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

November 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

It's that time of the year when we have to start thinking about putting away the bikes and waiting for spring to come. It's also the time of year when we elect new officers for the HOG club. At our November meeting we will be taking nominations for all officer positions and then we will elect our new officers during the December meeting. There are several positions open, including Director, Asst. Director, Secretary. We need people to step up if we are going to continue with the club. Please consider taking on one of these roles.

Make sure you don't put your bike away yet because the Freeze Your Butt Ride is November 7th! Check the Chapter Events and Rides section of the website to see what we will be doing in our final 2 months of the year.

I want to thank the people that stayed after the meeting to help with ditch clean up. We didn't get it all done because we didn't have enough people help, but at least it is cleaned up in front of the store!!

A quick raffle ticket update. As of today I have 57 books that have been sold (turned in with money) and 32 books that are still signed out. Out of the 57 books that have been turned in (sold), 46 of those have been sold by 3 people. 22 members have books signed out. We have 111 active members which means that there are 89 members that haven't participated yet. As of today we are running at a negative if the winner decides to take the bike instead of the cash. If the winner takes the cash we will make a profit of \$1000 which means we will have to cut back again on our contributions to our local First Responders. If you are one of the 89 please help us out by trying to sell a book or at least buy a few tickets. Who knows, you might win! We have just over 1 month to sell the tickets. The drawing will be held at the RHD Open House on December 5th.

Hope to see you on the 7th!

Mike

Upcoming Events

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| November 9 th | Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members |
| November 10 th | Birthday Dinner ride to Fat Willies in Rochester. Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
Birthdays: Dean ANDERSON, George BATZEL, Joe DRUGA, Justin PARKIN, Jay SEVERSON, Greg TWERBERG |
| November 14 th | Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today. |

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 October 10, 2015

Mike Madden called to order at 9:30 by reciting the Pledge of Alligence.

Meeting was very short since several officers were unable to attend, we did not have any reports.

Leon our Treasurer was not here, but reported a balance in our account of \$ 11,500.

We did discuss elections which will be held December 5th at the Open House. Nominations are due at the November meeting. John Gifford is considering the Historian position. Please consider serving as an officer to support the club.

Patty Haimes asked if we would like to have a Fall Bake Sale and the few people in attendance said yes.

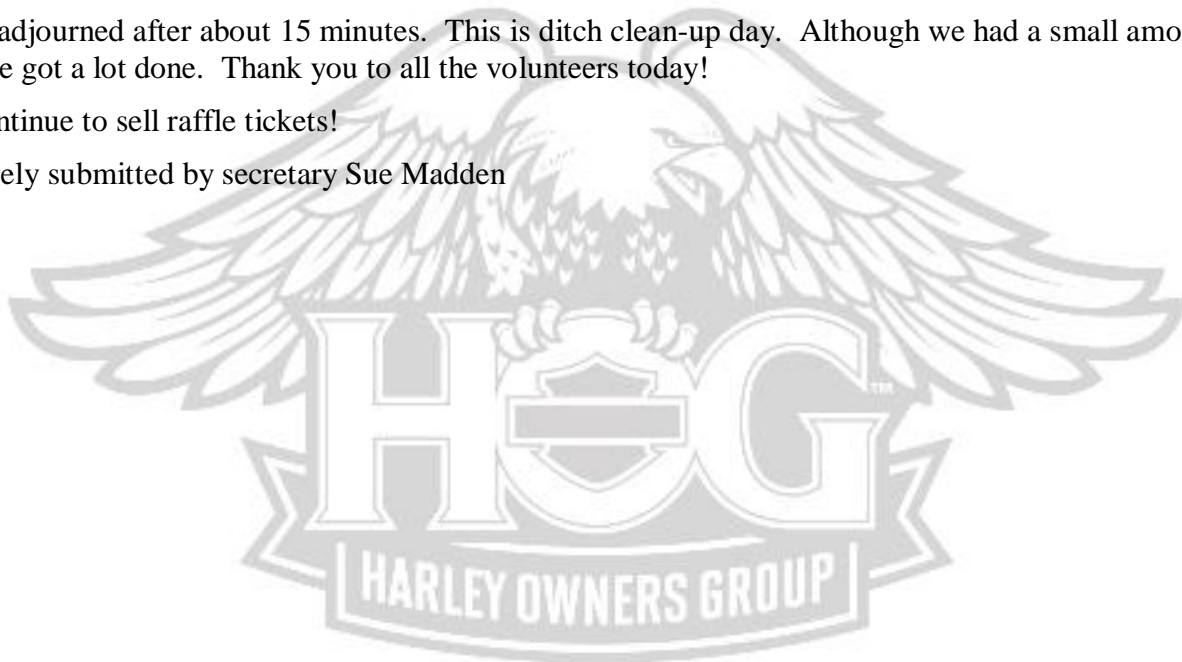
The first Saturday in November is the Freeze Your Butt Off ride, don't put your bikes away yet!

Charlie our Safety Director was not in attendance, but we speculated he would be telling us that it is harvest season, so be aware of combines and trucks for harvest on the road. Wet leaves on the road can be slippery, so be careful and lastly, check the inflation in your tires! :-)

We were adjourned after about 15 minutes. This is ditch clean-up day. Although we had a small amount of people, we got a lot done. Thank you to all the volunteers today!

Please continue to sell raffle tickets!

Respectively submitted by secretary Sue Madden



Membership Officer Notes

Hello all - It is getting close to the time to renew memberships. Please consider getting involved in your club. We would really like to see more participation at the events and meetings. Ask your Harley friends/family to join the club! It can only be a successful club with your input and participation.

November National HOG Anniversaries:

- Francis Burton 15 year
- Juleena Burton 15 year
- Dan Anderson 5 year
- Suzanne Koehler 5 year

November Birthdays (if you don't see your name on the monthly birthday list, it is because we do not know when your birthday is! Email me the info and I will add you to the list):

- Dean Anderson 11/17
- George Batzel 11/23
- Joe Druga 11/28
- Justin Parkin 11/1
- Jay Severson 11/18
- Greg Twerberg 11/1

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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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 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

“Against the wind, We were runnin' against the wind”. Thanks to Bob Segar for the refrain from the song RUNNIN AGAINST THE WIND from 1980. Lately seems like that's the only way we get to ride. We've had some 30, 40 and even 50 mph winds lately. Guess that's one of the motorcycle ridin things out of our control. That makes ya think “what can we control?”

'Bout the only things we can control are: where we go, when we go, how we go (bikes in this case), how we get where we are goin (route we are takin), and how SAFE we are gonna be getting there. Let's kinda look at these one at a time. WHERE: there is an old saying, “It's not the destination, it's the JOURNEY”-or in this case, the ride. Matter of fact, the more I think about it, that saying covers all of the items above. Is it gonna be a long ride or a short ride? WHEN: Will it be a daytime ride, a nite time ride or a combination of the two? HOW ARE WE GOIN: (Bikes in this case) but what type- a DECKER (what a dresser is called in Canada-no charge for the extra EDUCATION), a sport type bike, a cruiser? HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE: We takin a scenic route, the most direct route, Interstate, back roads (YA, U BETCHA)? Last but NOT least, HOW SAFE ARE WE GONNA BE?? How safe are we gonna make getting to this destination. Different times of the year are gonna require different safety considerations. Here are a few thoughts: WINTER; Probably if ya got ANY common sense (just kiddin) the least active time for motorcycles and gonna let you think of the obvious hazards-but check with Jake for when the STUDDERED SNO TIRES will be available; SPRING- leftover ice in shady spots, potholes from winter, other drivers not aware of bikes on the road, diminished riding skills from not riding in the winter, cool weather (HYPOTHERMIA) and early farmer activity; SUMMER-heavy vacation and traffic in general, road repair (THANK GOODNESS), HYPERTHERMIA and complacency of the car and bike operators; FALL-kinda where this whole rant is going- we have the assorted ice spots later on, the farm traffic (which is/will be very heavy at times and places), Hypothermia possibilities (especially later in the fall), road work-especially seal coating when oil and sand are applied, CRITTERZ (Can't emphasize this enough although present all seasons), the” YEA, THE TIRES AND BIKE SHOULD BE OK FOR A FEW MORE MILES” attitude. And perhaps the most important, OVERCONFIDENCE!!, Taking these FALL issues one at a time, we all are aware that in the spring, we can count on the days getting longer and warmer as they go by. Not so in the fall FROST IN THE MORNIN BREATH! We can look forward now to shorter days-less warming-cooler nites and the occasional frost on the PUNKIN! This will usually be in the places that we don't expect. ASK Tom how hard the farmers are workin this fall. I know he is haulin lots these days. The vest and t-shirt ridin season is over! Dig out the electric stuff and the long-johns. STAY WARM, avoid the hypothermia gremlin!! Nothin worse than comin AROUND THE BEND and finding the road covered in oil and sand. They gotta do the road work sometime and seal coating is a big thing in the fall. And CRITTERZ!! Ya have to ride with an eye to the ditches. Ya never know when BAMBI is gonna come out in full gallop! That tire may not have enough tread for the rains that will be coming. Those brake pads/shoes (remember them? And I don't mean yours from draggin your feet to stop) may be worn enough to not only not stop well but can and DO damage the rotors and drums. And how bout that vibratin, tickin, scrapin, rattlin, knockin goin on down there? Gonna make it till put-away time? Lastly, let's not get the attitude that we can let our guard down since the season is almost over. The inattentive car drivers are still talkin on their cell phones. The bad drivers are still wandering all over the road. The red-lite runners are still runnin red lites. The I'm late so I have to speed are still speedin. The didn't stop right turn on red folks are still turnin goin 20. And worst of all, the I DIDN'T SEE THE MOTOR SICKLE folks are still there!!!

Fall can be one of the most enjoyable riding seasons. Usually the bug issue is less, the colors can be beautiful. The roads may not be as crowded. The bikes tend to run great when the air is a little cooler. The cool air feels good when you are prepared for it. And, if ya get cold, there is always time for COFFEE AND PIE!!!

AND ABOVE ALL:

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Not sure the sweater and hat this guy is wearin on this '17 61 twin will keep him very warm!



PS. I got some NEW free stuff for the next meetin!!!



2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- 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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