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

July 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

I took the experienced rider course this last weekend. I had never taken a safety course before. The weather was perfect, (sorry to those that took it last year!) and the course was really good. It helps you break some bad habits that have built up over all the years and starts you thinking about some of the things that we should be doing even before you get on the bike. There were some things that I knew but it was good to practice them in a safe environment. There were also some things they pointed out that I had never thought about. I thought it was definitely well worth it. The class winds up being free because HD sends you Chrome Cash for taking the class. I would recommend the class to anyone.

Some stats from the class:

2015 Rider deaths - 24 as of June 16

14 riders were not wearing helmets, 7 were and it was unclear for the other 3.

12 of the crashes were single vehicle involving only the motorcycle. 10 involved another vehicle.

2 of the crashes killed both the driver and the passenger.

11 of the crashes happened on a curve. Only 1 of those involved another vehicle. 10 were motorcycle only.

Deaths by age:

20's - 4

30's - 4

40's - 5

50's - 10

60's - 1

There is a Mn Dept of Public Safety website that has crash facts by year (2004 - 2013).

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/reports-statistics/Pages/crash-facts.aspx>. There is a separate category for motorcycle crashes.

Ride safe!!

Mike

Upcoming Events

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| July 6 th | Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Meeting @ 6PM - open to all members |
| July 9 th - 11 th | WI State H.O.G. Rally in Janesville, WI. |
| July 9 th - 12 th | Hot Harley Nights in Sioux Falls, SD. (info only non-H.O.G. event) |
| July 11 th | Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. |
| July 14 th | Birthday Dinner ride to Old Barn Resort in Preston. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM. |
| July 18 th | Hero's Ride (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM. |
| July 20 th | Deliver First Responder Checks to Nodine. Meet at RHD at 5PM. |
| July 26 th | The "Cruise" 2015 (15 th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event) |

Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2015

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom went over the details for the picnic.

Upcoming State Rally dates:

Minnesota - June 26-28 in Alexandria

Wisconsin - July 10-12 in Janesville

Hot Harley Nights - July 9-12 J&L Harley Sioux Falls

Next Birthday Dinner Ride - July 14 to Old Barn Resort in Preston

Treasurer Report From Leon:

Opening balance - \$10,003.60

Ending balance - \$9567.30

Membership report from Teresa:

109 paid members

New member - Douglas Weigel from Albert Lea

June Birthdays - Gary Brevig, Patty Haimes, Rob Johnson, Steve Koball, John McGuire, Eric Thorn, Diane Zitzman.

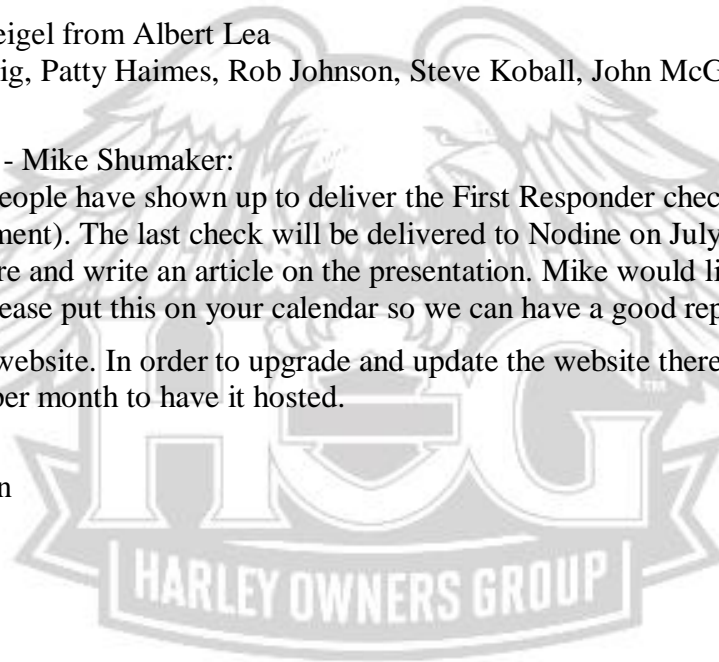
Donation committee report - Mike Shumaker:

Mike reported that only 2 people have shown up to deliver the First Responder checks to the last 2 sites - Altura & Elba (post-meeting comment). The last check will be delivered to Nodine on July 20th. The Houston paper will be there to take a picture and write an article on the presentation. Mike would like to have a good turn out for this last presentation. Please put this on your calendar so we can have a good representation from our club.

Tom talked about the club website. In order to upgrade and update the website there would be an initial cost of \$1000 to set it up and \$30 per month to have it hosted.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Welsh for 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.

New member - Douglas Weigel from Albert Lea

July Birthdays ... **Dinner ride to [Old Barn Resort](#):**

- Tom MARQUARDT
- John WELHAVEN
- Duane KNUTSON
- Sally NELSON
- Tony HAIMES
- Roxanne BRABAND

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



Around the Bend

“I don’t want a pickle, just wanna ride my motorsicle”! Gotta agree with Arlo Guthrie on that. Weathers actually been good for that lately so: call in sick (mental health day), take a day off, run away, use any excuse but get out and enjoy our sometimes SHORT riding season!!

Our ERC course went well. I had been kinda worried about the weather and the rain about 4 in the morning did not help. HOWEVER, the skies cleared and it turned out to be a good day. We had 6 for the class-minimum and I was one of them. It had been a few years- think my '06 was new- and the weather that day not nearly as nice- had to keep the choke (remember them) on all day. No need this past class. Had a couple good instructors who I felt were very informed and good riders. I hope all in the class got as much out of it as I did. I was able to get some information from the class instruction book and will be sharing that.

One part of the class dealt with what they called “The Ladder Of Risk”. Each rung on this ladder can be thought of as a FACTOR that contributes to the risk. The more factors, the more risk. As these factors add up, they can contribute to a conflict which ultimately leads to a crash. It is best to stay low on the ladder and reduce these factors that may lead to a crash. I also attended an” olde fartes” driving class last week. He made the point of not calling crashes accidents as he felt most accidents can be avoided. I will follow in that line of thought.

A good way to start on this ladder is to reduce factors we have control over. Speed, lane position, and path of travel are examples of this. Factors are introduced into the riding mix by the rider, the motorcycle, the road, and the traffic conditions. Riding too fast for conditions or not paying COMPLETE attention to operating the bike can contribute to the risk.

We can help eliminate a big risk factor by making sure our bike is in good operating condition. Checked your tire pressures lately? Every 10° is 1psi for tires. If you checked tire pressures at 40-50°, chances are they now could be 4-5 psi high. Doesn't sound like much but the pressures determine, to some extent, the shape and size of the tires' foot-print on the road. How bout lites? Checked them lately. Some use hand as well as directional signals for turns. I do not know if hand signals are taught anymore. Hope so cause one of my bikes does not have directional's (pre 1976). Brake lites? Probably won't notice till someone runs into ya from the rear cause your brake lite was not workin! There is more to a SAFE motorcycle than tires and lites. Checked the brake pads/shoes? How about the clutch? Ever had a clutch cable go south on a trip? No it's not impossible to ride without a clutch but I don't think ya want to make a habit of it. That annoying front end wobble- sometimes called the HARLEY HULA- does not signal good things are in your future. Those 100 stations on the radio may be nice to listen to, BUT that loose spoke on the front wheel will become a factor on the ladder sooner or later. We went over the T-CLOCS inspection before we started class. The instructors recommended doing it before each ride. I can supply the forms/sheet if you need them.

Bumps, potholes (in Minnesnowta?), sand and debris on the road can be a major factor in losing control or trying to avoid them. ROAD SNAKES! Those patches on the roads that can be very slippery especially when the temp gets high. Traffic? Yea, it's a pain and dangerous here BUT, think about the traffic in a big city! Ridden in the Cities lately? Many/most try to avoid that at all costs. Either try a wide berth around or plan on goin thru at “off peak” times, and I have no idea when that may be, especially with all the road construction goin on. Speakin of that subject, be real alert around any of that. From sandy, wet, slippery roads to detours-hit a detour from a detour comin back from the AMCA swap at the St. Paul fairgrounds- watch for flaggers, slow movin trucks and slower movin cars.

As riders, we can reduce our risks somewhat if we chose to. Different riding situations produce different risks. Good riders think about what they can do to improve their safety. We can control how fast we enter a curve/turn. How fast and where we enter an intersection. When/where we pass a slower moving vehicle. How much of a safety zone are we gonna allow behind the vehicle in front of us. We need to be constantly applying a thinking strategy to our actions while on our motorcycles. The desirable result of all of this is that we not only have an enjoyable and SAFE ride but also do not move up the LADDER OF RISK to a CRASH!!!

And above all-----**LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!**

A FRESHLY TRAINED (?) CLASS OF MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS



2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- July 6th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- July 9th - 11th [WI State H.O.G. Rally](http://www.wistatehogrally.com/) 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](http://www.floodrun.org/) (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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