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[Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443](#)  
April 2016 Newsletter

**Directors Notes**

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Hello,

I hope everyone had a good Easter. Remember we moved ditch clean up to April 24 at 1 pm then get lunch somewhere afterwards. Also starting in May we move are meetings to the second Tuesday to coincide with birthday ride.

With the State HOG Rally just a couple months away would those going like to get together before hand and talk about riding up together?

Hope to see everybody at the meeting.

Thanks

Tom Keller

Director

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**Upcoming Events**

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April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Donnie Smith Bike & Car Show  
River Centre Arena, St. Paul, MN**

April 4<sup>th</sup>

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

April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM.**

April 16<sup>th</sup>

**[Flood Run](http://www.floodrun.org/) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>**

April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Ditch Clean Up, ride after weather permitting**

## Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by Director Tom Keller

- Director- Tom- reported we will be doing the Raffle this year and will be changing the Winning Bike to the 750 Street Bike. Ditch Clean Up has been changed to April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm with a ride after weather permitting. Voted and approved. Calendar will be adjusted to remove First Responder Checks until dates are set with Communities and the Cancer Memorial Ride will be removed until discussion and Event Approval with the Rochester Eagles Club has taken place.
- Assistant Director- Lyle- reported that the Minnesota State Rally is the June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in Eveleth, MN. Online Registration is OPEN! Get registered and lets have a great time in the Iron Range.
- Treasurer- Leon- reported beginning balance of \$ 12,420 and Ending Balance of \$ 12,364. Amounts paid out were for Permits for the Raffle and incoming amounts were for annual membership dues.
- Membership Director –Teresa- reported that as of meeting 84 members have paid their 2016 Membership Fee and that she will be deleting any unpaid members from the email list. Membership Anniversaries: Frank Colvin 25 years, Tony Haimes 10 years and Cullin Taylor 10 years
- Safety Director- Charlie-Training Class Dates have been sent out and will be included in Aprils Newsletter if interested please let him know. We would like to offer Basic Riding and Advanced Riding Courses if we have enough people interested, you don't have to be a member to sign-up. Handouts available: Evil Knievel Wore a Helmet, Rider Training Courses 2016, Carrying Passengers, 2016 Motorcycle Laws and Regulations, and Riding Tips. If you would like any of them contact Charlie or they are on the table for you to pick up. There has already be 1 fatalities this year be careful out there. Remember if you are riding behind a Semi, if you can't see them in their mirror they CAN'T SEE YOU!
- Dealership News-
  - Leather Sale ends today! Come check out the great deals we have ☺
  - Spring Merchandise is starting to come in? Bright Colors ☺
  - Kickstart Spring Sale April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
  - Please give the Service Department a 2 day notice to get your bike out of Storage!!!
  - Spring Flood Run, April 16th!
- LOH officer ~ Patty –Not Present but remember that there is a Bake Sale going on after the meeting come buy your goodies!
- Activity Officer- Tony – Don't forget to turn your clocks back, Donnie Smith Bike show April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and if you would like to set up a ride this year please contact Tony @ semnhog@gmail.com. There will be a ride today after the meeting to Buck's/Whitewater for whomever would like to go.
- Contribution Committee-Mike Shumaker- Nothing to Report
- New Business: Chili Cook-Off Winner- Mike Madden with a total made of \$182.00.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale McIntyre

## Contribution Committee

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Have nothing at this time, waiting for the raffle tickets.

Thank You,  
Mike Shumaker

## Membership Officer Notes

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We currently have 86 members! All unpaid members have been deleted and records updated.

April Natl HOG Anniversaries: Wayne Weis 20 years; Bob Baker 10 years.

April Birthdays: Joe Biessel; Pam Skaran; Vicki Twerberg; Brian Mullenbach; Bill Hoffman John Gifford; Don Dean; Leon Plantz

Thanks. Teresa  
Membership Officer

## Ladies of Harley

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Hello LOH!

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual bake sale following the March meeting. I was overwhelmed with the baked goods brought in for the sale :) We made \$290.00 , I think this is fantastic!! Thank you once again :) Sincerely Patty Ann Haimes, Ladies Of Harley*

If you have any LOH ideas, please contact Patty-Ann at 507-993-7857 or send an email to [patty\\_blue2u@yahoo.com](mailto:patty_blue2u@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your participation and support.

Sincerely,  
Patty-Ann Haimes  
Ladies of Harley

## Activity Notes

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April 1st, Fish Fry Social, Zumbro Falls Golf Course on Hwy 63 north, 15 miles from Rochester. Meet at the Golf Course around 6:00PM for fish fry and socializing. Come early, stay late, enjoy the evening. Thank you Tony and Patty Ann.

April 2nd & 3rd, Donnie Smith Bike & Car Show, St Paul MN

April 9th HOG meeting and ride. Ride information will be sent out by email before meeting depend on weather conditions for riding.

April 16th Flood Run.

If you have a favorite place to eat and would like to plan a group dinner or ride along your favorite backroads or other destination. Send email to [semnhog@gmail.com](mailto:semnhog@gmail.com). We will add it to the calendar and send an email to share with the rest of the club.

Thank you  
Tony Haimes  
Activity Officer

## Editor Notes

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All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 McIntyre 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 [daddyslpl@kmtel.com](mailto:daddyslpl@kmtel.com).

Dale McIntyre  
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

“What a day for a daydream, what a day for a daydreamin boy(girl)” Gotta thank the LOVIN SPOONFULS for this month’s intro from 1966. Who has not been doin a little daydreamin after the 70’s we had a while back. Kinda lookin a little bleak for the next couple days here too. When the weather-guesser won’t speculate on HOW MUCH we’re gonna get—IT AINT A GOOD SIGN! Went to Humbolt Ia. for an antique MC/SCOOTER swap last Friday. On the way home, ran into everything BUT fog!! I am now the “PROUD”(?) owner of a ’75 HODAKA DIRT SQUIRT-but, that’s another story.

At least we can put this time to good(?) use by askin ourselves this question-**Are we ready to ride?** I had some Riding Tips at the last meeting. Although not in big demand, I am gonna expound upon them here.

1) How much actual riding EXPERIENCE do I really have? Does it include riding with others? Does it include carrying a passenger? How about a fully loaded-NOT OVERLOADED- bike? 2) How much do I KNOW about riding my motorcycle? Do I have a riding strategy? A strategy can be as simple as processing information when we ride to identify and avoid hazards. Remember SEE-SEARCH, EVALUATE, EXECUTE? We can use this technique to gain the information necessary to avoid hazards.

How about visual directional control? You typically will go where you look.

What do we know about countersteering and counterweighting? Push right to go right, push left to go left-sound familiar-that’s countersteering. Good countersteering is more a function of the duration of the push than the force of it. A very important component of swerving to avoid an object in the road.

Counterweighting? Use this when making tight turns. Simply shift your weight to the outside of the turn you are making.

Maximum braking? There is more to braking than just hittin the pedal and grabin the lever. If ya have ABS, that will simplify a lot of hard braking. Most will tell ya you will stop faster by not activating the ABS. It takes practice but you can brake faster without the ABS kickin in. Try it. Without ABS, consider the front brake can do 70-95% of your hard braking. As you apply the brake, weight transfers and more weight goes on the front tire. That transfer also makes lockin up the rear easier. Again, try it.

Ya got a cornering strategy? Lots more to cornering than tryin to drag your knee. Ya gonna go in low and come out high? How bout go in high and come out low? As of the last class I took, strategy-there’s that word again-is to try to stick in the center of the curve. Might not be as much fun but probably safer.

3) What is your COMFORT LEVEL? How comfortable you are can influence how well you can handle various situations. If you are comfortable with your mental and physical skills, chances are you will react correctly and with precision to hazardous situations. The more uncomfortable you are, the more likely you are to react incorrectly in a situation. These situations could be group riding, curvy roads or freeway traffic as well as others. 4)How bout our SKILL LEVEL? Some basic required skills are: steering quickly, slowing or stopping quickly, cornering, lane position and smooth cornering, throttle control as it relates to speed control, co-ordination of clutch-throttle-and shifting (up and down). If you have questions on any of these, try to practice them on your own. If necessary, a rider course may be the answer. I have included the course times we can schedule for a training class at the end of this column.

Most of these topics relate to you alone. Riding with a passenger and/or a loaded bike are another skill in itself. Both will increase your brake times, influence your turn/swerve ability, affect your ability to accelerate out of a situation and impact your balance. They can take up a whole discussion in and of themselves at another time.

For now, remember----

**LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!**



**This guy looks ready to go for a good ride on his '23 HD 61!**



Hi All

This is the info on the MC Rider training classes. There are 3 days listed for each available day and w/e for training. The 1st day (a Thursday in the listed available dates) would be for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a basic class. The next 2, sat and sun would be the 3 days required for the basic rider training. The 2 listed w/e days, if not for a basic class, are available for the advanced class which is only one day. For example, a basic class could be held the 1<sup>st</sup> available date. It would have a session on Thurs evening and Sat and Sun for the final 2 days. That is only one choice of the 6 choices. For the Advanced course, it is only one day on the w/e so we have a choice of 12 days for the advanced class. The bikes will be furnished for the basic course. The cost of the basic course is \$1800 with up to 12 attendees and you must have your permit to attend. The cost of the advanced is \$300 with a max of 6 attendees. The basic and advanced can't be on the same w/e. Look over the days and we will discuss it at the next meeting. If you are not going to the meeting, let me know your choices.

THANK YOU, Charlie—the SAFETY GUY

Weekends Available:

April 28, April 30-May 1

June 2, June 4-5

June 16, June 18-19 (Father's Day Weekend)

June 30, July 2-3 (4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend)

July 7, July 9-10

July 21, July 23-24



## 2016 Chapter Events and Rides

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Donnie Smith Bike & Car Show  
River Centre Arena, St. Paul, MN
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. Let's Ride! After meeting, kickstands up at 11AM.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> [Flood Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Ditch Clean Up @ 1pm, ride after weather permitting
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- May 10<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Birthday Ride after meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup> [Purple Heart MC Run](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)  
Registration at [Harley-Davidson of Winona](#) at 9:30-11AM.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> [Bike Blessing](#) at [South Troy Wesleyan Church](#) by Pastor Colleen Hoeft with the blessing at 11:00AM and lunch after. Meet at RHD @ 10:00AM kickstands up @ 10:15AM.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> [SD State H.O.G. Rally](#) in TBD, SD. Registration deadline is April 21<sup>rd</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- June 14<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Birthday Ride after meeting
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Summer H.O.G. Picnic (Not Confirmed at this time)
- June 23<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> [MN State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Eveleth, MN. Registration deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> [Hot Harley Nights](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration at J&L Harley-Davidson. (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- July 12<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Birthday Ride after meeting
- July 16<sup>th</sup> [Hero's Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)  
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> [The "Cruise" 2016](#) (16<sup>th</sup> Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 8<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> [Sturgis](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- August 16<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Birthday Ride after meeting



- September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> [WI State H.O.G. Rally](http://www.wistatehogrally.com/) in Milwaukee, WI. Registration deadline is July 14<sup>st</sup>. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>
- September 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- September 10<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM.
- September 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event). Go to the web site for more info.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> [Flood Run](http://www.floodrun.org/) (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- September 21<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> [Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- October 3<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- October 8<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Freeze Your Butt Ride. Let's Ride! Meet @ Rochester Harley @ 10:30AM, kickstands up at 11AM.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- November 12<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- December 3<sup>th</sup> SEMN HOG Meeting at Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections). Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at K-Mart from 9AM to 4PM. Please contact Mike Shumaker [mikeshu@charter.net](mailto:mikeshu@charter.net) for ringing details.

\*\*\*NOTE: DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

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