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

October 2014 Newsletter

**Directors Notes**

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As I look out my window I see some of the trees are starting to change. I guess that means that fall and winter are coming and there isn't anything we can do about it. The only thing we can do right now is squeeze in as much riding as we can before the snow hits the ground. This also means that our fall ditch clean up is coming up. We will have our october meeting back at RHD on October 11th at 9:30. We will have ditch clean up right after the meeting, so please come help and don't forget to bring some old boots. The more people we have, the faster it will get done and we can ride after that.

At our last meeting we spent a lot of time talking about the cancer ride and what we can do to make it better (if anyone has any connections with the weather, that would help!). We would like to form a committee to come up with some ideas to see if we can make it worthwhile. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Ride safe,  
Mike



## Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 at the Rochester Eagles Club on September 11, 2014.

Assistant Director Tom spoke of two rides coming up in the next week. One ride coming up ~ the Flood Run on September 20, 2014 will end at Tom and Sandra Welsh's to celebrate Sandra's 50<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Sandra!

Leon the Treasurer was not in attendance but relayed to Mike that the account balance had only increased by the interest of .08. The current balance is \$ 8,630.75.

Julie our membership director was not in attendance so there was no membership report.

Tony our Activities Director reports upcoming rides. Flood Run on the 20<sup>th</sup> and on September 24-27 there is Bikes, Blues and BBQ. There is also a ride on the 13<sup>th</sup> to go to Bucknuckles. It will be cold so dress accordingly! There is also one more ride further out ~ November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Freeze Your Butt Ride.

Mike also wanted to remind everyone that at the next meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, there is also the popular – DITCH CLEAN-UP! Please plan to help out the group and spend an hour after the meeting to clean up. The more people that help the less time it takes!

Charlie the Safety Director says he has Motorcycle Safety bookmarks with good information on them. He suggests a few things to consider at this time of year: Sun is setting earlier so plan accordingly. Watch the seal coating on roads ~ lots of oil and gravel on the road. Being harvest season, please be careful for farm equipment that may be on the road.

Ladies of Harley Director Patty is going to have a Casserole Cook-off after the meeting in November. Similar to the Chili cook-off ~ \$ 5 to taste all casseroles and vote.

Mike Shumaker also suggested we ride to First Responders to present our checks. This was talked about briefly and agreed to do.

Raffle Drawing is in December at the Harley Open House. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PICK UP A BOOKLET AND SELL!!

John McGuire attended the meeting to discuss the Cancer Ride. Topics discussed was whether we continue, the date and how to promote. Ideas that came out were:

- Flyers by cash register
- Flyers put into every bag at store (John said we need to make these up and advise when to distribute)
- Consider the small stickers that you see on front of Post Bulletin to promote
- Consider asking people to sponsor rider by paying so much per mile driven
- Try to schedule ride around other large rides in town. Many rides in area and that is dilemma
- Call members and invite them to ride.

Mike will be establishing volunteers to discuss options on ride to help with participation and raise more money.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectively submitted by Sue Madden, secretary.

## Membership Officer Notes

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August HOG Anniversaries:

- 10 Years: BeNita Hove-Domke
- 5 Years: Roland Bice, Duane Koehler

October birthdays:

- 10/2 Rick Fricker
- 10/3 Tamara Thorn
- 10/5 Frank Fawcett
- 10/5 Peter Mittelsted
- 10/7 Todd Roush
- 10/8 Danney Whiting
- 10/9 Michelle Donley
- 10/13 Romana Tinsley
- 10/16 Bill Markus

For any questions please contact Julie Williams @ [williams1851@charter.net](mailto:williams1851@charter.net) or call 507-287-3396.  
Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,  
Julie Williams  
Membership Officer

### Ladies of Harley

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Please remember the Casserole Cook-off following November's meeting at the Harley Shop. Bring your favorite casserole in a crock pot and a recipe to share you wish! Thank you in advance :)

For any questions please contact Patty Haimes @ [patty\\_blue2u@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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Please fill in your mileage sheet and return by the November 8th H.O.G. meeting. This is attached to the end of this newsletter.

"Thank You" to those that have showed up for the dinner rides. We do have a couple more rides on the calendar and we may have a ride or two on short notice. Watch your emails for these. Here's what's coming up:

Tuesday, Oct 14th dinner ride to TBD. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at 6:00PM.

Saturday, Nov 1sh, "Freeze Your Butt Ride". Meet at Rochester Harley at 10:30AM.

If you are going out on a ride and would like to invite the rest of the H.O.G. club, send an email to [thaimes@yahoo.com](mailto:thaimes@yahoo.com) and I will forward it out to the group. Watch your email for rides and events. Some will be short notice.

Also, 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](mailto:thaimes@yahoo.com) or 507-254-2284.

Tony Haimes  
Activity Officer

## Editor Notes

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All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:semnhog.webmaster@gmail.com).

Dale Nelson  
Newsletter Editor

## Webmaster Notes

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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

TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK etc! No, this is NOT 60 minutes. ALREADY, the fall season is upon us. It seems like only yesterday I was wishin for some nice riding weather. WELL, looks as if we got a BUNCH of it comin at us-for Now anyway-at least until the weather GUESSERS change things (it's all their fault ya know-them and the WEATHER CHANNEL!)

There are some things to consider as the season changes. These apply to our bikes, ourselves, and the roads and environment in general. Remember **T-CLOCKS**? That short checklist should still be used prior to a ride.

**T-Tires** n wheels-when was the last time ya checked the pressure (Pressure will change 1# for every 10° temp change), any bent/broken spokes or rims (now about that pot-hole ya hit)? Will that tire make it till it's time to put it in storage?

**C-Controls** and cables-When was the last time ya checked the clutch cable to make sure it wasn't frayed or lookin bad, clutch and brake levers move freely and don't stick, if ya have a hydraulic clutch and of course the front and rear brakes, when is the last time ya looked at those lines to make sure they are not worn or have a rubbed spot on them and how bout the level in the reservoir?

**L-Lights**-Do all the lights work? Hi and lo beam, directionals (sometimes wonder why some cars and bikes even have them) BRAKE lite (from foot and hand operation)?

**O-Oil** and other fluids-Ya gotta have gas-**in the bike** that is- to run. Is the gauge-if ya have one-accurate?, Oil aint just for cooking. Your motor runs a lot better if ya keep the oil at the proper level. Just because you're gonna change it when ya put it away for the ----- doesn't mean ya can let it go now.

**C-Chassis**- check the front and rear suspension by sitting on the bike and rocking it back and forth. Ya may not need all the extra air/spring preload that ya had when ya went to STURGIS (get wet?) or on tour. Adjust for the load you will be or are now carrying.

**S-Side stand**-Check that the side-stand or kick stand as it is more commonly known is THERE and works freely and is not cracked or has a broke spring.

OK, so the bike is ready for the fall season. HOW BOUT YOU?? Remember saying that you have done something so often ya can do it blindfolded? AINT GONNA WORK ON YOUR BIKE! Let's not get overconfident on our riding skills. Ya just never know what's **AROUND THE BEND**! This time of year there will be all sorts of things lookin to "share" the road with us. Road construction (some say the 2 seasons in Mn. are winter and ROAD CONSTRUCTION), farm equipment and operations involved with that, critters-lots out in the day as well as the evening/night (and wait till hunting season starts)! And of course there are always the red lite runners, the lane changers without lookin folks (had an experience with one of them this past w/e), right turn on red at 30 mph into your lane etc-etc etc.

I mentioned the roads and environment earlier. Won't be long till frost is a regular visitor each morning and as the day goes on-including the earlier and earlier darkness-the inevitable drop in the temperature. What may keep ya warm at noon, probably won't after sundown. If you'r goin for a ride, take into consideration how long/far you may be goin and dress or bring with enough gear to be ready for the temperature change.

Another hazard of fall riding may be leaves and debris on the road. Not only can they hide things-like the pothole-but also make for a slippery road surface. Speakin of road surfaces, all those cracks that may have been filled may turn into "ROAD SNAKES"! They along with painted lines etc can also be a slip factor that was not expected. Watch for them-especially on wet/damp surfaces. This time of year is also when a lot of roads are "seal-coated". Watch out for the sand and oil used to do this. Not only is it a good way to get your ride covered with oil etc but can also be slippery!!

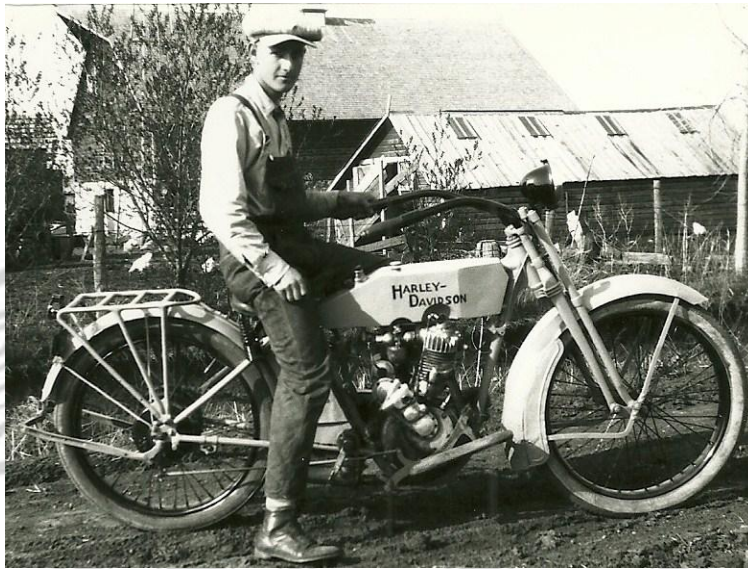


Last but not least, try this bit of advice from the great reference book donated by Gordy Haubenschild.

“Every time you swing that leg over your motorcycle, no matter when or where, slow down, stop, and take at least a full 60 seconds to analyze your situation. Take a minute to collect your attention. You need to direct your mind to the task at hand. **FOCUS**. Take one full minute to ask yourself if you are prepared for this. Take a breath. Relax and settle yourself. Take this time to deliberately wipe everything else from your mind, tune into the bike and the ride, and concentrate on what’s ahead. You absolutely cannot just jump from one activity to the other. A transition is needed, a moment of silence and concentration. Why do you think so many crashes happen between 3 and 6 in the afternoon?” Good advice!!

And above all—

## LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



This guy on his 1914 HD 500cc single looks to have taken his 60 sec to get ready for a ride!

## 2014 Chapter Events and Rides

- October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Haines.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM.
- November 1<sup>nd</sup> Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- November 3<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 5:30PM - open to all members
- November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 13<sup>th</sup> 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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**2014**

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**Mileage Sheets**

Ending Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Mileage for 2014: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

At the end of the riding season, there will be awards given out to all who participate and turn in the mileage sheet by the deadline. (November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014).

**SCREW IT, LETS RIDE**

**HAVE FUN AND RIDE SAFE**