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

May 2015 Newsletter

### Directors Notes

As I write this message it is 37degrees outside and there were snowflakes earlier this morning. Hard to believe that we held our monthly meeting outside and had such good weather for the flood run. I guess that is all part of living in Minnesota.

For those of you that were not at the meeting, we decided to hold off on ditch clean up because it was so wet. We voted to do it on a weeknight and do a dinner ride after. We will let you know when we schedule it again.

Mike Shumaker is putting together a schedule for delivering the checks to the first responders that we will be donating to this year. It would be great to have a large group of us to ride out and present the checks. The plan is to also make a lunch/dinner ride out of it at a local business or eat at the station. Raffle tickets are available for everyone to pick up. They can be picked up at RHD or Sue's office at 914 N Broadway. This is our major fundraiser that allows us to give back to the communities. Please do what you can to sell some tickets.



Have a great week!  
Mike

### Upcoming Events

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## Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2015

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Meeting come to order by Director Mike Madden at 9:30

Assistant Director Tom W. ~~ Attended H.O.G. Hot training in Detroit. Tom wanted to bring up the topic of drinking on rides. Harley Corporate has a concern over any drinking on HOG sponsored rides due to potential liability to our group and even as far as going back to them. There were 36 drinking incidents in 2014, and they want to avoid these completely. There was discussion in the group as to our stance on this. Do we allow drinking on our sponsored rides? How do we "police" this? Do we WANT to "police" this within our group? For now our official stance on this within our group is that we do not condone drinking on the HOG sponsored rides.

Tom asked if there was any interest in a ride to Milwaukee to go to the Harley museum and possibly a Brewers game. Please contact him with any interest.

Tom talked about the Minnesota State Rally, the WI State Rally and Hot Harley Nights in Sioux Falls, SD. Please check our website and past minutes for more details.

Report from Teresa W. on Membership ~ There are 103 paid members and 30 Unpaid. We have a few new members: Colin and Lori Taylor and Keith Van. WELCOME! Anniversaries: Wayne Weis - 20 year and Dennis Moss - 15 years. Congrats!

Treasurer Leon ~ gone today but reported an ending balance of \$10,012.08

Dale Nelson our Webmaster says all dinner rides are scheduled and on the site.

Pete M - Activities Director spoke about summer picnic. Possibly the Welsh's may have again this year. This will be finalized. Ditch clean-up will not be today due to recent rain, but plan on after the May meeting. There was discussion about changing the "Treasure Hunt" (Ditch Clean-up) to either another Saturday or even a night during the week rather than a Saturday. If we can get more people, the clean-up will go even faster.

Pete would like to get feedback on rides people would like him to schedule. Short, Long or overnight? Please let him know.

Safety Director Charlie remind us of the Experienced Rider Course coming up on June 20th. It is a 5 hour course and usually starts about 8 -9 am. Need minimum of 6 and maximum of 12. The more we have the less money it costs each participant.

Dealer News: Kickstart Spring Sale April 15-18. 10% storewide. 15% off Boots, Helmets, and casual outerwear. Remember May 9th is MOTHER'S DAY! (Hint Hint)

Ladies of Harley ~ Patty thanked all the people who baked goodies for the Bake Sale last month. We raised \$260!

Mike Shumaker reported that he has talked with several First Responders and the response to us coming out to present their checks to them is very positive. Many are willing to help us with raffle tickets sales. Speaking of Raffle tickets sales ~~ new member John Gifford is selling up a storm! He has sold several books! Please pick up your books and sell, sell, sell!

Respectfully submitted.

Sue Madden

## Membership Officer Notes

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There are 132 members/105 paid. 27 members will be deleted and no longer receive newsletter if not paid by end of April. You can find registration forms at Rochester Harley, monthly HOG meetings or on-line [www.semnhog.com/links.html](http://www.semnhog.com/links.html).

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME. Please encourage your Harley owner friends and family to join in on the fun!

May National HOG anniversaries:

- Larry Gondert - 30 years
- Anne Mehnke - 20 years
- Arlene Bahr - 5 years
- Laura Walker - 5 years
- Lyndon O'Connor - 5 years

May Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to [Slippery's](#):**

- 5/5 Brian Groteboer
- 5/6 Sue Madden
- 5/6 Cheryl Pederson
- 5/9 Dennis Maas
- 5/12 Kari Szczepanski
- 5/28 Jeff Larson
- 5/29 Greg Donley
- 5/30 Tom Keller
- 5/31 Tom Szczepanski
- 5/31 Teresa Wegner

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

Sincerely,  
Teresa Wegner  
Membership Officer

**Ladies of Harley**

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Hello LOH!

If you have any LOH ideas, please contact Patty-Ann at 507-993-7857 or send an email to [patty\\_blue2u@yahoo.com](mailto:patty_blue2u@yahoo.com).

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 an 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



## Dinner Ride to the Ground Round

What a gorgeous day to ride to the Ground Round. Kickstand up at 6PM at the RHD. Here are a few pictures at the Ground Round with SE MINNESOTA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP ROCHESTER — 🍷



May's dinner ride takes planned for [Slippery's](#) in Wabasha. We'll leave from RHD promptly at 6PM, arriving at about 6:45PM.

## Around the Bend

"I'm a gonna raise a fuss, I'm a gonna raise a holler"!! Thanks to Eddie Cochran for his song "SUMMERTIME BLUES" for this month's musical intro -or something like that. Yea, think we all are ready for some good summer-time riding weather. Kinda got spoiled with the past week of some pretty fine weather for this time of year. I didn't make it, but for a change the Flood-Run didn't require a parka or slicker to ride! For those that were not at the meeting, the BRC-2 class is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be about a 5 hr class starting at 1:30 and running till 6:30. Many insurance companies will give a discount on your insurance for completing this and HOG will do some re-imbusement too. So far, there are 5 signed up. We need a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 for the class. Contact me if you want to sign up for the class (507-269-3988)

By now, I am sure many/most have gotten their bikes out. Saw a guy in the parking lot next to Denny's a while back doing turns, stops and in general just practicing on his bike. Thought it was such a good idea I had to stop and tell him!! If you haven't done anything like that, it is a very good idea to give it a try -ya might surprise yourself. How about that NEW bike? Shiny, lotsa chrome, fancy paint. Heavier than the last one?? Taller than the last one? WAY different than the last one? Better to find out in the parking lot than on the street!!

Not only is it a good idea to do this to sharpen your skills, but it may point out some problems with your bike before you hit the road for a trip. How do the brakes work? Any unusual noise or vibrations? You DID check the tires I AM SURE!! All the lights, signals and indicators work? Got a couple numbers for ya. Last year, in Mn. there were 44 motorcycle fatalities. That was down from the year before. As far as I am concerned, any is too many! So far this year, there have been 5 fatalities. WAY too early to do any projections as every year is different.

I have mentioned THE HURT REPORT of 1981 before. This was the most significant study of motorcycle crashes done to date. There is a study being done now by the NHTSA (National Highway Transportation Administration) and OSU (Oklahoma State University). There have been some funding issues and interruptions in the study but the results are scheduled to be released this year. How different these will be compared to the Hurt Study remain to be seen. Some early information is that the number of crashes-accidents-has increased significantly since the Hurt Study. Accordingly, the number of motorcycles has also increased a lot. As of 2012, Mn. ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the country for registrations with about 250,000. As expected, Ca. was first with about 780,000.

There is still a lot of good, appropriate information from the Hurt Study to use. A very good bit of advice gained from the results is this- "when worrying about your safety, look first to yourself"! Examine your riding skills, how prepared are you for an emergency (need some training)? How well do you know your motorcycle? About 1/4th of motorcycle accidents are single vehicle with the motorcycle colliding with the roadway or some other fixed object.

Then, as now, the biggest risk in multi vehicle accidents is another vehicle violating the motorcycle's right of way. A good thing to keep in mind when riding is that no one else sees you. The guy making the left turn in front of you does not see you. The guy behind you is not aware of you at the stop light/sign. The guy pulling out from the side street thinks the road is clear. Eliminating any chance of any kind of accident is probably out of the question. However, training, experience, protective gear and overall familiarity with riding and your motorcycle can dramatically reduce the chance of or the severity of an accident.

And above all:

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

Gettin ready for a ride on his '29 HD 74 TWO CAM!!  
Also 1<sup>st</sup> HD with twin headlites



## 2015 Chapter Events and Rides

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- 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 [King's Place](#) in Miesville. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.  
Birthdays: Arlene BAHN, Gary BREVIG, Gregory DOMKE, Patty Ann HAIMES, Mike HEMMINGSON, Rob JOHNSON, Steve KOBALL, John MCGUIRE, Eric THORN, Diane ZITZMANN
- 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. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> [Hot Harley Nights](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration at J&L Harley-Davidson. (info only non-H.O.G. event)



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- July 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [Old Barn Resort](#) in Preston. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.  
Birthdays: Roxanne BRABAND, Tony HAIMES, Duane KNUTSON, Tom MARQUARDT, Sally NELSON, John WELHAVEN
- 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 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 [Rail House](#) in Lake City. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.  
Birthdays: Cindy FAWCETT, Randall FAY, Renae HANSEN, Duane KOEHLER, Kelli LARIMER, Michael MADDEN, Anne MEHNKE, Charlie MILLIGAN, Diane MITCHELL, Laura WALKER, George WILSON, Gary ZIRBEL
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- 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 [Bears Den](#) in Byron. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.  
Birthdays: Roland BICE, Juleena BURTON, Ed CARLON, Edward CLASEN, Roger HAMILTON, Matthew HEINZ, Jeffrey MEHNKE, David MEYER, Don MITCHELL, Dean PEDERSON, Darvey RIETMANN, Ann SCHWANKE, Jeremy WANGEN, Wayne WEIS, Sandra WELSH, Thomas WELSH
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- 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. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner ride to [Good Sport](#) in St. Charles. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.  
Birthdays: Michelle DONLEY, Frank FAWCETT, Rick FRICKER, Bill

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- November 7<sup>th</sup>** Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- 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 [Fat Willies](#) in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM  
Birthdays: Dean ANDERSON, George BATZEL, Barb BUTTURFF, Joe DRUGA, Julie GURTNER, Noel LUEDTKE, Justin PARKIN, Roger PIKE, Jay SEVERSON, Greg TWERBERG
- November 14<sup>th</sup>** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details. 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 at [Olive Garden](#). Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM  
Birthdays: Melissa BALICHEK, Sara BAUMLER, Francis BURTON, Vicky GIORDANO, Gordon HAUBENSCHILD, BeNita HOVE-DOMKE, Lyle MCINTYRE, Sandy PETERSON, Julie RIEKEN, Michael SHUMAKER, Daniel SUNDT, Iva ZIRBEL, David (Bud) ZITZMANN
- 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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