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## Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443

April 2015 Newsletter

### Directors Notes

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I guess Minnesota decided to remind us where we live! Not that we should be surprised, it is only March 22nd. We haven't had power for about 2 hours now so I figured I should put my iPad to good use and get some things done. I would like to remind everyone that we will have trash pickup after the April meeting as long as the weather cooperates. If everyone could plan to help out for an hour after the meeting, we can get done and ride.

I want to thank everyone that brought in items for the bake sale. It was a big success. There were a lot of calories on those tables!

The raffle tickets are printed and ready to be picked up. We will have some at the shop and also at Sue's office (State Farm, 914 N Broadway). Please see if you can help out and either buy or sell some tickets. Anything will help. We have had to cut back our donations by almost 1/2 from what we have done in the years past and we donate to some very deserving organizations.

Just remember, according to the calendar it is spring!

Ride safe!

Mike

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

Pledge of Allegiance started by Mike Madden at 9:30

Assistant Director Tom Spoke the following events:

- MN State Rally ~ June 25 -27 in Alexandria. Website: <http://mnstatehogrally.com/> Tom has found rooms at Holiday Inn for \$ 129.99/night
- WI State Rally ~ July 9 – 11 in Janesville, WI. Called “Tour Da Cheese”. Website: <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- Hot Harley Nights ~ July 9 - 12 in Sioux Falls, SD website: [www.hotharley nights.com/#/hhn\\_home](http://www.hotharley nights.com/#/hhn_home)
- Cancer Sucks Ride ~ May 16

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we have our Cancer Telethon Ride. All money goes to the Eagles Cancer Telethon. We will not be selling pins this year. Please let Tom know if there are some stops you want to make or do not want to make on the ride.

The website also has links to these rides under the “Calendar of Events”

Tom also presented a plaque to Dean and Cynthia for their participation and success at all the games this year at the 2014 Rally.

Mike led discussion on whether we should continue to support the Ronald McDonald Ride. After discussion it was voted to give \$ 500 in support rather than \$ 1000.

Mike also informed the membership that the board has decided to still donate \$ 500 to First Responders but limit the communities this year to 6 rather than 10 (since we have less money this year) Mike Shumaker led a discussion on an idea to pick days that we can ride to the 6 First Responder locations to present the checks we are donating to them. We are hoping we can ask some of the First Responders to help us in selling of the raffle tickets this year. Judy has also agreed to allow us to bring the bike on a trailer to some of these communities local festivals. We would have a sign to buy a raffle ticket to “Win this Bike”!

Treasurer Leon left us this information: Beginning Balance is \$ 10,735.11 and Ending Balance is \$ 9,857.90

Membership ~ Teresa reported that there are 141 Members and 90 paid members before the meeting. Some members paid today. We have 6 new members. Mark Maloney was a new member in attendance. He is a Desert Storm Vet ~ Thank you for your service! Teresa reminded us that National Membership must be paid to be an active member locally.

Safety ~ Charlie reported that he has several handouts on various topics. Please come by and take some. Charlie also presented various dates available for the experienced riders course. The date of June 20-21 were voted on. Charlie will check on reserving these dates. Please remember the May Meeting we will have a presentation on CPR again.

Ladies of Harley (LOH) Patty ~ The Bake Sale is today. Steve Koball won the Chili Cook-off last month and was presented with the trophy.

Dale reported that the next Dinner Ride is to the Ground Round. April 14<sup>th</sup> ~ our next meeting is ditch clean-up. Please help the club with this. The more volunteers the sooner we will “Get er Done!”

Dealer news ~ Promotion in the store until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Spend \$ 300 or more and receive a free backpack valued at \$ 75. Please give service 2 days’ notice to get your bike out of storage. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Respectfully submitted.

Sue Madden

## Membership Officer Notes

We have 132 HOG Members with 102 paid to date and 9 new members this year.

April National HOG Anniversaries:

- Wayne Weis - 20 years
- Dennis Maas - 15 years

New Members:

- Cullen Taylor
- Lori Taylor
- James Randall

April Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to Ground Round:**

- 4/3 Joe BEISSEL
- 4/6 Keith KRAMER
- 4/6 Pamela SKARAN
- 4/7 Sandee MCCALLUM
- 4/8 Vicki TWERBERG
- 4/9 Brian MULLENBACH
- 4/17 Allan CASSIDY
- 4/19 Bill HOFFMAN
- 4/19 Kevin OHM
- 4/24 Don DEAN
- 4/27 Jon CHRISTENSEN
- 4/28 Leon PLANTZ

Please remember that you must keep your National Hog membership current to be allowed a local HOG membership.

Take a look at the exciting group at March Birthday dinner:



Sincerely,  
Teresa Wegner  
Membership Officer

## Ladies of Harley

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Thank you to all who participated in the annual Ladies Of Harley Bake Sale! Lot of scrumptious sweets. 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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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

Was gonna use a QUEEN song-“ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST” to say that winter was on the way out. **HOWEVER**, in view of what happened yesterday, I think a modified version of a Peter Paul and Mary song is better—IF I HAD A SHOVEL(hammer), I’D SHOVEL(hammer) IN THE MORNIN, I’D SHOVEL IN THE EVENIN—ETC!! Not sure about you, but I have had a couple bikes out for some short rides. Don’t think that’s gonna happen again for a while now!! Well, sooner or later we’re gonna be draggin those 2-wheelers out for some FUN!! I have talked about the T-CLOCK checklist a few times before. It stands for: T-tires and wheels; C-controls; L-lights; O-oil; C-chassis; K-kickstand. It is actually a very thorough checklist that is a good idea to follow. I have printouts of the details of this checklist. I will have some at the meeting but if you want one sooner, e-mail me at [charlesmilligan@hotmail.com](mailto:charlesmilligan@hotmail.com) and I will send one to you.(ya gotta have the “r” between charles and milligan otherwise it goes into cyber-space somewhere!!) I came across another checklist that is not as detailed but pretty good nevertheless. It is in the April issue of American Iron- another of the TOO MANY magazines I MUST have! It has a total of 12 areas to check:

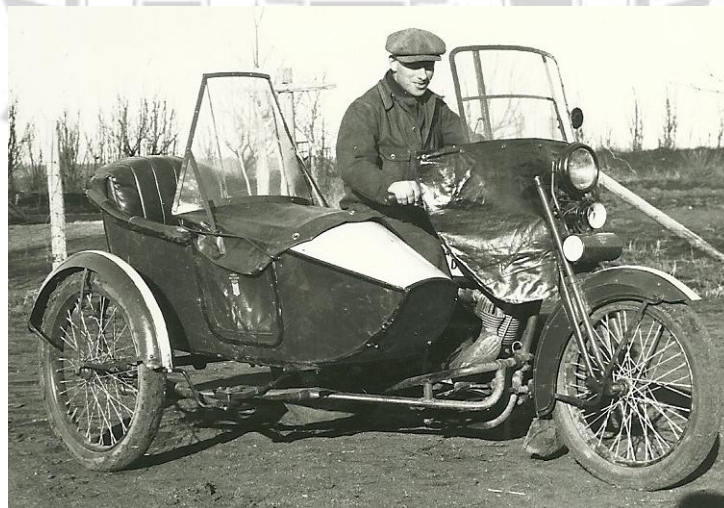
1. Battery-check the voltage. If you have had it out on a tender all winter, this is easy. It is not a bad idea to check it with the motor running too. Should be 14+ volts if the charging system is OK. Quick check, rev-don’t peg it to the limiter- the motor a little and watch the lights and they will typically brighten a little.
2. Fluids-check as many of the oil levels as you can to include the brake reservoirs. The brake sight glass may be hard to see thru so CAREFULLY remove the covers and look at the levels as well as the colors. If dirty, it may need replacing. If low, do nothing until you have done step 3. Depending on which bike you have, some check the oil on the side-stand and some need the bike vertical. Most times it is best to run the bike for a few minutes before checking the oil in case it has “wet sumped”(see #4). If it is pre-Evo, probably just add a quart!!
3. Pads, rotors brake lines- Take a peek at the pads and rotors for thickness, bluing, gouges etc. If the level in 2 was low, there is a possibility the pads are worn. On the first ride, apply the brakes and check for warping which will cause a pulsing in the front or rear brake operation. Inspect the rubber brake lines for cracks, abrasions and pinching and have it repaired if necessary.
4. Air filters- Check to see that you will not be giving any rides to uninvited guests-mices etc. Check the element for dirt, insects etc. If bad, clean or replace as needed. Another CHARLIE NOTE HERE, If you have started the bike and find a lot of oil in the filter, the motor may have “WET SUMPED”. This happens when oil leaks thru/past the pump and into the motor sump. It will pump out but where it goes may depend on what motor or how your air filter is set up. If I didn’t run my old Pan for a couple weeks you could follow it for blocks!!
5. Mufflers- Check the mufflers/pipes for any mouse condominiums. They like to make homes in them. May only become apparent when they are blown across the floor on start-up.
6. Rear belt/chain- On the belt, check for missing teeth, cracks and tension. On a chain, check for RUST, adjustment, missing/damaged links and lube. If the chain needs lubrication, it works best if the chain is warmed up from a short ride. Check both the belt and chain sprocket for damage.
7. Primary chain- If your bike has an automatic tensioner, probably ok. If not, and you are not familiar with how to do this, best to take it to the shop. Quick check, put your hand on the primary cover. If the chain is too loose, you will feel it on the cover.
8. Lites and all electrics- Check all the lites-hi/lo, directionals, brake, and instrument. Check the horn and any other warning device you may have installed. The YELL and the MIDDLE FINGER salute usually always work !!
9. Wheels and tires- CHECK THE PRESSURE and set to factory specs- indicated on the frame or neck area-and remember the pressure will change 1lb for every 10° temp change. Check them cold. Take a look at the wheels and check for cracks, corrosion, and bent parts. If a spoke wheel, also check for loose, bent or missing spokes. Check the tightness of both axel nuts.

10. Fuel/oil lines- check any of these for cracks, kinks or abrasions. Replace if damaged. On Softails, make sure there is no leakage from the connection to the oil tank or motor/oil pump.
11. Clutch-The plates will sometimes stick together. Remember that time ya put er in gear and it took off across the yard? That was probably a sticking clutch/plate. To check this, sit on the bike (motor OFF), pull in the clutch, put it in gear and see if it will roll freely. If not, the clutch may be sticking. Try freeing it by pulling in the clutch a number of times. If still sticking, put it in 2nd gear, pull in the clutch and rock the bike a few times to free it. I always make it a habit of pulling the clutch in whenever I start the bike.
12. Ok, ya made it this far and that adult beverage is startin to sound good. PAPERWORK!! License tabs (once went to STURGIS with a friend and he had forgotten to get his tabs all summer!), registration documents, insurance documentation and how bout your license? They do expire!! Most states require you to have your registration and insurance documents available for checking. Whether on the bike or on your person, makes no difference but you need to have them. I recommend an extra set-one for the bike and one in your pocket if on a trip er ADVENTURE!!

Ok, the rides all taken care of-HOW BOUT YOU and your riding skills? Not a bad idea to find a deserted parkin lot and make a few slow turns, quick stops etc. This will not only sharpen your skills but may highlite any problems with the bike too. Did I say RIDING SKILLS?? How bout that. At the last meeting, I mentioned the BRC-2 Course. We decided on June 20th or 21st. Spoke with RCTC and they are checking on availability. The days are open yet but we need 2 instructors. I will let ya know as soon as I get the info. Now, the next topic—OOPS, guess I have rambled enough so remember---

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

This guy looks to be getting ready for a spring ride on his 61 Cube '23 HD!!



## 2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- 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 Haimes.
- 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 Haimes.
- 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 Haimes.
- 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 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 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](#) (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 BBQ 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 Haimes.
- 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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