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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
October 2011 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Runge's Ramblings

I hate it when the weather goes from summer to cold overnight. It's good sleeping, but cool riding. I guess I'm a T-shirt rider and don't like all the clothes to keep warm. I've lost 5 friends in the last few years - all good bikers. One lost a back tire on the way to work. I was going to rap him upside the head for being late, guess not. One hit a car at an intersection. One missed a corner and the other two were from a heart attack at age 45 and a brain aneurism at age 42. It doesn't make any difference how it happened, the end result is the same. I guess we need to slow down, eat healthy (I'm a good one to say that), check our tires and equipment and make sure we stay for awhile.

On a lighter note, I had a good time on the flood run on the 17th. I rode the afternoon with a bunch of guys from this area I had met at Seymores bike shop in Alma. Oh my, what an experience. You didn't want to be down wind or ride too close behind as some of them didn't know what a shower was. They weren't dressed pretty; most of the leathers had seen their better days. They couldn't tell you who their state representatives were but they could field strip your bike at midnight wearing a blindfold. Talk about colorful but nice people. I think they would give you the proverbial shirt off their back if you needed it. So let's not judge our fellow biker by what he wears or how he looks. Just stay up wind of him and ride safe.

Ride safe and I'll see ya'll on the road.

Gary Runge
Director

August 2011 Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2011 SE MN HOG meeting was called to order by director, Gary Runge. Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary reminded us the ditch clean-up is today after the meeting. There will be a ride to Hanson Hold-out led by Gordy Haubenschild after the ditch cleanup.

Frank Fawcett, assistant director, announced the dealership news. Sarah and Kyle are getting married today! We all wish them well. New fall clothing has arrived. Fall Flood Run is Saturday September 17th. Check out the new skull and chain derby covers, timer, and air cleaner covers.

Fall Open House is October 15. Pumpkin painting, button making, face painting, bring your kids or grand kids' pictures and make a button. Pork sandwiches. The bike raffle will be that day also. We'll be selling raffle tickets at the open house also.

There will be a short ride on October 15, weather permitting. Location and times TBD.

Glenn Roberts reminded us that we have left-over pork from the cancer ride. We might have this after a meeting in the future.

Jeff Williams, treasurer, reported a closing balance of \$18,691.21.

Roger Hamilton, activity director, stated the Tomahawk Ride is Sept. 14-18. Two sign-up sheets are on the front table" one is for the ditch cleanup for today and the other is for the ride to Hanson's Hold-up. September 13 is the birthday ride to Old Tyme Cafe in Chatfield. The Fall Flood Run is September 17 which is a non-HOG event.

Julie Williams, Ladies of Harley, was at the meeting but had nothing to report!!

Charlie Milligan, safety officer, reminded us that the deer are running so be careful.. He also said that if you see something loose, hanging, open, etc. on someone's bike, bring it to their attention. Also watch the tread on your tires.

Frank Vondrashek is leading a ride October 8 which was to be to Granddad's Bluff but many roads are under construction in the area. He will come up with an alternate plan and let activity director know the changes.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hamilton, in Patty Ann Haines absence

Activity Officer Notes

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to rogerhd69@gmail.com and Roger will forward it to the group. Include how others can contact you if they have questions.

Roger Hamilton
Activity Officer

Raffle Tickets

We have a number of raffle tickets available for members to sell. **Remember that this is the main fundraiser for the club.** The proceeds from the sales help fund donations to groups like the local first-responders, the Ronald McDonald House, Christmas Anonymous, Sheriff's Youth Program, and other local charities. Please consider helping by selling a book or two or three...

Editor Notes

All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20th 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 newsletter, please e-mail or give Jeff Williams a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the newsletter. You all help make this a good monthly newsletter.

You may submit articles to jeff1851@charter.net.

Jeff Williams
Newsletter Editor

Webmaster Notes

When submitting info for web site, please include all info needed 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 help to make this a good web site that will keep us all informed and help promote SE MN H.O.G. Club

You may submit input, pictures, events, etc. to rogerhd69@gmail.com.

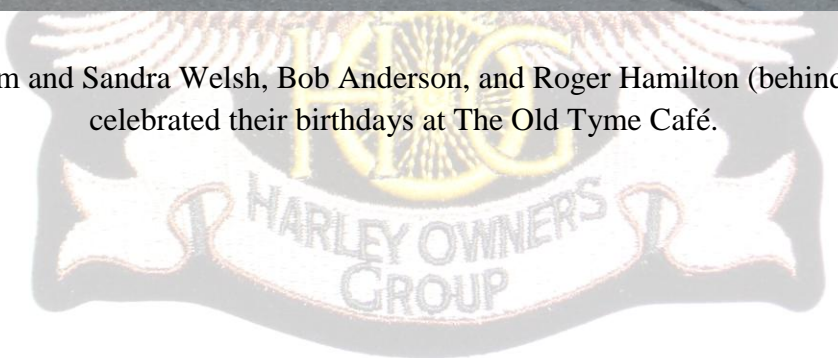
Roger Hamilton
Webmaster

Chapter Events and Rides Photos

September Birthday Ride



This month Tom and Sandra Welsh, Bob Anderson, and Roger Hamilton (behind the camera) celebrated their birthdays at The Old Tyme Café.



Chapter Events and Rides

- October 8th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @ 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride to enjoy the fall colors on the backroads of WI for a few hours stopping at "Top Dawg's" in Mindoro for burgers. 104 different burgers on the menu. After burgers we head to Rushford for ice cream before coming back to Rochester. Ride leader leader Tony Haimes
- October 9th** Ride to Taylor Falls. Meet at Kwik Trip on Civic Center Drive and 11th Ave. Kickstands up at 8:30 AM. Eat at Taylor Falls. Ride back on the WI side of the river to Nelson, then back to Rochester. Ride leader leader Tony Haimes
- October 11th** Birthday/Dinner ride to the Bears Den in Byron. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader Roger Hamilton
- October 15th** [Rochester Harley Davidson Open House](http://www.rochhd.com/) (http://www.rochhd.com/) and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing.
- November 5th** Freeze Your Butt Ride, ride leader Roger Hamilton. (More info to follow)
- November 8th** Birthday/Dinner ride to the Fat Willies in Rochester. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM Ride leader TBD
- November 12th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.
- December 10th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Elections). Breakfast at HyVee South @ 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting.
- December 13th** Birthday/Dinner ride to the Red Lobster in Rochester. Dinner at 6:30PM.

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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