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

November 2014 Newsletter

Directors Notes

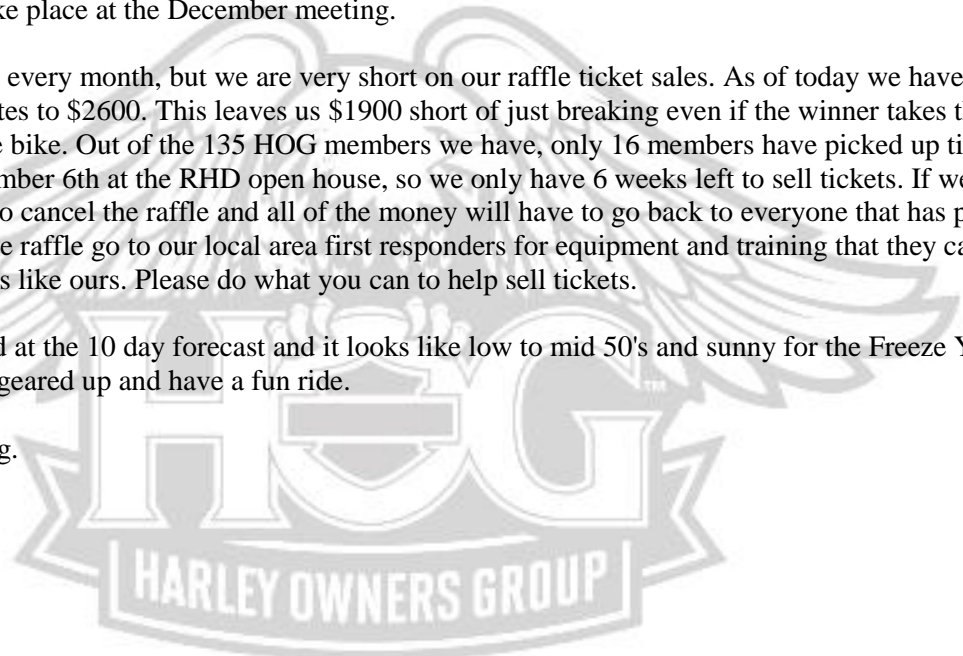
It's getting to be that time of year when we put our bikes away, plan for holiday parties and have elections for new officers. Please consider taking on an officer position. It is good for the club to have new people with new ideas to keep things fresh. Elections will take place at the December meeting.

I hate to keep bringing this up every month, but we are very short on our raffle ticket sales. As of today we have sold 260 tickets out of 1500. This equates to \$2600. This leaves us \$1900 short of just breaking even if the winner takes the cash and even more if they take the bike. Out of the 135 HOG members we have, only 16 members have picked up tickets. The drawing will be held on December 6th at the RHD open house, so we only have 6 weeks left to sell tickets. If we don't sell enough tickets, we will have to cancel the raffle and all of the money will have to go back to everyone that has purchased a ticket. The proceeds from the raffle go to our local area first responders for equipment and training that they can't afford without donations from groups like ours. Please do what you can to help sell tickets.

On a lighter note, I just looked at the 10 day forecast and it looks like low to mid 50's and sunny for the Freeze Your Butt Ride next Saturday! Let's get geared up and have a fun ride.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Ride safe,
Mike



Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2014

Officers in attendance are Charlie, Thomas and Leon. Acting secretary is Sandra (thanks Sandra! Check is in the mail!)

Pledge recited.

Cancel trash pick-up with very few people in attendance. October 14th ~ Dinner ride. Watch emails.

November 1st ~ Freeze Your Butt Ride. 10:30 am. Leave from the Harley Shop. Tony is leading the ride.

November 3rd ~ Officers Meeting at 5:30 ~ Committee for Cancer Ride

November 8th ~ Next Meeting

November 11th ~ Next dinner ride

December 6th ~ Open House at Harley. This is the Bike give-away

Even though it is several months ahead, keep the Stat Rally on June + **25**, 2015 weekend open.

Activities ~ Please turn in mileage sheets. Need before Holiday celebration. Come to the Freeze your Butt Ride on November 1st.

Ladies of Harley ~ Casserole Cook-off at the next meeting on November 8th. Bring your best casserole and recipe if you would like to share!

Safety Officer ~ Charlie ~~ Check tire pressure in colder weather. Careful of frost in the morning nowadays. Lease are also slippery on the roads and lastly ~~ with Harvest, be careful of farm equipment and animals on the road.

Treasurer's Report by Leon ~ \$ 8,630.85 Balance in the account. Need to sell raffle tickets to have enough money for give-away on December 6th.

Membership ~ Paid Members = 135. New members in 2014 is 8. HOG Anniversaries this month is 10 years = Greg Domke and 15 years= Greg Donley

Dealer News ~ October 15- 18th is the Fall Festival Blast! Stop in on the 18th for Free Food and shop new clothing. Winter clothing is in. Gear up for the chilly nights. Have a Happy Halloween! Come dressed up in your creative costumes and have a chance to win a gift certificate to the store!

Respectively submitted by Sue Madden. Thanks again to Sandra and Tom who covered for Mike and I this last meeting.

Membership Officer Notes

Paid Members = 135

New members in 2014 is 8

HOG Anniversaries this month:

- 15 years: Greg Donley
- 10 years: Greg Domke

Birthday's in November:

- 11/1 Justin Parkin
- 11/1 Greg Twerberg
- 11/6 Roger Pike
- 11/9 Julie Gurtner
- 11/17 Dean Anderson
- 11/18 Jay Severson
- 11/22 Brian Bartley
- 11/22 Tracy Saunders
- 11/22 Barb Butturff
- 11/23 George Batzel
- 11/24 Noel Luedtke
- 11/28 Joe Druga

At the November meeting early renewal will begin for 2015 memberships. Membership forms will be included with the next newsletter and at the meeting. Registration is \$12.

Sincerely,
Julie Williams
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Ok gang, get your creative casserole caps on and bring me some delightfully delicious creations on Saturday November 8th following the meeting. Please put them in a crock pot and bring a serving spoon. \$5 gets you samples of these creations and there will be voting for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Prizes to be announced :)
Many Thanks to all who consider this.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,
Patty-Ann Haimes
Ladies of Harley

Activity Officer Notes

Please fill in your mileage sheet and return by the November 8th H.O.G. meeting. See page 9 of this newsletter.

SE MN H.O.G. Holiday Party (see page 10 of this newsletter)

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Zumbro Falls Golf Course

Sign up and pay before December 31, 2014 and pay \$10.00

After December 31st, it will cost \$15.00

Sign up sheet at the next two meetings.

Last scheduled ride is the "Freeze Your Butt Ride" planned for November 1.

For next year, we are looking for 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

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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

“WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?” Thanks to Peter, Paul and Mary (WHO? Some of you may be saying) from a long time ago for that intro. It’s that time of year. Colors are past or close to past, leaves are falling big time (as the 25 oak trees in my yard are doing), flowers are gone or going fast and the weather is---your call! There has been some exceptional weather this fall for riding but those days will be fewer and fewer as October turns to November and November turns to December etc. Now can be a time when we look back at the past year of riding.

I have written before about HYPOTHERMIA, HYPERTHERMIA, TCLOCKS, the THREE DEGREES OF SEPARATION, the ROAD SURFACE, TIRE PRESSURES (my favorite!) and others. What all of these have in common is they are all part of the RISKS of riding our motorcycles. Three primary factors contributing to risk can be thought of as: who you are, what you are doing and where you are doing it. Let’s look at this. Are you experienced/trained? Are you riding solo, two up, in a group, on vacation? Are you on an interstate, a two lane back-road, 494 in Mpls at rush hour? Risks or RISK-LEVELS can range from everyday to controlled to stupid to certain death and a lot in between. A crash is usually when two or more risk factors come together.

A lot of accidents in recent years have been in-experienced riders negotiating curves. Sounds simple but it’s two risk factors coming together. How about an experienced rider on an unfamiliar road, crossing paths with some kind of critter or obstacle. Two more factors coming together at the wrong time. I am sure we all could contribute many more examples. By paying close attention to risks as they arise and removing or dealing with them as much as possible, we can lower the total risk-level dramatically. It may never get to zero-hey, there is a risk of a paper cut lying on the couch reading HOG TALES-but we can try to lower it as much as possible. For an experienced/trained rider, the biggest risks are usually the ones forced on you by others. The reason for this is that you can do little or nothing to control them. We have all seen them: the TEXTER, the red-lite runner, the 60 in a 30 zone driver and on and on! We may not be able to control them, but we can try to control the risk level and lower it to a point we can deal with, a level in which the rewards are worth the perceived risk we choose to face. So, before you hit the road, remember: 1 The further you are from 0 miles/hr, the higher you are on the scale of risk ,2 YOU have control over most of the risks you take, 3 It takes at least 2 risk factors to cause a crash.

As we all want that “ONE MORE RIDE” before we put the bikes away, consider what is going on at this time of year. Harvest is in full gear, farm equipment is everywhere. Those pretty leaves that we rode all over to see, are now littering the road and can cause a slippery road surface. Road work is winding down but there is still some going on with all the delays and equipment on the road. Hunting seasons are in play and the critters do not want to be the Sunday meal. That turn taken at 50 in June may have a coating of ice in the morning and be treacherous till the afternoon. The day may warm up nicely but will cool down fast as the sun sinks earlier and earlier every day. That pleasant afternoon ride can turn chilly on the way home so we need to be aware of hypothermia and its symptoms. **AND**, that tire that had the correct pressure in June, will now be several pounds less (1 pound change for every 10 degrees temp change)! **SO-**

LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



Not sure what if any risk factors this guy looked at before he started “TAILSPINNING” his little Indian!

On a personal note, election coming up next month. Some candidates are “pro” motorcycles and some are not. Make that one consideration as you vote.



2014 Chapter Events and Rides

- 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 @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - 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 6th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections)
Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- December 9th Birthday Dinner ride. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- January 10th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
Holiday Party – Zumbro Falls Golf Course – Hwy 63 N
o Social hour 5:00 PM cash bar
o Dinner 6:00PM
o Prizes and awards after dinner
Contact Tony Haimes 507-254-2284 or thaimes@yahoo.com to sign up. Deadline is January 3th, 2015.

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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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 8th, 2014).

SCREW IT, LETS RIDE

HAVE FUN AND RIDE SAFE

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #2443
HOLIDAY PARTY ~ JANUARY 10th 2015



Don't miss out on the fun, head north to:

ZUMBRO FALLS GOLF COURSE - Hwy 63 N

Social Hour 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM

PRIZES AND AWARDS AFTER DINNER

Menu:

Beer Battered Cod

Roasted Chicken

Baked Potato

Coleslaw

Breadsticks

Peaches in Sweet Syrup

Chocolate Pudding

Sign up and pay by December 31st, 2014 - \$10.00

Pay after December 31st, \$15.00

Contact Tony at txaines@yahoo.com or 254-2284