



BULL SHOTS

AUGUST 2025

OLD TOWN CHAPTER - # 5039

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

TAMPA, FL

Director Dennis "Gomez" Adams

Welcome to the dog days of summer. Hot, lots of rain, and did I say hot. Our weekend ride turn-out is still well attended by our members. Tuesday rides.... not so much. Understandable with the threat of rain almost every evening. I must give a big thank you to Past Director David Brown for stepping in for me at the July Chapter meeting and the Founders Ride the next day. Becky and I had an enjoyable time in New Jersey for my uncle's 80th Birthday Party. This is the uncle I bought the blue Fatboy from.

By the time you read this Newsletter, David will have returned from another great ride to Sturgis. I cannot wait to hear the stories and see the pictures. David does a great job filling the day with rides to points of interest and for sure a stop to chill with a Buffalo herd. What a great experience to go to a "Biker's Mecca" of great riding.

Our Assistant Director Harry Werner has officially kicked off our 20th PAWS Charity event with planning meetings in June and July. He has another meeting scheduled for August 7th at 7:00pm. Check out Harry's article for more details. We had a good turnout for these meetings but could use more help for sure.

Cal and Kathy Reimann are doing great on their carving and quilt. The gun raffle is also underway and off to a good start according to Sr. Road Captain Bob Backus. At the next meeting, be sure to see Renee Adkins for your lunch tickets for the clay shoot. Buying them sooner rather than later helps give us an idea how many lunches we need to pay for.

On Labor Day weekend I will be leading my first overnight ride to Helen Georgia to meet up with Past Director Rick Vincent. Rick will lead two rides, one Saturday and a second on Sunday, before I lead everyone back to Tampa on Monday.

Be sure to check out the skills competition on the last Saturday of the month from 8 to 11 am. It is a great way to get in some practice and tips to better maneuver your Harley at slow speeds. Tom Holden will spend as much time as needed working with you for a chance at cash prizes.

Be sure to check out all the overnight rides and upcoming activities at the August Chapter Meeting. Activities Officer Renee Adkins will have sign-up sheets available. Remember, introduce yourself to our new members and tell them why we are the greatest HOG Chapter around. See you on the next ride or meeting.

Dennis "Gomez" Adams
Director OTC 2024 - 2025



FEELING WELCOME

I was recently reminded of a conversation I had many, many years ago with a minister I knew who was the pastor of a small church in a small town in Western New York. He was somewhat bemoaning how he felt like he was the sole member of the “Welcoming Committee” at the church. In fact, he said he even had parishioners tell him it was his job (and, by implication, not theirs) to greet visitors who might show up at a church service or activity. While that certainly was part of his “job,” he did not believe it should have been his alone.

The same can be said of our beloved HOG Chapter. We’ve been lucky enough to welcome some new members in recent months. Let me challenge each of you: at the next Chapter meeting, ride or event, make it a point to talk to someone you really don’t know very well, especially our new members. While I know many of you do make a point of talking with visitors or new members, it is incumbent on all of us to make everyone feel welcome and accepted in our midst. And for you newbies, don’t be afraid to introduce yourselves – we don’t bite (well, except maybe Don).

I realize it’s not always easy to approach someone you don’t know at all or who might just be casually known to you. But think back on the first time you walked into a Chapter meeting and how nervous you probably felt, in all likelihood not knowing a single person. And then think about how good it made you feel when someone just said “Hi, my name is _____. Are you new here?” It’s that simple. I remember coming to visit my first Chapter meeting and literally not knowing a soul. But I ran into a member (the vest was a dead giveaway!) as I was walking into the hotel and he greeted me and pointed me in the right direction and introduced me to many of the members. It’s that simple folks. So, let’s all make an effort to get to know other members that you may not know so well, and especially our new members. It’s music to my ears when I hear someone say, “What a great group of people”! And you are!

Now for some “business.” Our PAWS fundraising activities are gearing up. At the last Chapter meeting, our resident auctioneer sold a number of items that had been donated; if you weren’t there, you missed Luigi modeling a leather jacket. We should have sold tickets! We also raised additional funds in quilt, carving and gun raffle sales. Again, THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your generous support of Dogs Inc! Speaking of guns, if you haven’t heard up for raffle this year are a Beretta A300 Ultima, 12 Gauge, semi-automatic shotgun and a Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 semi-automatic pistol in .380. I want to give Dan Ellis a big shout-out for all of his help and efforts in helping select these guns for the raffle, especially since I know basically nothing about guns!

If you want to lend a helping hand, in any capacity, with our PAWS fundraising efforts, get in touch with me and let me know. You might also look at the Chapter calendar on our website, oldtownhog.com, to find out when the next PAWS planning meeting is scheduled. The more the merrier! And, remember, the Chapter ride on August 23rd will be to the Dogs Inc campus, where we will be given a tour and a chance to meet some of the people – and dogs! – that make Dogs Inc such a special place.

Harry Werner
Assistant Director
OTC - 2025



Help Us Help a Military Member
- We Can Make a Difference



Beretta, A300 Ultima

- Semi-automatic Shotgun
- 12 Gauge
- 28" Vent Rib Barrel
- Black Synthetic Stock
- Front Bead Sight
- 3" Chamber
- MobilChoke

Paws for Patriots Gun Raffle

Location: Fishhawk Sporting Clays
13505 Hobson Simmons Rd. Lithia, FL 33547

Drawing Date:
Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Raffle Tickets Prices:
1 for \$10.00
6 for \$50.00
12 for \$100.00

Ticket Sales:
See your friendly Old Town Chapter HOG
representative for chances to win

Drawing Rules:
Each raffle ticket is a chance to win one of
two guns. Individual guns will be drawn in
sequential order.

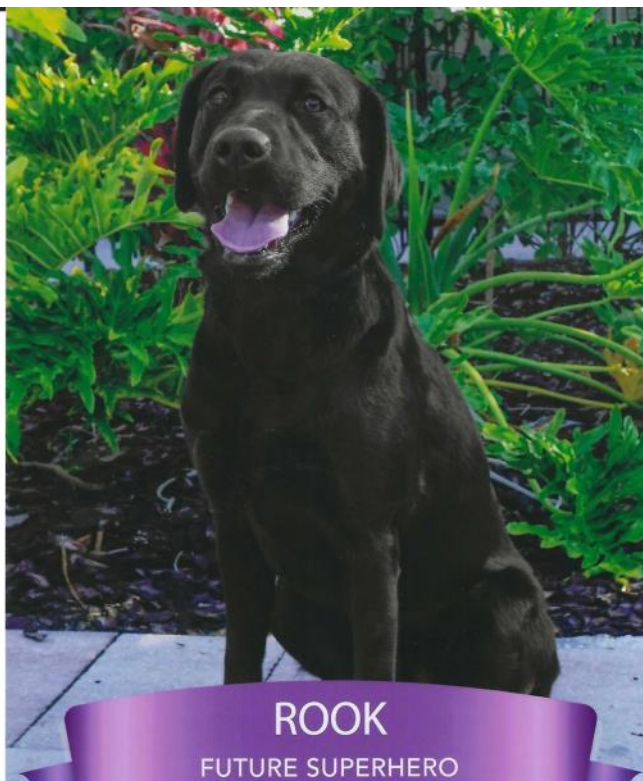
Charity
Fundraiser to
Provide
Service Dogs
for our
Veterans



S&W Bodyguard 2.0

- .380 ACP Semi-Automatic Pistol
- Micro-Compact
- 2.75" Barrel
- Bright Dot Front, U-Notch Rear Sights
- 10+1 and 12+1 Capacity
- 2x Magazines

Do not have to be present to win
Must be 21 years or older to win
Complete Background Check and Pickup at 2nd
Amendment Armory



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

Drew's Views

Be Brilliant at the Basics (B³)

A Good One to Review Again.

While I do not know much about sports, I know this. When the Devil Rays first hit the ice at the James Raymond Arena to begin the season, they do not start practicing Hail Mary kickoffs, quadruple plays, or do lay-ups from the 3-point line. They focus on the basics. Blocking. Tackling. Puck drops. Field goals. Pitching. Bunting. B³ wins games and leads to fun, safe rides.

So, this article focuses on a basic aspect of group riding; the staggered column (SC). First, the **purposes**. The SC is generally the **safest** technique for Group Riding because every rider: 1) can see further ahead and 2) has use of the entire lane if needed. Such as when a rider in front of you does not point out the pothole and you need to swerve. It happens. So please don't follow so close you do not have time to swerve! It could happen.

And on seeing further, let's go to the **1" – 2" Rule**. Rule of thumb: a rider should be able to see the face of rider to their diagonal front in the rider's mirror. This does not work at all speeds though. Good at ~ 25-35 mph, but the faster you go, the more distance you need.

I often get asked "Drew, how many feet should I be from the rider to my diagonal front at 60 mph, a common speed for group rides?" Simple math. 60 mph = a mile a minute. A mile = 5,280' (feet). A minute = 60" (seconds). So here we go. Check out the table, from top to bottom.

Time (seconds)	Distance (feet)
60"	5,280'
30"	2,640'
15"	1,320'
1"	88'

Or another way: $5,280' \div 60" = 88$ feet. Here's another way to look at it. Measured my Road Glide and it is ~ 8' long. So at 60 mph in 1" you travel about the length of 11 Road Glides. Want a better visual?

Picture the TBHD service bay door. Stand in front of it, outside, facing SR 60. Eleven Road Glides lined up tire to tire is about the distance of the overhang. Out to where you step off the curb. So, if we're riding out in the sticks, no need to be any closer than that to the rider to your diagonal front in most cases. Riding too close serves no purpose. ***Riding further apart is safer!***

Let's dig further. We call it the **1" – 2" Rule**, but it's really a guide and situation dependent. When I rode to Sturgis we did the 2" – 4" rule in a staggered column using 2 lanes. We were going a tad faster than 60 mph, so we needed to be further apart, and other vehicles were few and far between. Or let's say we are out in the sticks on a narrow lane and the woods almost come up to the asphalt. We probably need to increase our interval *just in case* an *unseen-until-the-last-second* hazardous condition appears. Single file would work too, especially if it's a long stretch.

Last bit, **well begun is half done** (you can probably tell I like maxims and old sayings ☺). How do we start our rides? Lined up side-by-side in a double column. How many times have we rolled out the back gate riding down Crater Lane and riders must switch sides because we did not start off in the right sequence? Happened the last time we went to Fat Willies and we did not get it straight until MLK. How do we prevent that? Line up axle-to-axle (except trikes) and the rider on the left goes first. At red lights & stop signs; also line up side-by-side.

Well begun is half done! Let's ride and have fun!

Drew Moores - OTC Safety Officer





- August 1st – International Beer Day
- August 2nd – National Sunflower Day
- August 11th – School Starts Hillsborough County
- August 19th – National Humanitarian Day
- August is International Peace Month

Ladies of Harley:

Thank you to all who were able to come out and join me at Pottery Place, it was a fun and enjoyable afternoon. All the pottery items came out beautiful. Just a couple of notes for the upcoming month. Saturday, August 2nd is the Dealer Appreciation Lunch. We decided on a taco bar; we are in need of the condiments to go with the taco bar. If you can't bring food or would like to donate money, we accept that too. We will use the money collected to purchase what we are short of. Please let me know if you would like to bring a condiment item or would like to donate towards the lunch. Our Dealership is an important part of our Chapter, and this is how we show our appreciation to them. Also, anyone that can volunteer to help set up that morning please let me know. We will need to be there by 10 to start the setup so we can start serving at 11. Please also remember school starts this month and to be extra careful and on the lookout for children.

With the upcoming months being very busy with events it is harder to plan events. If one can be planned before the end of the year, I will post it on Facebook and make sure Pete gets it for the Bullshots.

Again, a big thank you goes out to all the Ladies of Harley for all that you do, and the friendships gained through our organization. You all make this a great organization to be part of.

Upcoming LOH Events:

LOH Meeting August 5th – Portillos

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
July 11, 2025

Chapter member Colleen Mercer introduced the 2025 officers: Secretary: Monica Byrnes, Treasurer: Kathy Reimann, Assistant Director: Harry Werner, and Past Director: David Brown (standing in for Director Dennis Adams).

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Past Director David Brown and AD Harry Werner.

The American Flag presented by Ron Lorch and we said The Pledge of Allegiance.

There was one (1) representative from Tampa Bay Harley Davidson Dealership. Marty Cusack who is also a Chapter Member.

David discussed Ride 365. He stated that we are currently in eighth place. If we remain in the top ten, one of our members will have a chance for a \$5k custom paint job.

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.

If you are interested in placing an Ad in our Newsletter, please see Patty Kopcho.

Harry stated that the next Paws for Patriots meeting will be Thursday, July 17th at the Dealership. He thanked Dan Ellis for his help in securing the guns for the Paws for Patriots Gun Raffle.

There was no Guest (s) in attendance.

Robin Bacchus said that we currently have 150 members.

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

Treasurer - Kathy Reimann gave her report.

Activities Director - Renee Adkins presented the awards to the game night winners: Len Goellner, Robin Bacchus, Brad Sauders, Harry Werner, and Don Amberg. She stated that the next Paws Planning Meeting will be July 17. Movie night planned for August 16

Ladies of Harley Officer –Bonnie Amberg said that the next LOH Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15th at Beef O 'Brady's. Dealer Appreciation lunch will be August 2nd. Bonnie stated that she will be driving to St. Augustine for the Chapter overnight ride in October and if anybody is looking for a ride, she would be happy to take them.

Merchandise Officer – Pam Mangiaracina advised that the patches came in and available for sale. If you are looking for a special T-shirt, please see Pam so she can add it to the “next order list.

Safety Officer - Drew Moores said that the next Welcome Wagon Meeting will be on Sunday July 13th, the Welcome Wagon Ride is going to Ybor Grill, a 20-mile ride.

Head Road Captain - Gary Stein thanked Bonnie Amberg and the Ladies of Harley for providing the Road Captain Appreciation Dinner. Here are the rides scheduled for July:

July Rides

- 7/1 – Fatburger – Pete Barack
- 7/5 – Breakfast Station – Gary Stein
- 7/6 - Cali – Brandon – Joe Hall
- 7/8 – Hooters – David Brown
- 7/12 – Founders Ride – Cracker's Bar and Grill – David Brown

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7/13 – Welcome Wagon – Ybor Grill – Drew Moores
 7/15 – Tuesday Night Dinner Ride/LOH – Beef O’ Brady’s – Gary Stein
 7/19 – The Parkway Tavern – Bob Backus
 7/19 – Sturgis – David Brown
 (7/19 through 7/31 - Sturgis)
 7/20 – Chowder House – Randy Hutchinson
 7/22 – Cici’s Pizza – Dennis Adams
 7/25 – Wicked Cantina – Bob Monroe
 7/27 – Pudgees Eatery and Market – Robi Bacchus
 7/29 – O’Briens Irish Pub – Harry Werner

If you are interested in becoming a Road Captain, please see Gary Stein.

Next Board Meeting will be July 16.

David stated that you can contact Membership Officer, Robin Bacchus, to join the Chapter and/or go to the website for additional information and forms.

Harry said any member who rides 777 one-way miles in one month’s time will receive the 777 patch. If you complete the ride in any subsequent year, you will receive a year patch. Overnight ride miles are not included in obtaining the 777 status.

The next time will have a 777 month will be in November.

Harry and David 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 within a calendar month that have not previously received that award within the calendar year.

There were ten (10) Posse Patches awarded in June.

Old Town Posse Patch	
Jack Hinton	
Patty Kopcho	
Lisa Branson	
Chris Coles	
Len Goellner	
Marlene Monroy	
Sandy Souders	
Marty Cusack	
Theresa Foecking	
Bonnie Long	

Rider of the Month – As of 6/30/25

Rider of the Month - General Membership		
Ed Johns	1st	424
Steve Byrnes	2nd	413
German Pinto	3rd	354

Rider of the Month - Board Member/ Road Captains		
Don Amberg	1st	553
Joe Hall	2nd	493
Harry Werner	3rd	399

Member of the Month – As of 6/30/25

Member of the Month - General Membership		
Ed Johns	1st	8
Mack McElvenny	2nd	7
Lisa Branson	2nd	7
Larry Snyder	2nd	7
Luigi Cavallaro	2nd	7
Jorge Giraldo	3rd	6
Gary Goff	3rd	6
Bonnie Long	3rd	6
Colleen Mercer	3rd	6
Marlene Monroy	3rd	6
Marcia Pembelton	3rd	6
German Pinto	3rd	6
Barry Shapiro	3rd	6
Edi Shapiro	3rd	6

Member of the Month - Board Member/Road Captains		
Joe Hall	1st	12
Dennis Adams	2nd	11
Don Amberg	2nd	11
Becky Reimann	2nd	11
Deb Speicher	2nd	11
Harry Werner	3rd	10

Year to Date Stats - Member and Rider Stats

Rider of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Miles
Dan Evans	5854
James Schmitz	4182
Steve Kolacki	2770
Luigi Cavallaro	2694
Larry Snyder	2619
Steve Byrnes	2565

Rider of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Miles
David Brown	5850
Bob Backus	5597
Cal Reimann	3668
Don Amberg	3496
Harry Werner	3253
Crafton Price	2784

Member of the Year - General Membership	
Name	Points
James Schmitz	84
Daniel Evans	59
Steve Byrnes	55
Larry Snyder	54
Luigi Cavallaro	48
Sheri Philhower	38

Member of the Year - Board Member/Road Captains	
Name	Points
David Brown	85
Cal Reimann	82
Bob Backus	80
Gary Stein	63
Harry Werner	56
Don Amberg	55
Kathy Reimann	55



David stated that OTC Members earned a total of 439 event points in June and have ridden a total of 100,451 miles in 2025.

Year to Date Miles Ridden	100451
Year to Date Miles Available	7074
Year to Date Points Participated	2540
Year to Date Points Available	103
2nd Quarter Miles Ridden	57977
2nd Quarter Miles Available	4240
2nd Quarter Points Participated	1278
2nd Quarter Points Available	52
June Miles Ridden	13787
June Miles Available	614
June Points Participated	439
June Points Available	16

Monthly challenge question for the February Newsletter – Di Cusack

In addition to our normal activities, there was an auction for PAWS 4 PATRIOTS. Luigi took the stage to model a jacket for the membership.

There will be additional auctions for PAWS at future meetings.

It was suggested that our members come prepared to share in the fun.

Ride Lotto – Roll Over

Newsletter Reader – Terri Lynn Goodrich

T-shirt ride – Gary Stein

Name Tag drawing – Robin Bacchus

Secret Greeter was Joe Hall, and the winner was: Paul Keeney

General Raffles: 1) Chris Coles; 2) Frank Hudgens; 3) Luigi Cavallaro

50/50 drawing – Theresa Foecking

The next Chapter Meeting will be June 6th.

The meeting concluded at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Byrnes, Secretary

2025 OTC Membership \$30.00

Like what you see? Member of the National Harley Owners Group? New Membership forms will be found on our website @

<http://www.oldtownhog.com> or are available from our Membership Officer or any OTC Road Captain. \$30.00 covers the entire year of 2025.

Complete a membership form and submit it with payment to: Old Town Chapter.

**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.



OLD TOWN HOG CHAPTER – BRANDON FL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2025

The meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Director Dennis Adams.

Board Members Present: Dennis Adams, David Adkins, Renee Adkins, Bonnie Amberg, Robin Bacchus, Lori Bacchus, Bob Backus, Dan Balla, Pete Barack, David Brown, Len Goellner, Joe Hall, Jack Hinton, Patty Kopcho, Mike Mangiaracina, Pam Mangiaracina, Drew Moores, Mike Parker, Crafton Price, Becky Reimann, Cal Reimann, Kathy Reimann, Debbie Speicher, Gary Stein, Harry Werner

Board Members Missing: Monica Byrnes, Craig Collet

Guests Present: Don Amberg

Past Directors: Robin Bacchus, David Brown, Cal Reimann, Marty Roland, Paul Fore, Rick Vincent

Past Directors Missing: Marty Roland, Paul Fore, 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. Minutes taken by Becky Reimann

Membership Officer: Robin Bacchus reported 150 members with 1 on waiver

Head Road Captain: Gary Stein stated that we have 17 active Road Captains. He reminded everyone that you should always consult the various weather apps if there are concerns about conditions for a ride, but to remember that there will be a Bull Shots sent out if a ride is being cancelled due to inclement weather.

Senior Road Captain: Bob Backus – all good

Jack Hinton – Advised that the Wreaths Across America is back on for this year. More info will follow upon receipt of further details.

David Brown – all good

Communication Officer: Pete Barack – all good

Safety Officer: Drew Moores – stated he was pleased that the videos seem to be going over well at the Welcome Wagon Class/Discussion meeting

Ladies of Harley Officer: Bonnie Amberg – Dealership Appreciation August 2nd would include a Taco Bar as well as other goodies and desserts for TBHD. The LOH TNDR and meeting went well but the space available at the Beef O Brady Location in Valrico was really too small for our usual group. Next two meeting locations have been confirmed.

Activities – Renee Adkins – Movie Night August 16th starting at 6:30 P.M. The movie to be shown is not yet finalized. She thanked everyone who attended Game Night as it was a great success. The theme for this year's OTC Christmas Party is going to be "A White Christmas". She will be looking for volunteers to help decorate, etc. after the P4P event is completed.

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Fundraising Officer: Len Goellner – encouraged donations of items other than T-shirts for the Chapter Meeting giveaways.

Harley Davidson Representative: Kat Jensen – Presented a one-page handout for folks that purchase a new bike from TBHD. It highlights joining HOG and registering your bikes on the HOG 365 website and includes info about joining the Brandon Old Town HOG Chapter. It includes an application form for the HOG Chapter.

Parliamentarian: Dan Balla – all good.

Merchandise Officer: Pam Mangiaracina and Mike Mangiaracina – Still taking orders for specific shirts size and color. Once we get sufficient requests, she will request funds for a shirt order.

Public Relations: Patty Kopcho – advised that one of the Newsletter ads had renewed and funds were turned over to the Treasurer for deposit.

Hugs: Becky Reimann – A few cards were sent out in June to members as needed.

Webmaster: Craig Collet – Not in attendance.

Newsletter Editor: Cal Reimann – Thanked everyone that has already submitted their articles which are due by the 20th of the month.

Photographer: Debbie Speicher – All good.

Historian: Crafton Price – all good

Members at Large: Joe Hall – David Adkins – all good- **Lori Bacchus** – all good - **Mike Parker** – all good

Assistant Director: Harry Werner – Brought in samples of the P4P T-shirt for the 2025 Clay Shoot event. Due to pricing considerations, Mission BQ will not be the caterer for the 2025 event. Instead, it will be Bubba's BBQ with a comparable menu and pricing that was in line with the 2024 catering costs.

Past Directors:

Cal Reimann – All good

Robin Bacchus – All good

David Brown – Advised that he will be leading a Gatlinburg, TN ride in 2026 and that Rick Vincent will be assisting with it.

Open Discussion: Dennis Adams – Bike night will be starting again in October. He is still working on the logistics, etc. for potentially moving the Chapter meetings to the Dealership. The office space upstairs is now available for OTC for storage of T-shirts, records, etc.

Gary Stein – Questioned whether a member must provide proof of having a motorcycle endorsement on their license in order to ride with the Chapter. Dennis will contact Bruce Motta to see what National's position is on this issue.

Bob Backus - Advised that the Gun Raffle tickets were now available and encouraged members to sell them through their work networks and other places outside the Chapter.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Reimann – standing in for Monica Byrnes

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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.

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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.

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
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August 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL Social Hour 6-7:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	2 Blue collar Burger KSU @ 4pm from RaceTrac 7846 US-301 Riverview, 28mi, 0RS, 1.5 hrs. RC Robin Bacchus Dealership Appreciation Lunch 12-1pm
3 Welcome Wagon Talk Welcome Wagon Ride - O'Brien's Pub KSU @ 11am from TBHD, 44mi, 0RS, 1.25hrs RC/SO Drew Moores	4	5 TNDRL/LOH Mtg - Portillo's 1748 W Brandon Blvd, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD RC Leslie Monroe	6 Board Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	7 PAWS Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm	8	9 The Rusty Pelican KSU @ 9:30am from 7-Eleven (S Falkenburg & Palm River Rd), 39 mi, 0 RS, 1.25 hrs. RC Bob Monroe
10 The iconic Skipper's Smokehouse KSU @ 10:25am from RaceTrac S. Kings and Lumsden Rd) 68 mi, 0RS 1.35hrs. RC Don Amberg	11	12 Shamrock Ale House 7805 Temple Terrace Hwy @ 7pm from TBHD RC Cal Reimann	13 Road Captains Meeting 6:30pm. TBHD Classroom	14	15	16 The Breakfast Company KSU @ 7:30am from Wawa (US-301 & Summerfield Crossing Blvd), 44 mi, 0 RS, 1.25 hrs. RC Pete Barack T-Shirt Ride Movie Night at TBHD – 6:30 -9pm
17 Evening in Ellenton: Anna Maria Oyster Bar KSU @ 5:05pm from TBHD, 60 miles, 0RS, 1.5 hrs. RC Leslie Monroe	18	19 JF Kicks 3345 Lithia Pinecrest, KSU @ 7pm from TBHD SRC Bob Backus	20	21	22	23 Dogs Inc/The Greyson KSU @ 9:15AM from Wawa, 13026 US 301 @ Summerfield Crossing, 36mi, 0RS, 2.5hrs. RC Harry Werner
24 3 Bulls Tavern & Brewery KSU @ 9:30am from RaceTrac 6050 State Rd 60, Plant City, 80mi. 1 R/S, 2.5hrs. RC Capt. Jack Hinton	25	26 Glory Days 11310 Causeway Blvd., KSU @ 7pm From TBHD SRC David "Figure 8" Brown	27	28	29 Helen Ride KSU 5:30am, Flying J, 22957 SR-52, San Antonio, 592 mi, 5 RS, 12.5 hrs. RC/Dir. Dennis Adams	30 Smokey Bones KSU @ 9:45am from 7-11 914 S. Falkenburg Rd. 50mi, 0RS, 1.5hrs RC Cal Reimann
31 Popi's Place KSU @ 8am from RaceTrac (Causeway & Falkenburg), 58mi. 0R/S, 2hrs RC Randy Hutchinson Helen – Day 3 RC Rick Vincent	1 Hwy 75 & Route 52 to Tampa KSU @ 6:30am from Helen Welcome Center , 592 mi., 5RS, 12.5 hrs. RC Dir Dennis Adams					Helen – Day 2 RC Rick Vincent

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



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