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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
March 2012 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Runge's Ramblings

Labels.

I actually went shopping the other day in something other than a Harley store. What a shock to find that they do make clothes without Harley Davidson on them. I didn't buy any of course, that would go against the grain for me. But I did read some labels on some food I bought. Wow, do you know what you eat in some of that stuff. Dehydrated horse meat, chicken by products, oh wait that's the dog food. Really, do you ever read those labels for ingredients? Liquid oils, hydrogenated oils, benzoate, sorbate, disodium, I thought it was butter. Look at a package of shredded cheese sometime, I guess one would be better off not reading the label and just eat it. I read the active ingredients in some air freshener, diethyl benzyl ammonium chlorides and ethyl benzyl chlorides. I remember when I was little, if we didn't grow it, catch it, or raise it we didn't eat it. And read the side effects on some of the meds you take. I won't go there but it's bad. Take this pill and your symptoms will go away, but you might die from any one of ten other things to gross to talk about. I guess it's always been that way, we just don't think about it and maybe that's best. So read some labels and eat healthy.

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

Gary Runge
Director

Thought for the month...

You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

February 2012 Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Director, Gary Runge.

A reminder that there is a chili cook-off inside Rochester Harley Davidson following the meeting. Come and judge your favorite chili.

Dealership News: Sweetheart Specials are Feb. 13th and 14th. Don't forget your sweetheart. There will be a bike show and swap meet at Mayo Civic Center Feb. 25th 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Leather Madness: March 2nd through 10th. Come and check out our specials on everything leather at Rochester Harley Davidson. If anyone is interested in going to Daytona Bike Week, they have a semi and driver. \$450.00 round trip. Contact Judy.

April 14th, 2012, Rochester Harley Davidson is hosting an Open House. We would like to have a table to sell raffle tickets at this event. Please see Arlene Bahr or Gary Runge to volunteer.

Director Gary Runge announced that the club received thank-you notes from the Ronald McDonald House and the Eagles.

Safety Officer: Charlie Milligan announced he had some Rider Training Course handouts available for anyone interested. In front of the Atlas are driving laws for each state. Please let Charlie M. know if you have any ideas for safety training. There is more information on the S.E. MN web site.

The date for the Cancer Ride will be June 2nd, 2012. Arlene will lead a committee of members for this event. The first Cancer Ride Committee meeting will be held Feb. 20th, 2012 at 5:30 at Rochester Harley Davidson.

Our club will be sending 7 officers to the Officers Training this year.

We are in need of volunteers to sell raffle tickets at a table at the Bike Show Feb. 25th. Please let Gary know if you are interested.

Treasurer: Jeff Williams announced a beginning balance of \$ 14,539.60 and an ending balance of \$ 13,818.10.

Newsletter: Please send Jeff Williams your articles, pictures (in focus), and clean jokes monthly.

Ladies of Harley: Cynthia Day-O'brien There is a chili cook-off today following the meeting. Come in, pay \$5.00 and judge your favorite chili. There will be a bake sale in March following the meeting. Bake up some of your favorite goodies.

Activity Officer: Greg Domke announced that there were a few prizes left over from the Holiday Party and other events. The next dinner ride will be Feb. 21st, 2012 at Newt's by Menard's. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Head Road Captain: Tom Walsh passed out a form to each member asking for information on where you prefer to ride, etc. Please fill these out and return to Tom. The White Board inside the

Harley Shop has information about future rides and club events. There will be a trip planned this summer in July or Aug. to Lake Vermillion (more information to follow). The first ride will be the first weekend in April. If you are going on a ride and would like members to join you, please contact Tom W. Three more road captains are needed.

Membership: Julie Williams announced we have 177 members. Two members celebrate Anniversary's. Danny Whiting celebrates 10 years and Ray Topp celebrates 15 years. Congratulations guys!!!

Minutes of the meeting respectively submitted by Secretary, Patty-ann Haimes.

Activity Officer Notes

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to littleman21@hotmail.com and Greg will forward it to the group. Include how others can contact you if they have questions.

Greg Domke
Activity Officer

Editor Notes

All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20th of the month to make the next newsletter. 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

Red Skelton presenting the Pledge of Allegiance

Thanks to Gordon Haubenschild for submitting this.

On January 14, 1969, I presented "The Little Old Man" as a teacher. The time was 1923. The students had finished reciting the Pledge of Allegiance which at the time was but 10 years old. The old sage called the children together and said--

"Boys and girls, I have been listening to you recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it appears that it has become monotonous to you or could it be you do not know the meaning of those words. If I may, I would like to recite the Pledge and give to you a definition of the words.

I---meaning me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge----dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance----my love and my devotion.

To the Flag----our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United----that means that we have all come together.

States----individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common cause, and that's love of country.

Of America.

And to the Republic----a republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands!

One nation----meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible----incapable of being divided.

With Liberty----which is freedom and the right of power to live one's life without threats or fear or any sort of retaliation.

And justice----The principle and quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all----which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine."

Choking and CPR Training

Could you save a fellow Harley Rider if you had to?

Cardiac emergencies can happen anywhere. Be prepared with a simple technique known as hands-only CPR. You can learn it in minutes, it's easy to remember, and it can help save a life.

<http://www.howcast.com/videos/268664-How-to-Perform-Hands-Only-CPR>

The Washington Post cites alarming statistics: "Choking on food causes the death of approximately 1 child every 5 days in the United States. Hot dogs accounted for 17% of food-related asphyxiations among children younger than 10 years of age."

<http://www.howcast.com/videos/164491-How-To-Perform-the-Heimlich-Maneuver-Abdominal-Thrusts>.

Never practice the Heimlich maneuver on an infant under a year old or on a person who is not choking. You could cause serious injury.

Joke of the Month

This lady biker had a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she has a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 3 months, and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decides that if she has so long to live, she might as well look good, so she has a facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While riding her motorcycle home, she was hit by a delivery truck and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40-plus years to live? Why didn't you stop the truck from hitting me?"

God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

It's Still Your Choice

By Mary Hamilton

As many of you know, Roger and I had an accident Oct.1, 2011 in Arkansas. We had just driven in crazy traffic coming from "Bikes, Blues, and Barbecue" with Frank and Cindy Fawcett. We were driving back to the house we were renting about 9 p.m. Frank and Cindy were driving in front of us and met a car. We were approaching the same car that looked like she was drifting over the center line. With no signal light on, she turned right in front of us. Roger tried to avoid her but we hit the right front end of the car. That split second I remember flying off the bike while trying to hold onto Roger. I clearly remember hitting the front of my head on the car and thinking, "Thank God I had a helmet on!" I had a bruise around my chin from the chinstrap-my kids called it Mom's five o'clock shadow! Roger hit the car's windshield and stayed on the hood. We had neck pain, lots of bruising but no broken bones. Clearly the helmets kept us from closed head injuries.



I know it is a wonderful feeling riding without a helmet. It feels like the true Harley experience! How many times have we said, "I'm just running to town, I won't wear a helmet?" We were only traveling about 25-30 mph when we had the accident. Personally, I have vowed to wear my new helmet from now on. I don't know if I will EVER go without a helmet again but I'll try. I can encourage my husband to do the same but I'm not going to be the helmet Nazi!



My point is that it still should be your choice to wear a helmet or not. It's not the government's decision. I hope more of you give serious thought to wearing a helmet but it's your choice. I'm just sayin'

Mary Hamilton

Chapter Event and Ride Photos

Chili Cookoff



First Place – Tony Larimer



Second Place – Steve Koball



Third Place - Jake Mcquire

Chapter Events and Rides

- March 10th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting
- March 10th** [Bake sale @ Rochester Harley](#) following meeting. Questions contact [Cynthia Day O'Brien](#)
- March 13th** Birthday/dinner ride to the Susies Road House in Ostrander. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- April 10th** Birthday/dinner ride to Slippers in Wabasha. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD
- April 14th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting trash pickup . After trash pickup ride and ride leader to TBD.
- April 21st** [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- May 8th** Birthday/dinner ride to Fat Willies in Rochester Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD
- May 12th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South @ 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting trash pickup, then ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD.
- May 20th** Bike blessing at South Troy by Pastor Colleen Hoelt with the blessing at 11:00AM and lunch after. Meet at RHD @ 10:00AM kickstands up @ 10:15AM. Ride leader Gary Runge
- June 2nd** [2012 Cancer Memorial Ride](#) (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at Rochester Harley Davidson. Registration at 9:00AM. @ 10:15AM. [2012 Cancer Memorial Ride Poster](#)
[2012 Cancer Memorial Ride Tab Flyer](#)
[2012 Cancer Memorial Ride Donation Sheet](#)
- June 9th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.
- June 12th** Birthday/dinner ride to King's Place in Miesville. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstand up at TBD. Ride leader TBD
- June 14th - 16th** [IA State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Des Moines, IA. Registration deadline is April 26th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.iastatehogrally.com/>

- June 21st – 23rd [SD State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration deadline is May 3rd. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 28th - 30th [MN State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Brainerd, MN. Registration deadline is May 10th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 10th Birthday/dinner ride to m Branding Iron in Preston. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:45 PM. Ride leader TBD
- July 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.
- July 13th - 15th [Hot Harley Nights Sioux Falls SD](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://hotharlevnights.com/>
- July 22nd [The “Cruise” 2012](#) (12th Annual) <http://www.rmhcruise.com/Home.html> A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald House (non-H.O.G. event)
- July 26th – 29th [MT State Rally](#) in Butte, MT. Registration deadline is June 7th Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mtstatehogrally.com/>
- August 6th – 12th Sturgis (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.
- August 14th Birthday/dinner ride to Rail House in Lake City. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:45 PM. Ride leader TBD
- August 16th - 18th [WI State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Wausau, WI. Registration deadline is June 28th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- September 8th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.
- September 11th Birthday/dinner ride to Good Sport in St Charles. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD

September 12th-16th [Tomahawk WI ride](http://www.tomahawkfallride.com/) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.tomahawkfallride.com/>

October 9th Birthday/dinner ride to Tadacs in Chatfield. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD

October 13th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD.

October 20th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD

November 10th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations) Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting. After meeting ride and ride leader to TBD. Turn in mileage sheet today.

November 13th Birthday/dinner ride to Bears Den Byron MN. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD

December 8th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections) Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting.

December 11th Birthday/dinner ride ride to Beetles in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM

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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