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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443  
January 2011 News Letter

**Directors Notes**

Bob's Babblings

It is hard to believe it has been three years since I was lucky enough to be chosen Director of our H.O.G Chapter. The club is like a big family. We get together to ride and have fun. We may tease each other and at times get mad at each other but we always get through it. Without the support of a great dealer like Rochester Harley we wouldn't have a H.O.G. club. Personally I have to thank Mary Ann and all of the officers and members that make the club so successful. You get out of life what you put in it so get involved and have some fun! See you on the road. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Bob Anderson  
Director

**December 2010 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Anderson, Director.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Don Mitchell.

Bob stated that there was a great turn out at the last birthday ride to Red Lobster. Thanks to those who planned it.

Bob announced that Pam Skaran will be coordinating the Mayo Blood Drive. Mayo has offered to pick people up at a central location and bring them back. Let Pam know if you are interested in participating. Gary Runge will be the new contact person for the Mayo blood bank.

Dealership News – Mary Ann announced in Kay's absence that the December specials continue through the month – check out what deals they have each day. The Rochester Bike Show will be February 26<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it. Merry Christmas to all of you from everyone here at the Harley Shop.

Activity Director – Rides planned are on our web-site at [www.semnhog.com](http://www.semnhog.com) Tony announced that we are meeting at Beetles after the meeting today. Mileage sheets are due today. If you

forgot yours, get the information to Tony no later than this Monday as he is ordering the trophies. January 8<sup>th</sup> is the Holiday Party at Zumbro Falls Golf Course. Sign-up sheets are available at the front table. The cost will be \$15 per person. January 20<sup>th</sup> is the next birthday ride to Party Cove.

Treasury Report – Bob reported in Ron Brewster's absence that the closing balance is: \$14,562.06 after all expenses.

Ladies of Harley: Julie Williams announced that the chili cook-off is planned for after the February meeting. Start thinking about your favorite chili recipe for the cook-off.

Editor – Roger Hamilton thanked everyone for their contributions and support this past year. The newsletter can only be as good as the members who contribute.

Bob announced the new officers for 2011. There was an election for Head Road Captain between Don Mitchell and Tony Larimer. There was a tie. Don and Tony discussed the position and Don decided to concede to Tony.

Director: Gary Runge  
Assistant Director: Frank Fawcett  
Treasurer: Ron Brewster  
Secretary: Patty Ann Haimes  
Activities Officer: Tony Haimes  
Ladies of Harley: Julie Williams, Mary Ann Anderson, Cynthia Day O'Brien  
Editor: Jeff Williams  
Web Master: Roger Hamilton  
Safety Officer: Rick Skaran  
Photographer: Gary Runge  
Membership Officer: Mary Hamilton

Road Captains:  
Head Road Captain: Tony Larimer  
Don Mitchell  
Tony Haimes  
Steve Liggett  
Eric Thorn  
Frank Vondrashek  
Roger Hamilton  
Jim Ertelt  
Gordon Haubenschild

Contributions Committee:  
Dean Pederson  
Cheryl Pederson  
Roger Pike  
Darrell Burton  
Arlene Bahr

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Anderson, Secretary

## **Activity Officer Notes**

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to [semnhog@gmail.com](mailto:semnhog@gmail.com) and Tony will forward it to the group. Include how others can contact you if they have questions.

Tony Haimes  
Activity Officer

## **Editor Notes**

All input for news letter should be submitted no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to make the next newsletter. Please make a statement in subject line as to content. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for a future news letter, please e-mail or give Jeff a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the newsletter. You all helped to make this a good monthly newsletter. We are handing over the reins of the newsletter to Jeff Williams. Thank you, Jeff, for volunteering for the position.

You may submit articles to Jeff [jeff1851@charter.net](mailto:jeff1851@charter.net)

Roger & Mary Hamilton  
Co-Editors

## **Webmaster Notes**

Now that Jeff is going to be doing the news letter my goal in 2011 is to spend more time (when I am not riding my Harley) to update the web site and keep it up to date with any events, pictures, links, etc. that will keep us all informed and help promote SE MN H.O.G. Club. Please include all info needed when submitting such as pictures and events plus make a statement in subject line as to content. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for content on web site, please e-mail or give Roger a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the web site. You all helped to make this a good web site.

You may submit input, pictures, events, etc. to Roger [rogerhd69@gmail.com](mailto:rogerhd69@gmail.com)

Roger Hamilton  
Webmaster

## Meet Other HOG Members

This month, we meet Jeff Williams.



### Jeff Williams

I was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin and raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. I attended the University of Wisconsin where I earned a BS in Computer Science while on an Evan's Scholarship. You may be familiar with this scholarship since it was parodied in the movie "Caddy Shack". That's right, I went to college on a caddy scholarship.

I married Julie right after graduation and moved to Milwaukee where I worked for General Electric on MR scanners. I took a job with Hewlett-Packard and we moved to Silicon Valley in California. Five years later, we transferred with HP to Boise, Idaho where I began working in the disk drive industry. In 1995, I got a call from a headhunter with Western Digital and we moved again – this time to Rochester. After Western Digital closed up shop, I continued in the computer storage industry with a company called Xiotech. I currently work for LSI Corporation as a firmware engineer.

Julie and I have two sons. Matt is 23 years old. He graduated from UW-Stout with a degree in Mechanical Design. He is now a valet parking supervisor and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Evan is 21 and is a junior at Iowa State majoring in Computer Science. We have two dogs, Molly and Sadie. Julie and Molly participate in agility competitions.

I started riding motorcycles as a kid. We had a couple of 50 cc bikes we rode around in the fields by my parent's house. My first real bike was a 500 cc Kawasaki, three cylinder, two stroke. That was a fun bike to ride with a trail of blue smoke everywhere I went. Julie rode on the back of it on our first date. I also had a Yamaha Seca 750 while we lived in California. I got rid of that when we had kids and needed to be a bit more responsible.

Julie works at the Ronald McDonald House and got me involved in the Cruise a few years ago. This was also the motivation to get my first Harley. The picture above is my 2000 Road King Classic. This picture was at the mid-point of my Iron Butt ride last summer. I rode to Wall Drugs, had an ice cream cone, and rode back home, all in one day.

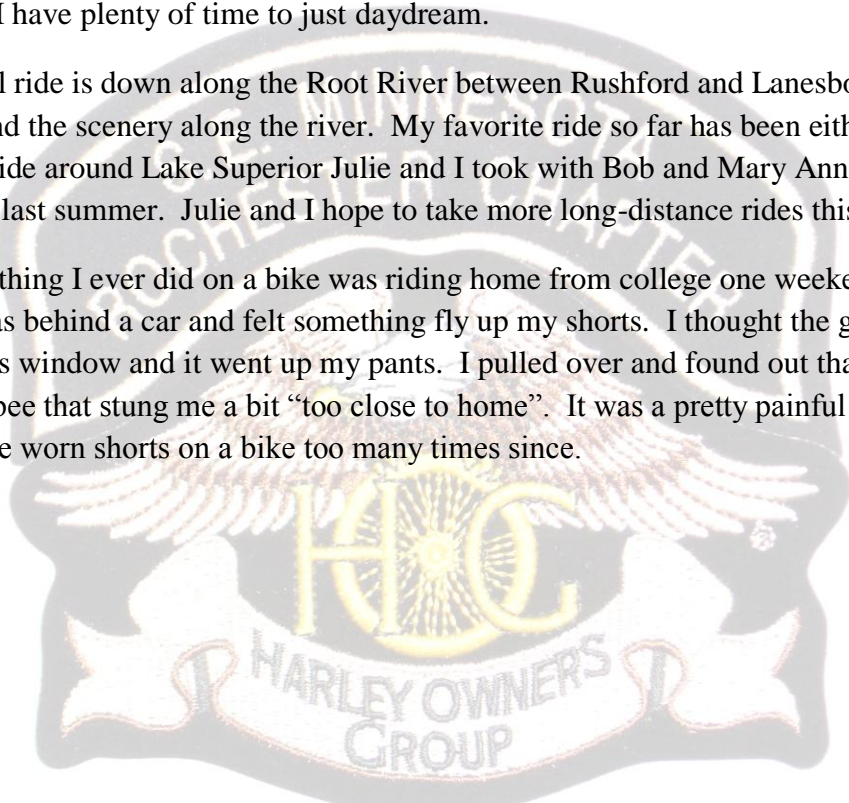
My current bike is a 2011 Street Glide. I have never ridden it, but I have moved it about eight feet after Jake dropped it off in November. Julie took this picture after I finished snow blowing. We posted it on Facebook as my “first ride on the new bike” picture. We had a few people convinced that I had ridden it on a day where it was below zero and snowing.



I like riding mainly because of the scenery and the solitude. I don't have to worry about work while I ride and I have plenty of time to just daydream.

My favorite local ride is down along the Root River between Rushford and Lanesboro. I like the winding roads and the scenery along the river. My favorite ride so far has been either my Iron Butt ride or the ride around Lake Superior Julie and I took with Bob and Mary Ann Anderson and Gary Runge last summer. Julie and I hope to take more long-distance rides this summer.

The most stupid thing I ever did on a bike was riding home from college one weekend wearing short pants. I was behind a car and felt something fly up my shorts. I thought the guy had tossed a cigarette out his window and it went up my pants. I pulled over and found out that the burning sensation was a bee that stung me a bit “too close to home”. It was a pretty painful ride home. I don't think I have worn shorts on a bike too many times since.



## **Chapter Events and Rides**

- January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Rochester Harley @ 9:30 AM . Breakfast at HyVee South at 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> [Holiday Party – Zumbro Falls Golf](#). Social hour 5:00PM, cash bar. Dinner 6:00PM Prizes and awards after dinner. Contact Tony or Patty Ann Haines to sign up. Cost \$15.00 per person. Deadline for members to sign up for the Holiday Party is Friday, December 31st.
- January 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Eagles Cancer Telethon memorial lights at Rochester Mayo Civic Center. Contact [Gary Runge](#) to sign up to work.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> January Birthday Ride – 2011  
Name of the Ride: Winter on the Lake  
Theme: Winter on the Lake. Long Johns  
Where we are celebrating: Party Cove on Lake Zumbro. Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM. Birthdays for Bobby, Glenn, Bob, Dave, Gary, Wade, Ray, Tony and Mark
- February 10<sup>th</sup> February Birthday Ride – 2011  
Name of the Ride: Diamonds are Forever & Size DOES Matter.  
Theme: Valentines  
Where we are celebrating: Red Lobster in Rochester. Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM  
Birthdays for Tom, Rick, Michael, Gary, Lori, Mary, and Cynthia
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> [Chili contest @ Rochester Harley 11:00 AM](#)  
Questions contact [Julie Williams](#)
- February 26<sup>th</sup> [Rochester Bike Show & Swap Meet @ Mayo Civic Center](#)
- March 8<sup>th</sup> March Birthday Ride – 2011  
Name of the Ride: Old Tymers Thursday  
Theme: Wear your OLDEST motorcycle T-shirt  
When: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Where we are celebrating: Old Tyme Café in Chatfield. Dinner 6:00 PM. Birthdays for Julie, Sig and Fred
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, Breakfast at Hy- Vee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.

- April 27<sup>th</sup>**                      **April Birthday Ride – 2011**  
Name of the Ride: King's Place  
Theme: Leon "The Legend" B-Day Party Ride  
When: Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Where we are celebrating: King's Place in Miesville. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstand up at 5:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM.  
Birthdays for Jeff, Keith, Pam, Leon, Bill and Bill
- May 14<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- June 11<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**                      **[MN State H.O.G. Rally](#)**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**                      **[WI State H.O.G. Rally](#)**
- July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**                      **[Hot Harley Nights Sioux Falls SD](#) (non-H.O.G. event)**
- July 9<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- July 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**                      **[IA State Rally](#)**
- August 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, Breakfast at HyVee South @7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- September 10<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- October 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30. Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- November 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, (Election Nominations). Breakfast at HyVee South @7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to TBA, ride leader \_\_\_\_\_.**
- December 10<sup>th</sup>**                      **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30, (Elections). Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30 A.M on Saturday prior to the meeting.**

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All dates are subject to change or cancellation. Notification will be sent out if there are changes. Questions contact [Roger Hamilton](#)

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