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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
July 2012 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Runge's Ramblings

I guess I'll start with a quote - "because I can" is a good one. Now we don't necessarily do things just because we can, at least I don't. I think you'll agree that we don't throw rocks at cars or drop things from an overpass or pull onto a highway in the middle of a construction zone and just stop just because we can. There are those that do these things however and in the process almost wipe out half a dozen bikes. That's exactly what happened on the ride to Hooters Saturday after the meeting. We were crossing the river to go to La Crosse when an SUV pulled onto the highway in a construction zone and just stopped for no good reason. Now his actions were loudly objected to by one of the riders a couple bikes ahead of me. The driver opened his door and jumped out yelling choice words and I almost took his door off with my brand new trike. We went on our way thinking that was the end of it and soon pulled up and parked across from Hooters. I was still on my ride when the SUV pulled up and the driver got out and an argument as to who had the bigger mouth driver or biker took place. When asked why he just stopped in the highway he replied "because I can". Now, his not-smarter-than-a-5th-grader attitude changed when some other bikers joined us and he left without finding out who had the bigger mouth him or the biker.

On a lighter note, we had a fantastic ride for cancer this year. My hat is off to Arlene Bahr and her committee for all the hard work and good planning. I think we made \$7200 dollars for the Eagles Cancer Telethon. We had 138 riders and good weather. Thank all of you for supporting your club and a special thank you to John and Judy for their help and their donations to the ride. I'll leave you with that and we'll see ya'll on the road.

And remember, Live simply, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Gary Runge
Director

Thought for the month...Remember; always drink upstream from the herd.

June 2012 Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Runge.

Dean Pederson presented checks to Grand Meadow, Leroy, Preston, Wykoff, and Lewiston first responders.

Director Gary Runge: Gary reminded everyone to make sure to check the website for ride information and updates about what is happening with our chapter. There are many links on our website.

Birthday ride is this Tuesday, June 9. The ride is to Miesville. We don't have a road captain for this ride.

Raffle Tickets: We need everyone's help with this. We have only 800 tickets out in members' hands. We are behind this year with sales. This is our major fundraiser for our club; this allows our club to give money to local charities. Please see Jeff Williams to get more tickets. We all need to sell tickets to help reach our goal of selling 1500 tickets.

Assistant Director Arlene Bahr: Gave update from Cancer Ride. She thanked the committee members: Tom and Sandra Welsh, Glenn and Cheryl Roberts, Randy Rieken, Mike Madden, Vicki Twerberg, Roger Hamilton, Gary Runge and Arlene Bahr.

The group worked really hard to make this event a success. We had over 132 riders, our silent auction made over \$1700, we donated from the ride \$7,263. The ride raised \$2466 more than last year!

Arlene wanted to share a sincere thank you to all in the chapter. Thank you for all who donated for the silent auction items, gift cards for door prizes; workers for the event and all the members who put poster up about the ride. Many people made this event great.

Dealership update: Father's Day Special June 14th – 16th. Fourth of July Bang! July 2-3 specials throughout the store. Rochester Harley will be closed July 4th. Please see Arlene for your coupons. Please make sure to thank John and Judy.

Minnesota State Rally is June 28-30 in Brainerd. For those who are going, please travel safely.

Membership Officer Julie Williams: Five year anniversary: Eric Thorn. New Member: Donald Hoffmann. We have 166 active members. 12 new members for 2012

Activities Officer Greg Domke: Biker Night June 23 in Spring Valley.

Summer Picnic is September 15 at noon. The picnic will be at Tom and Sandra Welsh's house. The chapter will provide the meat, pop, water and paper products. Kids are welcome to attend. Please bring a food item to pass. RSVP to Greg by Sept 8. There will be a flyer posted on our website.

Treasure Officer Jeff Williams: Gave update of our account.

Safety Officer Charlie Mulligan: Be careful out there. Charlie shared there has been 14 or 15 deaths from motorcycle accidents. Tom Welsh has his semi-truck here today in the parking lot, and bikes staggered behind the truck to demonstrate how the driver can't see you behind his truck. Make sure when you are following a vehicle the driver can see you. Good rule is if you can see the driver he will be able to see you. When you are passing a semi-truck make sure to pass quickly and get back in your lane. Watch your distance when following vehicles that might be carrying things, they could fly out of the vehicle.

Next Saturday, June 16 in the Minneapolis there is an antique bike show and on Sunday, June 17, there is the Blind Lizard Motorcycle rally.

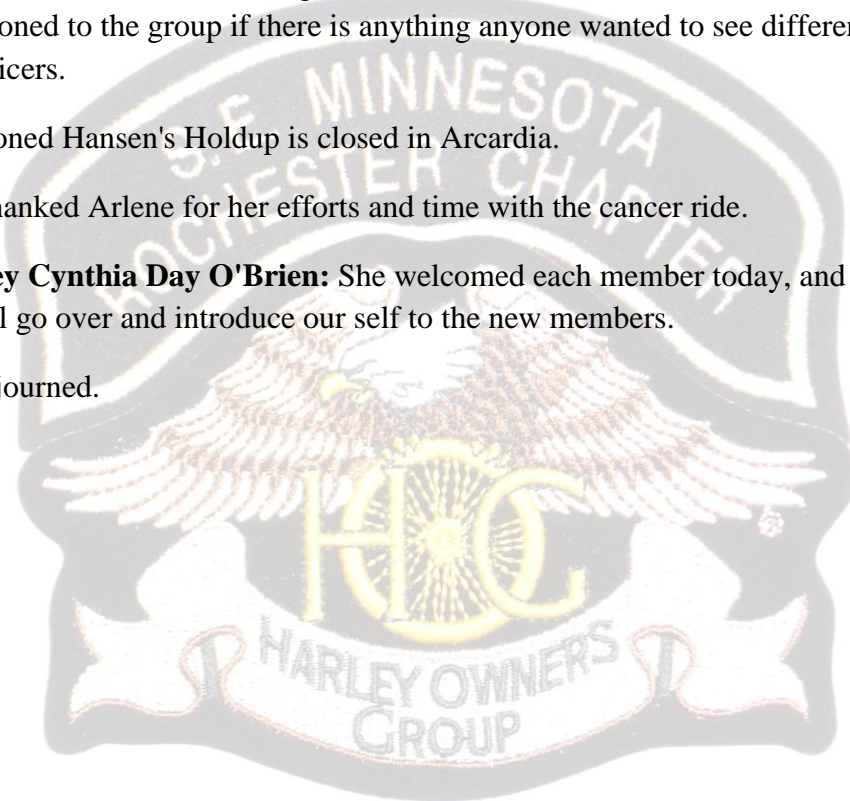
Head Road Captain Tom Welsh: Today's ride will be to five different historical sites and lunch. Tom talked about the dart board game last week at the cancer ride. He had 5 winners from that. Tom mentioned to the group if there is anything anyone wanted to see different please talk to any of the officers.

Someone mentioned Hansen's Holdup is closed in Arcadia.

Sandra Welsh thanked Arlene for her efforts and time with the cancer ride.

Ladies of Harley Cynthia Day O'Brien: She welcomed each member today, and wanted to make sure we all go over and introduce our self to the new members.

Meeting was adjourned.



Around The Bend

Don't know about the rest of you, but I wonder where the last month went??!! Seems like we wait all winter/spring for riding season and BOOM, it flies by! According to the "MEDIA" from the other night, we have so far this year had 17 fatalities compared to 10 at this time last year.

The last "major" motorcycle crash study was done back in 1981 and was called THE HURT REPORT. Title came from the guy doing the study, Hugh H. "Harry" Hurt, a member of the AMA Motorcycle Hall Of Fame. There is currently a new study being done by an independent research facility at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. This study is expected to be completed sometime within the coming year and it will be interesting to learn of its findings. There was/is a lot of data that was learned from the Hurt Report that is still appropriate to today's riding and riders. Here are several safety tips learned from the Hurt Report.

1. Watch out at intersections. The most common mc accident is from a vehicle making a left turn in front of a bike. Slow down, be ready to brake and wear bright clothing to be more visible—so much for all my black T's etc!
2. Be mindful of drinking, speed and rural roads. Statistics show impaired riding is a major problem as is speeding (especially younger, inexperienced, riders). More and more accidents are also happening on the rural roads we all like to ride.
3. GET TRAINING! Riders who have gone through a motorcycle safety training course are less likely to be involved in a crash and are less likely injured if in a crash because of collision avoidance training (counter-steering, correct braking techniques etc).
4. Be Licensed. Properly licensed riders are less likely to be involved in a crash because of their training, testing and efforts to improve their riding skills.
5. Gear Up. Wearing good, protective riding gear can lessen the number and severity of injuries should one be involved in a crash. Speaking for myself, I do not think shorts, flip flops and cut-off t's are going to protect much of ANYTHING!
6. Brake or Swerve. Be mindful of the traffic and, I might add, the physical surroundings both when moving and stopped. If there is a car following close behind you-don't ya HATE that-hard braking may not be the best idea. If you consider what you may swerve into, a semi is not gonna be a good alternative. The shoulder or a "soft" ditch might be a better choice. Check that rear view mirror at stop lights and stop signs. Too often, especially now with CELL PHONES etc, that guy coming up behind you may not even be thinking about stopping.
7. Stopping Quickly. Practice, Practice, Practice! If you must stop quickly, the recommendation is: 1) close the throttle and apply the rear brake 2) apply pressure to the front brake and pull in the clutch 3) adjust both front and rear brake pressure until you stop. THEY (?) say a good rider can do 1 and 2 in two-tenths of a second. It is a fact that the front brake can do about 70% of the braking although it can be a problem if one is not familiar with using it, or riding SOMEONE ELSE'S BIKE they are not familiar with.

Most of these tips are from the Hurt Report. I did add a few things but the most important part of any of them is PRACTICE and AWARENESS. Just because you have the right-of-way does not mean that BUICK is gonna stop for ya. That deer that runs out will very seldom cross at the DEER CROSSING SIGN!! Hitting that oil slick and falling down will REALLY hurt with shorts and tenny's for protective equipment.

I am sure all of this has been heard before by all of us but just stop and think about what's on the road now. Three course meals are being eaten in that car that doesn't see us. Lots are STILL texting and, at 60mph, going 88 ft/sec and not aware of us as they cross the centerline! And worst of all "BUT OFFICER, I DIDN'T SEE THE MOTORCYCLE!!!"

There was a cop show on a number of years ago and the Sgt. that gave the briefing before they went on patrol always ended with: LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Till next month, TTFN, Charlie

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

Roadside Assistance

You may know that your HOG membership entitles you to some basic roadside assistance. It is good to have if you ever are in need. A hint from Tony Haines is to put the HOG Help number (888-443-5896) in your cell phone ALONG with your HOG membership number. I put my HOG number in the HOG Help Contact info.

But, did you know that you can expand your roadside assistance to cover three vehicles and two motorcycles for via ROAD-AMERICA services, the provider of HOG coverage. I thought the services provided for that price far surpassed AAA and AARP options for the low price (<http://www.road-america.com/your-solutions/> - Gordon Haubenschild.

We Got a Little Side-Tracked

The trip to North Carolina and Tennessee that we began planning in January included six people. As time went on, one couple cancelled due to injury and the other couple cancelled due to work.

What started out to be a trip to the “Dragon’s Tail” and Blue Ridge Parkway changed a bit when Bob bought a new bike and realized that Scarecrow the pinstriper who has done our bikes in the past lives less than an hour away from the Dragon’s Tail in Bryson City, NC. Bob contacted him and luckily he was going to be in town and was available when we were going to be passing through. By now some of you are saying – “Didn’t Bob say he was going to keep his old bike for at least three years?” Well according to Bob’s fuzzy math he actually had it for four years. He bought it in 2009 and had it until 2012. That adds up to four years (in Bob’s world anyway). Mary Ann has named it the Pumpkin bike as it is two-tone orange. Scarecrow obligingly painted his trademark scarecrow with a pumpkin head and two small pumpkins.



We were trying to decide which direction to go next when we read the latest HOG magazine. In the \$100 or less ride stories, a couple wrote about the Coon Dog Inn restaurant in Fredonia, Kentucky. We got sidetracked on our way home and stopped there because we have a coon dog named Jazzy. We then decided not to get back on the interstate and stayed on back roads through Kentucky. We ended up in Sturgis – Kentucky that is. Back roads led us into Effingham, Illinois where we spent the night. Our trip was six days and we saw some incredible scenery in the Smokey Mountains. We did the Dragons Tail in the rain. The only good thing about riding it in



the rain was that it kept the crowds down. Our 2,400 miles was split between two lane roads and the interstate. The only day we had rain was Monday. We realized that it really is a different way of life down there. The pace is much much, much slower than here. We really didn’t need the gal at the BBQ restaurant to explain every sauce to us – but we smiled and let her. By that time the food was beginning to get cold. We would recommend this trip to anyone who likes curvy roads and beautiful scenery.

Submitted by Bob and Mary Ann Anderson

Wonderful Wednesday Ride to Suzie's

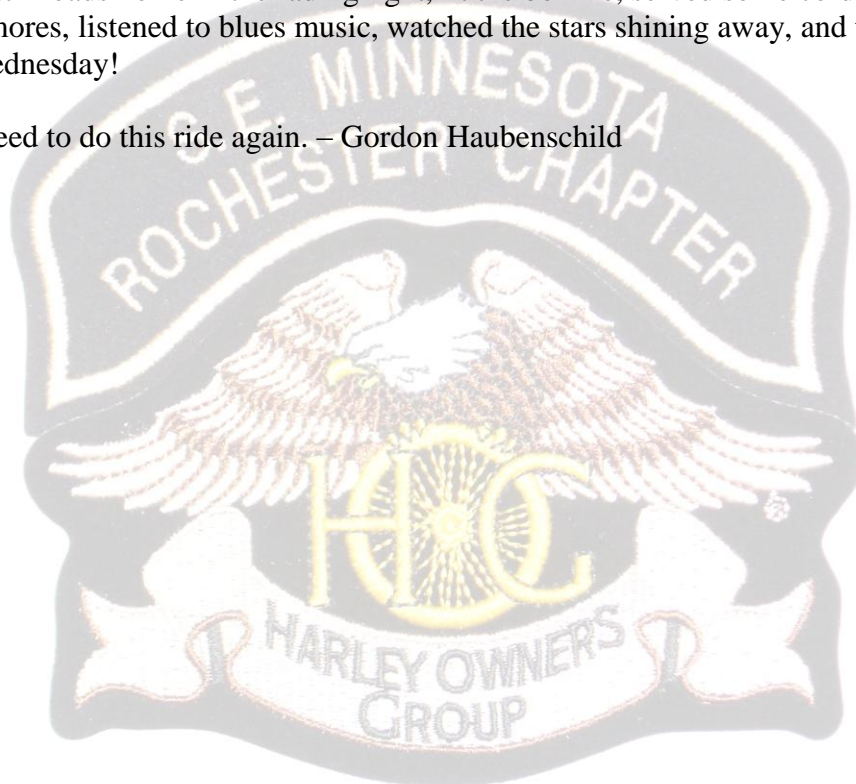
It was one of the best late afternoons - perfect weather. We were thinking about a workout then having dinner around the bonfire, but the heck with that when it is marvelous motorcycle time. We called a few folks, hopped on the Harley around 6:00, and headed to Susie's via the beautiful curvy back roads.

We got there and found out they have hand-made quarter pound burgers for two bucks, fries for a buck, and 2-for-1 beers... yah, like wow! I talked to the owner, Patrick, while sitting on the outside bench munching on peanuts and popcorn soaking up the late afternoon sun's warm rays.

Everyone showed up, had a great time laughing and yakking over burgers and a brew. Yup, best burgers ever.

We followed back roads home in the fading light, lit the bonfire, served some cordials to the group, made s'mores, listened to blues music, watched the stars shining away, and thought, what a wonderful Wednesday!

Life is good! Need to do this ride again. – Gordon Haubenschild



Chapter Event and Ride Photos

Donations from the club to Grand Meadow Area Ambulance, Leroy Ambulance Service, Preston Ambulance Service, Wykoff First Responders and Lewiston Ambulance Association.







Chapter Events and Rides

- June 22nd – 24th** [Weekend trip to the House on the rock](#) Spring Green/Dodgeville Wisconsin. Book your rooms at The Quality Inn @ Reedsburg, Wisconsin for our trip to the House on the Rock on June 22 and 23, 2012. The phone number to the hotel is 608-524-8535, rooms are \$92.10 a night and the cost to get into The House on the rock is \$28.50 at the door. Leaving Friday and returning Sunday. Ride leader Harley Tom. Contact Tom for any clarifications... at 507-421-6864 or e-mail - twelsh33@charter.net for more info
http://www.semnhog.com/miscpage_001/House%20on%20the%20Rock.pdf
- June 23rd** [Biker Night at Deer Creek Speedway](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
<http://www.deercreekspeedway.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Biker-Night.pdf>
- 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/>
Ride leader to (Brainerd) Harley Tom. More info TBD.
- July 9th** Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- July 10th** Birthday/dinner ride to m Branding Iron in Preston. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to meet at Branding Iron if that works better for you. Ride leader TBD
- July 13th - 15th** [Hot Harley Nights Sioux Falls SD](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://hotharley nights.com/>
- July 14th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM Breakfast at Hy-Vee South at 7:30AM on Saturday prior to the meeting . After meeting ride planned to Harbor Bar in Red Wing. Ride leader Kevin Ohm.
- July 22nd** [The “Cruise” 2012](#) (12th Annual)
<http://rmhcruise.com/Welcome.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** Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- 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. Ride leader Wayne Miland and Dale Moe (Bones).
- 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 to (?????). Ride leader Gordy Haubenschild.
- September 11th** Birthday/dinner ride to Good Sport in St Charles. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD
- September 12th-16th** [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.tomahawkfallride.com/>
- September 15th** [End of Summer Family H.O.G. Cookout](#) at the “RedRoof Inn” Eyota 427 Madison Avenue. For more info http://www.semnhog.com/miscpage_001/End%20of%20Summer.pdf
- September 21st-23rd** [Weekend trip to Lake Vermillion](#). Fortune Bay Casino @ Tower Minnesota phone number is 1-800-992-7529 September 21 and 22, 2012. Rooms are \$76.00 a night and they are giving you \$10.00 free casino money. Saturday night supper will be on the lake at Echo Point, yep yep we will be grilling Ribeye! So if you would like to join us for a fabulous supper - it will be an extra \$15.00 per person. I will need to collect this money prior to the trip so i can pick up the food and get it there. Sanda's Daddy will be are griller :) Camping is available, let me know if you are interested and I will give you details. Ride leader Harley Tom. Contact Tom for any clarifications... at 507-421-6864 or e-mail - twelsh33@charter.net for more info http://www.semnhog.com/miscpage_001/Fortune%20Bay%20Trip.pdf
- October 8th** Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- 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 5th** Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- 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 3rd** Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- 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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