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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
November 2013 Newsletter

Directors Notes

I guess winter is inevitable. I woke up this morning to snow on my lawn and roof! I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to put the bike away. To me, as I get older, the only good thing about winter is looking forward to spring and summer!!

HD had their open house on Saturday. The weather wasn't great for riding although Tony and Patty went on the ride by themselves (true diehards!). We had a good turn out and sold some tickets. We had the drawing at 2:00 and Brady Hodge was the big winner. Thanks to everyone that put in the last minute effort to sell tickets. We wound up just short of \$9800 with \$3000 of that being turned in on Saturday!

We will be taking nominations for officers at the November meeting. Jeff & Julie are "retiring" so we will need to elect a new treasurer, editor and membership director for sure. Please make sure you thank them for all of the time they have dedicated to HOG. They have put in many hours behind the scenes, helped us grow and kept us pointed in the right direction.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas party on January 11th. This year we will be at the Plummer House. If you don't have the opportunity to come to the monthly meetings or join in on any of the rides, this is a great way to meet other members in a casual, fun atmosphere, plus we give away prizes!

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Mike

October 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Director Mike Madden

Ditch Clean-up today!

Report on Christmas Party to be held on January 11, 2014 at the Plummer House. Tamara has options for dinner picks that Sandra presented. After several attempted votes it was decided to make this decision at a later date since many of us couldn't make up our mind. Cost per person is \$20.00. Sandra also presented the option of people who attend the party could reserve a room at the Hilton Downtown at \$ 95 plus tax. There are 10 rooms reserved by the committee, and people will need to reserve their room at this rate by 12/30/2013. There would be transportation to the Hilton from the Plummer House also.

Mike announced an invitation by the Eagles Cancer Telethon people to attend a dinner marking the 60th Anniversary of the telethon. The dinner is October 26th at 5:30 at the Rochester Event Center.

November is the month we take nominations for officers of the club. There are openings for Treasurer, Editor and membership.

Membership Report from Julie Williams: 15 new members in 2013. There are 3 anniversaries: 25 years - Roger Jewel, 15 years - Mary Hamilton and 5 years - Mike Madden. There will again be a drawing for a \$ 25 Harley gift certificate for everyone who signs up early for their membership.

Treasurer Report from Jeff Williams: Beginning Balance \$ 11,370 and Ending Balance \$ 13,122.

Activities Report from Greg Domke: He would like the Mileage and Chapter sheets turned in at the November meeting. The forms are located on-line.

There also will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to decorate at the Plummer House for the Christmas party. A second sign-up sheet is started for people attending the Christmas party.

Freeze Your Butt ride is the first weekend in November.

Safety Report by Charlie: Lots of leaves this time of year. Leaves can be slippery ~ especially when they are wet. Also ~ be careful this time of year when riding. Hypothermia comes on quick when you add in the wind chills and low temperatures.

Next Saturday is the Rochester Harley Davidson Store Open House. This is also the time we will be doing the raffle drawing. Mike expressed concern with raffle ticket sales. This is a fundraiser for the club and this money is used to give back to the community. There was extensive discussion about the future raffle ticket sales. What is the best way to do the raffle? Do we want to still give away a bike when we haven't given it to anyone for last 4 years? Would people be interested in larger bike? If so, we would need to collect even

more money through sales. Why are sales down this year? Jeff Williams mentioned we did lose some big ticket sellers this year. Others in the group have said that raffle tickets sales in other clubs they belong to are down too.

Ideas that were discussed or given to club to consider:

Raffle tickets should say where the money is going (i.e. charity, First Responders, etc..)

Should we change the raffle ticket drawing to the Christmas Open House where more people may attend and more time to sell tickets?

Should all members be required to buy a book of tickets? Group felt this would probably lose members.

Should we call members as to why they don't want to participate in sales?

Should we have committee to call these people?

Should we raise dues to cover not selling tickets?

Charlie suggested some type of suggestion box that members can fill out anonymously.

Pam suggested with the membership Forms that have to be filled out, we include a anonymous sheet to fill out to give feedback.

Jeff also suggested using Survey Monkey to request feedback online from members.

There was an extensive discussion started by Frank as to what is the purpose of the club. Initially it was to do rides and to have FUN. Do we do too many "other" things? Should we get back to just doing rides? Would more people participate? Tony mentioned at the beginning of the year there was a request for more road captains and where people want to ride. He received very little response on both and this is frustrating.

Mike will put together a committee to get ideas, feedback, and decide the direction of club.

- Respectfully submitted by Sue Madden

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

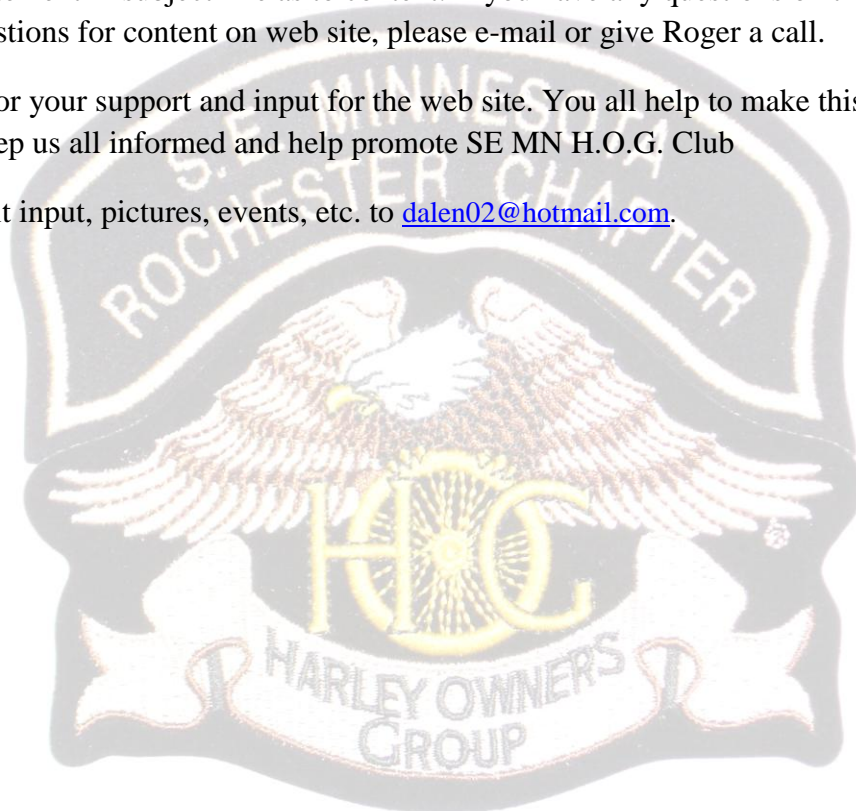
Webmaster Notes

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

Intermittent showers, flurries, lo around 30-possible frost. Tomorrow and next week, scattered showers, windy and cold. Just practicing for my stint at the weather channel-NOT ! Weather is changing fast. It is certainly not out of the question to have some nice weather to go for that "LAST RIDE OF THE YEAR" but, just as likely that it will happen on a Tuesday and those that are at work(?) will not be able to partake. Whatever the case, there are a few things to keep in mind. Leaves, wet grass, sand, all can make for a slippery road. That freeze/frost last nite may be an issue "around the bend" that you can't see. Daylite savings time will be ending soon and it will be getting dark even sooner! Our old friend(?) HYPOTHERMIA may rear its ugly head. Here are the symptoms of hypothermia as per the Mayo Clinic:

"Shivering is your body's automatic defense against cold temperature – an attempt to warm itself. Constant shivering is a key sign of hypothermia. Signs and symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia include:

- Shivering
- Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Slurred speech or mumbling
- Confusion or difficulty thinking
- Poor decision making, such as trying to remove warm clothes
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Apathy or lack of concern about one's condition
- Progressive loss of consciousness
- Weak pulse
- Slow, shallow breathing

A person with hypothermia usually isn't aware of his or her condition, because the symptoms often begin gradually and because the confused thinking associated with hypothermia prevents self-awareness."

Taking this a step further, we ALL have heard of WIND-CHILL. This chart shows how the wind/motion can affect the temperature that exposed skin feels:

Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

Frostbite occurs in 15 minutes or less

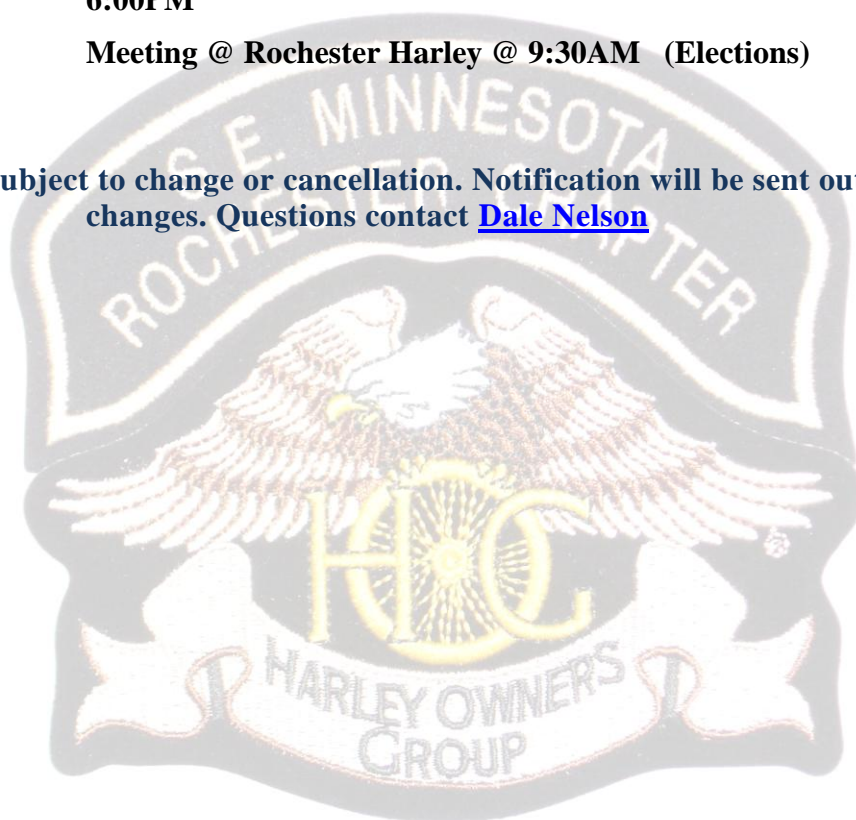
Another consideration is the Farm equipment on the road. With the rapidly changing weather (BUMMER) there will likely be an increase in the number of tractors, combines and other equipment on the road. Many don't have any signals-directional, brake etc- or they may be covered up and hard to see. The vehicle operators may/probably are unable to see us behind them. Although frustrating to follow at slow speeds, trying to pass could be a bad idea. I always try to look ahead to see if there is a driveway or some kind of road that may be a potential turn for the vehicle. If there is none, when I do pass, I try to get around as fast as possible. Yes, there are LOTS of hazardous and changing conditions at this time of year. Nuthin new, it happens EVERY year but it's nice to get that one last ride of the year—AROUND THE BEND!!!



2013 Chapter Events and Rides

- November 2nd Freeze Your Butt Ride, Ride leader TBD. Meet at Rochester HD, kickstands up at 11:00AM.
- 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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