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[Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)
December 2014 Newsletter

Directors Notes

The Holiday season is upon us which means the end of the year is also right around the corner. It's time to reflect on the past year and look forward to what is ahead for 2015. Did we accomplish everything we wanted to this past year? If not, what can we do in 2015 to meet those goals? Is there more that we can do in the upcoming year to better ourselves and help those around us?

As you should know by now, we have changed the date and time of our December HOG meeting to coincide with the RHD open house on Saturday December 6th. We will meet at 10:00. There are a few things to go thru at the meeting. One of the biggest items is electing new officers for next year. We have several positions that need to be filled. Come to the meeting and stay for the Open House. John and Judy throw a pretty good party!

Please remember that all raffle tickets need to be turned in on Saturday December 6th. The drawing will be held at 2:00

We will be sending out a survey this week to all of our registered HOG members. We would like your feedback so we can decide what direction we would like our club to take in the coming year. It is a short survey, anonymous (so be honest!) and should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Please take the time to complete it and get it back to us right a way. There are many of you that have never been to a meeting or any of the activities, but we would still like to hear from you.

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling, be safe. For those of you that are crazy enough to participate in Black Friday (Sue!) enjoy!

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Mike

Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for November 08, 2014

November Meeting called to order at 9:35 on November 8, 2014

Activities Director Tony Haimes reported on Christmas party January 10, 2015 at the Zumbro Falls Golf Course. Social Hour starts at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. If you sign up and pay by December 31, 2014 the cost is \$ 10. If you pay after December 31st the cost is \$15. Dinner includes chicken and fish. Sign-up sheets are with Tony and you can sign up today and next meeting.

Upcoming Dinner rides are: November 11 to Famous Dave's. December dinner ride is December 9th to Hu Hot. 5:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner.

Tony also discussed turning in your mileage sheets to him. There are two separate mileage programs. The first is within our club, but there is a second program that is National. If you are interested in the National program, you must talk to Judy who will fax this in to National for you to be entered. Tony also wanted input about whether we still want trophies handed out for mileage. There was talk about only passing out nameplates, but those are actually more expensive than the trophies. If people did not care to get trophies, it could save the club between \$ 150 and \$ 200. it was decided to have certificates printed instead.

Membership Director Julie Williams reported there are 136 current members, with 9 new in 2014. Frank Kolvin (I apologize if spelled incorrectly) is a new member ~ welcome! We have one anniversary this month and that is Michael Tointon who celebrates his 15 H.O.G. anniversary. Julie also reminded us that if you renew your 2015 membership before December 31, 2014 you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate at the Harley store.

Treasurer Leon Plantz reported our starting balance was \$8630.00 and ending balance \$11,230.00. \$2600.00 was added to the account from raffle sales. a whooping .08 interest earned.

Safety Director Charlie Milligan reported the snow tires will be out soon! Charlie suggested pumping tires between 35 - 45 pounds. Put Stabil in the gas while it is stored. If you want ~ Harley will take care of all this for you. Charlie also suggests that starting your bike in the winter is not necessarily good for it. Charlie reminds us that oxygenated gas goes bad in 60 - 90 days. Kwik Trips are all going to be offering non-oxygenated fuel.

Director Mike Madden is going to work with Dale Nelson to get surveys out from Survey Monkey. These surveys are very important to give the board your opinion on what direction you want the club to take. We will be asking questions on what you want out of the club, when do you want to hold meetings, should we become a ride only club, what activities would you like to see and several other questions. We are asking all the club members to please return these surveys when you get them and most importantly ~ please be honest and direct with all your answers. We are trying to make this club what you want it to be!

Assistant Director Tom Welsh was unable to make the meeting but wanted the club to know that the State Rally in 2015 in Alexandria has hotel rooms being taken fast. He has a few rooms set aside at the Days Inn.

Ladies of Harley Director Patty Haimes has a Casserole Cook-off scheduled today! For \$ 5 you are able to taste test the delicious entries! Please come by!

Dealer News ~ Stop in on Black Friday for some in store Specials! Men and Women's heated jackets are in! Check them out! Holiday Open House is December 6th from 9 - 3pm. Remember the Winter Promotion November 1st to December 24th. Spend \$ 300 and receive a free gift!

Lastly ~ Nominations are being taken for officers of the Club. Following is what we currently have:

Safety ~ Charlie

Treasurer ~ Leon

Membership ~ Teresa Wegner (thanks for stepping up Teresa!!)

Ladies of Harley ~ Patti Haimes

Editor ~ Dale Nelson

Webmaster ~ Dale would like to only be editor. There was talk of scraping the site and going to Facebook only

Director ~

Assistant Director ~

Secretary ~

Please consider any of these positions that are open! Boards always need new blood with new ideas!

Last but not least ~ PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 6TH AT 10:00!! WE CHANGED THIS DATE TO COINCIDE WITH THE HARLEY OPEN HOUSE. THE RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE PICKED THAT DAY. DRAWING AT 2:00 SO PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE SELL MORE TICKETS!!

Respectively submitted by Sue Madden

Membership Officer Notes

2014 Members: 136

New Members: 9

November HOG Anniversaries:

- 15 Years - Michael Tointon

December Birthdays:

- 12/3 Daniel Sundt
- 12/5 Sara Baumler
- 12/9 Gordon Haubenschild
- 12/10 Sandy Peterson
- 12/12 Julie Rieken
- 12/15 Francis Burton
- 12/15 BeNita Hove-Domke
- 12/15 Michael Shumaker
- 12/18 Vicky Giordano
- 12/21 Iva Zirbel
- 12/21 David (Bud) Zitzmann
- 12/23 Lyle McIntyre
- 12/27 Melissa Balichek

Reminder: Early membership renewal is now in process. If you register before December 31, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Rochester Harley gift certificate. Dues are \$12. The form is attached to this newsletter (page 11).

Completed forms can be dropped off at Rochester Harley or mailed to me directly:

Julie Williams
SE MN HOG Chapter # 2443
1851 20th Avenue NE
Rochester, MN 55906-8000

Thank you for registering early!!

Sincerely,
Julie Williams
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Casserole Cookoff! First place went to Patty Ann Haimes, 2nd place to Mike Madden, 3rd place to Sandy! Get those creative cooking caps back on for the chili cook off coming up!

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,
Patty-Ann Haimes
Ladies of Harley

Activity Officer Notes

From the Office of the Activity Officer.

You can still turn in your mileage sheet at the December 6th H.O.G. meeting at Rochester Harley.
Or you can email Tony at thaimes@yahoo.com with your name and total mileage for the year.

Still have time to sign up and pay for the H.O.G. Holiday Party that will be on January 10th, 2015.
Sign up and pay by the end of the year, save \$5.

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.

Next birthday ride is Tuesday, December 9th at HuHot.

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

Check out our social media and "Like" us on our Facebook: [SEMNHOG #2443 \(www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443\)](https://www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443). Or "Follow" us on Twitter: [SEMNHOG #2443 \(twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443\)](https://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.

All information should sent to:

Dale Nelson: semnhog.webmaster@gmail.com / 507-254-9337
Dan Anderson: danpanderson@yahoo.com / 507-244-0303

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

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!! Thanks to Vaughn Monroe and the Norton Sisters for this months' intro. Wonder how many in Buffalo-N.Y., not Mn. - are singin THAT tune! In places, 6 ft so far with up to 3 ft more! They will get more in a couple days than our TOTAL AVERAGE snowfall. Fact of the matter is, pretty sure the season is done for us as well. We've had some, more to the north, but enough to make motorcycling only a memory for now.

I am sure many are already thinkin about that winter get-away. Some just to frolic, others to maybe haul the bike and do some riding. There are a few things to consider when ya take that vacation to Fl. For BIKE WEEK for example. Check those tire pressures when ya get there-especially if ya blew em up hard for storage. That MAX PRESSURE on the side of the tire is a cold pressure and not the running pressure. Use the info on the frame rail or neck for the correct pressure. If you are hauling it yourself, it is not a good idea to haul it with the bike in gear. Sounds good but the bike movement with it tied down is not good for the tranny gears. Of course, check the fluids etc before ya do any serious riding.

Once you are ready to ride, make sure you and your bike meet the local laws-handle bar height, BLUE DOTS, number of mirrors, etc. Make sure you know whether you need a helmet or not. There are some states that allow you to ride without a helmet if you can prove you have enough Medical Insurance. Make sure your plates are current and carry some form of registration and Insurance documentation.

Ok, we're now on the road. In Fl., and other states also, watch out for the steel bridge decks. Not only will they surprise you with maybe a little wobble, but that pretty white beach sand acts like a little ice to make them slippery. It will do the same on the roads-especially next to the beach etc. Traffic in those VACATION areas can be brutal to say the least. It's a good idea to keep a very close eye on what's goin on BEHIND you as well as in front, on your sides etc. It's also a good idea to keep the bike in gear with the clutch in when stopped just in case you need to get out of the way QUICK! That guy/gal texting coming up behind you may not realize the lite has gone red.

Well, the day is done, we actually had a nice ride and we are now ready to kick back and relax. Before ya get too comfortable, be careful where ya park for the nite. If ya park on the beach side of a hotel, be prepared to spend some time getting the salt spray/mist off your bike. It can turn polished aluminum into an ugly thing!! Of course, any time you have a large group of vacationers in one spot, watch out for bike thieves. I don't think you can be too careful. I always carry a spare copy of my insurance and registration with me-JUST IN CASE!! Whatever ya do, just remember one thing

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Might have used this before, but it is certainly appropriate for this time of year. Got these pictures from an older guy who was a photographer all his life. He indicated on the back of each picture what it was about. On this one, it said “1932 HARLEY 74 sidecar outfit after 90 miles in 6 inch deep snow”.



2014 Chapter Events and Rides

- December 6th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 10AM (Elections)
[Rochester Harley Davidson Open House](#) and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM.
- December 9th Birthday Dinner ride to [HuHot](#). Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:30PM
- 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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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 txhaines@yahoo.com or 254-2284



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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



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Member Nat'l H.O.G. Number: _____

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership: _____

I have read the *Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters* and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G.®, it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.® Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Local Dues Paid \$: _____ Date: _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, Annual Charter for H.O.G.® Chapters, as contained in the H.O.G.® Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

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