

**SE MN H.O.G. CLUB #2443**  
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## [Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)

March 2015 Newsletter

### **Directors Notes**

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At our February meeting, we had to make a few decisions in regards to the donations that we give out every year. In the past we have donated \$500 to 5 local First Responders groups in the spring and 5 in the fall for a total of \$5000 a year. Since we are not doing as well on our raffle sales we have had to cut back to 6 per year instead of 10. We print 1,500 \$10 tickets for the raffle which would give us a total of \$15,000. This year we sold 73 books or 730 tickets. Out of those tickets sold, we only had 18 members, some of which were couples, so probably 28 members that sold tickets. 2 couples were responsible for selling almost half of all the tickets! A big thanks to Dean & Sandy Peterson and Tom & Sandra Welsh.

Mike Shumaker is in charge of the contributions committee, came up with a great idea to present the checks. He is going to coordinate a ride to the First Responder towns, probably after our Saturday meetings, to present the check to them at their location and try to do lunch somewhere in town. This should give us more exposure and hopefully sell more tickets.

Our Cancer Ride will be May 30th this year. Please save the date! We are looking for ways to advertise this, so if you have any ideas please let us know.

Hope to see you at the March meeting.

Keep thinking early spring!!  
Mike



# Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance starts the meeting at 9:30

Tom and Sandra Welsh are not in attendance due to a family/friend loss. Sympathies to their family.

Discussion on our contribution to First Responders. As previously reported, we have collected less this year as in past years from the bike raffle. Therefore we have less money to contribute to First Responders. In the past we have donated \$ 500 to 10 First Responder Units. We have two choices:

Rather than donate \$ 500, we can donate \$ 300 and still donate to 10 First Responder Units  
We can continue to donate \$ 500 but scale back to 6 Units.

The group had a vote and voted for Option #2 ~ full \$ 500 to 6 units. We will do 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. Mike Shumaker led a discussion regarding riding to each Unit's location when we present the check. Possibly they will allow us to tour their facility. We can also go to lunch in a local establishment in their town to support the town. It was even suggested to ask the First Responders to support our raffle by possibly selling/buying tickets. Possibly we can even attend some monthly meetings at the First Responders sites and ask for support. We rotate the First Responders and get through our rotation every 4 years. It would be great to raise enough money to stay on that rotation.

Mike passed on some numbers on the selling of raffle tickets:

132 Members  
73 Books Sold  
18 members/couples sold a ticket(s) out of the whole membership  
2 families – Pederson's and Welsh's sold half of all tickets sold themselves

Imagine if each of the remaining members sold 2 tickets (\$20) = We would have an additional \$ 2280 to add to our fund. This alone would put us back on track to be able to donate to the 10 First Responder Communities each year. PLEASE CONSIDER SELLING SOME TICKETS THIS COMING YEAR IF YOU HAVE NOT! Let's keep our First Responder's donations going!

Treasurer Report - Leon – Beginning balance \$ 11,796.11 Ending Balance \$ 10735.11

Membership Report – Teresa – 132 members ~ 82 paid for the year. 4 new members. Must have all memberships paid by end of March. 3 people have 10 year Anniversaries : Diane Mitchell, Kelli Larimer, Matthew Heinz ~~ Congrats!!

Activities Report – Pete -- Bike Show at Mayo Civic Center February 28th. Ditch clean-up this spring. May start in April if we possibly have good weather? If not we can still do in May, May 30th is the Cancer Ride. Some discussion on trying to get more advertising. Going to check with KTTC ~~ also "LIKE" our Facebook Page so the word gets out to more and more people. It is listed as SE MN H.O.G. # 2443.

Blessing of the Bikes on May 17th.

Ladies of Harley – Patti – Chili Cook-off today! \$ 5.00 buys you samples of all entries and voting rights! 1st place gets \$ 25, 2nd Place gets \$15 and 3rd Place gets \$10. After the April meeting will the Bake Sale. Please bake something up to sell and for those of you "Non" Bakers ~ please come and buy some wonderful creations!

Safety – Charlie – Charlie attended some seminars presented by Dunlap Tire when he was at the International Bike Show in Minneapolis. Very interesting and he is very serious that we need to keep our tires at proper inflation capacity. Makes a huge difference. We will be doing random checks on tires at future meetings. Not to scold anyone, but keep people informed. Charlie also talked about experienced rider courses offered. Will vote on date at future meeting. Leon echoed the importance of taking a course. We all develop bad habits and these courses help remind us of proper procedures we may of forgotten. Lots of handouts ~ check with Charlie.

Dealer News – Don't forget all the great Valentine gifts for your sweetie in the shop! Leather Madness is march 6-14th ~~ Mark your calendars! Remember Service Specials run through the end of February. Come introduce yourselves to the newcomers in the store: Rick in Sales, Cory in Parts and Justin in Service.

Dale and Leon are open to suggestions on website!

Respectfully submitted.  
Sue Madden

## Membership Officer Notes

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HOG Members: 138 (84 paid)

National HOG Anniversaries:

- Randall Fay - 10 years
- Leon Plantz - 10 years
- Romana Tinsley - 10 years
- Jay Severson - 5 years

March Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to [Half Barrel](#):**

- 3/01 David Bronk
- 3/03 Larry Gondart
- 3/03 Fred Carlson
- 3/17 William Bartlett
- 3/18 Roger Juhl
- 3/24 Paul Steward
- 3/27 Julie House

REMINDER: Please remember that you must have a National Hog membership to be allowed a local HOG membership. Annual dues are \$12 and completed forms can be dropped off at the dealership or at the next HOG meeting (see page 13). Dues are currently due for the local HOG by March 31 (see page 12).

Sincerely,  
Teresa Wegner  
Membership Officer

### Ladies of Harley

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Thank you to all who participated in the annual Ladies Of Harley chili Cook off! There were 9 different unique crock pots of chili, all were delicious!

- The winner of the trophy and 1st place, including a \$25 gift certificate to Rochester Harley Davidson was Steve Koball, congratulations Steve!
- 2nd place, winning a \$15 gift certificate was Director Mike Madden!
- 3rd place, winning a \$10 gift certificate was Pete Mittelsted. Congratulations to all and thank you!

Annual Ladies of Harley Bake Sale (see page 11)

- When: Saturday March 14th, 2015
- Where: Rochester Harley Davidson Shop
- Time: 10:30, following monthly meeting

Let's get out the recipes, for those scrumptious sweets. Bring in your cookies, cakes, pies and treats. If everyone could bring at least one batch. We can sell by the dozen or mix and match!

The proceeds from these events, the bake sale and chili cook-off, help us to donate to ambulance crews, Christmas Anonymous and many others!

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,  
Patty-Ann Haimes  
Ladies of Harley

## Activity Officer Notes

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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](mailto:pdmittelsted@gmail.com) or 507-440-0919.

Pete Mittelsted  
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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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

“**And it sure been a cold, cold winter And the wind ain't been blowin' from the south**”! Kinda describes how this one's been. Thanks to Mick Jagger and the ROLLING STONES for this months' intro from the song **WINTER** from 1973. At least the days are getting longer. I have friends that live in much warmer climates and the surprising thing is, that alone does not make a lot of people get out and ride more. One of the causes probably is that to have a nicer winter, you're gonna have more people-and more TRAFFIC- lookin for this warmth. Oh well, maybe March will be an improvement.

Or April? Coincidentally, that is when the Motorcycle Training courses start. I have copies of the complete training schedules and will get one to you if you want it. At this time, there are 23 basic courses scheduled. There is only 1 advanced (BRC-2) offered (4/25). I have talked with RCTC and we can schedule one for our group if we have enough interest. We did this last year and although it rained (LIQUID SUNSHINE) all day, I think those that attended got a lot out of it. The days we can schedule one for the club are: 4/11,12; 6/20,21, 27,28; 7/25,26. Classes are only one day so we have 8 days we can schedule. These are days that there is not another class scheduled. If we want to do this, we need to pick a date/dates so RCTC can set up the instructors etc. Cost will be the same. Course is \$300 divided by the number in the class: 6 is the minimum-\$50 ea, max of 12-\$25 ea. The sooner we get a request in, the sooner we can be assured of having the class. There are also a couple 3 Wheel Classes, 5 Road Guard Classes and 4 Moped Classes scheduled for here.

I hope you were able to get to the International Motorcycle Show at the Mpls Convention Center a few weeks ago. Lots to see and some interesting areas to visit. I spent time at the MSF booth and have some good handouts for the meeting. One of these is a list of 2015 Mn. Motorcycle Laws. The last one was from 2012 and I unfortunately do not have one to compare it to. I do have quite a few for handouts at the meeting, or get in touch with me if you want one.

I sat in on a seminar put on by DUNLOP tires. I am hoping to get more info from them but did get some handouts with some good info. I know I have harped on it, but according to DUNLOP, checking tire pressure is the most important tire maintenance function. Some interesting things I learned from the seminar: For every 2 lbs a tire is underinflated, you lose 20 lbs of load capacity, underinflated tires can lose 20% of their tread mileage, don't store your bike (tires) near electric motors (freezers etc) as the ozone produced by the motors can accelerate tire cracking and take it easy for the first 100 miles on new tires to “break them in”.

It's getting close to Daytona, Spring Break and in April, Laughlin. If you are going to one of these or anywhere else, and taking your bike, or planning on renting a bike, check the local laws so your bike and YOU are legal. A good place to look is the HOG ATLAS. Pg 3 of this years' atlas has the motorcycle laws for all the states in it. Just because it is legal here does not mean it is in Fl. or--?

TTFN, Charlie

and remember-

**LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!**

For you 3 wheelers out there, This picture is of a VERY RARE HD that was probably more experimental than anything else. It is a Knucklehead with a drive shaft. Not sure of the year but Knucks were “only” made from 1936 till 1947. Judging from the color, more than likely was for the war effort. I heard they only made 3 of them! Saw it at the AMCA meet years ago in Farmington.



## 2015 Chapter Events and Rides

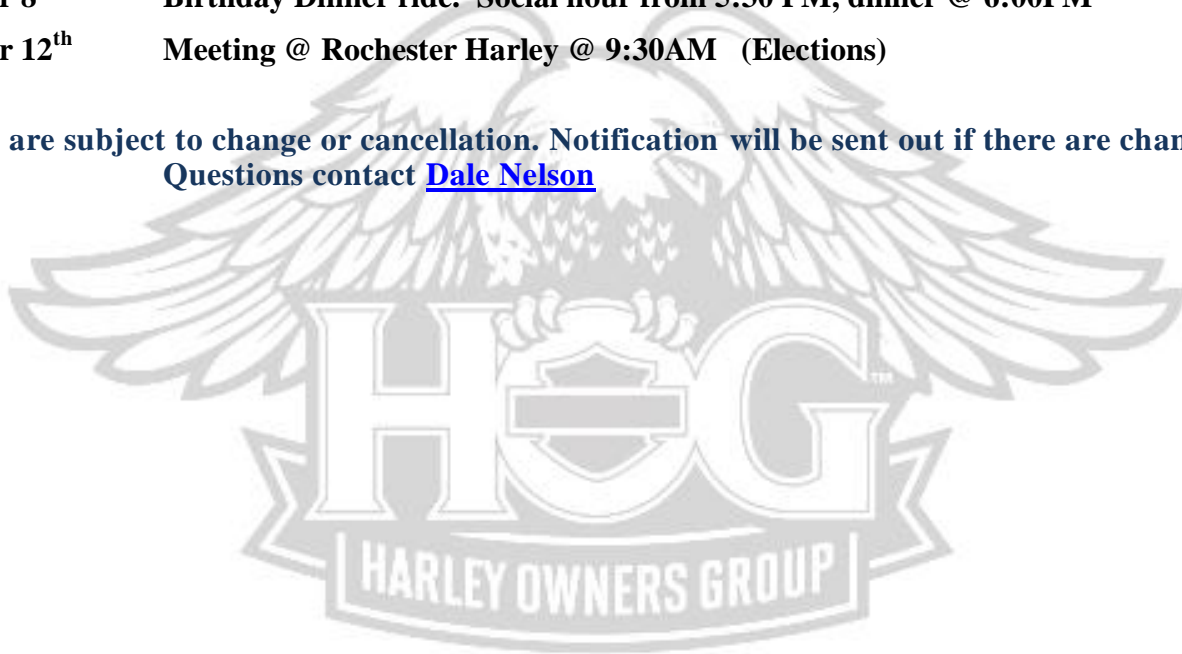
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [Half Barrel](#) in Rochester - Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM  
Bake sale @ 10:30AM following meeting. Questions contact Patty Ann Haines @ 507-993-7857 or [patty\\_blue2u@yahoo.com](mailto:patty_blue2u@yahoo.com)
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Haines.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> [Purple Heart MC Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)  
Registration at [Harley-Davidson of Winona](#) at 9:30-11AM.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> [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 30<sup>st</sup> 2014 Cancer Memorial Ride (Ride Against Cancer Charity Event) at [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) in Rochester. Registration at 10:45AM to 12PM.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Haines.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> [SD State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration deadline is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>

- June 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> [MN State H.O.G. Rally](http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/) in Alexandria, MN. Registration deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> [WI State H.O.G. Rally](http://www.wistatehogrally.com/) in Janesville, WI. Registration deadline is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> [Hero's Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)  
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> [The "Cruise" 2015](#) (15<sup>th</sup> Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> [Sturgis](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting canceled, move to August 15th.
- August 10<sup>rd</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- September 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haimes.
- September 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event). Go to the web site for more info.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> [Flood Run](http://www.floodrun.org/) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- September 23<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> [Bikes, Blues and BBO Rally](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- October 10<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 Haimes.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. Ride leader TBD.



- November 7<sup>th</sup> Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. The ride leader is Tony Haines.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [TBD](#) in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- November 14<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.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 12<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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# BAKE SALE

**Sponsored by:  
SE Minnesota Rochester H.O.G. Chapter 2443  
Ladies of Harley**



**When: Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**Time: 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Rochester Harley-Davidson**

**Items priced individually or create your own  
Mix & Match plate**

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



# 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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