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

December 2015 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Well, my time as director is almost over with just one more meeting! These 3 years have gone by quickly. Based on the people that have stepped up, we will have a very capable leadership team going forward. My hope for the club is that we will be able to not only grow our membership, but also our number of members that actually participate in our activities. There will be some decisions being made over the next few months in how the club will operate. If you would like to have a say in what happens going forward, make sure you attend the meetings so your voice will be heard.

Our December meeting will take place on Saturday the 5th to coincide with the RHD open house. This is also when you will have a chance to nominate somebody if you were not at the last meeting and then our new officers will be voted in. ALSO, All raffle tickets, (sold and not sold) and money must be turned in that morning because we will be doing the drawing at 2:00. As of today we have 79 books sold and turned in. If we could get to 100 books sold before the raffle drawing, that would certainly help us with funds for the First Responders. Thank you to everyone that has sold tickets.

Also, we will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Kmart on Saturday the 12th from 9-4. Please contact Mike Shumaker to sign up. Email him at mikeshu@charter.net.

Hope you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Mike

Upcoming Events

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| December 5 th | Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections) Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM. |
| December 8 th | Birthday Dinner ride at Olive Garden . Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM |
| December 12 th | Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at K-Mart from 9AM to 4PM. Please contact Mike Shumaker mikeshu@charter.net for ringing details. |

HOG Christmas Party:

- January 9th*
- Christmas Party – Rochester Eagles Club*
 - o Cost: \$15.25 / person*
 - o Social hour 5:00PM cash bar*
 - o Dinner 6:00PM*
 - o Awards after dinner*
- Contact Pete Mittelsted 507-440-0919 or pdmittelsted@gmail.com to sign up.*
- Deadline is December 26th, 2015.*

Harley Owner's Group Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by Director Mike Madden.

Assistant Director Tom reported that the 2016 State Rally is in Eveleth this year the last weekend in June. He also announced that he is retiring from the HOG group after 15 years. Thanks Tom for all your time and effort making the club successful over the years!

Our Membership Director Teresa was not in attendance due to being out of town. Membership will be recorded at next meeting.

Treasurer Leon reported a Beginning Balance of \$ 11,558.60 and an ending balance of \$ 13,128.70. The increase is mainly due to deposits for selling raffle tickets.

Safety Director Charlie reported that studded snow tires are in! J As he has mentioned before, please be aware of wet leaves on the roads (slippery), agricultural machines on the roads with harvest and deer are moving about even more with hunting season here. Be careful!

Ladies of Harley Director Patti Ann reported that there's was to be a bake sale after next meeting, but since it coincides with the Open House, there will not be a bake sale.

Webmaster and Editor Dale is putting together the 2016 calendar. He would like more input and participation. He also proposed that we start having some dinner rides on Saturdays to allow for longer rides, before dark and possible more participation. Possibly we can even do some overnights in the summer. This was strongly approved by membership.

Contribution Committed Chair ~ Mike Shumaker has arranged the 12th of December for some hours to do ringing for Salvation Army. Please contact Mike to volunteer. Mike has also proposed some changes with working with First Responders next year. This will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Activities Director Pete reminded everyone that mileage sheet are due at the next meeting. You can also email him at: pdmittelsted@gmail.com

Christmas Party is January 9th at the Eagles. 5:00 Social and 6:00 Dinner. The group voted on what to have for dinner. It was voted to have Chicken and Roast Beef, Green Bean Almandine and Garlic Mashed potatoes. The cost is \$20.25 but the club will be paying \$5 per person instead of prizes, which brings the cost down to \$15.25. We will still have a raffle that can be participated in at the party. We need to get a count and pay Eagles in advance of the party, so **PLEASE PAY BY THE NEXT MEETING!** Thanks!

Dealer News ~ Will be closed on Thanksgiving. Black Friday ~ there will be a free gift to the first 30 people that come in that day. Open house on December 5th from 9-3. There will be food and the raffle drawing will be held that day. Winter storage is still available ~ talk to Jake. Winter service specials are going on right now ~ talk to Jake (again!)

Lastly ~ There are Officer positions open for next year which we are accepting nominations for. Final nominations will be taken, voted on and finalized at the December Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by outgoing secretary Sue Madden

Contribution Committee

Just want to say thank you to all that went to Nodine for their pancake fund raiser. Little things like this makes big difference to these folks.

Also I need bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at Kmart Saturday, December 12 for the following shifts:

- From 2 to 3PM
- From 3 to 4PM
- From 4 to 5PM

Thank You,
Mike Shumaker

Membership Officer Notes

Hello all - It is coming time to renew your local chapter dues. \$12 due in December/January. To avoid waiting in the membership renewal line, please complete the attached membership form (on page 9) **before** coming to the January meeting. You are welcome to drop off completed forms at the Rochester Harley Davidson shop at your convenience; they will place it in the HOG mailbox. 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.

December National HOG Anniversaries:

- Dale Nelson - 5 years

December 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). We will have our December **Birthday Dinner at [Olive Garden](#). Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM:**

- Sara Baumler
- Francis Burton
- Vicky Giordano
- Gorden Haubenschild
- Lyle McIntyre
- Sandy Peterson
- Julie Rieken
- Michael Shumaker
- Daniel Sundt
- David Zitzmann

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

Editor 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.

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

“SUMMER’S GONE, AND NO SONG BIRDS ARE SINGING”. Thanks to Paul Anka from September, 1960 for these words which seem to fit this time of year. Forecast NOT lookin good for that ONE LAST RIDE! Realistically, it has been/was a great fall for ridin. Now, with the winter winds blowin and the snow men fallin from the sky waitin to be assembled, time to make sure the bike is put away for its annual rest. AND, if ya put it away correctly, it should be ready to go when the sun shines again.

What is the “correct” way? I am sure you will get as many answers to that as the people you ask. Storing it at the shop is a great way if ya don’t have a warm place for it. They will take care of it and have it ready for ya when ya need it. However, if ya want to keep it at home, I can offer a few suggestions. Some of these will come from my 45 yrs of storing them and some from a guide the AMA puts out.

STORAGE? First and foremost, it is always better to store it in a garage or indoors. While goin to college at St Cloud State Normal School, we ALWAYS had a basement full of bikes at the DOG-HOUSE-but that’s a story better told over a couple “adult beverages”. My dining room worked well for a number of years, although some in the homestead may disagree on that location.

GAS? Some say empty the gas tank and some say fill the tank. The AMA and I agree on filling the tank. I prefer to fill it with Non-Oxygenated (ethanol free) gas. Adding some fuel “stabilizer” is a good idea as is running the bike for a few minutes to make sure it gets into the carburetor (you do remember what that is don’t ya?). OK, how bout so it gets distributed thru the FUEL SYSTEM-BETTER?

OIL? How bout that dirty, black, tar like stuff in the oil tank? Works better if it is clean OIL. Try to have it changed before putting the ride to bed.

COOLANT? Thought that was air? Well, another leap of technology. Seems somehow they snuck some liquid coolin in on some bikes. Like your car, unless it’s a Corvair, VW or some other odd-ball ride, check the level and what temperature it is good to. Anytime you have to add to the coolant, make sure it is correct for your ride.

BATTERY? Ya may want to check with the service guys on this. Used to be we took em out and put em in the basement. Now days, with all the electronic gizmos etc it may be better to leave it in the bike and put a charger on it periodically.

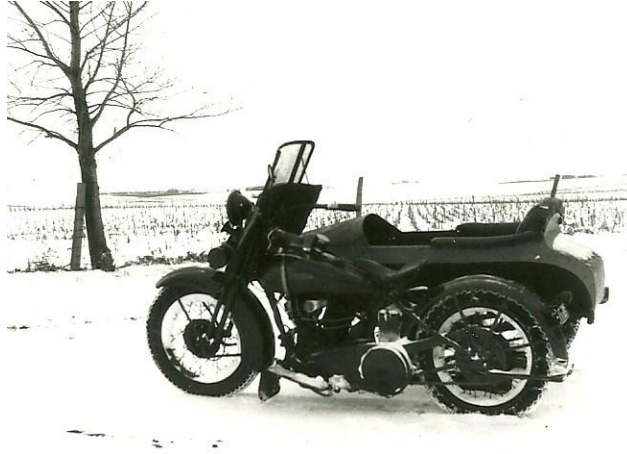
OTHER STUFF? Ya, there is other stuff to consider. Some say tires off the ground/concrete. Good if possible. If not, I put extra air-the ONLY TIME I will say that-in them to keep em round. I also like to put them on carpet squares if I don’t get em off the ground. A good coat of wax on the shiny stuff can’t hurt as can a little attention to the leather and vinyl (ya know, the naugahyde-from the nauga-cows). A good cover will help keep the dust and cat tracks off it.

I saved the best/most controversial for last. TO RUN OR NOT TO RUN? Talked to an old guy-wait a minute, he was younger than I am now-and his words stayed with me. “Never start a HARLEY unless you can get it up to operating temperature”. Those darn internal combustion engines produce a lot if moisture that will wind up in the oil, pipes, mufflers etc. Not to mention the CO that will be in the dining room! If ya put it to bed properly, there is no need to wake it up. Think how you’d feel?

Ya, I know, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH SAFETY?? Well, think about it. If ya put it away in good shape and in a good place, when ya are ready for that first ride next spring, it should be SAFE and ready to roll---**AFTER YA CHECK THE TIRE PRESSURES!!!** And remember:

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Used this before but if ya gotta ride, it can be done!



P.S. In the article I mentioned from the AMA, there is also some good info on winter riding. I will be talking about it next month but if ya want it sooner, get in touch with me and I can get it to ya.



2015 Chapter Events and Rides

- November 30th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- December 5th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections)
Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM .
- December 8th Birthday Dinner ride at [Olive Garden](#). Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- January 4th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- January 9th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
Holiday Party – Rochester Eagles Club
o Social hour 5:00 PM cash bar
o Dinner 6:00PM
o Prizes and awards after dinner
Contact Pete Mittelsted 507-440-0919 or pdmittelsted@gmail.com to sign up.
Deadline is January 2th, 2016.
- January 16th-17th [Eagles Cancer Telethon](#) at Rochester Mayo Civic Center. Contact Mike Madden @ 507-251-5761 or mmadden32@charter.net to sign up to work.
- February 8th Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- February 10th Birthday Dinner Ride - Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM.
- February 13th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
[Chili contest @ Rochester Harley 11:00AM](#)
Questions contact Patty Ann Haimes @ 507-993-7857 or patty_blue2u@yahoo.com
- February 27th [Rochester Bike Show & Swap Meet](#) @ Mayo Civic Center Call (507)288-9050 for more information and sign-up

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By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

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