

# TRAINING DAY !!

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Boy, the weather has been great lately!

I won't be able to be at the next chapter meeting where I wanted to do another activity to demonstrate reaction

time so I will have to save talking about that for another time.

The reason that I will not be there is because I will be training!

A little while ago, we talked about getting our chapter members involved in training at Florida Safe Rider (FSR) like we did a few years ago. I had a sign-up sheet for those interested so that we could schedule the training.

We did not have any dates scheduled as we wanted to see how many people were interested before anything was scheduled. That did not work out well, only about ten people signed up. I spoke with John Pretti, the owner of FSR and he was happy to set aside a weekend for us.

The classes are scheduled for May 1 and 2, 2021. We get both Saturday and Sunday! The class is four hours long, all on the range (8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 5:00pm.) There is no pass/fail, you get credit for participating. We can have two sessions each day with 12 riders per session. Only 1 session is required per student.

The HOG board made the decision at the last board meeting to provide lunch so the morning group and the afternoon group will have some time to socialize in-between training. The cost is \$75 per person and you take the course on your bike.

Don't worry, you won't be doing techniques that are likely to make you tip over on your bike. No one likes to see their bike laying on its side. With several of your friends standing around watching. And in the mud. When your rearview mirror is buried below the surface of the mud. Don't believe anything Ronnie or Lee tell you. Besides, all the mud has been washed off my bike.

I think I got off track.

Anyway, most insurance companies will give you a discount on insurance if you participate in training periodically.

National HOG will reimburse members for \$50 for taking the course. The \$50 is in the form of an HD gift card. Simply submit the form, completion certificate and receipt to National HOG. You will also receive a pin and a patch.

The form is on our website on the Safety Articles page at this [web link](#) .

To sign up, please send me an email at [rsgsun@yahoo.com](mailto:rsgsun@yahoo.com). John has committed that weekend to us even if as few as ten people sign up. Let's show him our chapter is serious about training and fill up his rosters!

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