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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
August 2012 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Runge's Ramblings

I understand that the Cruise went well and the dollar amount was \$132,000. A good amount for a great cause. I wasn't able to make it and missed a good ride.

Not much news to tell other than Mary and I had a great trip to the Black Hills and points west.

All the heat recently hasn't stopped the bikers from riding the river roads. Every day they go by the house, and a lot of them are all packed up for a trip. Last week I ran into a 77 year old lady on a trike that was leaving for the Black Hills and then Sturgis. She stopped at the cycle shop in Alma for something and I was in there when she rode up. All I can say is what a gal. Just because we get old doesn't mean we're going to give up riding. At our age we don't worry about being (cool) so we by trikes and enjoy the ride, after all the ride is what it is all about.

I'll leave you with that and see ya'll on the road.

Gary Runge
Director

Thought for the month... If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving's not for you.

July 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Runge, Director.

Director Gary Runge is asking for volunteers to be part of a Holiday Party committee. Gary offered to be on the committee, also Mike Madden. Please let Gary know if you wish to help.

Dean Anderson announced the Byron Snow Bear Snowmobile Club is having grass drag races on Sun. Sept. 23rd from 10-4. Rochester Harley Davidson will be a vendor and there is space for a table to sell our raffle tickets. Please attend and if you wish to sell tickets then contact Gary Runge or Arlene Bahr.

Assistant Director: Arlene Bahr is looking for the club to send 1 or 2 members to Milwaukee, WI Sept. 1st for the Chapter Parade of Flags. If you are interested let Arlene know.

MN State Rally: Peter Mittelsted attended this year as did Tom Walsh. There was a beach party, D.J., banquet and a band. There was a Passport Ride and prizes. Approximately 800 members showed up from MN. 89 of St. Paul's members were present.

Tom Walsh, head road captain: Tom is putting out a challenge to all members to preregister for the MN State Rally and participate then Tom Walsh will throw a cookout for all that do at his cost. Next year's rally is in Albert Lea.

Chapter challenge: It is very difficult to get to some of the sites with your bike and there are some areas of gravel. There are 58 in SE MN alone. You can purchase a book on Amazon.com. Take a picture of your bike and the site and then print it out.

House on the Rock: Tom Walsh reported that the House on the Rock trip was great. He is encouraging all members to "Ride and have fun."

Membership: Julie Williams: We currently have 169 members. 14 are new. Anniversaries celebrated are: 10 year: Dean Anderson and Lori Batzel. 15 year: Ann Schwanke. Congratulations!

The Cruise: Julie Williams: The Cruise is July 22nd. Last year we raised \$135,000. If we raise over \$110,000 we will total 1 million in the lifetime of this event. The parade route will be from RCTC to Silver Lake soccer field where the festivities will take place. Fee is \$20 a rider. You can register online at RMHCruise.com

Treasurer: Jeff Williams: The beginning balance was \$13,708.32, ending balance of \$15,085.81.

Raffle Tickets: 1000 raffle tickets are out, 500 left so please pick up a book and sell, sell, and sell. This is our only income for our club.

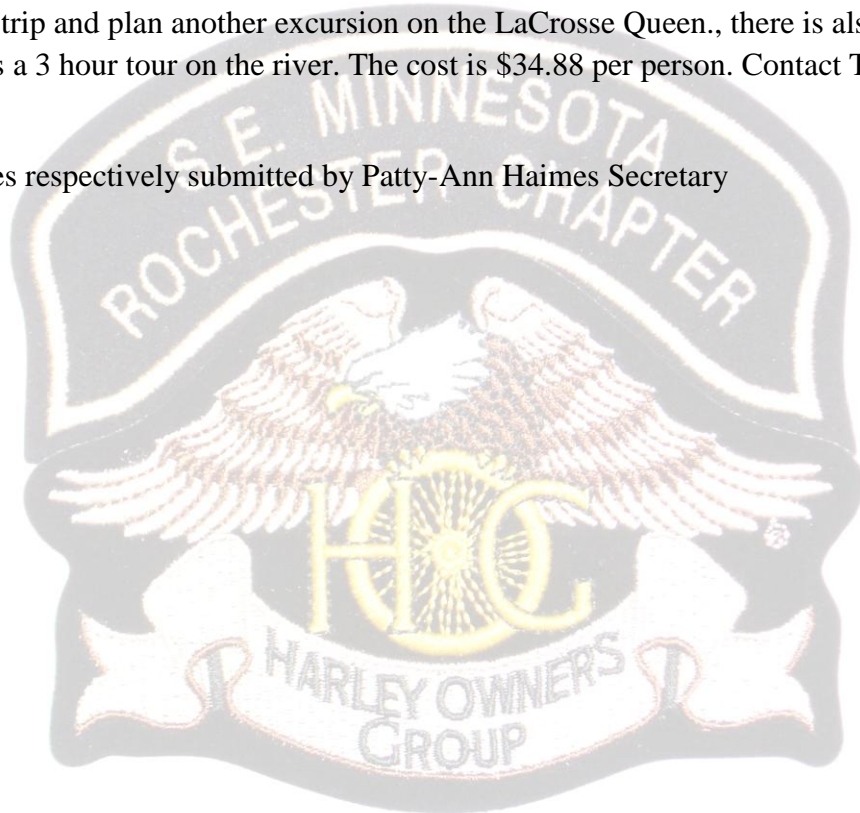
Safety Officer: Gary Runge for Charlie Milligan: Remember to beware of dehydration, heat exhaustion, slippery paint on the roads such as the center line. They become very slick in excessive heat. Have a bottle of Gatorade or water with you in your travels to keep you hydrated.

Today's ride will be led by Gary Runge. Destination will be The Harbor Bar in Redwing, kickstands up at 10:30.

End of Summer Family H.O.G. cookout: RSVP to Greg Domke by Sept. 1, 2012 if you plan to attend the cookout on Sept. 15th, 2012. The address for the cookout is "Red Roof Inn", 427 Madison Ave., Eyota, MN. For more info see Newsletter from July 2012. The club will provide the meat, so please bring a dish to pass.

Head Road Captain: Tom Walsh: If no one is going on the Sept. 21-23rd trip to Vermillion, Tom will cancel that trip and plan another excursion on the LaCrosse Queen., there is also a live band on the boat. It is a 3 hour tour on the river. The cost is \$34.88 per person. Contact Tom if you wish to attend.

Meeting Minutes respectively submitted by Patty-Ann Haimes Secretary



Around The Bend

“WHEN YOU’R HOT, YOU’R HOT”! I think most of us have heard these words from a song by Jerry Reed (who?). Pretty much describes how it’s been lately. Kind of amazing we can go from the 90’s or higher with a heat index of 100+ in the summer to -20 (or so) in the “other season” with wind chills of a bunch. Don’t think too many are out on two wheels in the “other season”, but we’ve all been out in the heat.

Earlier in the year, I talked a little about riding when it IS cold and the signs of HYPOTHERMIA. A reminder of some of the signs of HYPERTHERMIA is a good idea now. Hyperthermia is basically described as “overheating of the body”. Signs or symptoms of this condition may include any of the following: elevated body temperature, headache, nausea, weakness, feeling faint, muscle cramps, cold damp skin and the worst case, COMA!

If you or someone you are with experiences any of these symptoms, you should: get the person out of the sun into a cool place, offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine (water and fruit juices are preferred), encourage the person to shower or sponge off if possible, and urge the person to lie down and rest in as cool an area is possible. I have noticed and I’m sure many of you have also, that out west where it is usually hotter for a longer time, most folks who are outside for any long period of time, will wear a light colored long sleeve shirt. This not only protects arms etc from sunburn-another issue itself- but helps to reflect the sun. Nothin like a BLACK H.D. T SHIRT on a hot day!!! I have also found that a thorough dousing with water of this shirt periodically while on the road can also feel good!!!!

Some other things to think about while you are out enjoying a ride are road construction and riding in the rain. During our second season, road construction,(winter being the first) some things to watch out for are: watered roads to keep the dust, road construction personell, equipment, detours and fresh tar, gravel, dirt etc.

How ‘bout that riding in the rain? Definitely not one of my favorites but there is a saying “if ya don’t ride in the rain, ya don’t ride”. In a nutshell, there are times you are almost forced to ride in the rain. As it is around here with the little rain we have had, when it starts to rain, all the oil and other droppings from the cars etc. on the road will ride up on top of the rain and can make for a slippery ride. When the road does get wet, the lines, stripes, info, etc painted on the road can become very slick as well. Another safety issue when riding in the rain is hydroplaning. That tread on your tire is designed to “channel” the water away from the tire and give you some grip when you are going around that turn or even straight ahead. When the rain starts is not the best time to think about the tread on those tires or THE AIR PRESSURE in them!!!



TTFN, Charlie

P.S. Some DO ride in the “OTHER SEASON” 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

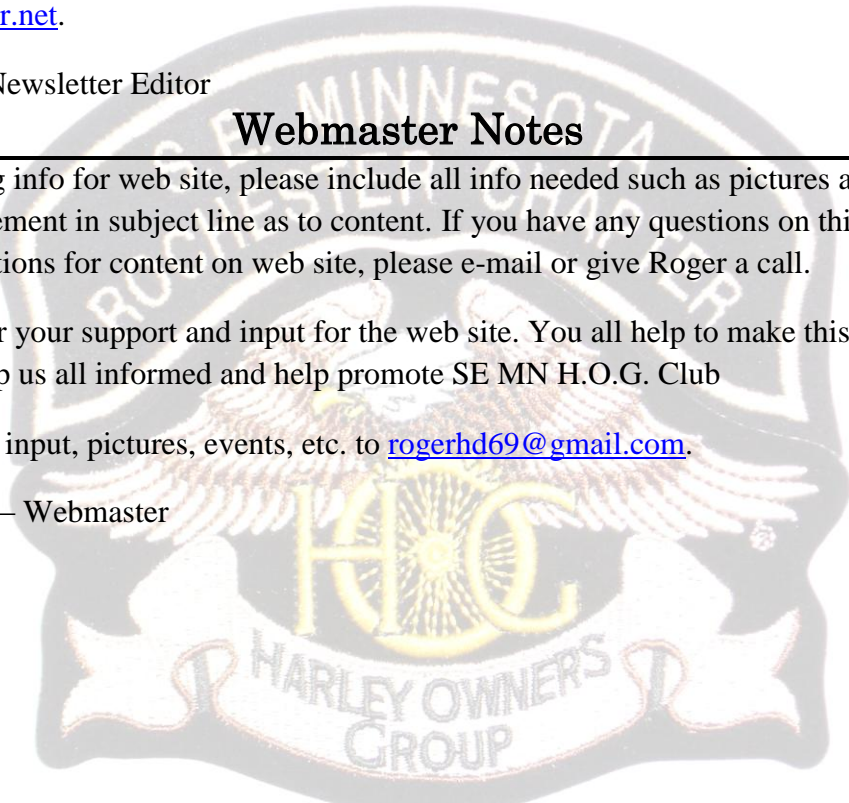
Webmaster Notes

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



Chapter Events and Rides

- 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 Gary Runge
- 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](#) Noon at the “RedRoof Inn”
Eyota 427 Madison Avenue. Please RSVP To Greg Domke by
September 1st <mailto:gadomke@hotmail.com> For more info
http://www.semnhog.com/miscpage_001/End%20of%20Summer.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.**

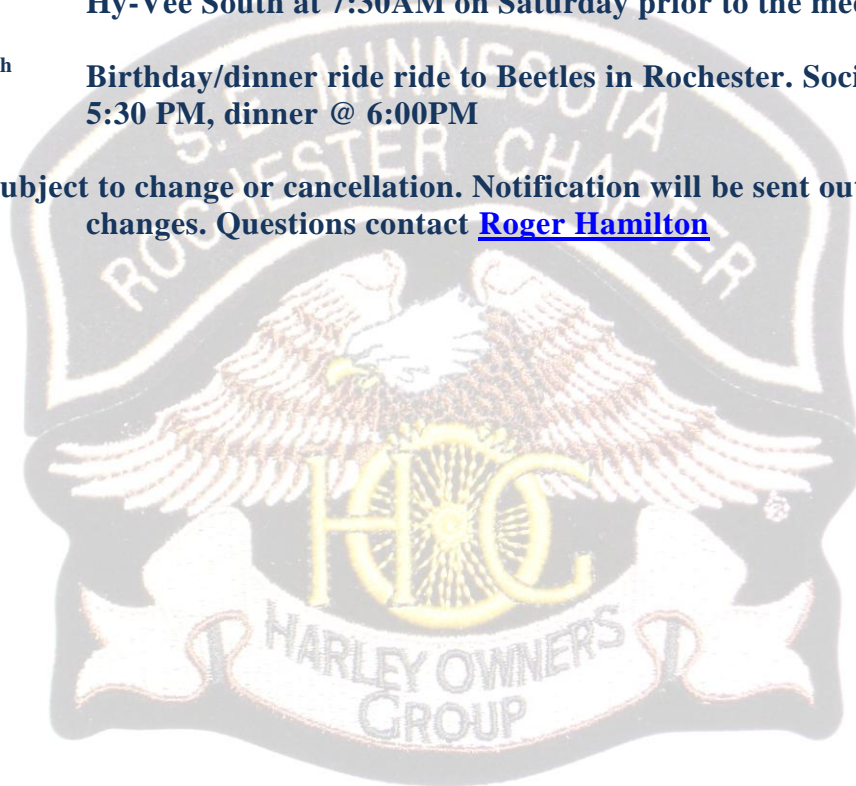
November 13th **Birthday/dinner ride to Bears Den Byron MN. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD**

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 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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