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[Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)

March 2014 Newsletter

Directors Notes

As some of you already know, we have changed up the Cancer Ride a little. We had some feedback from club members that the perception of our ride is that it is Harley only because the ride starts and ends at RHD. We talked to John and Judy during our officer meeting to discuss some options. One of those was to get the Eagles involved and they thought that would be a good idea. I contacted the Eagles and they are very willing to have us start and end there. They will make sure they have a band and if the weather is nice, they might even do it outside. We will meet with Kevin later in March to get some of the details finalized. This should help our numbers for the ride. It was also decided to change the drawing for the raffle to the Christmas Open House and reduce the cash option in hopes that the winner will take the bike. As a result, the raffle tickets are not ready yet because the date for the drawing and the prizes has to be printed on the tickets. As soon as I get the form back from the state, I will get them printed.

We are still looking for someone to step up and fill the membership position. Please contact Julie Williams if you are willing to take over for her. She has been kind enough to help us out, but that won't last forever, right Judy?

Think spring!

Mike

January 2014 Meeting Minutes

Assistant Director Tom Welsh led the meeting in Director Mike Madden's absence. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Club wants to thank Tamara Thorn for the planning, decorating and carrying out of the Christmas Party this year. It was a great time. We also want to thank Mary Hamilton for helping Tamara out too.

Tom reported the State Rally is in Brainerd the last weekend in June. The Host Hotel is Cragun's and the rally will be at the Brainerd International Raceway. Pre-registration for H.O.G. members is \$20. That same weekend the Lakes Jam Music Festival is going on and there will be rock and country music bands. There is camping available also. Please visit the website at: <http://mnstatehogrally.com/regdetail.html>.

The Cancer Telethon was a success for the H.O.G. group. We had two tables of candles and raised over \$1300. Thanks very much to all the volunteers we had. We really appreciate your help!

June 7, 2014 is our Cancer Ride. We discussed the event with John and Judy and the board decided to have Harley as a stop on the ride, but we will begin and end at Eagles Club this year. Director Mike spoke to the Eagles and they were excited for us to do this and agreed to provide a band and large area for our silent auction items. We are hoping this might help us raise more money this year.

Safety Director report – Charlie – Charlie has been checking on some Advanced Rider Courses at the Community College. Many weekends are taken already by some beginner courses, 3-wheel courses, etc...but there are a few weekends left. Please contact Charlie on this ~ we need at least 5 people to schedule a class.

Charlie brought up motorcycle insurance and specifically the coverage for personal injury. He is aware that some companies do not cover the driver under this coverage. Secretary Sue who is a State Farm insurance agent gave a little additional information on the coverage: 1) this coverage is optional on a motorcycle in MN and can be expensive for what you get 2) Many companies only offer \$ 1000 coverage 3) As a suggestion to anyone who has been injured on their motorcycle ~ Sue spoke to a claims representative and he suggested that you make sure you present your out of pocket expenses to the insurance company as soon as possible, before the medical expenses are sent to the insurance company. State Farm (possibly other companies too) cover leathers, prescription glasses, etc... If you present these expenses before your medical, they will get paid first. The medical expenses then can be submitted to your health insurance company. The main thing is to talk to your company on what their policy covers so there are no surprises.

Charlie also mentioned that there is talk of no-fault insurance being introduced as a required coverage in Minnesota. If this happens, your motorcycle insurance could go up dramatically. Please consider belonging to a motorcycle group that will work for you with legislative issues that could affect you.

Activities Director Tony reported that the Chili Cook-off is today. \$5 buys you a ballot and chance to taste all the chili entries. There will be a Bake Sale after the March meeting. Donnie Smith Bike Show will be in the Cities on March 29-30. Lastly ~ the Flood Run will be April 19th.

Membership Director Julie Williams reported that we currently have 146 members and 95 are paid for the coming year. Everyone needs to register and pay by March 31st or their membership will be expired. Two new members were signed up at the Bike Show. There are no anniversaries this month.

Dealer News ~ Valentine's Day is Friday ~ check out the specials for your valentine on February 12-14th. Make Him/Her Happy!! March Madness Sale ~ March 7th- 15th ~ Everything leather is on sale! Spring merchandise will be arriving next week so come check it out. The semi-trailer for Bike Week in Daytona is FULL!

Lastly ~ Tom brought up the bike raffle. It was discussed at the last board meeting with John and Judy that there will be some changes. The raffle will be during the Christmas Open House at Harley on December 6th, and the cash option on the tickets will be reduced in the hopes the winner will choose the

bike. There will be more information on this at a later date. Tickets should be available at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 by Tom.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Sue Madden.



Ladies of Harley

Chili Contest Winner!

The chili cook off was a hit, we had 14 crocks of delicious chili!! Thanks to John and Judy for supplying the tables, condiments, and John's chili too!

We actually took in a total of \$150.00! This will be used to assist in our annual donations to the Ambulance Crews, and other charities we donate to.

- First Prize, \$50 gift certificate goes to Tony Haimes. He also was awarded the Traveling Trophy!
- Second Prize, \$25 gift certificate goes to Steve Koball
- Third Prize, \$10 gift certificate goes to Cynthia Day O'brien

Thank you to all who participated, whether you cooked chili, or just came to taste and judge.

Here's your winning recipe from Tony Haimes:

Super-Duper Chili

Prep Time: 20 Minutes

Cook Time: 30 Minutes

Ready In: 50 Minutes

Servings: 14

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound bulk pork sausage
1 pound ground beef
2 (15 ounce) cans spicy chili beans
1 (16 ounce) jar salsa
1 (16 ounce) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
8 ounces process cheese (eg. Velveeta), cubed
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

DIRECTIONS:

IN A SOUP KETTLE OR DUTCH OVEN, COOK THE SAUSAGE AND BEEF OVER MEDIUM HEAT UNTIL NO LONGER PINK; DRAIN. STIR IN THE REMAINING INGREDIENTS. BRING TO A BOIL. REDUCE HEAT; COVER AND SIMMER FOR 30 MINUTES OR UNTIL HEATED THROUGH.



Annual Ladies of Harley Bake Sale

Let's get on our aprons and bake, bake, bake for the March 8th Annual Bake Sale! Bring in a dozen, a pan or a dish. It can be fancy, whatever you wish! Make your favorite creation, a bunch or a batch. We can sell them as is, or just mix and match! The Bake Sale will take place right after the March 8th meeting at RHD. Please bring your treats inside prior to meeting so we can get them set up ☺.

For any questions please contact Patty Haimes @ patty_blue2u@yahoo.com or call cell at 507-993-7857

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Patty-Ann Haimes

Ladies of Harley

Activity Officer Notes

We are in need of several Road Captains to help plan and lead rides. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Tony at thames@yahoo.com or 507-254-2284.

Tony Haimes
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 Dale Nelson 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 dalen02@hotmail.com.

Dale Nelson
Newsletter Editor

Webmaster Notes

You may submit input, pictures, events, etc. 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. Also, if you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for content on web site, please send an e-mail or call one of the Webmasters.

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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.

Dale Nelson
Webmaster

Around the Bend

Looked at the weather app on my tablet today and was surprised to see a forecast of 80 for the hi, 74 for the low and 0% precip! THEN, I realized I was lookin at the forecast for KEY WEST!! Reality then reared its ugly head and I read about the BLIZZARD warning etc-etc-etc. Had anyone EVER heard of a POLAR-VORTEX before this winter? Been around to see quite a few winters but gotta admit, this is turnin out to be one of the longest and most miserable for some time.

Hope everyone got the e-mail earlier this week about the rider class. I talked with the person in charge at RCC and she is looking into or will look into a class on the 5th of April (assuming the snow, ice, below-zero temps, you fill in the rest have cleared up) or a two nite class during the week. The classes need to be completed in daylight so it would be 2-2.5 hrs for two nites. If anyone is interested, please let me know which one or either one and I will see about setting a date.

For those goin to DAYTONA or other points south/warm, have a good time, use plenty of sunscreen and don't worry about the rest of us—up here--shoveling--FREEZING--sniveling—wishing we were there!! And above all, CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURES!

Enough nonsense, actually did see a bike yesterday. Not the best weather to ride in my opinion. If you are so inclined, watch out for the hidden slippery spots-shaded areas, black ice, slushy puddles. Hypothermia can happen fast so be aware of an extreme chill, shivering, becoming disoriented-unless you're my age in which case that's normal. Do make sure all the fluid levels are ok and when it is cold, as it will be for a while, let the bike warm up for a bit. This may help eliminating any hesitation or stalling. Make sure the brakes work before you HAVE to use them. Lastly, make sure you don't have anything-ice, slush, etc- on your boots that could hinder using the brakes, shifter or supporting the bike. And remember:

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



Blue Ridge Tours

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Monday November 11, 2013
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Blue Rim Tours introduces: 2014 European tours on Harley-Davidsons

Ever wanted to coast through Rome and Tuscany in the saddle of a new Harley-Davidson? Or attend Europe's premiere motorcycle event, European Bike Week, with a group of other passionate riders? *Blue Rim Tours'* new Harley-Davidson vacations offer those unique trip experiences and more. The 2014 schedule offers three two-week trips: Viva Italia!, European Bike Week, and Oktoberfest. Every tour includes motorcycle rental, accommodations, admission to attractions, breakfast, dinner, and even fuel is included in the price. The trips are great for couples too, with a chase vehicle to carry additional luggage and give passengers a break from riding if needed. Whether this is your first or fifth trip to Europe, each *Blue Rim* tour has something new to experience. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Viva Italia!** June 15-29, 2014 - a taste of Italy's culture and cuisine that includes test driving a Ferrari, a wine tour in Tuscany, and an Opera in Verona's famous amphitheater. Prices start at \$5695.
- **European Bike Week** August 26- September 7, 2014 - a luxury tour through Old World Europe, including the 2014 European Harley-Davidson Bike Week, an event that brings in 75,000 bikes from around the world to Faaker See, Austria. Prices start at \$4,345.
- **Oktoberfest** September 13 – 25, 2014 - a wonderful compilation of Europe's best roads in Germany, Italy, and Austria. This trip also offers the once-in-a-lifetime experience of being in Munich for Oktoberfest! Prices start at \$4,345.

Find out more, including dates and pricing, at www.bluerimtours.com. For an interview about the new Harley tours, contact Melanie Merritt directly at tours@bluerimtours.com.

Share this information with your audience; photos and a flier are attached to this press release.

About Blue Rim Tours

Blue Rim Tours is a full service motorcycle tour operator, sponsored by RoadRUNNER Magazine. With groups of six to twelve riders, and native multi-lingual tour guides, each Blue Rim tour is a completely unique and memorable vacation experience. The team at RoadRUNNER brings over twelve years of trip planning knowledge to Blue Rim Tours.

Blue Rim Tours introduces: Photos



2014 Chapter Events and Rides

- March 3rd Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- March 8th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
Bake sale @ Rochester Harley following meeting. Questions contact
Patty Ann Haines @ 507-993-7857 or patty_blue2u@yahoo.com
- March 11th Dinner ride to [Green Mill](#) in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM,
dinner @ 6:00PM
- April 7th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- April 8th Dinner ride to [Brothers Bar & Grill](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD,
kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD
- April 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting,
kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- April 19th [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info
<http://www.floodrun.org/>
- May 5th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- May 10th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Ditch clean-up at 10:30AM.
Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is
Tony Haines.
- May 10th [Veterans Benefit Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Winona in Veteran Park at 11AM.
- May 13th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) at Rochester. Meet at Rochester Harley,
kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader 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
- May 24th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at
10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- June 7st 2014 Cancer Memorial Ride (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at
Rochester Harley Davidson. Registration at 9:00AM.@ 10:15AM.
- June 9th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- June 10th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) at TBD. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up
at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- June 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting,
kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- June 19th – 21th [SD State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Watertown, SD. Registration deadline is
May 1st. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to
volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 19th – 21nd [IA State H.O.G. Rally](#) in ???, IA. Registration deadline is May ?nd.
Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or
for more info <http://www.iastatehogrally.com/>

- June 19th - 21th [WI State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Registration deadline is May 1st. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- June 26th - 28th [MN State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Brainerd, MN. Registration deadline is May 8th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- June 28th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at 10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- July 7th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- July 8th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Ride leader TBD.
- July 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- July 19th [Hero's Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 26th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at 10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- July 27th [The "Cruise" 2014](#) (14th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 4th - 10th [Sturgis](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 4th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- August 9th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- August 12th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- August 23th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at 10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- August 24th Summer H.O.G. Picnic at [TBD](#).
- September 8th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- September 9th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) at TBD. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- September 10th-14th [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event). Go to the web site for more info.
- September 13th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- September 20th [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- September 24th-27th [Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- September 27th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at 10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.

- October 6th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- October 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Ditch clean-up at 10:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11:30AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- October 14th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- October 18th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- October 25th Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, kickstands up at 10AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- November 1nd Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- November 3th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- November 8th 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 11th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- December 9th Dinner ride to [TBD](#) Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 13th 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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