leading a group to Rolling to Remember in DC and Robin Bacchus leading the annual Bridges (night) ride. There's lots going on so come on out and enjoy it!

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

Drew's Views – Beat the **Heat!**

[Yes, a repeat. Have a higher priority bit of SO work ongoing currently.]



I found this link to a great article on Myths and Facts about hydration; check it out: [The Truth About Hydration: 7 Myths and Facts \(ncoa.org\)](#)

When I think about riding in the heat, two thoughts immediately come to mind: water and skin. Putting it another way, taking care of myself inside and out.

Inside: I recently read Tom Brady drinks up to two gallons of water a day as part of his health regimen. I'd bet he starts his day by filling up a ½ gallon jug of water and caring it with him all day. He carries a visible reminder of his goal and makes it happen. Although no one recommends that quantity for the average Joe or Jane, carrying a jug around is not a bad habit. [\[Troy Aikman: Tom Brady Inspired Me to Drink 2 Gallons](#)

[of Water a Day \(businessinsider.com\)\]](#).

I also recently read a key to longevity is to **never get thirsty**. Makes sense, doesn't it? From the internet: "A June 2013 review in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition revealed that a dehydration level of just 2 percent was enough to impair performance in tasks that required attention, psychomotor and immediate memory skills. And although it was small, a February 2012 study published in the Journal of Nutrition found that even mild dehydration was enough to cause mood disturbances." Don, take note Sir! Imagine riding alone in south central Florida where it's flat with no shade, and your bike breaks down. You'd do well to have some water and skin protection; sun block, a hat, and maybe an umbrella. And speaking of skin...

Outside: Recall when most of us were kids and Coppertone was "tanning butter," used to keep one's skin moist while cooking in the sun. Today, from the Coppertone website: "Coppertone is the #1 most trusted sunscreen brand in America, offering [sun protection] for various outdoor activities and needs. Learn more about suncare, UV index, and sun fan favorites on their website." Times have changed.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the world. Consider this from the Skin Cancer Foundation: 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by age 70. More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour. **Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma.** When detected early, the 5-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent." Enough said.

Also consider; have you ever seen someone who labors in the sun all day wear short sleeves? Or without some type of head cover? Landscapers, roofers, high-rise construction workers come to mind, as do motorcycle riding instructors. When riding I find myself cooler riding with a sweat-soaked long-sleeve shirt than having my bare skin exposed to 90° + heat and the wind wicking the water out of my body.

So, stay hydrated and protect your skin from the sun, to best enjoy the ride and have fun.

"The only bad day riding is one spent inside."

*Drew Moores -
OTC Safety Officer*



- May 1st – National Day of Prayer
- May 11th – Mother's Day
- May 12th – National Nurses Day
- May 17th – Armed Forces Day
- May 26th – Memorial Day

Ladies of Harley:

Happy Spring everyone, first let me thank all of the volunteers who came out to help with the Easter Egg Stuffing and the Easter Egg Hunt at the Dealership. I feel that it was a huge success, and I have made some notes (if we participate again next year). There were a couple of parents and grandparents that came up and thanked us for being there for the kids. I am very grateful to be part of a great organization such as the Old Town Chapter. Just a couple of notes for the upcoming month. There was a change to the LOH meeting agenda as it will now be Mission BBQ this month as there was a conflict with Beef O Brady's. Mother's Day is May 11th, and I hope every mother has a beautiful day including those who are dog mom's 😊. Please remember 22 Moons on May 18th at 1:30. If you are still interested in coming, please get with me so I can make sure there are enough seats. Thank you to those who have reached out to me, and I am excited for another adventure. I will be attending the May 17th ride to Mt. Dora not riding but driving, if there is anyone who would like to ride with me, please let me know. I can accommodate 3-4 more people in my car. I am looking forward to the shopping and lunch. See you at the May meeting on 5/2/25 at the Dealership. Please check the LOH calendar for upcoming events and the Facebook page for new events.

Upcoming LOH Events:

LOH Meeting May 6th – Mission BBQ

22 Moons Tea Room – May 18th

Check the Chapter Calendar for locations and events!

Bonnielee Amberg

Ladies of Harley Officer, 2025

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

April 4, 2025

Chapter Member James Schmitz introduced the 2025 officers: Secretary, Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Harry Werner and Director: Dennis Adams.

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

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

The Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership represented by Marty Cusack who is a Chapter Member in attendance. The next Bike Night at the Dealership is scheduled for Friday, April 25th.

Harry and Dennis discussed Ride 365.

Harry 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 one Guest (s) in attendance.

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

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann gave her report.

Activities Director - Leslie Monroe provided the Activities information for Renee. Leslie said that Renee is taking orders for the Chapter Picture Book for \$60.00. Here is a list of the upcoming events. 4/25 Chili Cook-off where the proceeds will support Breast Cancer. 5/23 thru 5/26 there will be a "Ride to Remember" in Fairfax, VA; 6/28 Game Night at the Dealership; 8/23 Movie Night and 11/29 Chapter Christmas Party.

Ladies of Harley Officer -Bonnielee Amberg - Upcoming events: Bonnielee Amberg is looking for help on 4/12 to Stuff Easter Eggs and for the Dealership Easter Egg Hunt on 4/19. This Month's LOH Meeting held Tuesday, April 7th at Beef & Sea led by Bob Backus. The May meeting will be held at Beef O 'Bradys and June's Meeting at Portillo's.

Merchandise Officer – Pam Mangiaracina stated that the patches were in and are sold at the meeting. Pam also stated that only patches will be available at the May Meeting held at the Dealership. Dennis presented Pam and Mike with Aprons.

Safety Officer - Drew Moores said that the next Welcome Wagon Meeting will be on Sunday, April 6, going to La Plaza Mexico in Zephyrhills.

Head Road Captain - Gary Stein went around the room to have the Road Captains tell us about their rides for the month of April.

April Rides & Events

4/1 Taste of Berlin – Harry Werner

4/5 Merks Bar & Grill – Joe Hall

4/6 Welcome Wagon Ride – Plaza Mexico – Drew Moores

4/8 Beef & Sea – Bob Backus (LOH Meeting)

4/9 Board Meeting

4/12 Capt'n Jack's – Walter Schneider

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4/13 Ski Beach Bar & Grill – Harry Werner
 4/15 Bahama Breeze – David Brown
 4/16 Road Captain Meeting
 4/19 Okeechobee Loop Ride – David Brown
 4/20 Easter Sunday – No Ride Scheduled
 4/22 Grape Leaf Express – Pete Barack
 4/25 Bike Night and Chili Cookoff
 4/26 Leesburg Bike Fest – Jack Hinton
 4/27 Stumpknockers – Cal Reimann
 4/29 Stefano Pizza and Pasta – Gary Stein

Next Board Meeting will be April 9th.

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. There are currently 135 members.

Harry explained that a 777-patch presented to any member who rides 777 one-way miles in one month's 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 March. April will be our 777 month.

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

There was 15 Posse Patches awarded for March precipitation.

Old Town Posse Patch
Kathy Reimann
Debbie Speicher
Dan Evans
Becky Reimann
Dennis Adams
Luigi Cavallaro
Sheri Philhower
Walter Schneider
Robin Bacchus
Pete Barack
Jorge Giraldo
Gary Goff
Vince Loadwick
Bob Monroe
Ben Philhower

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Doing what's right today means no regrets tomorrow.

**Rider of the Month – As of 3/31/25**

Rider of the Month		
General Membership		
James Schmitz	1	1114
Jorge Giraldo	2	823
Charles Tomoff	3	735
Steve Kolacki	3	735
Dale Dulimba	3	735
Tommy Dent	3	735

Board/Road Captain		
David Brown	1	1427
Cal Reimann	2	744
Don Amberg	3	717

Member of the Month – As of 3/31/25

Member of the Month		
General Membership		
Sheri Philhower	1	12
Steve Byrnes	1	12
Jorge Giraldo	1	12
Larry Snyder	2	11
Ben Philhower	3	10

Board/Road Captain		
David Brown	1	19
Cal Reimann	2	17
Kathy Reimann	3	12
Debbie Speicher	3	12

Year to Date Stats - Member and Rider Stats

Member of the Year	
General Membership	
James Schmitz	43
Steve Byrnes	33
Larry Snyder	30
Dan Evans	27
Luigi Cavallaro	24
Sheri Philhower	23

Member of the Year	
Board Member/Road Captains	
David Brown	41
Bob Backus	40
Cal Reimann	40
Gary Stein	33
Renee Adkins	32
Don Amberg	29
Harry Werner	29

Rider of the Year	
General Membership	
James Schmitz	2207
Dan Evans	1916
Steve Byrnes	1631
Larry Snyder	1473
Luigi Cavallaro	1143
Jorge Giraldo	1128

Rider of the Year	
Board Member/Road Captain	
David Brown	2138
Bob Backus	1826
Don Amberg	1677
Harry Werner	1601
Cal Reimann	1600
Gary Stein	1151



Dennis stated that OTC Members earned a total of 495 event points and have ridden a total of 21,600 miles in March 2025.

Year to Date Miles Ridden	42474
Year to Date Miles Available	2834
Year to Date Points Participated	1262
Year to Date Points Available	51
1st Quarter Miles Ridden	42474
1st Quarter Miles Available	2834
1st Quarter Points Participated	1262
1st Quarter Points Available	51
March Miles Ridden	21600
March Miles Available	1585
March Points Participated	495
March Points Available	20

Monthly Challenge Question for the February Newsletter – Don Amberg

Ride Lotto – Don Amberg

Newsletter Reader – Debbie Speicher

T-shirt ride – David Brown

Name Tag drawing – Judy Mason

Secret Greeter was Barry Shapiro, and the winner was: Craig Collet

General Raffles: 1) Joe Hall; 2) Dennis Adams; 3) Becky Reimann

50/50 drawing – Clint Nye

The next Chapter Meeting will be May 2nd at the Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership.

The meeting concluded at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Byrnes, Secretary





OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2025

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

Board Members Present: Dennis Adams, Harry Werner, Monica Byrnes, Kathy Reimann, Robin Bacchus, Bob Backus, Dan Balla, Pete Barack, David Brown, Jack Hinton, Mike Mangiaracina, Pam Mangiaracina, Crafton Price, Becky Reimann, Cal Reimann, Debbie Speicher, Gary Stein

Board Members Missing: David Adkins, Renee Adkins, Lori Bacchus, Craig Collet, Len Goellner, Patty Kopcho, Drew Moores

Past Directors Present: Robin Bacchus, David Brown, Cal Reimann

Director: Dennis Adams

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested that we leave Paul Fore on the list as Past Director in the Newsletter Listing since Paul is no longer an active member and remove him from other Director references.

Treasurer: Kathy Reimann – Kathy gave her report. A motion was made by Pam Mangiaracina to accept the report, the motion was seconded by Joe Hall and approved.

Secretary: Monica Byrnes – nothing to report

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 140 members with 0 waivers

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein stated that there are 17 active Road Captains. He also stated that this is a 777 month, and that David Brown will be leading the ride to Okeechobee on April 19th.

Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus – all good

Senior Road Captain: Jack Hinton stated that Jason approved putting up a Plaque honoring Ron Rook for all his accomplishments.

Senior Road Captain: David Brown stated that there will be additional overnight rides in 2026. One will be to York, PA to tour the factory and a Bourbon Ride.

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – all good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – not in attendance

Ladies of Harley Officer: Bonnielee Amberg stated that the Ladies of Harley had a good meeting with many good suggestions. The ladies will be filling Easter eggs on Saturday, April 12th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at TBHD on 4/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Activities – Renee Adkins was not in attendance. Dennis Adams spoke for Renee asking for a motion to pay a \$500.00 deposit for the DJ for the Christmas Party. Bonnie Amberg made the motion, and it was seconded by Joe Hall. He also reminded everyone that the Chili Cookoff will be held at Bike night.

Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – not in attendance

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Parliamentarian: Dan Balla welcomed Kat Jensen, our HOG Manager. He brought up the fact that he has a gift card for being a Lifetime Member, that the Dealership wouldn't honor. Kat stated that the Dealership does accept the gift card and that the TBHD team members were just not sure how to process it. Thank you, Kat, for stepping up and looking out for us. Dan will make a return trip to the Dealership to use his award.

Kat Jensen spoke at the Hog Confention to Bruce regarding Hog Rewards. We cannot use it due to the Ferman Dealership and the way it is set up. Kat will talk with F&I to get the mileage when bikes are purchased. When a bike is purchased, they will get a "Ticket to Ride" which is an invitation to ride with the Chapter.

Merchandise Officer: Pam Mangiaracina and Mike Mangiaracina. Pam stated that they sold many patches at the Chapter Meeting. She also stated that someone asked her about the round patch, the "Oil Can Patch". Kathy Reimann spoke up and will be checking to see if that patch is still available for purchase.

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho – not in attendance.

Hugs: Becky Reimann stated that she mailed out cards to approximately 6-7 Hog Members. She also asked if you happen to hear of someone that needs a HUG, please let her know so she can get the cards sent out.

Webmaster: Craig Collet – not in attendance

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – Thanked people for getting their articles in for the Newsletter early and reminded us that the articles are due by the 20th of the month. Cal received a credit of \$47.60 from the newsletter printer for the 15 newsletters that were printed in error last month.

Photographer: Debbie Speicher stated that she gets the pictures posted on Facebook in a timely manner. She also stated that it takes her a few days to get them uploaded to the website.

Historian: Crafton Price – all good

Members at Large: Joe Hall asked if the Chapter would supply each Road Captain with a ream of paper for printing the ride sheets on. This would cut down on cost for the RC's. Kat gets a good price for the Dealership and would be happy to order the paper. Kat will meet and speak with Kathy Reimann to make this happen.

David Adkins – not in attendance

Lori Bacchus – not in attendance

Mike Parker – all good

Assistant Director: Harry Werner is gearing up for PAWS. Harry also suggested that there could be a Mileage Challenge Fundraiser. It would cover the total miles that was ridden for a designated month. This would be something that the Sr. Road Captains would handle. It is an award that the individual could only win once. More to come on this in the future.

Past Directors:

Cal Reimann – all good

Marty Roland – not in attendance

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Rick Vincent – not in attendance

Robin Bacchus stated that 99% percent of the Board members arrive early for the Board Meeting. It was suggested that the Board Meeting starts at 6:30. Robin also brought up the topic of the Sr. Road Captain doing the Stats. He said that he will be happy to finish the year. This was originally a Sr. Road Captain function.

David Brown thanked Kat for attending the meeting. David questioned if OTC should give the Dealership forms to be put in the New Bike Purchase Package for a free membership in OTC for the current calendar year, as we did in 2022-2023. A motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Dan Balla and approved by a show of hands.

Open Discussion: Kat stated there is an empty bulletin board that she would like to use to do monthly updates for the Hog Chapter. She was thinking about using our ride sheet, pictures, miles, etc. that she could use for recruitment.

Happy Birthday to Bonnielee Amberg.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Byrnes, Secretary



2025 OTC Membership \$30.00

**Like what you see? Member of the National Harley Owners Group?
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<http://www.oldtownhog.com> or are available from our
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HOURS	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	5-10PM
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Thursday	5-10PM
Friday	5-10PM
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Craig Corlett

Kim Mari

Judy Mason

Ted Mason

Howard Miller

Joseph Baker

German Pinto

WELCOME BACK RETURNING MEMBERS!

WE ARE 141 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!



Don Amberg

Ray Weber

Craig Collet

Dana Cronin

Marlene Monroy

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 easybritt@aol.com

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Florida's "Move Over Law" – Motorcycle Safety Tips

In Recent News: A motorcyclist was "ejected" from his bike and propelled into the back of a Road Ranger truck stopped on the side of the highway, and his motorcycle hit the back of an SUV the Road Ranger was assisting. As the investigation is pending, there may be a question of whether another vehicle caused the biker to hit the Road Ranger's stopped vehicle. Tragically, the biker died as a result of the crash and the Road Ranger himself (sitting in the truck) may have catastrophic or life-threatening injuries.

Florida Statute 316.126 (Paraphrased)

If an authorized emergency vehicle, sanitation vehicle, utility service vehicle, wrecker, road, bridge maintenance, construction vehicle, or a disabled vehicle is stopped on the side of the road displaying warning lights or hazard lights ... the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe shall "vacate" the lane closest to such vehicles when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle.

If such movement cannot be safely accomplished, the driver shall slow to a speed limit 20 mph less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or greater or slow down to five (5) mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less, except when otherwise directed by law enforcement officer. A violation may result in a traffic infraction, punishable as a "moving violation" with related fine and points added to your driver's record.

As a motorcyclist, we must be extra alert, attentive and watchful of our surroundings and must move over (or reduce our speed if we cannot move over). We must also have "situational awareness" as we are extremely "vulnerable" to hazards – sometimes faced with multiple hazards at the same time. This is especially true in rush hour or congested traffic situations. By following the rules, we considerably increase our chances of keeping ourselves and others alive. Additionally, a violation of the law results in a fine and points on your driver's license, which can lead to other consequences.

By having situational awareness and following the "Move Over Law", we significantly reduce risks of being involved in a crash, towards protecting ourselves, our emergency responders and many others.

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H.O.G. Calendar

May 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Chapter Meeting Tampa Bay Harley-Davidson Social Hour 6-:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm	3 Great Catch KSU @ 8:30am from WAWA (1710 W Brandon Blvd and Lakewood), 110 mi, 1 RS, 3 hrs. RC Dir Dennis Adams
4 Welcome Wagon Discussion 10am Welcome Wagon Ride Glory Days Grill – Big Bend KSU @ 11am from TBHD, ?? mi, 0RS, ? hrs. “Guess the miles” RC SO Drew Moores	5	6 TNDRL/LOH Meeting - Mission BBQ 1504 W Brandon Blvd KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC/Dir Dennis Adams	7 Board Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	8	9	10 Keith's Oaks Bar & Grill (Loop Ride) KSU @ 10am from TBHD, 47 mi, 0 RS, 3 hrs. (including lunch/loop) RC Harry Werner Mother's Day Event at TBHD 11 am – 4 pm
11 Florida Cracker Cook Shack KSU @ 9am from 7-11 914 S. Falkenburg Rd. 62 mi, 0 RS, 2 hrs. RC Cal Reimann Mother's Day	12	13 Twin Peaks - Brandon 136 Brandon Town Center Dr., KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Bob Monroe	14 Road Captain Meeting 6:30pm TBHD Classroom	15	16	17 The Frog and Monkey Restaurant & Pub KSU @ 8:30am from 7-Eleven (914 S Falkenburg Rd, Tampa), 95 mi, 1 RS, 3 hrs. RC Pete Barack
18 Vallarta's Mexican Restaurant KSU @ 9:30 from Wawa, 13026 US-301, Riverview. 40 mi, 0 RS, 1.5 hrs. RC Bob Monroe	19	20 Bob Evans 12272 Morris Bridge Rd, Temple Terrace, KSU @ 7 pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann	21	22	23 Ride Rolling Thunder Day 1 KSU @ 6am from RaceTrac 5951 US 301, 590 mi, 5 RS, 11 hrs. SRC David "Figure 8" Brown T-Shirt Ride	24 Bridges Ride/Joe's NY Diner KSU @ 8pm from RaceTrac (301 & Riverview Dr) 110 mi, 1 RS, 3.25 hrs. RC Robin Bacchus
25 Fishhawk Sporting Clay KSU @ 1pm from TBHD, 70 mi 0 RS, 2 hrs. RC Don Amberg	26 Rolling Thunder Day 4 KSU @ 7:30am from Comfort Inn & Suites, 30 Miles, 0 RS, 2 hrs. SRC David "Figure 8" Brown	27 Cuenellis Rotisserie Chicken 3834 US-301, Riverview, KSU @ 7 pm from TBHD RC Joe Hall Rolling Thunder Day 5 KSU 7:30am from, 590 mi, 5 RS, 11 hrs. SRC David Brown	28 Rolling Thunder Day 6 KSU @ 7:30am from Comfort Inn & Suites 320 mi, 4 RS, 7 hrs. SRC David "Figure 8" Brown	29	30 Bike Night @ TBHD 6 pm – 9 pm	31 Breakfast Station- Zephyrhills - Loop Ride KSU @ 8:15am from RaceTrac (Telecom Dr. and Fletcher Ave.), 50 miles, 0 RS, 2.5 hrs. (including breakfast). HRC Gary Stein Bike Rodeo at TBHD 8 am – 4 pm

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Harley Owners Group



***This month's Chapter Meeting is:
Friday, May 2nd, 2025***

At Tampa Bay Harley Davidson

9841 E. Adamo Dr. Tampa, FL

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

Next month's Chapter Meeting is:

June 13th 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn

4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL 33578

Come out and join us for our

WELCOME WAGON DISCUSSION & RIDE

May 4th from 10 - 11am in the

Colonel Ron Rook Training Room at TBHD

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Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2025

January	3rd - <i>Past</i>	July	11th
February	7th - <i>Past</i>	August	1st
March	7th - <i>Past</i>	September	5th
April	4th - <i>Past</i>	October	3rd
May	<u>2nd - TBHD</u>	November	7th
June	13th	Nov. 29th	Christmas Party



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