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

June 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

This Saturday is our one event that we do to benefit the Eagles Cancer Telethon. It is an opportunity for us to get everyone together to ride and support our club as we raise money for a very worthy cause. Are you planning to ride or help with the raffle? We are still in need of raffle items. Last year was disappointing. Only 42 riders and not great weather. I just looked at the forecast for Saturday and it says 0% chance of rain and mid 60's. Let's take advantage of the weather! Have you shared the event on your Facebook or invited your friends that ride?

Speaking of rides, we have 4 First responder groups to deliver checks to. The next one will be June 8th when we go to Kellogg. We will also be delivering to Altura, Elba and Nodine. The contribution committee has done a great job of scheduling these.

Please be careful when you are riding. There have been a lot of motorcycle accidents already this year and we have barely gotten into riding season.

Hope to see everyone at the Cancer ride on Saturday!

Mike

Upcoming Events

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Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for May 09, 2015

Meeting called to order by Director Mike Madden.

Assistant Director Tom Welsh reported that the ride he was hoping to plan to the Harley museum and Brewers game in Milwaukee ~ may be off. Hotels are scarce and very expensive. We could still ride to Milwaukee but stay outside of the city to save some money. Please let Tom know soon if you are interested.

Welsh's are kind enough to host the H.O.G. picnic this year. The picnic will be on June 14th. They will have burgers with the rest of us bringing a dish to pass. Picnic will be at 2:00 with a ride starting beforehand at 11 or 12:00.

Tom also had some members of the "Cancer Sucks Ride" speak to us about their ride.

Tom also suggested that when we do rides together ~ please start with a full tank of gas so we don't have to stop right away.

Treasurer Leon gave report: Beginning balance of \$ 10,002.00 with ending balance of \$ 10,209.16

Activities Director Pete reminded us of the Ditch clean-up today. We will only be doing the upper ditch and not into the ditch to avoid the water in the ditch.

Safety Director Charlie said we have 8 people so far for the Advanced Rider Course. More are welcome ~ it is on June 20th from 1:30 to 6:30. Charlie also said that Gordy is willing to teach us CPR and how to save a life. Possibly at a future meeting.

Ladies of Harley ~ Patti is up for new ideas. Please talk to her with any new ideas.

Membership Director Teresa reported there are 133 members.

Webmaster Dale reported that all dinner rides are in the newsletter.

Director Mike wanted to report that the Cancer Ride is May 30th. We need donations for the ride ~ please consider donating and/or finding donations for the raffle.

Dealer News ~ June 1st is John McGuire's Birthday. Please stop in and wish him a Happy Birthday! Also ~ sign-up online for your Sturgis passport. Any questions ask Jaci, Vicky or Sarah.

Please check emails for rides to deliver 1st Responder checks that Mike Shumaker has coordinated.

Respectfully submitted.
Sue Madden

Membership Officer Notes

There are 109 paid members at this time. Please invite all of your harley friends to join our club - the more the merrier.

Welcome to new member Douglas Weigel from Albert Lea.

June Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to [King's Place](#):**

- 6/6 Steve KOBALL
- 6/6 John MCGUIRE
- 6/6 Eric THORN
- 6/6 Diane ZITZMANN
- 6/12 Patty Ann HAIMES
- 6/20 Gary BREVIG
- 6/24 Rob JOHNSON

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

Hope to see you all on our rides this summer. Enjoy and ride safe.

Sincerely,
Teresa Wegner
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

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.

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 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 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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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



"First Responder Donations" Rides

On May 16th, the SE MINNESOTA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP ROCHESTER road to to present donations to the First Responders. Mike Shumaker, Tony and Patty Ann Haimes, Charlie Milligan, Randy Rieken, Dean Anderson and Pete and Diane Mittelsted road to First Responder Rollingstone and presented Denise Bauman with a \$500 check.



On May 20th, Mike Shumaker, Leon Plantz, Dean Anderson, Charlie Milligan and Dale Nelson road to the First Responder of Kasson Mantorville Claremont Dodge Center at Dodge Center and presented Dan Stensrud with a \$500 check:





Around the Bend

“HERE COMES THE SUN, HERE COMES THE SUN, AND I SAY IT’S ALL RIGHT!” Thanks to the Beatles George Harrison for this 1969 song. Gotta hope lots of SUN is in the near future for some good riding. Between frost/FREEZE and thunderstorm warnings, been kinda hard to go for a fun ride.

According to the Hurt Study of 1981, weather is NOT a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents. SURPRISE, bikes can and are ridden in bad weather, sometimes by choice and sometimes by chance. I would imagine that most riders who ride in the rain today, have some experience doing so. I also hope we all understand the additional limits doing so imposes on us and the other vehicles on the road. A couple of the limiting factors are visibility (what you see and how you are seen) and traction (your bike and other vehicles).

Riding in the rain is something that should be practiced, even if you never plan on doing it. It is awful hard to completely rule out the occasional storm on the way to STURGIS! Or that Sunday afternoon ride that turns into a downpour. How bad does that helmet or pair of goggles that you may wear hold up in a rain storm? Do they “fog-up”, “leak”? And, about that rain suit--. Remember how bad it leaked last time? How restrictive is it? Does it hinder your movement or make control operation difficult? Do you even have it with?? A couple hundred miles from home is a bad place to ask any of these questions.

So, how about visibility? Bikes don’t have windshield wipers. Bikes don’t have defrosters. There are however things that can be done to help out the visibility (your visibility) on the bike. I have used plain old paste wax for 30 yrs or more. It’s gotta be just wax, no abrasives.. There are several products designed for this-especially the Lexan windshields-that will not damage them. Using something like this causes the drops to run off more than stay as sheets on the windshield- It will also help on face shields, goggles etc. A side benefit of these products is that it makes cleanin the bugs off easier also. You can now see-but are you being seen by others. Many rain suits-especially ones designed for motorcycling-have some sort of high visibility patch or marking on them. Better to be seen than be a SURPRISE!!

How about traction? That treadles section in the center of your rear tire may work ok on the drag-strip BUT, not worth a damn on a wet road! Look at your tires. When sitting still, it is easy to see how little tire there actually is on the road. Now, get it up to speed, throw in a little rain, add some HYDROPLANING, a curve or two and a quick stop and re-think the size of the tire patch.

Hydroplaning, if you are not familiar with the term, in this case, is a situation where the tire is riding on the water-rain- instead of the road surface. The grooves/tread on a tire are designed to allow the water to be squeezed out from the tire itself to allow the tire to gain traction on the road surface.

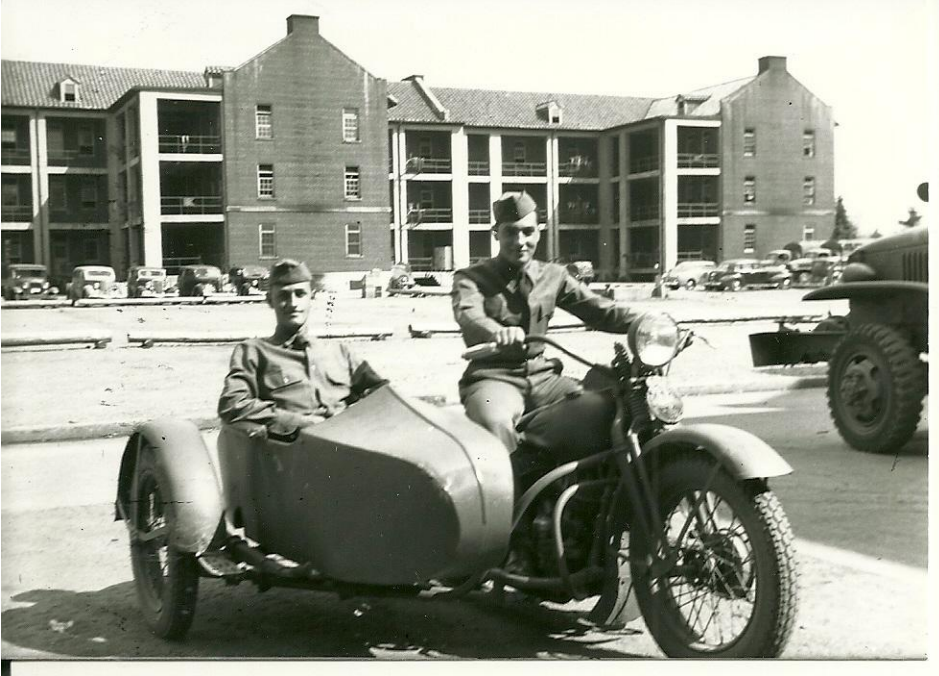
There is more to traction than goin around the curve too. How about STOPPING? Many of the newer bikes have ABS. Many do not. Making a quick stop, without practicing, on dry pavement can be a true test and can surprise a rider. Locking up the tires is not impossible and is not very efficient braking-and neither is “laying it down”. In those cases you become a projectile lookin to hit something. Add some lubricant-water- and trying to modulate or not lock them up can be interesting.

There is a saying, “better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it”. Apply this to riding on wet or slippery roads. It is better to know how to control your bike on wet and slippery roads because you practiced than to lose control because you did not practice. I must add here that this same line of thought does not only apply to riding in/on wet roads, but applies to riding in general. Training AND practice are both time well spent. The ERC course for the Club is going to be held June 20th. There is still room for a few more people so let me know if you are interested.

And above all:

LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

These troops look happy with this '40 HD 74 with a side car!!



Temps are startin to go up (HOPEFULLY), what are your tire pressures NOW???

2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- June 8th** First Responder Checks to Kellogg at 6:30PM
Meet at Kwik Trip across from Century at 5:30PM
- June 9th** 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 10th** Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
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Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Ride to Scwelch motel bar and grill Kenyon MN for noon lunch, to be lead by Pete Mittelsted.
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Meet at Kwik Trip on Marion Road at 4:30PM
- 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 20th** First Responder Checks to Elba Old City Hall at 1PM
Meet at RDH at 11:45AM
- 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 9th – 12th** [Hot Harley Nights](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration at J&L Harley-Davidson. (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- July 11th** Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- July 14th** 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 18th** [Hero's Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 20th** Deliver First Responder Checks to Nodine. Meet at RHD at 5PM.

- 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 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 [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 15th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- September 7th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- September 8th 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 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- 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. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- October 13th 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 MARKUS, Peter MITTELSTED, Todd ROUSH, Tamara THORN, Romana TINSLEY, Danney WHITING
- November 7th Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details.
- November 9th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- November 10th 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 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Contact Pete Mittelsted for ride details. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today.

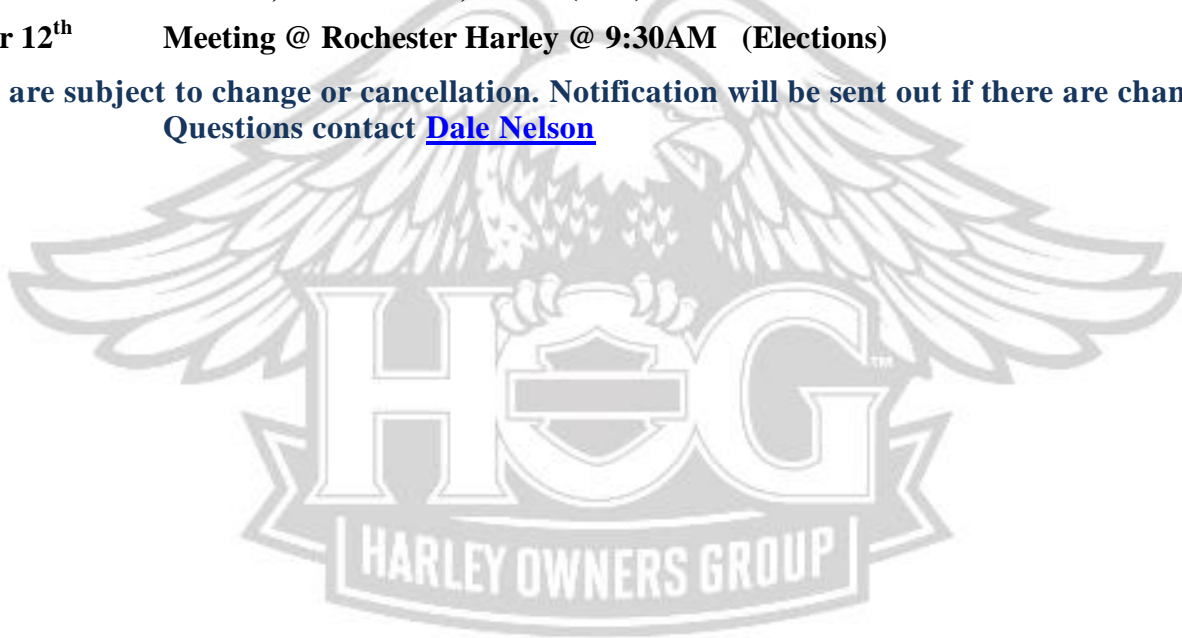
December 5th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD

December 7th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members

December 8th Birthday Dinner ride 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 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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