



# The Hogtown Lowdown



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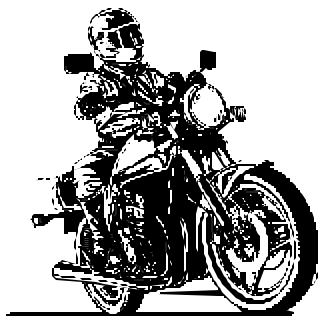
## Director's Column

Hey Guys and Gals.....

Another year is coming to a close, and what a year it has been. I've now completed a full year as the director of the Gainesville Harley Owners Group. I've seen the chapter go from just a few members, to over 100 members and growing stronger everyday. I'm very excited and proud to be a part of such a great group of friendly and generous bikers. I could not have done the job without the constant support from all of the officers and the support of Gainesville H-D. I'd like to say thank you to everyone. Without the members, we have no chapter.

We have a few things left to do and then we'll start working on new rides and events for the next year 2003...now that sounds weird.

On Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, Gainesville HOG will be sponsoring a benefit ride for the Altrusa House of Gainesville. They are an adult day health care facility. First bike out at 10:30 and last bike out at noon, leaving from Gainesville H-D. The ride will be through beautiful horse country. Lunch will be provided by Publix. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. I can't wait. Bring some friends.



If you've not had an opportunity to visit Gainesville H-D, I would encourage you to do so. The construction is finally in full swing (I know Gail and John are very happy). The architectural drawing is there for you to admire. What a great facility this will be once the construction is complete.

Continue to check your calendar for special events that are at Gainesville

H-D. Come on out and take advantage of the bargains, food, music, and fun.

Hope to see everyone at the rides. I know you'll enjoy them

Ride safe, Joan



## Ladies of Harley News



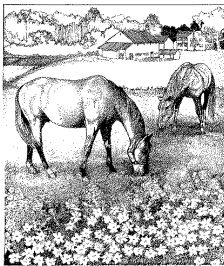
Watch your email and the Gainesville HOG website at [www.gfhog.cjb.net](http://www.gfhog.cjb.net) for upcoming rides!



## Gainesville HOG Annual Charity Ride

By Susan Thrall

RIDE WITH US ON NOVEMBER 17!  
On November 17, 2002 the Gainesville Harley Owners Group is going to hold its annual charity ride. Riders register and receive maps at Gainesville Harley-Davidson and leave between 10:30 and 12:00. A group-led ride for those who prefer not to follow a map nor ride by themselves will leave the dealership



promptly at 11:45. This is a charity ride and ALL motorcycle types are welcome. The ride will be through horse country on seldom-traveled routes around some of Ocala's most beautiful horse farms. The final destination will be Marjorie Kinan Rawlings Park in Cross

Creek where we will have a wonderful meal catered by Publix Deli. Cost of the ride is \$7.50 per person to just ride and \$10.00 per person for ride and meal. There will be multiple door prizes once at the park (must be present to win) and a 50/50 for \$1 a chance.

The ride will benefit the Altrusa House of Gainesville. Altrusa House is a wonderful Adult Day Health Care facility that is for frail, disabled, or at risk adults. Clients, including those who have Alzheimer's Disease, can spend the day here in a great, stimulating atmosphere, allowing over-worked caregivers a chance for a day for themselves. It is a place for loved ones to stay while the caregiver works, runs errands, or just gets a few needed hours

of rest. Anyone who has been a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient knows how valuable a few hours off can be.

Atrusa House helps families keep their loved ones out of nursing homes or assisted living facilities and living at home if at all possible. It is a place where persons with health care problems can come and remain independent and active with other people. Altrusa House serves adults age 18 or older and their current clients range in age from 20 to 93. They have a variety of clients, some who have suffered brain injuries, strokes and heart attacks, in addition to Alzheimer's patients. Clients stay anywhere from a half hour to all day. Altrusa House is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Some of the services Altrusa House offers include rehabilitation and physical therapy, skilled nursing, medication management and administration, liaison between doctors and clients including obtaining laboratory specimens as needed by the doctor, wound care, therapeutic recreation, social services, occupational therapy, speech therapy, emotional support. Altrusa House serves its clients breakfast, lunch, and snacks. It will monitor blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight and give health and diet counseling.

For the caregivers, Altrusa House provides support groups. Social workers can perform assessments with the client and provide caregivers with information, counseling, and referrals as needed. Altrusa House has a library of resource information about health and disability issues, financial assistance, and community resources for the caregivers.

Recently, your HOG director Joan Brewer and HOG newsletter editor Susan Thrall took a tour of the Altrusa House. We expected to see a very depressing place with very old people sitting and vegetating. Instead, we were surprised to find a facility where a lot is going on with the clients. Multiple activities from recreational to learning activities are scheduled each week and listed on a colorful bulletin board. The clients mingle a lot with each other despite their disabilities and challenge each other in a variety of games, exercises, and even lively political discussion groups. There is a computer room at Altrusa House. It is a very happy place with clean, open facilities. Clients have outdoor areas they can frequent; the Altrusa House has its own grounds plus the Kiwanis Challenge Park is next to the property. There is a registered nurse and a practical nurse on staff.

Atrusa House is truly a place that can benefit all in our community at some time in our lives. But like many charities it needs our support. Please mark your calendars and ride with us for our annual fund-raising ride. Have fun, ride in great company, enjoy the scenery and the great food, win a door prize, RIDE WITH US November 17! If you cannot attend this event, please consider a contribution to this wonderful facility; make your check out to Altrusa House and drop it off at the dealership to be given to Joan Brewer or Susan Thrall

More information can be obtained about Altrusa House at their website at [www.mfaaa.org/afhome/altrusa/index.html](http://www.mfaaa.org/afhome/altrusa/index.html).

## HOG Veterans – We Salute You!

On November 11 we remember our veterans who have served the people of the United States of America and who have guarded our many freedoms. We thank you for your strength, courage, and sacrifices you have made during

your time in the armed forces. Below is our Honor Roll of HOG veterans.\* We want you to know how much we appreciate the time you have served and the many sacrifices you have made for our country.



Dan Arrington Air Force 10 years	Ben L. Barron, Sr. Army 2 years	Ken Beasock Marines 42 Years	Jeff Bram Army 3 years	Michael Brewer Army 3 years
Michael Carrillo Air Force & Navy 13 years	Bob Cutshall Navy 13 years	David Cutshall Navy 30Years	Patricia Docken Navy 8 Years	James Erkenbeck Marines 3 years
Richard Goldman Navy 4 years	John Henderson National Gurad 6 years	Donny Hodges Marines 4 years	Rick Joyce Navy 3 years	Richard Lester Marines 6 years
Al Linden Army 10 years	Jack Loken, Jr. Army & Navy 20 years	Lynne Mahaffey Navy 5 Years	Dick Miller Air force 26 years	Ricky Norman Air Force 20 years
Tim Oser Navy 12 years	Gerald E. Pepper Navy 8 years	Steve Perdew Army 6 years	Garry Renzi Army 3 years	Joe Spears Army & National Guard
Mark Swan Navy 4 years	Dennis Trimble Army 3 years	Robert Valdes Air Force	Kim Valdes Air Force	Jim Waggoner Air Force 20 Years
	Wayne Wallace Army 6 years	Gary Warren Army 6 years	Paul Wishart Air Force 21 years	

\* Only HOG vets who responded to our requests for their names and service are included.

# Meet HOG Member and Marine Veteran Ken Beasock

by Susan Thrall



Ken Beasock, a longtime HOG member and Harley rider, is not your typical veteran, but he is certainly a soldier's soldier. Ken wanted to join the marines from early on. He tried to get in at age 16 but was found out. Then at age 17 he tried again, but could not get his father's signature giving him permission to join. As the saying goes, the third time's the charm, and on June 28, 1950, on his eighteenth birthday, and on his third attempt (and three days after the beginning of the Korean War) Ken was able to join the United States Marines.

Ken was attracted to the marines for several reasons. His uncle was a marine during World War II. Ken also liked the Marines' reputation for toughness, discipline, and organization. Ken says as a boy he was always a very organized person and he felt the Marines would suit him.

Ken started as a private and went to boot camp at the infamous Paris Island. After boot camp he spent some time at Camp Pendleton in California before being

shipped to Korea. He served in Korea 13 months where he saw combat.

Upon his return, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. One of his early promotions was to rank of Staff Sergeant; as such he served as a drill instructor at Paris Island. Later he went to Quantico, Virginia and Okinawa. There he was a platoon sergeant teaching officer candidates for 15 months.

Within the next years he was stationed at a variety of places including the Philippines, Korea, Hawaii, and Vietnam. While in Hawaii in 1964, he was chosen to attend Officer Candidate School, which is very rare for an enlisted man.

As a second Lieutenant he shipped out to Vietnam in 1965. Ken says he was in Vietnam three times and he saw combat while there. He was promoted to Captain in 1967 while there. He remained in Vietnam until 1968.

Upon his return to the states and within the next decade he received many honors including being selected to attend the Marine Corps Amphibious School, being promoted to major, becoming a member of the elite Marine Corps Mustangs, and being a company commander five times for separate companies. As a company commander he had about 300 marines under his command each time; he was a commander once as a captain and four times as a major.

In the 1980's was promoted to lieutenant colonel G-4 and served as Assistant Chief of Staff of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division

at Camp Lejeune, and later was reassigned as the Battalion Commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> Motor Transport Battalion in command of over 1000 marines. From 1985 to 1987 he was Chief of Staff of the Fleet Marine Force for the Atlantic. Other assignments during the 1980s and early 1990s included Assistant Chief of Staff for the Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Battalion Commander of the 9<sup>th</sup> Motor Transport Battalion, and Special Assignment to the Pentagon on logistics for joint services of army, navy, and marines.



Ken was retired as a lieutenant colonel on August 1, 1992 after having served the Marine Corps and his country for 42 years. He holds numerous combat and service awards and decorations including the Department of defense Meritorious Service Medal. When asked if he originally intended to make the military his career, Ken answered that he planned on only signing up for four years. But each time he reenlisted, he says, simply because he enjoyed the marines so much. What he liked best during his time in the marines was being in charge of the troops. As you can see, from enlisted man to officer, from four-year

commitment to 42 years of exemplary service, was certainly an uncommon route for this veteran. Anyone who knows Ken would agree that he aptly fits the Marine description of “a few good men”.

Ken is still active in many marines groups including the Marine Corps Mustang Association. Ken has a daughter and a son; his son is following in his father’s footsteps and has already 27 years in the army. Ken loves Harleys and motorcycle riding having started riding in 1934 on a Harley when he was 14 years old and riding until he was 70, and he would like to still ride. Nowadays, though, he is into seeing the country he so long served, traveling the United States in his motor home and attending many Marine Corps reunions across the United States. **Semper Fi!**



Ken and friend with one of his first motorcycles.

## Veterans Day – November 11, 2002





## HOG Riders Enjoy Florida Countryside

by Susan Thrall

If you missed the HOG ride through Florida countryside to Fort White and back to the Northwest Grille on Sept 22, you missed a fun ride and great company.

Approximately 18 friendly HOG members rode out from the dealership at 11:00. Under the leadership of road captains Grant and Susan Thrall we rode a leisurely 80-mile ride through great farmland and North Central Florida country landscapes. We began our ride going west and north along County Road 241 and route 232. Route 232 has some very scenic stretches where the trees canopy the road and where the road passes fields with cows grazing in the pasture and golden rolls of hay drying in the late September sun. At route 27 we turned toward High Springs and then rode west on route 340 just before entering High Springs. Route 340 goes past some wilder settings and several springs including Ginnie Springs, Blue Springs, and Poe Springs. We turned right at route 47 and proceeded to Fort White.

At Fort White we all had a rest stop at the local gas station/quick stop. Our motorcycles took over the small parking lot.

We then proceeded along route 27 for a very short distance and then cut off toward Worthington Springs on route 18. The road here was narrow and windy and besides us HOG members there was little traffic. At route 241 junction we turned back toward the city of Alachua. Route 241 along here crosses over the flood plains of the Santa Fe River. It is also a road with rolling green hills, a

rarity in our area of Florida. Green expanses of pasture lay to our left and quaint farmhouses were on the right.

Once in Alachua we proceeded along 241 back toward Gainesville. We turned on Millhopper Road to get to Gainesville. Millhopper Road is another scenic treasure in Alachua County. Long stretches of the road have hovering trees forming a canopy overhead and windy curves make the ride a great one for being so close to the city of Gainesville. The road passes the interesting areas of San Felasco Hammock and the Devil's Millhopper. From Millhopper Road we had only a short distance to the restaurant.

Fourteen HOG member enjoyed a terrific seafood meal at the Northwest Grille. A great table was set aside for our group and there was plenty of parking for our scooters. The company was great, the service good, and the food very tasty. We met new people and reacquainted ourselves with HOG members we had met previously.

Remember the great Florida countryside around Gainesville and how little traffic there is? Remember the great Florida riding weather that we have with fresh breezes blowing in your face?

Remember the fun it is to ride with other Harley riders who enjoy riding as much as you? Join us for a future HOG ride and experience it.



## Got Nails?

by Grant Thrall

Got a nail in your tire? I did. Summer, 2002. Location, Colorado's high mountains, 70 miles from my mountain home. No urban development in sight. I looked down at my rear Harley-Davidson Dunlop tire on my Deuce, and *expletive deleted*, a nail was in my tire. What to do?

I checked my air pressure. It was ok. I decided to take the shortest route to urban development. But, the route would take me over 20 miles of ripped-up road undergoing construction. I would ride, and take Susan with me. We were riding two-up that day, and thought the consequences of leaving her on the side of the road were worse than anything a mere nail could bring. We mounted up. Away we rode, towards urban development.

I kept my speed low, and my attention on the air pressure. Every ten miles it was off the bike, and check the air. No problem. Seventy miles later, and back in the midst of urban development, I was building up my resolve to pull the nail.

With needle nose pliers from my tool kit I keep in my saddlebags, I grasped the nail. I pulled. One inch. Two inches. Three inches. What is this? Then it got stuck. I pulled and pulled. Finally, and last, out came the DOUBLE head of the nail. Appears it was a nail used in the back country to tie barbed wire to wooden posts. Check out the scan of this bad-boy nail! I quickly plugged the tire.

I pulled the nail when I was at home, and near gas stations. But, I was 100 miles from anywhere that would have a replacement rear tire for a Deuce. Gas



stations generally won't plug motorcycle tires because of the insurance liability.

The plug I used is a sticky wire, about five inches long. This is looped over a screwdriver like tool with a hook on the end. Insert the tool with wire, pull tool out. Now there are four strands of sticky wire filling the hole. Cut off the excess. The sticky dries and that is your plug. "Easy to do, even your husband could do it," Susan says. High-end tire kits include CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges to inflate your tire.

A plugged tire is not a reliable tire. A reliable tire is necessary for a safe ride. So I wouldn't be doing much riding until I got the tire with the double-headed nail replaced – well, maybe 1,500 miles.

You can plug a tire if the puncture is localized, like from a nail. But, not a gash or tear as would come from running over a sheet of metal. Also, a plug should not be used on the wall of the tire. You need tubeless tires if you are going to plug, hence my aversion to wire wheels.

I always ride with a tire kit. Harley-Davidson sells them, and they are available at most auto supply stores, and Wal-Mart. Good thing to have, especially if you ride out in the boonies. Besides your cell phone, if you are riding tubeless, don't leave home without a tire kit.



# November

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Prostar - Offsite	<b>7</b> Prostar - Offsite	<b>8</b> Prostar - Offsite	<b>9</b> Chili Cookoff Party at H-D; Prostar - Offsite
<b>10</b> Prostar - Offsite	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> HOG Alzhemier Benefit Ride, leave 10:30 to 12:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> HOG meeting at dealership 6:30; Tent Sale	<b>22</b> Tent Sale; BRAG Ride to St. Augustine	<b>23</b> Tent Sale
<b>24</b> Tent Sale	<b>25</b> Tent Sale	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Gatorback - Offsite	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Dealership Closed Gatorback - Offsite	<b>29</b> Gatorback - Offsite	<b>30</b> Christmas Party & Fashion Show; Gatorback - Offsite

\*Information on calendar provided by Gainesville Harley-Davidson

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# December

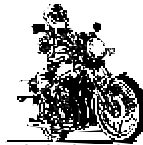
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Don't forget....

## ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT RIDE

All Motorcycles Welcome!

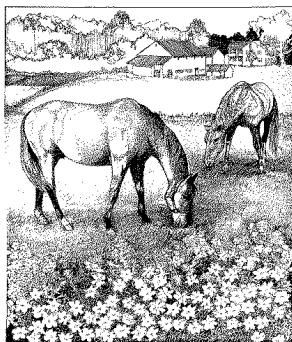


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**When:** Sunday-November 17, 2002  
**Where:** Leave from Gainesville Harley-Davidson; ride through beautiful Florida horse country  
**Time:** First bike out at 10:30 - last bike out at 12:00  
(A group-led ride leaves promptly at 11:45)  
**Price:** \$10 per person to ride and eat  
\$7.50 per person to ride only  
50/50 drawing, \$1.00 per ticket  
**Final Destination:** Marjorie Rawlings Park, Cross Creek  
Lunch served at 1:00.

**Food, door prizes, and 50/50!**

**Come on out, bring a friend or two, and help a worthwhile cause. All motorcycles welcome.**



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