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**Cedar Key
Overnight Ride
Saturday, May 21
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Director's Notes

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The riding has been great on our north Florida roads this spring as the heat of summer approaches. However, during April several of our friends and members have been involved in accidents. Riding defensively at all times is **our** responsibility because it doesn't matter if we are in the right; the motorcycle rider will be the one most likely to be injured.



There are potential hazards in every mile of road you travel. You are literally surrounded by people, objects, signs other vehicles and unexpected hazards that can affect

the safety of our ride. I try to constantly scan the vehicles around me, especially at intersections for anyone or anything that could affect my ride. Anticipate the unexpected and

plan a defensive course of action that gives a safe route of escape. To anticipate these threats, I've

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 always focused on the driver, which way are they looking, do they see you, they will be looking in the direction they want to go. Looking at the front wheels of the vehicles could give you another clue of where they are planning to go. Even though we ride one of the biggest bikes in the market, being seen could be a problem. Riding in groups such as on chapter rides, offers a better likelihood of being seen.

Jeanne has planned a great overnight ride to Cedar Key, an easy 3 hour ride for Saturday, May 21st. The chapter has one or two of these rides a year, and they're a great opportunity for those who might be interested in going on a vacation or tour on your bike to learn what to pack and how on an overnight ride with friends. This is not as hard as you might expect and I've learned quite a bit from Mike and Lisa Scott who have traveled the country on their bike.

Finally, I want to thank Nathan, Doug, Kevin, Jerry, Jeanne, Jack, and Wes (aka C.J.) for their time and paying their own way to the HOG Officers Training (HOT) in Jacksonville. HOT gives your board the opportunity to learn how to better lead the chapter and help us all ride together and have fun.

Barry

Send us Your Ride Stories and Pictures

We have Chapter members out there riding every day, in every direction, and we'd like to be able to share your adventures and pictures with the rest of the club! So send in your stories, new restaurants that you find, and some pictures if you can, and we'll include all we can in the HOG Pen. As long as the pictures show up at least 3"x3" on your PC screen, they should be fine to print.

MEETING NOTICE

May 14, 2011

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The meeting begins at 10:00AM, and as always we will have coffee and carbs, starting at 9:30AM.

We'll have a dealership presentation, info on upcoming rides and activities, a 50/50 drawing, and more! After the meeting we will be riding to The Blue Parrot restaurant on beautiful St. George Island with some members of the Painted Rock Chapter from Columbus, GA. Details on page 8.

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Safety Corner

By Jerry Coney, Chapter Safety Officer



This month's article is going to cover a couple of issues, the first of which will be a follow-up to last month's article, and will deal with effectively handling a flat (tubeless) tire while on a ride. The Motor Company and Dealer's primary recommendation for addressing a flat tire is to use your HOG membership, and call for roadside assistance and get your bike towed to a dealership. However, if you would, an adage known as Murphy's Law, that is typically stated as follows: "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong". So even though you are a HOG member in good standing, you could easily find yourself in the middle of nowhere without a cellular signal, and a flat tire. This is where a little bit of *insurance* in the name of a product called "Stop n GO" can be enormously helpful in getting your tubeless tire temporarily patched and getting you back on the road to your destination. Again, I say temporarily patched, for Harley Davidson does not advocate the continuing use of a tire that has been punctured and then repaired.

A Stop n Go kit is fairly small and can easily fit in a tour pak, saddle bag, a fork bag or some other type of storage device. There are a number of repair kits offered, however; all kits use two basic means of injecting a plug into the tire, either a manual tool to inject the plug and the other employs a type of gun to inject the plug. Personally, I find the gun easier to use, but both are functional. Quite, simply, you need to locate the object or hole, probe the hole with an inspection tool, rasp out the hole, load a plug into the gun, and using the gun's lever, pump the handle 4 to 5 times or until it stops thereby injecting the plug into the tire. Once you have injected the plug into the tire, you need to pull on it to firmly seat the plug, and then inflate the tire with a small portable air source, either compressed air cylinders available through Stop n Go, or very compact 12 volt air compressor readily available in the market place. You then need to trim the stem of the plug even with the tread with a provided razor knife, check your tire pressure, and you're set to go. I have personally used this product and found it to be very effective. For further information on the product, the following web site is provided: <http://www.stopngo.com/motorcycle.asp>

The second part of this month's article deals with a behavior common among motorcycle riders when engaged in group riding, which is following what the leader is doing. Another term that was applied to this behavior at the recently attended Hog Officer Training is "Lemming", where folklore talks about lemmings following the pack into group disaster. **DON'T BE A LEMMING!** And by this, I am referring to following the group or leader of a group without regard to or relying upon our own instincts, observations and safe rider skills. The following story was relayed at the training that will bring home the point that each rider is responsible for his or her own safety.

This story is for illustration of a point and is relayed for learning purposes only! A group of

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Jerry Coney *(Continued from page 3)*

bikes were traveling through some elevated and winding two lane roadways in a rural setting, when they encountered a farmer driving a large farm tractor and pulling a trailer loaded with large bales of rolled hay, which effectively obstructed the motorcycle rider's view of the road ahead. The lead bike waited until there was a clear path ahead and proceeded around the slower moving vehicle and he was quickly followed by additional bikes in the group. This continued until there was a perceived opportunity for the last bike in the group to pass, and he followed the lead of the other bikes. Unfortunately, as the last bike accelerated and began to pass the slower moving vehicle, the tractor driver, began a left turn and now obstructed the path of the overtaking motorcycle. The ensuing accident was fatal for the motorcycle rider and occurred primarily by relying on the actions of the rest of the group.

As a rider, no matter what the riding situation, you must RELY on your powers of observation, safety training, and instincts in a given situation. Just because the lead bike and perhaps several others made it through an intersection, or safely passed a slower moving vehicle, that does not equate that the road ahead is clear of traffic, or other dangers. Recall to mind if you would a statistic from February's article in HOG Pen, according to the 2004 issue of Motorcycle Cruiser, in 2001, 76% of all fatal motorcycle accidents involved a frontal collision. The obvious conclusion to be drawn from this is that vast majority of accidents occur from hazards developing right in front of us. So don't rely on what other bikes have safely negotiated, you need to rely on yourself to properly assess the given situation, and take the safest course of action, and don't follow the leader into potential disaster. Ride safe, have fun and don't be a lemming!!!!

New and Renewed HOG Members



May 2011

BY: Cindy Dady

Welcome to our three new members this month who happen to be all ladies! We're glad you chose to join the HOG club. If you have questions or suggestions please contact any of the officers on the board who will gladly address them for you! Be sure to check our website for more info and lots of great photos! We're here to help you get the most out of your membership experience and ENJOY THE RIDE! Blessings, Cindy

New HOG Members

Lisa Williams

Ride: 2006 Sportster

Occupation: Administrative Assistant

at Perry Taylor County Chamber of Commerce

Dorothy North

Connie Reeder

Welcome Back!

Ken Baer

Jim Sciara



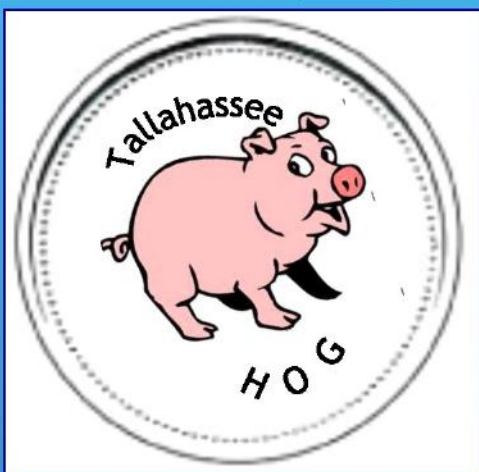
April Lunch Ride

Random Member Pictures

Our much beloved and one-and-only Harley Wes was cleaning out his digital camera recently and found that he had been carrying around a bunch of pictures of our members from last year. He sent these pictures to me, and he has gotten some really great shots here. They are so good that I wanted to share them with you.



The Tallahassee HOG Challenge



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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 29



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® of 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, 2011.~~ **Sunday, May 29, 2011**

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

MAY 2011 ACTIVITIES



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and we hope that everyone rides safe this month and all year long! Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is a national initiative aimed at getting motorists and motorcyclists to "share the road" with each other. The State of Florida Department of Transportation created a website, www.ridesmartflorida.com with lots of great information for motorcycle riders and motorist awareness too.

Our overnight ride to Cedar Key is May 21-22. Cedar Key is a treasure of a town nestled among many tiny keys on the Gulf Coast of Florida. It's almost like a tiny Key West, but it's only about 30 miles south of Chief-land. Please let me know if you plan to join us for dinner Saturday, as I'll be making a reservation, at the Island Room Restaurant at Cedar Cove. We hope you'll ride back with us to meet our Sunday Lunch Ride group in Steinhatchee for lunch at Roy's Restaurant ... then we'll all ride back home together. Please check the ride info in the newsletter or our website for more information.



We found out at the HOG Officers Training (HOT) last month that it might be awhile before online registration is available for the Florida State HOG Rally in Destin, October 19-22. We have printed some registration forms which are available on the sign-in table and we hope that many of you will go ahead and send in your pre-registration. The earlier everyone registers, the better they'll be able to plan events and other activities. They are planning four (4) no charge poker runs with great payouts. Early bird parties are in the planning stages as well as fantastic entertainment too. They're also working on getting the Harley-Davidson Racing Team at the HOG Rally this year! Please keep checking the website (www.flstateHOGrally.com) for more information.

If you have any questions about any of our activities, please let me know. And please check out our website (www.tallahasseehog.com) for more info too. Thanks!

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

Ride Safe!

Jeanne



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. (See page 8)

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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.

Saturday, May 14th - 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 Painted Rock HOG Chapter has planned a Tin Butt Ride and will be riding through and stopping at CCH-D around the time that our meeting will be over. They asked that we lead their group and have invited us to join them for lunch at the coast. We'll be riding to the Blue Parrot on St. George Island since they want to have lunch "on the water!" After lunch, they've invited us to join their ride as far as we'd like to ride with them. They'll be riding out Hwy. 98 to Panama City and north on Hwy. 231 toward Dothan and back to their hometown of Columbus, GA.

Let's help make their chapter feel welcome and join our fellow HOGs on this ride! Road Captains are [Wes Lewis](#) (850-524-7250), [Jerry Coney](#) (954-665-4703), [Tom Johnson](#) (904-509-9493), and [Derrick Westbrook](#) (850-345-8098).

Wednesday, May 18th - 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! Destination is TBD. Road Captains are TBD and [Tom Johnson](#) (904-509-9493).

Friday, May 20th - Full Moon Ride (C)

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 6PM; KSU at 6:30PM. The Full Moon Ride will be rollin' to the river in St. Marks for some of the most elegant dining an oyster bar can provide! There will be live entertainment and plenty of cold beer at the Riverside Cafe. Mark your calendars for this one ... it will only get better when there are more of us together. Road Captains are [Marty Roberts](#) (850-544-1346) and [Mark Miller](#) (850-228-3606).

Saturday, May 21st - Overnight Ride to Cedar Key (C)

We've planned an overnight ride to Cedar Key, treasure of a town nestled among many tiny keys on the Gulf Coast of Florida. It's almost like a tiny Key West, but it's only about 30 miles south of Chief-land. For lodging information, see the flyer on page 10. Please let [Jeanne](#) know ahead of time if you'd like to join our group for dinner Saturday night at 7pm at the Island Room Restaurant. Group ride meets at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 9AM; KSU at 9:30AM. Road Captains on Saturday are [Jeanne Giuliani](#) (850-251-7920), [Chase Wainwright](#) (850-251-9352), [Wes Lewis](#) (850-524-7250), [Mike Scott](#) (850-510-9099), [Glenn Harrell](#) (229-977-3260), [Doug Brewer](#) (850-294-1053), and [Derrick Westbrook](#) (850-345-8098). Road Captains on Sunday to Roy's Restaurant to meet our Sunday Lunch Ride group are [Wes Lewis](#) (850-524-7250) and [Doug Brewer](#) (850-294-1053).

Sunday, May 22nd - Lunch Ride (C)

Meet at Centerville Road Publix at 9:30AM; KSU at 10AM. Destination is Roy's Restaurant in Steinhatchee to meet our group returning from the Cedar Key overnight ride. Road Captains are [Jan Berryman](#) (850-508-7985) and [Tom Brunelle](#) (850-228-2725).



The Wedding Bells Have Rung!!

Congratulations to our very own Jim and Rebecca Berhalter, who tied the knot in a beach-side wedding on May 5th, 2011!! *If you're looking for a nice Sportster, there may be one traded in at CCHD real soon!!* Seriously, congratulations, you two!!



2011 Patriot Tour

We have been invited again this year to participate in the 2011 Patriot Tour in honor of America's Armed Forces - Past, Present, and Fallen. The 2011 Patriot Tour will send the U.S. flag through 48 states over the course of 100 days. It will be passed from dealership to dealership involving HOG chapters from all over the country to accomplish this amazing task. **Our HOG Chapter will receive the Flag on July 5th and escort it to Pensacola on July 6th.**

2011 Patriot Tour official patches are available for those who participate in the tour. Please contact [Dave Grabow](#) (850-294-3647) if you plan to ride and if you'd like to order a patch. The patches are \$7.00 each and need to be ordered in advance. **The deadline to pre-register for the ride and order patch(s) is June 24, 2011.** Most of the proceeds will go to The Nation of Patriots who gives everything to struggling families of disabled veterans.



Also, check out the [Nation of Patriots](#) on [Facebook](#). They're passing around a digital flag and hope to get 100,000 "likes" on Facebook. This tour will prove to be an amazing display of American pride in our Military and our Country. For more information, please visit www.nationofpatriots.org.

Last year we were all able to ride on to the tarmac and get a group pictures with the Blue Angles! We hope to be able to do that again in 2011



Tallahassee HOG Overnight Ride



Our Tallahassee HOG chapter is planning an overnight ride to Cedar Key, FL, May 21-22, 2011. We hope you'll join us on this fun overnight ride!

Cedar Key is a treasure of a town! It's a quiet island community nestled among many tiny keys on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Long admired for its natural beauty and abundant supply of seafood, it is a tranquil village, rich with the almost forgotten history of old Florida. From antiques to art galleries, to fine dining to carryout, you'll enjoy the natural rhythm of island time! Cedar Key is located about 30 miles south of Chiefland.



We have made arrangements to stay at the **Park Place Condominiums**. All units are individually owned and decorated differently! Each unit features a kitchenette and a private balcony facing the Gulf of Mexico to the south-southeast.



Park Place overlooks the City Beach and Park on the Gulf of Mexico. All shops and restaurants are within walking distance. Wireless internet access is available throughout the building at no extra cost.

They normally require a two-night minimum, but have waived this requirement for our

HOG group! **Please mention HOG to get our 1-night, discounted rate** of \$81 plus tax for first and second floor condos and \$85 plus tax for third floor condos with a loft. To see pictures of the rooms or for more info, please visit www.parkplaceincedarkey.com. For information on other places to stay, please visit <http://cedarkey.org/lodging.php>.

Make your reservation early! Call 1-800-868-7963 or 352-543-5938

Please let Jeanne (IronHeart@comcast.net) know ahead of time if you'd like to join our group for dinner Saturday night at 7pm at the Island Room Restaurant. Annie's Café is always a favorite for Sunday morning breakfast too (corner of Hwy. 24 and 6th Street)!

Group ride meets at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 9:00am; KSU at 9:30am.
Road Captains Jeanne Giuliani (850-251-7920) and Chase Wainwright (850-251-9352).