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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
May 2013 Newsletter

Directors Notes

HOG, HOT, WOW!!

Sue & I just got back from Milwaukee after attending Harley Officers Training. What an unbelievable experience. There were about 1200 people attending. This was an international event. There were 150 people from Canada and 450 people from outside the United States. We talked to people from the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, France, Italy, Jordan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, The Netherlands, Ireland, Norway, South Africa, Belgium, Japan, Scotland... Every one of them had the same passion for Harley Davidson and riding. We came away with a better understanding of what HOG means to Harley Davidson and how much they appreciate what we do to help build the HD brand. Just so we are clear, it wasn't all partying! We were in class from 8-5 on Friday & Saturday and brainstormed with other clubs about what does and doesn't work for them (some of that was over a few alcoholic beverages). We heard some great ideas that we will discuss at the next meeting. Please come and hear what we heard and let us know what you think. This is your club, get involved.

Here's to warm & dry weather,

Mike



April 2013 Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance at 9:32 by Mike Madden

Report from Assistant Director - Tom Welsh

Boat ride is being planned for Lacrosse, WI since it is less expensive than Red Wing. Approximately \$ 40/person. Hotel available. Do members want to stay Friday or Saturday night? Please let Tom know what you would want. Looking at day in August.

Sandra was not here today to report on Cancer Ride but Tom brought baskets that he requested people take home and fill for silent auction at the Cancer Ride. The Loop has already donated a \$50 gift card to us for the ride.

Reminder of the bike show at the Albert Lea mall today.

Julie Williams - Membership ~ We have 137 members, 7 of which are new. All dues were owed by the end of March so we ended up losing 33 members who didn't renew. Recovered 2 of the 33 at the meeting today. We have 2 anniversaries ~ 10 years is Dr. Tom and 5 year is Bill Markus.

Tom also brought up the Chapter Challenge. We will be spelling out the word "Softail". Please take a picture of you next to a city or town sign that begins with each letter in the word "softail". The winner will be the person with the most complete picture and spelling of softail.

There was discussion about the Christmas Party. Tamara brought up the option of going to the Plummer House as a change. They would have a celebrated chef prepare a meal for us. It cost \$625 to rent the Plummer House. The club would pick this amount up. The cost per person would be \$25 for drinks and food. After the discussion there was a motion to have the membership vote on which location ~ Plummer House or Zumbro Falls. The vote was 28 to 10 in the Plummer House favor. Tamara agreed to call the Plummer House and book it.

Treasurer Report - Jeff Williams - Starting balance was \$14,343 and ending balance was \$15,395. We had \$264 in dues, \$56 for 50/50, \$257 for Bake Sale, \$285 for Chili Cook-off, \$200 for raffle and \$9 in merchandise. Jeff also mentioned he is ordering patches since the green bag has not been found.

Safety Officer - Charlie - Since it is still snowing here, Charlie told us that studded tires are in!

Reminded us to try to stay out of vehicles and trucks blind spots. Try to always anticipate other drivers mistakes. We all haven't been riding for a long time, so may want to practice a little in empty parking lots. Watch the sand on the road.

Next meeting we will have Gordy bring his resuscitation Anne to review CPR. Beneficial for all of us to review again.

Contribution Committee has identified communities that we would donate to their First Responders. We will donate to these 5 in Spring Valley, Lake City, Pine Island, Chatfield,

Elgin/Millville and Houston. The membership voted "Yes" to this. The committee then has 5 to donate to in the summer and 5 in the Fall.

Upcoming Events: Flood Run on April 20th. Bike Blessing on May 19th, Cancer Ride on June 1st. Next meeting we will be doing ditch clean-up. Please help out and dress accordingly. Drawing for bike on October 19th.

Dealer News: New merchandise is constantly coming in ~ check it out! Kickstart Sale is April 15th - 20th.

40th Anniversary Party will be July 27th. Food and Band. More information to come. Lastly ~ please give the service department a couple of days notice to get your bike out of storage. Remember your license tabs!

We did have Tom Klares from the Albert Lea Club talk to us about the State Rally in Albert Lea on June 27-29. It is at the Fairgrounds in Albert Lea. Campsites will be posted soon on website and hotels are already on website. Parade will be scheduled around construction, so route will be out soon. Albert Lea held some of the first state rallies in 1991, 1992 and 1993. Registration is all online (credit card or mail in check.) \$35 to get in. Just google "Minnesota State Rally". If google brings up 2012 rally ~ just use the refresh button.

Sell Raffle Tickets!!!

Activity Officer Notes

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to gadomke@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 dalen02@hotmail.com.

Dale Nelson
Webmaster

Around the Bend

Scattered showers, rain changing to sleet and then snow, some accumulation expected. Probably could have used this opening for any month since October-----BUT IT'S APRIL!! Looks like a COLD Flood Run-if one at all. I have seen the F.R. at 90 and I've seen it at 45. Guess which one I like best?? If ya go, remember a few things. Have ya checked the BIKE over yet this year? How bout those tires? I blow mine up to about 40# + for the winter. Not too great for ride and handling but kept em round in the garage. If they were in a cold garage, no telling what they are this spring(and I use that term with hesitation). It has warmed up some and MOST of the snow is gone—with the exception of what I call SURVIVOR SNOW!! This is the ugly, dirty, icy- add your own adjectives here- stuff that will be around till we see some 50+ temps or warm rain. It may be in that shady part of the turn where the sun don't shine. It may be along the hillside that won't see sunshine till June. At best, it will be liquid and at worst, well, just be careful. How about road repair-patching—NO, don't laugh, they actually do—sometime!! If the roads have been patched, watch out for the "ROAD SNAKES", or cracks that have been filled in. They are usually worse in the summer heat but start thinkin about them now. Cage drivers haven't seen us for a while and they are quick to forget that we do SHARE THE ROAD! Of great importance-I know that I have lost some feel for riding since last fall. I like to find a parkin lot and just do some turns, stops etc. Might look silly but I'd rather get used to riding there than in F.R. traffic. Goin along with this, don't expect to be able to ride as far/hard as ya did last summer. Kinda get used to being in the in the saddle before ya do that IRON BUTT!! Last but not least—dress accordingly. Remember hypothermia? If ya get cold, stop and warm up! The symptoms of hypothermia include shivering and disorientation-also common after a night of TEQUILA, but that's another story! Layering clothes is a good idea and will allow ya to remove layers as it MAY warm up. By the time ya read this, the F.R. will probably have come and gone. I hope all had a good SAFE time. Hope to get a few interesting safety things/demonstrations in this year. We were gonna have Gordy and Annie do a CPR demo next meeting but with the TREASURE HUNT scheduled, we are gonna push that out a month. Tom will be bringing his semi in to show how blind we can be behind one. I would like to have a tire pressure check for those who want

theirs checked or don't know where to find that information. Have a good, SAFE riding season and remember LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



P.S. Wonder if she's getting ready to go on the FLOOD RUN on her '23 HD??

Your 2013 Board



2013 Chapter Events and Rides

- May 7th Dinner ride to [Tilly's](#) at Oronoco. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD.
- May 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD.
- May 19th Bike blessing at [South Troy Wesleyan Church](#) by Pastor Colleen Hoeft with the blessing at 11:00AM and lunch after. Meet at RHD @ 10:00AM kickstands up @ 10:15AM. Ride leader TBD
- June 1st 2013 Cancer Memorial Ride (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at Rochester Harley Davidson. Registration at 9:00AM.@ 10:15AM.
- June 8th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD.
- June 11th Dinner ride to [Border Line Pizza](#) at St. Charles. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- June 14th – 15th SD State H.O.G. Rally in Spearfish, SD. Registration deadline is April 25th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 20th – 22nd IA State H.O.G. Rally in Clinton, IA. Registration deadline is May 2nd. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.iastatehogrally.com/>
- June 27th - 29th MN State H.O.G. Rally in Albert Lea, MN. Registration deadline is May 9th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 9th Dinner ride to [Newt's North](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD.
- July 13th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD.
- July 28th The "Cruise" 2013 13th Annual <http://rmhcruise.com> A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 6th – 12th Sturgis (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 10th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD.
- August 13th Dinner ride to [Fat Willy's](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- August 15th - 17th WI State H.O.G. Rally in Minocqua, WI. Registration deadline is June 27th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- Aug 29th – Sep 1st 110th Annivesary Celebration & H.O.G. 30th in Milwaukee, WI. Go to the following web site for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>

- September 10th Dinner ride to [Bear's Den](#) at Byron. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- September 11th-15th [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.tomahawkfallride.com/>
- September 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD
- October 8th Dinner ride to [Famous Dave's](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- October 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM After meeting trash pickup, ride and ride leader to TBD.
- October 19th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- November 9th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today.
- November 12th Dinner ride to [Five Guy's](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- December 10th Dinner ride to [Red Lobster](#) Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections)

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

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