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# Director's Notes

I intended to use this month's article to share a sneak peak of the Homecoming that is being planned for next month, but there has been a bond of secrecy imposed by Homecoming committee chair Wesley Ultra HOG Lewis. But hang on and I'll give you some of the story later.



At the August Chapter meeting, many of you had the opportunity to get your Tallahassee HOG Challenge Coin. Steve War-math did a great job designing this and Kevin Dady worked overtime to get a fast order into the vendor so we could get them here on time. Thanks to both and to all the chapter members who pre-ordered their coins. Now Kevin wants to get them delivered, so if you've already paid up, get to the September meeting and pick up your Challenge Coin. If you don't have your Challenge Coin, YOU'RE IN LUCK because we still have some left to purchase for only \$10 each.

If you remember stories of the Challenge Coin tradition from earlier this year, challenge coins are a symbol of a common bond and history shared by Soldiers in a unit, Sailors on a ship, Marines in a campaign and Law Enforcement Agencies. Even National HOG members have a coin. When-

ever members of these units gather, they challenge each other by "coining." The group's unique coin is slammed on a bar to challenge all in the group to display their own coins; he who is last or does not have his coin must pay a penalty. You, as a Tallahas-

see HOG member, are part of the long tradition of Harley-Davidson and now have your own "Chapter" coin. Coining challenges have not started (yet). Do you want to leave home without one? Don't get caught!! See Kevin at the September meeting and get your Tallahassee HOG Challenge Coin.

Now to the Homecoming Event Wes is planning for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. I asked Wes for something I could share with the members. He

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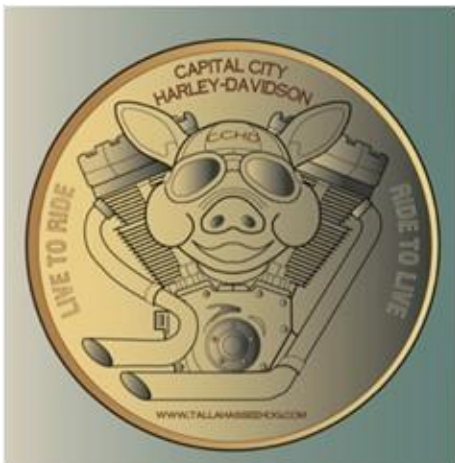
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said there's a tent and food is planned. "Well", I said, "everyone knows that. Tell me about the SCAVENGER HUNT that was so much fun last year." Wes' response- "not yet! Not telling ya anything!"

A bit shocked I asked, "What do you mean - not yet? Jack "da Black" deRemer wants a newsletter article, you've got to give me something." Wes is a very wordy guy, his simple answer- "Nope." Pleading with Wes, I told him that I would really like to have something to share, ANYTHING. Again, a simple answer - "NO WAY, this is big, really big, I can't risk it." Pleading for a short paragraph, a sentence, a few words, or even a picture, "you've got to have something I can use". Wes just shook his head, "No!" Then I figured I'd pull out the big guns. I told him how Jack "da Black" is running around like a wild man with his newsletter deadline. Jack "da Black" has a wild and terrible history and knows How to inflict PAIN. The kind of pain where you don't even know you could hurt.

Wes is HARD CORE, and says "I'm a Tallahassee HOG, I've got hundreds of brothers and sisters and we've got our history and Challenge Coins. Jack "da Black" ain't nothing, let him wait."

Better get your Challenge Coin and stand in line behind hard core Wes!

**MEETING NOTICE****September 10, 2011**

Relief from the Summer Heat!" Our H.O.G meeting will be in **inside the showroom** this Saturday! Thank you Scott H!!!



Our final drawing for free registration for the Florida HOG Rally in October this month!



Dealer Bonus: September 10 is also CCHD's Dealer Demo Day!! Try 'em out, see if one fits!!



After meeting ride is to Carabelle, FL, destination TBA on Saturday, but we promise it'll be a good one!



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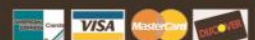
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# Safety Corner



This month we will discuss something that many if not most of us enjoy, and that is riding with friends or Group Riding. Nothing I know of makes a ride more enjoyable than when you get together, impromptu or otherwise, with a group of your best friends and head out for a relaxing ride with or without a designated destination.

However, Group Riding has inherent dangers implicit with riding with multiple bikes, and you need to know the rules of the road before you get out and ride with your friends. There are a myriad of specifics regarding group riding, such as, a pre-ride briefing so everyone understands the hand signals, the route, how long between rest stops and other pertinent instructions relevant to safe riding.

This article will primarily focus on the more basic and general aspects of group riding with the goal of having a safe ride.

Every group, formal or informal will have a group leader, or ride captain and a gunner or sweep rider bring up the rear. It is their responsibility to organize or lead the ride and make sure that everyone gets to the intended destination as safely as possible.

The first order of business would be to meet with the group members and go over a number of issues germane to a safe riding environment. Ensure that all members of the group are gassed-up and personal needs taken care of before the departure. The ride destination will be outlined along with refueling stops and locations for taking a break along the way need to be laid out. Bikes with smaller fuel capacities obviously will need additional considera-

tion in planning refueling locations. The riding skills of individual riders need to be considered and those who are less than comfortable with group riding, need to be accommodated either by being paired up with a more experienced rider, or by placement closer to the gunner where they will not have the pressure of the rest of the group surrounding them. Anyone riding a trike needs to be placed at the very front or at the rear of the formation as trikes will obscure the view of others riders when interspersed in the formation, and obviously they require more of the lane.

The size of the group also needs to be considered, for if the group exceeds significantly beyond 10 bikes, say in the range of 13 to 14 bikes, then you need to consider forming a second group with a second Road Captain and gunner, as the original group will be unwieldy and difficult to maintain control over and keep together. There is no hard and fast rule, but 10 bikes is a general demarcation point for considering a second group.

Communications is key to safe riding in a group and this is accomplished by a CB radio or more commonly via hand signals as most riders do not have a CB Radio. The individual hand signals are important to get the group to do what the Road Captain feels is appropriate, thus passing back hand signals is important even if there is a lack of understanding as to what the signal was.

Prior to the ride these signals will be discussed at length with the group to ensure everyone is familiar with them. However, the signals and their specific purposes is an article in themselves, and a detailed discussion of these signals will be in next month's article.

Recommended riding for a group is a staggered formation. Basically, the driving lane is divided in half with each rider occupying his/her respective



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half of the lane. It is each rider's responsibility to ride in the half of the lane as dictated to by the next rider in front. If the rider in front needs to change lanes for whatever reason to maintain the stagger, then the subsequent riders need to adjust lane position to compensate for the change. The Lead Rider or Road Captain should always start the stagger in the left half of the lane. While in staggered group riding, the normal stagger distance is 1 to 2 seconds, in order to maintain a reasonably tight formation and discourage traffic from cutting into the formation. This means that each rider will be 2 to 3 seconds behind the rider directly in front and using the same half of the lane. When stopped, the group should be two abreast or side by side. When the group resumes travel, the stagger begins anew.

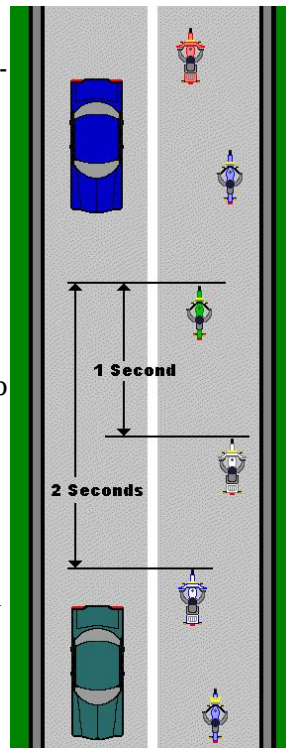
In a winding roadway environment, this staggered formation should be transitioned into a single file riding arrangement which gives individual riders greater leeway in negotiating the winding roadway conditions. Single file formation allows riders greater measure of freedom negotiating curves and enhances the ability to avoid obstacles. When road conditions return to a more normal roadway, then the Road Captain can direct a change back to a staggered formation. These and other directions are at the discretion of the Road Captain and communicated via a CB radio or hand signals.



If during the ride, the group is broken up for whatever reason, then the lead rider of the "second" group should

shift to the left half of the lane if they are not already there. Once a shift occurs, the remaining bikes will follow suit and adjust their positions to reflect the change by the temporary leader of the

second group. Once the second group reconnects with original group, then the bikes will return to their original positions.



The position of the tail gunner can either be where ever the position adjusts to based on the number of bikes in the staggered lineup, or as was suggested in the recent HOG training I attended, the tail gunner should be in the left side of the lane, in the same position as the Road Captain. This suggestion is based on a premise that it allows the gunner a better view of the RC and traffic conditions. I tried this position and in my mind the jury is still out, as it can stretch out the group somewhat and can place two bikes in the same half of the lane behind one another. This would require some additional spacing, as the safety margin between the bikes has been reduced.

If someone encounters a mechanical or some other issue and has to drop out of the formation, it is the gunner's responsibility to stop and render whatever assistance they can to the driver who has the issue. The last bike in the remaining group will now assume the responsibilities of the tail gunner until such time as the assigned gunner returns to the group. If equipped with a CB radio, the gunner will relay this information to the Road Captain and if possible the separated members will rejoin the group at the next scheduled stop.

If during the course of a ride, the group turns onto another road, and the next trailing rider cannot be seen due to traffic, or too much of a lag in the group; the last rider to make the turn should hold at the intersection until the next rider shows up and is able to determine that the group has made a turn. This will keep the group together on the same route even though there may be unforeseen gaps in the formation.

Ride safe and by all means, enjoy riding with a group of your best friends!



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sept 11,2001 Memorial  
 0830 Front Steps of the Old Florida State Capital

For info Call Mike Terhune 850-212-2494



7<sup>th</sup> Annual 9/11  
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 0815 Escort WTC Steel to  
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Jack-

I spoke to you at Starbucks last week and mentioned the memorial ride on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Attached is the flyer containing the information and contact person.

Mike Terhune has worked hard on each ride since 2005. This year he has secured an eleven foot steel beam from one of the Twin Towers that will be escorted from the Wal-Mart on the parkway to the capital building. Can you please pass this on to the membership and any other groups who may be interested? Hope to see you and other HOG members there.

Joe Brannon

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## ACTIVITIES



We hope everyone got a chance to pre-register for the Florida State HOG Rally by the deadline on 9/1. We have our fingers crossed that our Chapter will win the “most pre-registered” award this year! This is our last meeting where you have a chance to win one free Rally registration fee reimbursement, too, so be sure to buy door prize ticket(s) for a chance to win!

We have five rides scheduled over to the Rally, and a big Chapter ride planned for that Saturday in Destin. Check them all out on our October Activities calendar!! [Tally HOG Destin Activities](#)



[www.flstatehogrally.com](http://www.flstatehogrally.com)



We have a special treat this month ... the Ocala HOG Chapter will be visiting us! They were gracious to host us last year on our overnight ride to Ocala and we're happy to return the favor and host them this year! They will be riding to Tally on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! We'd like to have a good turnout from our Chapter and show them our Southern hospitality! Don't worry ... it's an out-of-town game for both FSU and UF!



A few members from our Chapter will be meeting them in Perry to escort them to their hotel in Tallahassee. Then we'll lead them to Capital City Harley-Davidson to meet others from our Chapter and shop! Afterward, we're planning a scenic ride for them which will end at Miller's Ale House for dinner and camaraderie. We are looking for volunteers from our Chapter to be available to greet them at CCH-D and ride with us, Road Captains to help with the scenic ride, and some to hold tables for us at Miller's. We aren't sure yet of their time of arrival and times we need the volunteers, but if you're interested in helping, please sign up at our meeting registration table. All volunteers will receive a License to Ride point (except RCs ... they'll get a star and point toward their Road Ripper pin and patch)! It's going to be a great time to meet and share stories and ideas with fellow HOG members!

A few other activities that we have coming up and look forward to are: our Annual Homecoming on 10/8, our Christmas party on 12/2, and the Toys for Tots Ride on 12/11. Mark your calendars and look for more info to come on these events!

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

Ride Safe!

Jeanne



## Tallahassee HOG Chapter #0737

### 2011 Upcoming Activities

Please direct any questions or suggestions regarding rides to Head Road Captain Wes Lewis ([harleywes@gmail.com](mailto:harleywes@gmail.com) – 850-524-7250) If a ride has a specific contact mentioned, please utilize that contact person.

**More information on our ride schedule is available on our website at [www.TallahasseeHOG.com](http://www.TallahasseeHOG.com). Click on the Activities link and open the “Activities” calendar.**

**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 and the riding community. 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, 3, or 4 wheels! If you're not sure, call your RC!**

#### **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - 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 a Carrabelle surprise! Road Captains are [Mary Youngblood](#) (850-519-0276) and [Glenn Harrell](#) (229-977-3260).

#### **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/11 Ride to Remember (Non-HOG)**

All riders welcome. Meet at 7AM in the Apalachee Parkway Wal-Mart parking lot. At 8:15AM there will be an escorted ride, including a piece of the World Trade Center (WTC) steel, to the front steps of the Old Capitol for a memorial service. Flags are encouraged. There will be t-shirts on sale for \$25 to support the Tallahassee WTC Memorial. For more information, please contact Mike Terhune, with the Fire & Iron Motorcycle Club, at 850-212-2494.

#### **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 9 AM; KSU at 9:30 AM for a good day of riding with Good Friends that WON'T tell! Destination is Deal's Famous Oyster House 2571 West US Highway 98 in Perry, FL. Great Seafood plus steaks, burgers, salads and sandwiches for the non-seafood lovers. The food is worth the ride. Road Captains are [Jan Berryman](#) (850-508-7985) and [Toni McDonald](#) (850-545-2148).

#### **September 14-18<sup>th</sup> - 14th Annual Bainbridge Bike Fest - Non-HOG**

Please visit [www.bainbridge-bikefest.com](http://www.bainbridge-bikefest.com) for more details on events, lodging, etc.

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### Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Lunch Ride (C)

Meet at the Centerville Road Publix at 9:30AM; KSU at 10AM. This is the MB2 ride ... the "let's try it again" Mexico Beach 2 ride! We didn't get to go in July because of the weather, so we're trying it again! Destination is Toucan's Restaurant on beautiful Mexico Beach. This ride is approximately 100 miles. We will stop in Blountstown for a drink/snack/gas break then ride through Wewahitchka to Mexico Beach. We will return via scenic Hwy. 98. For more info or to see the menu, please visit [www.toucansmexicobeachfl.com](http://www.toucansmexicobeachfl.com). Road Captains are [Jeanne Giuliani](#) (850-251-7920) and [Karen Brunelle](#) (850-228-7094).

### Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Visit from the Ocala HOG Chapter (C)

The Ocala HOG Chapter will be riding to Tallahassee for an overnight visit. They hosted our HOG Chapter last year and we are returning the favor by hosting them this year! We are looking for volunteers to meet and greet their Chapter when they arrive at CCH-D and join us on the ride. We will also need some volunteers to hold tables at the restaurant. We are planning a scenic ride which will end at Miller's Ale House for camaraderie with our fellow HOG Chapter. Times TBA. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact [Jeanne Giuliani](#) (850-251-7920).

### September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder Beach Autumn Rally - Non-HOG

Please visit [www.thunderbeachproductions.com](http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com) for more details on events, lodging, etc.

## Welcome New HOG Members BY: Cindy Dady

Finally September is here which means lots of Fall rides and Rallies and I must add.... "Football Season"! Hopefully we'll get a little relief from the summer heat.

We thank you for joining the Tallahassee HOG and encourage you to participate in our activities and rides. We welcome your involvement to whatever degree you are comfortable and appreciate your input.

### New HOG Members, September 2011

Willa Beckley Jan Bonds

Keely Weaver

Gina Bevino Michael "Wayne" Carter



## Sunday Lunch Ride Adventure!

We had a great turnout for the lunch ride to Quincy on August 21 with new Road Captain Derrick Westbrook! Come hear more about this great ride and the interesting route at the September HOG meeting!!



# Notes From the Road

## Riding High in Colorado

Kevin and Cindy Dady celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to beautiful Colorado, where they rented a Harley and rode the Rockies!



In Cindy's words.....

*On a recent trip to Colorado, Kevin rented a bike and we rode up Independence Pass to the Continental Divide! The sun was bright and the air was cool, but thin, at 12,095 feet - it was some breathtaking scenery along*



*the pass, a little snow left on the mountains and some STEEP cliffs! We experienced some bad weather on the way back but I am grateful that Kevin is such a good driver so I "tried" to relax and enjoy the incredible scenery! I took photos and videos along the way so we could enjoy it again after we returned home. If you haven't taken this ride, I encourage you to put it on your Bucket List! Cindy*

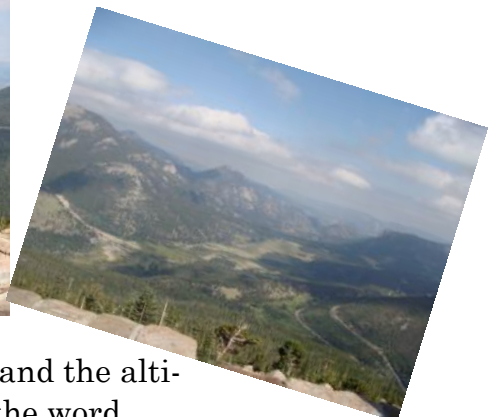
Sally and I also did this a couple of years ago, and we had a fantastic time. I was able to rig up my auto's GPS in a lower fairing, I couldn't see it but could hear the directions thru the FM radio on the Ultra we rented from Thunder Mountain H-D in Loveland, CO. A great dealer and great rental experience. From our trip.....



Three firefighters from Ohio we met at one of the rest areas



I think between the view and the altitude I figured out where the word "breathtaking" originated!!



Jack deRemer

# 2011 FLORIDA STATE HOG RALLY OCTOBER 19-22 DESTIN - FT. WALTON BEACH

**Last chance to win free registration at our September meeting!**

Our HOG chapter will be riding to the 2011 Florida State HOG Rally! It will be held in the beautiful Destin - Ft. Walton area again this year!

We'd like to have a good turnout from our Tallahassee chapter!

Be sure to visit [www.FLstateHOGrally.com](http://www.FLstateHOGrally.com) to register before September 1, 2011.

A bunch of us went to the Rally last year and we had an absolute blast! The weather was perfect, the bands were great, and the riding in that area is absolutely gorgeous!

We're planning to schedule a group ride each day, Tuesday thru Friday, if possible. We'll be giving away a certificate for one (1) free registration at each meeting too!



## On-line registration is now open!

Please visit [www.FLstateHOGrally.com](http://www.FLstateHOGrally.com) to pre-register. 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. Volunteer with our Chapter too ... for registration Friday morning!

The rally website has a list of a bunch of hotels to choose from. The Host hotel is sold out right now, but you might be able to pick up a cancellation closer to the event. We suggest you make a reservation at a nearby hotel now, though, just in case!

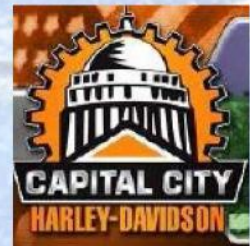


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## Come Ride with us!

A list of activities is coming soon!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jeanne (IronHeart@comcast.net or 850-251-7920).



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