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[Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)
February 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Well, our fundraising for 2014 is over. We were down in both of our fundraisers this year. The raffle was down about \$1000 from last year and we were down slightly with the Eagles Cancer Telethon. We donated a total of \$5003 to the Eagles. I want to thank everyone that came out on Saturday & Sunday during the telethon to help with the candle vigil table. We will have to make some decisions soon as to how we are going to disburse our fundraising money this year. We are going to have to cut back somewhere. We are going to finish up with the 2015 calendar soon. If you have any ideas for rides or activities, please contact myself or our new Activities officer, Pete Mittelsted. We are always looking for new places and things to do.

Here's to an early spring!
Mike



Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2015

Minutes from January meeting:

Meeting called to order by Director Mike Madden.

Welcome to new Board Members Teresa Wegner as Membership Director and Pete Mittelsted as Activities Director. Thanks again to Julie Williams and Tony Haimes for their hard work in the past for the club.

Results of the Bike Raffle:

- 2013 = \$3170
- 2014 = \$2390

Tom reported on the Salvation Army Bell Ringing ~ Letter sent to thank the club indicated we collected triple the amount they normally do at these locations. \$719.00 raised! Mike Shumaker and Charlie Milligan rang for the club on a different date due to work conflicts and they raised an additional \$264.00! Thank you everyone that was kind enough to participate. Thanks also to Mike Shumaker for suggesting this activity for the club to participate in.

Vice President Tom W. suggested if people are planning on attending the 75th Annual Sturgis Rally ~ they may want to start looking for lodging immediately! Cabins at the "Chip" which run \$ 4000 each have been sold out now for several weeks. The Minnesota State Rally in Alexandria the last weekend in June has some rooms available at the Days Inn (\$ 88/night) and Holiday Inn (\$140/night). The WI State Rally is the 2nd weekend in July. "Hot Harley Nights" in Sioux Falls on July 10, 11 and 12th. Iowa is currently not holding a State Rally this year.

Membership ~ Teresa ~ Welcome to new member Rick Oswald from Shakopee who is with us today! Along with new members: John Gifford, Bill MacMonegle and Diane Mittelsted.

136 Members and 66 are paid. The winner of the Early Registration raffle is Julie House and she receives \$25 gift certificate to the Harley Store.

Treasurer Leon is not in attendance but left us this information:

- Beginning Balance: \$11,231.01
- Ending Balance: \$12,031.11
- Total inflows: \$3,800.10
- Total outflows: \$3,000.00
- Net Total: \$800.10

Christmas Party tonight! Please contact Pete Mittelsted for things you want to do!

Ladies of Harley ~ Patty Haimes ~ PLEASE plan of the annual CHILI COOKOFF after the meeting in February! Bring your favorite Chili concoction and be part of the voting. We will be having a Bake Sale in March.

Safety Director Charlie ~ Please be aware of each states laws when you travel this spring. If you rent a bike, you probably need to buy the insurance the rental store offers since frequently the coverage on your Harley here does not extend elsewhere. Check with your carrier.

Please make sure you check your tire pressure if you trailer your bike from here (cold) to warm weather.

Charlie is wanting to find out interest in another advanced riding course. Please let him know if you are interested so he can arrange this. Charlie also reminded us that H.O.G. is against members being road guards. Must take road guard course through the State of MN. This is offered possibly in April. Lastly ~ we may be planning another CPR training and bringing Tom's semi by to experience firsthand what a truck driver can see and not see while on the road.

Leon and Dale are working on a website.

After discussion ~ we will plan to have a meeting to determine how many First Responders we will donate to this year. We are also planning to ride to each location and possibly tour their facility.

Cancer Telethon Saturday ~ Please plan to attend and help out at our "booth"

Miscellaneous ~ Eric Thorn received a new pancreas and it is going well! Congrats Eric!

There is some "anti-Profiling" legislation coming up this year. Please support this with your representative.

Respectfully submitted.

Sue Madden

Membership Officer Notes

HOG Members: 136
2015 New Members: 4

- Bill MacMonegle
- John Gifford
- Rick Oswald
- Diane Mittelsted

National HOG Anniversaries:

- 5 Year: Joe Beissel

February Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to [Wild Bill's Sports Saloon](#):**

- 2/2 Richard CLARK
- 2/2 Randy WALKER
- 2/4 Rick SKARAN
- 2/5 Dennis MCCALLUM
- 2/6 Suzanne KOEHLER
- 2/10 Mary HAMILTON
- 2/17 Cynthia DAY O'BRIEN
- 2/18 Michael TOINTON
- 2/24 Randy RIEKEN
- 2/26 Dale NELSON
- 2/28 Lori BATZEL

REMINDER: Please be sure to renew your Chapter HOG membership for 2015. Annual dues are \$12 and completed forms can be dropped off at the dealership or at the next HOG meeting (see page 13).

Sincerely,
Teresa Wegner
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

There will be a chili Cook off in February following the meeting (see page 11). Bring a crock of your favorite chili and win a prize! :)

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,
Patty-Ann Haimes
Ladies of Harley

Activity Officer Notes

If you are planning on going out for a ride and looking for folks to come along, send me a email and I can forward it to the group.

Looking for rides, events and other activities. I will help you plan it, just tell us what you want to do.

For this year, we are looking for several Road Captains to help plan and lead rides. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Pete at pdmittelsted@gmail.com or 507-440-0919.

Pete Mittelsted
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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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

GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN-HEAD OUT ON THE HIGHWAY! Thanks to STEPPENWOLF for that great song from 1969! Kinda ties in with this month's column. Yea, might not exactly be ridin weather here yet- although a buddy near Fairmont was out last w/e- but there are a few things to consider especially if you are goin south or west for a vacation.

I have talked about it before, but if you are goin somewhere WARM (hopefully and taking your bike,) make sure you, your bike, and your INSURANCE are ready for the trip. I just picked up my license tabs for 2015-got yours? Good idea to get em and put em on if you are taking your bike. At the least, it may prevent a stop by the authorities. Once stopped, things like insurance (bike AND health in some states), handlebar height -some states(Fl. in particular) have strict requirements, blue dots-probably ONLY legal in Mn.-, mufflers- or the lack of-may be inspected and the DB reading taken, foot pegs for all riders, and licenses-both your ride and your own! An extra note on mufflers, some states/cities only classify as "legal" mufflers that have a DOT date stamp on them concurrent with the year of the bike. Most states require you have a copy of the vehicle registration and insurance with you. I always try to have a copy of both not only on the bike, but with me-AND this includes the vehicle you may haul the bike in/on. Since I mentioned hauling the bike, if it's on/in a trailer, some states have a separate speed limit for vehicles pulling a trailer so watch those speed limit signs.

So, how bout if ya go somewhere and rent a bike? Check with your insurance before you pick up the bike. MOST bike insurance does NOT cover a rental, unlike renting a car. I have rented many places and I, personally, buy all the insurance. It is not that expensive typically, and you will probably not be keeping it for a long time. In all likelihood, the rental agency will require wearing a helmet. Typically, they have some you can use. I leave it up to you on that. It may not fit or be the kind you normally wear and it may contain "passengers" you may not like!! All the bikes I have rented were in good shape etc but still, give a quick once over and make sure it is sound and fits you ok.

Guess I should mention something about safety! Ya gotta watch out for different things in different areas. AHH, the SUN, the BEACH, the ----- (you fill that in). All good, except when the sand starts blowin across the road. Sometimes it can be hard to see but beware, it can make a road very slippery. We've all most likely ridden in rain, but rain mixed with this sand can be very tricky as well. Any mention of safety, especially if it is in Fl., would not be complete without talkin about the "steel grate bridge decks". Usually, they are over the canals in the Intercoastal Waterway. If you have never ridden over one, the best thing to do is let the bike "steer" itself. You may feel some wobble or hula as some call it in the handlebars. I have found a light grip on them without trying to over-correct is the best idea. Now, if you're ridin an old shovel or sporty with a ribbed front tire, you're on your own!! Speakin of the ol' hula, some southern AND western states have some very deeply "grooved" roads. Same theory applies with the light pressure on the bars.

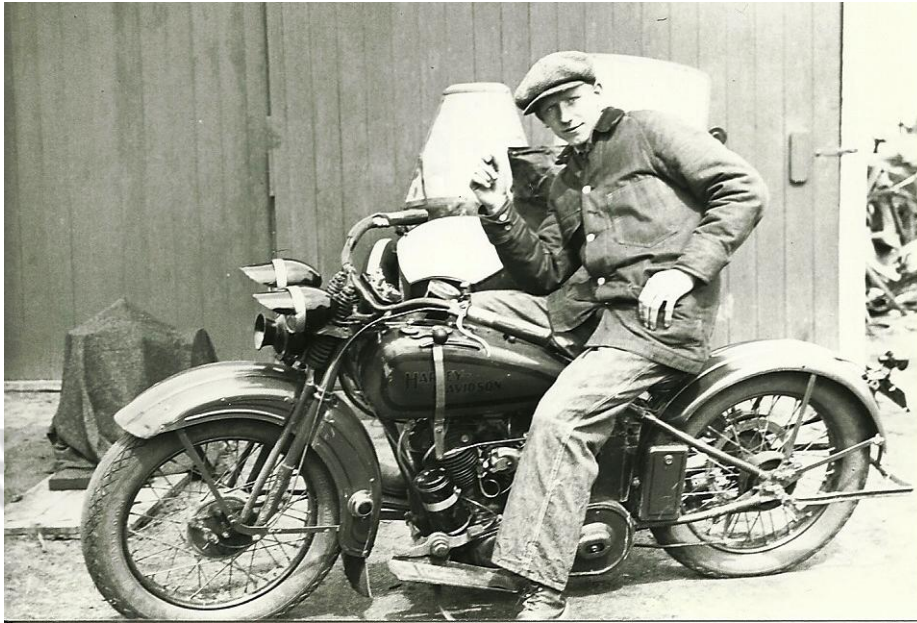
OK, you're really enjoying the warm weather and the road BUT! Depending on where and when you are, there may be another half million or more tryin to do the same things. Traffic in some of these places can be a bear to say the least. I try to find backstreets to avoid having a motor melt down in traffic. Unfortunately, lots of others do too but try if you can. Piece of advice if you're in Daytona, DO NOT try to go over the main street bridge from the mainland in the afternoon! Traffic backs up horribly!! NUFF SAID!

Last word on all of this and applies to anywhere ya go. Check the local laws. Lane-splitting is legal in Ca. and the first time someone goes by between you and a BUICK, it will for sure get your attention. Right turn on red,

riding two abreast on the road, special speed limits, NO BIKES ALLOWED, etc are some things you may see. OK, Try to have a GREAT time and DON'T give a second thought to those who are stuck--in the snow—in the cold—in the house—back home!! BUT, above all:

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Looks like this guy is ready for a ride on his 1929 HD 45!



2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- February 9th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- February 10th Dinner ride to [Wild Bill's Sports Saloon](#) in Rochester - Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- February 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
[Chili contest @ Rochester Harley 11:00AM](#)
Questions contact Patty Ann Haimes @ 507-993-7857 or patty_blue2u@yahoo.com
- February 28th [Rochester Bike Show & Swap Meet](#) @ Mayo Civic Center Call (507)288-9050 for more information and sign-up
- March 9th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- March 10th Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester - Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM.
- March 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
Bake sale @ Rochester Harley following meeting. Questions contact Patty Ann Haimes @ 507-993-7857 or patty_blue2u@yahoo.com
- April 6th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- April 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- April 14th Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- April 18th [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- May 4th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- May 9th 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 Haimes.
- May 9th [Purple Heart MC Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Winona in Veteran Park at 9:30-11AM.
- May 12th Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- May 17th [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 30st 2014 Cancer Memorial Ride (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) in Rochester. Registration at 10:45AM to 12PM.
- June 8th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members

- June 9th Birthday Dinner ride to **TBD** in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- June 13th 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 Haimes.
- June 14th Summer H.O.G. Picnic
9:45AM: Meet at Eyota Kwik Trip a 2 hour ride
12:00PM: Picnic at Tom & Sandra Welsh home in Eyota.
- June 11th – 13th **SD State H.O.G. Rally** in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration deadline is April 23rd. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 25th - 27th **MN State H.O.G. Rally** in Alexandria, MN. Registration deadline is May 7th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 6th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- July 9th - 11th **WI State H.O.G. Rally** in Janesville, WI. Registration deadline is May 21st. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- July 11th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- July 14th Birthday Dinner ride to **TBD** in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- July 18th **Hero's Ride** (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 26th **The "Cruise" 2015** (15th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 3rd – 9th **Sturgis** (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 8th Chapter Meeting canceled, move to August 15th.
- August 10rd Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- August 11th Birthday Dinner ride to **TBD** in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- August 15th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- September 7th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- September 8th Birthday Dinner ride to **TBD** in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- September 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- September 15th-20th **Tomahawk WI ride** (info only non-H.O.G. event). Go to the web site for more info.

- September 19th **Flood Run** (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- September 23th-26th **Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally** (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- October 5th **Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members**
- October 10th **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 13th **Birthday Dinner ride to TBD in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.**
- November 7th **Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.**
- November 9th **Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members**
- November 10th **Birthday Dinner ride to TBD in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM**
- November 14th **Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today.**
- December 5th **Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD**
- December 7th **Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members**
- December 8th **Birthday Dinner ride. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM**
- December 12th **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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Come and Be a Judge

Tenth Annual Chili Cook-off

Sponsored by:

SE Minnesota Rochester H.O.G. Chapter 2443

Ladies of Harley



When: Saturday, February 14, 2015

**Where: Rochester Harley-Davidson
7180 Highway 14 East
Rochester, Minnesota 55904
Phone: 507-421-6865 (for more information)**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. (set-up)
Judging begins after H.O.G. meeting or 11:00 a.m.
Traveling Trophy Presented to the H.O.G. member
with the most votes at 1:00 p.m.**

There is a \$5.00 sampling and judging fee!

SE MN Rochester H.O.G. donates to the following: Ambulance Services, Ronald McDonald House, Eagles Cancer Telethon and many more organizations





CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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.

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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: _____

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