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[Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)
October 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

I am writing this on the first official day of fall and wondering where summer went. My parents always said that every year goes by faster than the last. I guess they were right. It seems as I get older the summers get shorter and the winters get longer. This is not very conducive to what we love to do, which is ride!

Officer nominations will be taking place at the November meeting with elections being held at the December meeting. Please consider filling these positions. There is a link to the duties of all the officer positions in this newsletter (summary of the officer duties are on page 8). Most of these positions will need to be filled.
https://members.hog.com/website/downloads/chapters/chapter-charter/us/HOG_Charter_US_2015.pdf

We will be doing our semi annual ditch clean up after our October meeting. Please plan to help out that day so we can get this done. If we have enough volunteers it only takes about 1/2 hour to get our section of HWY 14 done.

As most of you know, Todd Liddy passed away this last week and the funeral was held on Tuesday. It was a great tribute to Todd. The place was packed and there were many stories of how Todd had touched so many lives. SEMN HOG donated \$100 to the family in lieu of flowers.

Ride safe everyone,

Mike

Upcoming Events

- 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.
- October 13th Birthday Dinner ride to [Good Sport](#) in St. Charles. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM.

HOG Christmas Party:

- January 9th Holiday Party – Rochester Eagles Club*
- o Social hour*
 - o Dinner*
 - o Prizes and awards after dinner*

Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2015

HOG Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2015

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:30 a.m.

Thomas Welsh opened the meeting in the absence of Mike Madden.

The HOG Christmas Party has been set for January 9, 2016 at the Rochester Eagles Club. Mark your calendars with more information to be announced.

Please note nominations for officers will be done at the November 14th meeting with elections being completed at the December Meeting. Please consider stepping up to be an officer and help promote our Local HOG Club.

It was suggested to print the duties of each position in the newsletter so members are aware of the duties of each officer.

December 5, 2015 will be the Holiday Open House at the Harley Shop. This is when the club will be drawing for the Bike Raffle. Please sell, sell, sell your tickets. If you need more, please contact Sue or Mike Madden to pick them up.

Charlie, Safety Officer, reminded riders to pay attention to falling leaves which can cause slippery roads. Check your tire air pressure which can change with the cold weather. Tire pressure on the bike frame is the pressure Harley Davidson recommends rather than the pressure recommendation on the tire itself. Charlie has safety pamphlets available for those interested.

Teresa reported on our current membership. No new Member this month. She reminded members to recruit other Harley Riders to come and visit a meeting to check out what we are all about! Recruit!

Treasurer Report by Leon – Beginning of July we had a balance of \$11,240.19 ending the month with a balance of 11,395.50.

Dealership news: The Fall Flood Run is September 19th. BOOB Ride is September 20th which is a Woman's ride Only. Meet at Rochester Harley Davidson at 9:30 a.m. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. New Seasonal Attire is in, stop in the shop and check out what is new! Fall Festival Blast featuring special deals is October 14-16 with the Fall Open House at Rochester Harley Davidson on October 17th featuring food and Fun. Mark your calendars!

All members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets, we have plenty left to sell prior to the drawing in December. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Welsh for Sue Madden

Membership Officer Notes

114 Members. No Natl HOG Anniversaries for September.

Ed Carlon - 25 year Natl HOG anniversary

October Birthdays ... **Birthday Dinner ride to [Good Sport](#) in St. Charles:**

- Tamara Thorn
- Frank Fawcett
- Pete Mittelsted
- Danney Whiting
- Michelle Donley
- Romona Tinsley

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

Check out our social media and “Like” us on our Facebook: [SEMNHOG #2443](https://www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443) (www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443). Or “Follow” us on Twitter: [SEMNHOG #2443](https://twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443) (twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443). You can send your fellow member a Tweet!

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.

Leon has been looking at updating the website but we are woefully short of pictures to spice it up. Please send any HD related pictures to leon074@aol.com and he will continue to add them the collection. Many of you have been on various trips this summer, from the MN HOG Rally to Pikes Peak in Colorado to Laughlin River Run in Nevada.

I have been trying to take my camera along to get some on my own pictures. Leon’s son will be assisting on our website. He put together a very nice site in a couple of weeks for LIU, so Leon is optimistic that we can do this for free!

All information should be sent to:

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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 like to dream yes, yes, right between my sound machine, On a cloud of sound I drift in the night, Any place it goes is right.” This song, from Steppenwolf in 1968, can describe a lot of emotions one can experience on a motorcycle! I had the opportunity to hear Steppenwolf once at the LOVE RIDE out of Glendale, Ca many years ago. Talk about firing up the crowd, listenin to this and a bunch of their other songs at 8am will really get ya goin!

What gets you fired up for a ride? Weather, a song, an event, the first nice day? There are a lot of different reasons and we all will have our own. Whatever your reason for a ride is, ya gotta remember there are a bunch of others out there on the road with different reasons for being there. Some, goin to WORK (UGH), some goin to school or droppin someone off at school, some goin shoppin, some out for a ride, etc etc! There are also those out there that had/are having a bad mornin, are late, are tired, ON THE PHONE, shaving, reading a book-you finish the list! When scanning for hazards (Search, Evaluate, Execute), look for the person(s) doing something different than anyone else is doing. If there is going to be a crash, it may very well be in that vicinity.

That wonderful, curvy, fun road we ride on is, for the most part, intended to get people from point A to point B. That is what a lot of people use it for. And how about those “people?” Do they have a license? Did they pass the test the first time? How long have they been driving? Are they aware of motorcycles on the road and the rights they have? We, as motorcyclists, have little to no control over a lot of these conditions. We DO have control over our reactions to them and the situations that may develop. Anything we do that takes away from total concentration on the “RIDE,” moves us down the scale of riding efficiency. The further down this scale we move, the greater the chance of a crash or at least an incident.

So what can we do? Some answers to this will depend on the situation. In general, be aware of where you are and what is goin on around you. Do I have an emergency exit-side of the road, shoulder- if something develops in front of me? SLOW DOWN is a good thing to do in most cases. We, as motorcyclists, only have control over what WE do. If we get in a situation that we are not comfortable in, move to get away from it. Pay attention to that little voice in your head-no, NOT Steppenwolf- that says “**You have been in one place too long and are invisible again. Time for a change!**”

AND ABOVE ALL:

LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- 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.
- October 13th Birthday Dinner ride to [Good Sport](#) in St. Charles. Meet at RHD, kickstands up at 6:00PM.
- November 7th Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM.
- 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
- November 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. 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
- 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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H.O.G.[®] CHAPTER CHARTER

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. Affiliated Chapters shall have the following primary officers: Sponsoring Dealer, H.O.G.[®] Manager, Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. The H.O.G. Manager must be a Dealership employee designated by the sponsoring Dealer.
3. The sponsoring Dealer, Dealership staff, or H.O.G. Manager may hold any, or all, primary officer positions.
4. The sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager may determine how Chapter officers are selected and terms of service.
5. The sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager may remove any officer from office at the Dealer sole discretion.
6. The sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager has the authority to require the Chapter to perform to the sponsoring Dealer's standards or vision.
7. The duties and responsibilities of the required Chapter officers shall be as follows:
 - A. **Director:** shall uphold this Charter, conduct Chapter meetings and coordinate Chapter officer responsibilities.
 - B. **Assistant Director:** shall be responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation, membership retention, and keeping the Chapter members informed of H.O.G.[®] programs.
 - C. **Treasurer:** shall be responsible for collecting and disbursing Chapter funds, reporting financial transactions to sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager on a monthly basis, compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements.
 - D. **Secretary:** shall be responsible for administering and maintaining meeting minutes, annual reports, membership reports on hog.com, insurance and legal documentation, event releases, and enrollment releases. These permanent records shall be kept at the sponsoring Dealership.
8. Discretionary Officers: These officer positions are optional and at the discretion of the sponsoring Dealership. The duties and responsibilities of the discretionary Chapter officers may include the following.
 - A. **Activities Officer:** assisting in planning and administering Chapter events.
 - B. **Ladies of Harley Officer:** encouraging women members to take an active part in Chapter activities.
 - C. **Road Captain:** assisting in the planning of routes for Chapter rides.
 - D. **Editor:** assembling and organizing all forms of Chapter communications. Ensures all forms of Chapter communications are approved by the sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager before publication or distribution.
 - E. **Safety Officer:** providing Chapter members with information relating to the availability of rider training.
 - F. **Photographer:** obtaining and organizing Chapter images for use in Chapter communications and Chapter history.
 - G. **Historian:** preparing and maintaining an account of the history of the Chapter.
 - H. **Membership Officer:** assisting the Chapter secretary in the Chapter membership duties.
 - I. **Webmaster:** assembling and organizing material for the Chapter web site, social media sites (if applicable), and obtaining approval from the sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager before publication. Chapter web site and social media sites must comply with the *H.O.G.[®] Chapter Internet Guidelines*.