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Director's Notes

Recently, we've had a few chapter members that I would like to highlight that have stepped up and out to help the chapter. At the last chapter meeting, we had three volunteers that helped us with the new seating arrangement and coffee. For that help, I want to extend a special thanks to **Marty Roberts, Candy Miller and Mark Manley**. In addition, Marty Roberts has offered to coordinate and connect HOG members going to Daytona into groups. Contact information was sent out to HOG members in a chapter e-mail, Thanks Marty. The Road Captains Class held in February was an outstanding suc-



cess by the input we've received. I want to extend a special thanks to Head Road Captains Dan Beeman and Wes Lewis for taking the lead on this training. Assistant Director Nathan Zaharis, Safety Officer Jerry Coney and

Activities Officer Jeanne "Ironheart" Giuliani and others played a special part in making this training such a successful event. There were more than 40 in attendance with representation from at least three other riding clubs in town. We are looking forward to the **Group Riding** class, that will follow a similar format, (Continued on page 2)

**It's Membership
Renewal Time!!**

If you haven't paid your 2011 HOG Chapter dues, Doug Brewer will be on hand before and during the meeting to cheerfully accept them.

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on Saturday March 26th, 9AM at Capital City Harley-Davidson. Please RSVP to [Dan](#) and [Wes](#) so they can have enough materials.

As HOG members, we have the opportunity to share with others our passion and interest in motorcycling, H-D and HOG. You can share your experience and passion with a new or aspiring rider by helping them through the learning curves of our sport and inviting them to the Group Riding class next month. HOG also has a "Share Your Spark TM" information kit that will help you. Currently, these kits are available while supplies last to HOG members for FREE, and are normally sold for \$5 each, just visit www.harley-davidson.com/spark for more information.

Did you know that Harley-Davidson sells more motorcycles in the U.S. to people under the age of 35 than any other motorcycle company? The latest issue of HOG, page 10 outlines the results of a study that found at the beginning of 2008 the top-selling brand in sales of new on-road motorcycles to young adults aged 18-34.

As a chapter, lets reach out and show everyone that Tallahassee HOG is the friendliest chapter by sharing your Spark and mentoring others.

Be safe and see you on the road.

Barry

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MEETING NOTICE March 2011

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The meeting begins at 10:00AM, and as always we will have coffee and carbs, starting at 9:30AM.

The after-meeting lunch ride is to the Spring Creek Restaurant, located in an old fishing community that is virtually unchanged over the last 50 years. This Florida secret is a family-owned and operated restaurant that has been serving the finest of local seafood, much caught by their own boats since 1977. Road Captains are [Jeanne Giuliani](#) (850-251-7920) and [Glen Harrell](#) (229-977-3260).

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Safety Corner

BY Jerry Coney, Chapter Safety Officer



This month's safety presentation, "Riding two up" was requested by a chapter member and as I previously said, I will make every effort to address safety concerns brought to my attention.

Riding two up is not something that most of us do the majority of the time we are on the bike. So when there is a passenger on the bike, especially when there hasn't been one in a while, there may be an adjustment period for the rider as well as the passenger.

But before we get to the passenger, there are some pre-ride issues that need your attention. Make sure your bike has sufficient ground clearance when the bike is leaned over during cornering. Limited clearance is exacerbated when a passenger is aboard which compresses the suspension more reducing clearance, and can result in contact between the bike and the road's surface. The "contact" can be reduced or eliminated by increasing the turning radius of the corner; by reducing entry speed when beginning the turn and by adding throttle while the bike is leaned over.

Additionally, check your tire pressures as the rear tire will need somewhere between 3 to 6 lbs of additional air pressure. Refer to your owner's manual for the exact pressure for your bike. If you have air adjustable shocks, check their pressure and refer to your manual for the recommended pressure for carrying a passenger. Extra care is required when increasing the pressure in the shocks, as a "regular" tire pressure hose can easily over-fill and damage the shock. An air pump specifically designed for air shocks is recommended. If your bike is not equipped with air shocks, your shocks can still be adjusted by using a tool specifically designed to increase the tension on the shocks when carrying passengers.

Now to the passenger; point out the obvious dangers on the bike such as the hot exhaust pipes and other areas of the bike that, when contacted, could result in burns. Instruct the passenger to keep their feet firmly on the foot pegs, even while the bike is stopped, and make them aware that they need to avoid sudden moves or turning around that might affect the bikes balance and operation.



Tell them to firmly hold onto to you or a passenger hand rail if your bike is so equipped, or the seat strap, however; the latter is the least desirable and will not keep them from moving forward during a hard stop.

Explain that the bike is by necessity leaned over when negotiating a turn and to follow your lead. Take extra care with inexperienced passengers, they are not used to leaning over through

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Jerry Coney on Safety

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turns and they may have an unexpected reaction that could present balance or operational issues.

Do not allow a passenger, to nod off or nap while riding. If allowed to do so, their weight will essentially become unstable dead weight that could easily result in stability problems.

Make sure the passenger is properly attired; boots, leather jacket, chaps (recommended wear), helmet (recommended) as per State law where you will be riding and gloves.

Breaking procedures will absolutely be affected by a passenger. If you can, practice breaking with a passenger, especially an emergency stop. Remember, that essentially the passenger has little to nothing to hold onto and their body weight will shift during a hard breaking situation. This will likely result in either a light bump or with the passenger physically slamming into you and pushing you forward which would affect your control of the bike. Also bear in mind that with more weight over the rear wheel, your breaking ability with the real wheel is enhanced but it comes with its own set of issues.

Virtually all aspects of handling the motorcycle change with a passenger on board. Your motorcycle will respond slower with a passenger on board, and, the heavier your passenger, the longer it will take you to slow down, speed up or make a turn. More time and distance will be needed for passing. If you haven't had a passenger on the bike in quite some time, take your time and re-acclimate yourself to all the nuances that come with riding two up. Above all, ride safe and have a good time, both you and your passenger!

Jerry

Welcome New HOG Members

MARCH 2011

BY: Cindy Dady

Take advantage of this great weather and don't miss the Tally HOG Club rides and events planned for this Spring. Renew old friendships and make some new ones along the way. That's what it's all about! Enjoy the ride, Cindy



Jim Robertson (JR)

Occupation: Retired Systems Manager for Medicaid computer system for the State of Florida.

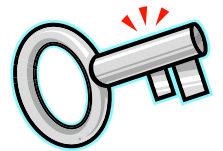
Ride/s: 2006 Screamin' Eagle Ultra Classic, 2003 100-year anniversary edition Dyna Wide Glide

Hobbies: Other than riding, I spend a lot of time working with my dogs, playing card games and dominoes, reading, watching movies and cooking. Mostly, I ride a lot. Lots of cross-country rides.

Charles Snelson
Eddie Kilpatrick

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Password News!!



After much debate and a consultation with HOG National, we have decided to change the password to ALL of our online editions to one simple, recurring password. The new password for the on-line version of the HOG Pen is ●●●●●●

HAHAHA, Just kidding, a little pressroom humor slipped out there. The real password is now **tallyhog**, not case sensitive. It will not change yearly, just one password, all the time.

Member's Corner

Feedback on our Road Captain Training

February 26, 2011

Barry,

I'm forwarding my thoughts on today's RC class at CCHD. Overall, it was an excellent experience for everyone who attended. Dan's explanation of the difference between education and training during the overview was important. He clearly identified the building blocks of going from classroom to the field (trip) with our newly acquired knowledge, thus making the day's event the "total package." The only thing future RC's will need is more experience of leading actual rides. The unknowns that can and will be presented to fledgling RCs on a real ride with real HOG members will certainly fill in any voids from today's training.

I estimate the crowd at about 45, including a large contingent of non-HOG members. That says a lot about the quality of your current Road Captains. They obviously know what they're talking about and have the credibility to be recognized as "experts" if that many people from other clubs/groups want to attend. I am always amazed at how well Dan, Wes, and Nathan communicate so clearly the point they are making. Not just today, but in all our meetings. Today's presentation was well organized, well discussed with appropriate visual aides and peppered with personal experiences which added further clarity to their point. Good job Dan, Wes, Jeanne, Nathan, Kevin and Jerry.

During the group ride, we all had a chance to discuss the success of the ride which was conducted by the apprentice RCs. I believe many valid points were brought up by both current

RCs and other participants. No one was denied the opportunity to voice an opinion or bring up another way of "skinning the cat". Some ideas were better than others, but the professionalism of the RCs ensured all were heard. In my group, Kevin, Jerry and Dan did a great job managing a wide range of rider experiences. We had a newbie, (first time on a group ride), some experienced riders, and of course, people like me, the Jurassic era rider (you know, older that dirt and just as capable as dirt on two wheels). Riding herd on that kind of disparity of rider skills was a true testament to their leadership abilities. Good job Jerry, Kevin, and Dan.

I'm sure whoever scheduled this event has an in with the weather Gods. Perfect Day. Period.

The only hiccup was that 80% of us, me included, were not courteous enough to email or call an RSVP to Dan or Wes that we would attend. I apologize. They deserved a call. I failed to read the informative handout closely enough to realize a call ahead of time was appropriate. My bad.

Overall the training was great, the weather was great, and the leadership from your RCs was great. Could not have asked for more. Well, maybe free gas!

Thanks and thanks to CCHD for supporting all our activities,

Rick Hendricks

P.S. If I missed naming any of the other RCs that were present, my apologies. They all contributed to the success of the day! Now, on to those pesky domestic chores.....



The Tallahassee HOG Challenge



DEADLINE EXTENSION APRIL 29TH A HOG Challenge Coin

Many active and former members of the US military have a longstanding tradition of carrying a special coin symbolizing their military service and unit identity. It is called a Challenge Coin, and it identifies the holder

as a member of one of these elite groups. Those who take a Harley-Davidson® roaring across the open road are bonded in brotherhood much in the same way as those who have worn our nation's colors with pride.

Tallahassee HOG will be creating our own challenge coin and *we need artwork for a heads and tails side of the coin*. Since the newsletter logo contest last year was such a success, the board recommended we try it again with our challenge coin.



Rules for the coin are simple;

1. The design needs to be original artwork, motorcycle oriented, and have a hog, pig or other appropriate character in it.
2. The coin will be approximately 1.5" in diameter, so your artwork should fit well in a circle and be reducible to that size. If you Google challenge coin or HOG challenge coin, you will find examples,
3. PLEASE do not copy any of their artwork or infringe on H-D® or HOG® trademarks. Entries containing copyrighted material or trademarks will not be considered.
4. Entries must be submitted by e-mail to Barry@tallahasseehog.net by Friday ~~March 25th~~ April 29th, 2011.

Submissions will be presented to the membership for a vote at the April 9th **May 14th, 2011** meeting for a vote.

Tallahassee HOG Chapter #0737

2011 Upcoming Activities

Editor's note: More information on our ride schedule is available on our website, www.tallahasseehog.net Click Activities, and open activities calendar.

Please direct any questions or suggestions regarding rides to Wes Lewis (harleywes@gmail.com - 850-524-7250) or Dan Beeman (danbeeman@embarqmail.com - 850-556-6076), our Head Road Captains. If a ride has a specific contact mentioned, please utilize that person.

Closed (C) events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and one guest per member.

Member (M) events are events that are open only to current H.O.G. members.

Open (O) events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members, and other guests as desired.

Non-Hog activities are included in our activities listings as a service to our members. These listings are accurate to the best of our knowledge; however since they are not our events we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the "Non-HOG" listings.

All rides are Rain or Shine ... on 2 wheels or 4! If you're not sure, call your RC!

Saturday, March 12th - Chapter Meeting (C)

The meeting starts at 10AM at Capital City Harley-Davidson; social begins at 9:30AM with coffee, donuts and bagels. We'll have a dealership presentation, info on upcoming rides and activities, a 50/50 drawing, and more! The after-meeting lunch ride is to the [Spring Creek Restaurant](#), located in an old fishing community that is virtually unchanged over the last 50 years. This Florida secret is a family-owned and operated restaurant that has been serving the finest of local seafood, much caught by their own boats since 1977. Road Captains are [Jeanne Giuliani](#) (850-251-7920) and [Glenn Harrell](#) (229-977-3260).



Sunday, March 13th - Daylight Saving Time Begins



Wednesday, March 16th - Mental Health Ride (C)

Lay out of work ride for all riders that want to skip a day of work. Meet at Centerville Road Publix at 9AM; KSU at 9:30AM for a good day of riding with Good Friends that WON'T tell! Jim has a scenic route picked out and it's **not** to Boston, GA! Road Captains are [Jim Berhalter](#) (850-445-2366) and [Jan Berryman](#) (850-508-7985).

Friday, March 18th - Full Moon Ride (C)

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 6PM; KSU at 6:30PM. Destination is Posey's in Panacea, FL, for great seafood and cold adult beverages. Road Captains are [Billy Dice](#) (850-295-2404) and [Ross Stott](#) (850-443-2068).

Sunday, March 20th - Lunch Ride (C)

Meet at Centerville Road Publix at 9:30AM; KSU at 10AM. Destination is [Rachel's Cafe](#) in the small fishing town of Steinhatchee, FL. The special of the day is always worth a try and the seafood is guaranteed fresh. Road Captains are [Billy Dice](#) (850-295-2404) and [Glenn Harrell](#) (229-977-3260).

March Rides (Continued)

Saturday, March 26th - Group Riding Orientation (C)

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 9AM. We will be conducting a Group Riding Orientation for those interested in learning or refreshing their group riding skills. This is a must for those who have recently purchased a new bike. We will show the Riders' Edge video, go over the Tallahassee HOG Best Practices, and then will take a short group ride. Please contact the Head Road Captains [Wes Lewis](mailto:Wes.Lewis@tallahasseehog.com) (850-524-7250) or [Dan Beeman](mailto:Dan.Beeman@tallahasseehog.com) (850-556-6076) so enough materials are available. We need more RC's to assist with the training too!

MARCH 2011 ACTIVITIES



Spring is here (finally!) and we have lots of great rides and events planned for the next few months. Check out our website (www.tallahasseehog.com) for more info. And don't forget ... for every HOG ride or meeting you attend, you get a point toward our License to Ride Contest.

It's almost time to register for the 2011 Florida State HOG Rally too! We will keep you posted on when registration opens in March and we hope that many of our HOG members will pre-register early. We're also hoping to win the "most pre-registered members" title this year too! The dates of the Rally are Oct 19-22, 2011, but whether you plan to go for all four days or only two, mark your calendar and make your hotel reservations early. This year we're planning to have organized rides to the Rally and chapter group activities during the Rally. We will also be giving away one free Rally registration fee reimbursement at each of our upcoming meetings through September! So be sure to buy door prize ticket(s) at the meeting for a chance to win!



And if you haven't already turned in your odometer reading, please be sure to bring it to the meeting or email it to [Jeanne](mailto:Jeanne@tallahasseehog.com) before you start to ride this year. We want to find out how many miles our HOG chapter rides in 2011! For more information or to download the form, please visit the Activities page on our website.

If you have any questions about any of our activities, please let me know. Thanks!

Ride Safe!



Jeanne

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Sponsored by Tallahassee H.O.G.



\$15 @ rider \$10 @ passenger \$5 extra play sheet

Best Hand: 50" flat screen plasma TV (\$900 value)

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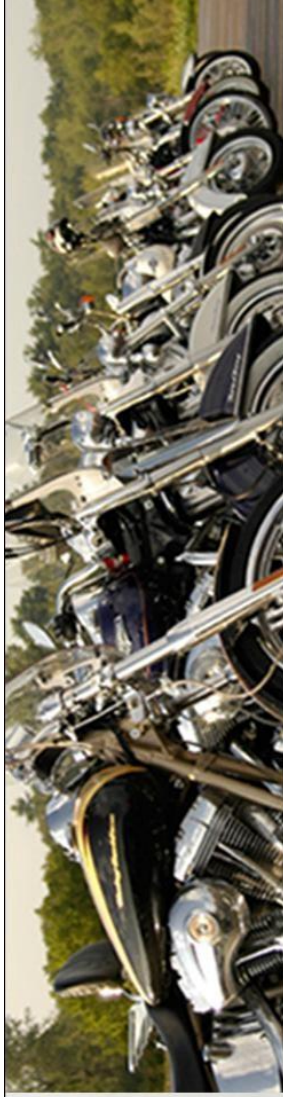
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Thank you for YOUR support. For more information, please go to www.djjfoundation.org.

TALLAHASSEE HOG GROUP RIDING ORIENTATION



Tallahassee HOG is conducting a Group Riding Orientation for those interested in learning or refreshing their group riding skills. This is a must for those who have recently purchased a new bike!

*Please join us on
Saturday, March 26,
2011, at Capital City
Harley-Davidson.
Class begins at 9am.*



We will show the Rider's Edge Group Riding video and discuss the Tallahassee HOG Best Practices of Group Riding. Afterward, we will go for a group ride and have lunch.



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**If you've ever hesitated riding
in a group ... hesitate no more!
Come ride with us!**

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