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

June 2014 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Wow! 2 weekends in a row that we were able to ride. Maybe summer is finally here.

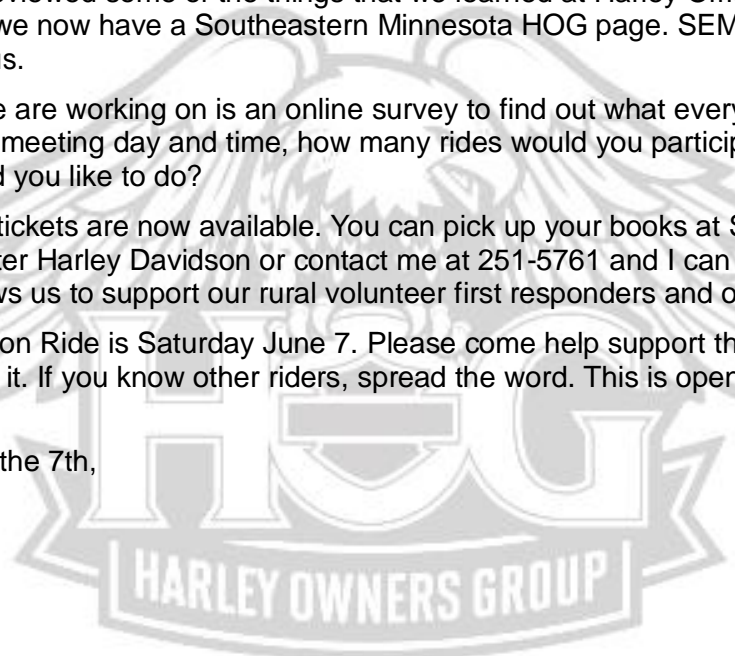
At our May meeting, we reviewed some of the things that we learned at Harley Officers Training. Dale went to a social media class and we now have a Southeastern Minnesota HOG page. SEMNHOG#2443. Make sure to visit the page and like us.

One of the other things we are working on is an online survey to find out what everyone wants from our club. What would be your ideal meeting day and time, how many rides would you participate in, overnight rides, what other activities would you like to do?

Just a reminder the raffle tickets are now available. You can pick up your books at Sue Madden State Farm, 914 N Broadway, Rochester Harley Davidson or contact me at 251-5761 and I can drop them off. This is our major fundraiser that allows us to support our rural volunteer first responders and other activities that we do.

Our Eagles Cancer Telethon Ride is Saturday June 7. Please come help support this great cause and have some fun while you are at it. If you know other riders, spread the word. This is open to all makes and models of bikes.

See you at the Eagles on the 7th,
Mike



May 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 and Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Director Mike announced it was Ditch Clean-up today! Volunteer sign-up on table. Raffle Tickets are now available.

We had Four First Responders with us today. We presented each organization with \$500. Following are the cities and what their plans are for the money:

- Lanesboro ~ Lee Peterson ~ City adding cardiac defibrators and money will be used for trainer
- Hayfield ~ Teresa Severson ~ Defibrators
- Plainview ~ Heather ~ New Equipment
- St. Charles ~ Jeff Harky ~ Equipment. They receive 350-400 calls per year. There is always a financial need.

Assistant Director Tom gave information on several events coming up:

- State Rally in WI is at Wisconsin Dells on June 19, 20 & 21. Ho Chunk casino is location.
- Iowa is not having a State Rally this year.
- Minnesota State Rally is June 27 and 28 in Brainerd. Need volunteers from HOG groups to man the games. This is only a two hour commitment so please volunteer.
- May 17 ~ Altura ~ Cancer Sucks Ride. Noon to 6:00
- July 27 - Ronald McDonald Ride
- June 7th ~ Our Cancer Ride. Starting and ending at the Eagles. Tom outlined the route. We will be going South this year. 150 miles, 4 stops, 5 hours.

For the Cancer Ride, we need volunteers to donate baskets or merchandise for the silent auction at the end of the ride. There was much discussion as to other things that can be done during the ride. It was decided a great idea would be to have volunteers meet people at each stop. This is an opportunity to meet people and see if we can get more people to join our group.

Picnic this year will not be at John and Judy's. We could use a location (volunteer?) We voted to have the picnic on June 15th.

Mike did a quick review of HOG training. 2 days full of various classes that Mike, Dale, Leon and Tom attended. Lots of good information and ideas on how various clubs run. One thing that came out of the meeting is how Membership is a challenge for all groups. Need to always be working on how to retain members and get new members. Mike also mentioned the idea of changing the time of our meetings. This was discussed as a way of possibly having better participation. Should we move the time till afternoon to allow people to sleep in or get some home items done before the meeting and ride. Dale's take away from the meeting was focused on social media the what other things we could do as a group to reach more people. Possibly start a Twitter account. We plan to have a Facebook presence.

Leon as Treasurer felt it may be smart to meet with CPA to make sure everything we are doing is in order.

We also may put together a survey through Survey Monkey as ideas for rides and in general, how to improve the club and participation.

Sandy Peterson was presented with the trophy for longest mileage last year.

Membership Director Julie ~ 132 members. Gained 4 through April. 1 Year Anniversary to Bud Z.

Leon ~ Treasurer ~ Beginning balance \$ 11,902. Ending Balance is \$11,883.54 with only \$ 19 spent.

Charlie ~ Safety Director ~ May is motorcycle safety month. Several Options for the Motorcycle Safety Course: May 22 & 23 (2 1/2 hours each night) June 1st - Full 5 hours, June 16 & 17 or June 23 & 24.

Studies show that one headlight alone makes it more difficult for motorists to judge distance. Be aware of this. Tom brought his semi for members to climb aboard and realize all the blind spots on a semi and to stay out of them as much as possible.

Thank you very much to Gordy for his CPR training at the April meeting. Thank you also for the people who volunteered for ditch clean-up.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Sue Madden.

Membership Officer Notes

HOG May Anniversaries:

- 1 year: David "Bud" Zitzmann

June HOG Chapter Birthdays:

- 6/3 Michelle Mahoney
- 6/4 Arlene Bahr
- 6/6 Steve Koball
- 6/6 John McGuire
- 6/6 Eric Thorn
- 6/6 Diane Zitzmann
- 6/12 Patty Ann Haimes
- 6/20 Gary Brevig
- 6/20 Mike Hemmingson
- 6/22 Gregory Domke
- 6/24 Rob Johnson

July HOG Chapter Birthdays:

- 7/3 Tom Marquardt
- 7/7 John Welhaven
- 7/16 Julie Williams
- 7/24 Duane Knutson
- 7/25 Sally Nelson
- 7/26 Tony Haimes
- 7/27 Roxanne Braband

For any questions please contact Julie Williams @ williams1851@charter.net or call 507-287-3396.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Julie Williams

Membership Officer



Ladies of Harley Notes

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

Watch your email for rides and events. Some will be short notice. If you would like to lead a ride, contact Tony. We are also in need of several Road Captains to help plan and lead rides. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Tony at thaimes@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 semnhog.webmaster@gmail.com.

Dale Nelson
Newsletter Editor

Webmaster Notes

For all of you HOG members, our Chapter is moving into the current age of Social Media! With the help of Jaci McGuire (and my daughter Chelsey), I was able to create and launch a new Facebook page. Check it out: "Like" us on Facebook: [SEMNHOG #2443](http://www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443) (www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443). And I also created a new Twitter account. For all you Twitter folks, you can "Following" us on Twitter: [SEMNHOG #2443](https://twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443) (twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443). You can send your fellow member a Tweet!

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

What's that in the sky—A BIRD-A PLANE---**IT'S THE SUN!!!** My apologies to SUPERMAN, but yea, looks like we might be done with the “liquid sunshine” for a while and actually have some nice weather. That for sure will bring out the bikes-at last!

As we start the riding season, a good thought to have is that we should take responsibility for not only our own actions, but everyone else's actions as well as the environment we are riding in. We need to be aware of more than just ourselves, our bikes and our environment. We need to be aware of what's goin on around us. What's the traffic doin, how about the weather, how about the ROADS (don't get me started here), how about the other riders or drivers? It all boils down to ANTICIPATING what could happen before it does. Is there a merge/bottleneck/traffic jam ahead? Do those clouds look like it will storm (rain, hail, LIGHTENING)? Are those cars swerving because of a POT-HOLE (we all know what they are), or something in the road (critter, person, vehicle)? Does that other driver see the stop/yield sign? Is there something wrong with that bike or car that is making it slide? Ideally, we will be able to avoid any of these hazards BEFORE they become hazards. This ability may not come easily or naturally. It needs to be learned and practiced. Learning can come from a Rider Training Course and practice comes from that—PRACTICE!!

If we want, we can call this a riding STRATEGY. A huge part of this strategy is attitude. Our attitude can determine how we react to these different situations. According to WEBSTER, ATTITUDE; A mental position. Let's call this mental position our decision-making ability. Fatigue, stress, and emotion (that jerk just cut me off!) are good examples of ways our attitude can be affected. Food (I can't believe I ate the whole thing!), caffeine, medications and booze will also affect this decision making process. I am sure we all have those days where things go better than other days. Are ya sharper in the morning than the evening? How about when you're hungry? Boy was that a rough day at work, I can't wait to get home! These affect OUR attitude, but how about the others we may get involved with-the person driving the car, the other bike, the pedestrian etc. We can't control them, but if we have the proper attitude, we may be able to anticipate something BEFORE it happens. Taking responsibility for our actions may seem easy. Taking responsibility for others will be harder but will protect us in the long run. No matter how long you have been riding, no matter how many near misses you have had, no matter how many miles you have traveled, there's still more to learn!!

May is MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH. Some tips for Motorcyclists and Motorists:

MOTORCYCLISTS: Ride responsibly; be visible to other vehicles; signal turns etc; ensure your bike is in good, safe, operable condition; assume other vehicles don't see you; wear appropriate gear; know your limits.

Motorists: Don't “tailgate” bikes; watch for bikes at intersections etc; a bike is a motor-vehicle and has the same rights as any other vehicle; a bike is entitled to a full lane of travel; a bike may NOT stop faster than your car.

And above all—

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

The guy on this '32- 74 appears to have the right attitude as well as safety and Hi Vis equipment for the time.



2014 Chapter Events and Rides

- June 7st 2014 Cancer Memorial Ride (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) in Rochester. Registration at 10:45AM to 12PM.
- June 9th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- June 10th Birthday Dinner ride to [Brewskie's Bar & Grill in Utica](#). Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- June 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- 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 - 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/>
- July 7th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- July 8th Birthday Dinner ride. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- 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 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 Birthday Dinner ride. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- August 24th Summer H.O.G. Picnic at [TBD](#).
- September 8th Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- September 9th Birthday Dinner ride. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- 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](http://www.floodrun.org/) (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)
- 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 Birthday Dinner ride. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- October 18th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- 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 Birthday Dinner ride. Either we meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM. Or if the weather is too cold, social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 9th Birthday Dinner ride. 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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