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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443

May 2016 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Hello,

Don't forget meeting is May 10th at 6 pm at **Rochester Harley**. Eagles club has meetings that night so we need to see if we want to find a different place or just stay at the Harley shop. Well the ditch clean up didn't happen due to rain and this weekend does not look any better (Sunday May 1st) and the following Sunday is Mother's Day.

Well the Minnesota H.O.G. Rally is fast approaching so I would like to see how many are going and if everyone would like to ride up as a group. While on this topic there is talk that the Rallies will be a regional event starting in 2017. H.O.G. has been doing this in the Northwest for the last couple years with Washington, Idaho, and Oregon with an 80% increase in attendance.

We do have the raffle tickets in for anybody that didn't pick up some yet. For those that are selling, thank you!

Thanks

Tom Keller

Director

Upcoming Events

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<u>Purple Heart MC Run</u> (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Winona Veterans Park from 10:00-11AM. |

Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2016

Meeting called to order by Assistant Director Lyle McIntyre

- Director- Tom- Absent
- Assistant Director- Lyle- reported
 - Raffle Tickets are in come get yours!
 - Meetings are moving to the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting in May for the Summer. ~~These meetings will be at the~~ **May meeting @ Rochester HARLEY (Rest of Summer is TBD until next meeting) Rochester Eagles 5:30 Social Hour/Dinner with meeting** starting at 6pm. Officers will meet before meeting if there is anything that needs to be discussed.
 - Reminder that the Minnesota State Rally is the June 23rd-25th in Eveleth, MN. Online Registration is ends May 5th! Get registered and let's have a great time in the Iron Range. We will discuss getting a group together to ride up closer to the date.
 - Birthday Rides will be moved to the 2nd Saturday of May, June, July and August to allow for a full day of riding. May-Open for planning (see Tony if interested), June 11th-Duluth over-night trip (Dale and Patti planning), July 9th- LaCrosse (Tony planning), August- Open for planning (see Tony if interested)
 - It has been brought to our attention that Leon was given a Clean Bill of Health! Congrats Leon!!!
- Treasurer- Leon- Absent – Dale reported
 - Beginning balance of \$ 12,766.88 and Ending Balance of \$ 12,814.99. Incoming amounts were for annual membership dues.
- Membership Director –Teresa- reported
 - As of meeting 86 members have paid their 2016 Membership Fees.
 - National HOG Anniversaries: Wayne Weis 20 years, Bob Baker 10 years
- Safety Director- Charlie-
 - Training Class Dates have been sent out and will be included in Mays Newsletter one last time. If interested please let him know, as right now we have only had 1 person contact him. If we can't get more interest than classes won't be set up.
 - Handouts available, see Charlie if interested.
 - People need to see motorcycles, make yourselves as visible as possible.
 - Record fatalities last year. Be Careful Out There!!
 - Charlie also made some calls and has found out from his research that it is legal to flash your headlights at oncoming traffic. If you have any questions on this or would like to see what Charlie found let him know.
- Dealership News-
 - Kickstart Sale –April 14-16
 - Lots of New Merchandise Arriving Daily
 - Spring Flood Run-April 16th
 - Please Give the Service Department a 2 Day Notice if wanting to get your bike out of storage
 - Ride Safe and Smart-watch corners for sand and also the pot holes!!
- LOH officer ~ Patty –Not Present

- Activity Officer- Tony –
 - Fish Fry was great with a turn-out of about 14 people
 - Saturday April 16th Flood Run
 - Ditch Clean Up April 2th @ 1pm weather permitting, ride after to Nelson for chicken wings
 - May Birthday Ride-Open
 - June Birthday Ride-Dale and Patti planning over-night ride to Duluth, June 11th
 - July Birthday Ride-Tony planning ride to Buzzard Billy's in LaCrosse, WI
 - August Birthday Ride-Open
 - September Birthday Ride – Depends on monthly meeting date
- Contribution Committee-Mike Shumaker- Not Present

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale McIntyre

Contribution Committee

Just getting started contacting the EMTS for this year's donations. I will get back to you when I get some dates nailed down. Here is what I have so far for the First Responders:

Stewartville First Responders

May 9th at 6:30

Meet at Kwik Trip South Broadway between 6:00 and 6:10 Leave at 6:15 for Stewartville.

Byron First Responders

June 7th at 6:30

Meet at Kwik Trip off of Civic Center Drive between 6:00 and 6:10 leave at 6:10 for Byron.

Thank You,
Mike Shumaker

Membership Officer Notes

Welcome new member - Corey Woxland!

Hog Anniversaries: Charlie Milligan 36 yrs; Larry Gondert 34 yrs

May Birthdays: Brian Groteboer; Sue Madden; Cheryl Pederson; Kari Szczepanski; Tom Keller; Teresa Wegner; Tom Szczepanski

Thanks. Teresa
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Hello LOH!

Thank you all again for your support at the chili cook-off and bake sale :) If you have an idea for a fund raiser, please just shoot me an email at patty_blue2u@yahoo.com. I will continue to drum up some fun ideas for the club to raise funds.

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 Notes

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 10th HOG Meeting at **Rochester Harley**. Ride after meeting.

Saturday, May 14th Birthday Ride - still looking for someone to lead the ride.

Sunday, May 15th Meet at Rochester Harley Davidson. 10:15 kickstands up for Bike Blessing at South Troy Weleyan Church.

Top 10 motorcycle rides in the U.S. Below are 8 - 10. Next month we will look at then next 3 until we hit number 1.

There's something uniquely satisfying about touring by motorcycle. The enhanced sense of freedom. The heightened adventure and awareness as you sweep through twisties and curves. You could never get so close to nature's beauty from inside a car. Here are 8, 9 and 10 great motorcycle rides in the U.S.

8. Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument Ride: Utah

Geologists will delight in [Scenic Byway 12](#), which offers 124 miles of sensational eroded scenery as it snakes through [Bryce Canyon](#) and [Capitol Reef National Parks](#) and the [Petrified Forest State Park](#). Fantastical multicolored formations—butes, canyons, cliffs, and mesas—are visible all along this ever writhing route. Plus, the region has been home to Native American peoples since ancient times. Begin in [Panguitch](#) and follow U.S. 89 south to reach Route 12, then head east to [Torrey](#). **Planning:** Allow two days for this drive, including an overnight in the region to savor the mind-blowing colors of sunrise and sunset.

9. Natchez Trace Parkway: Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi

Before it was the [Natchez Trace Parkway](#), built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, this route was a migratory trail for buffalo and later for Native Americans. Unfurling for 444 miles from [Nashville](#) to [Natchez](#), the two-lane asphalt delight earned the National Scenic Byway moniker for its cultural, historic, and scenic appeal. The ride is steeped in yesteryear mementos, including Civil War battle sites, ghost towns, and segments of the original Natchez Trace Indian Trail. Scenery kaleidoscopes from rolling farmland to cypress swamp. Bikers don't need to worry about trucks (they're not allowed) or stop signs (there are none). **Planning:** There are no commercial services along the route, but plenty of biker-friendly B&Bs are close to the Trace.

10. River Road: Texas

Enduro riders will love the 17-mile off-road loop through the Valley of the Gods—a highlight of the otherwise smooth pavement of Highway 170 between [Candelaria](#) and [Presidio](#), Texas. Known as the River Road, it follows the Rio Grande on a snaking 115-mile trail past soaring cliffs in a spectrum of ochers, reds, and purples. Other highlights include ancient lava flows and the [Fort Leaton State Historic Site](#) (an adobe fortress dating from 1848). A side trip from [Lajitas](#) leads to the old [Contrabando Movie Set](#) in [Big Bend Ranch State Park](#). **Planning:** Avoid the heat of summer.

If you would like to lead a ride or plan a ride and looking for others to join you. Send an email to semnhog@gmail.com and we will forward the information out to the club members.

Thank you

Tony Haimes
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 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.

Dale McIntyre
Newsletter Editor

Webmaster Notes

Check out our social media and “Like” us on our Facebook: [SEMNHOG #2443](#) (www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443). Or “Follow” us on Twitter: [SEMNHOG #2443](#) (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.

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 got a mind to travel, got a mind to go home”! This month’s opener comes from the 70’s and was written by Albert Collins. A great Blues tune and also something a lot may be thinkin about now. Kind of a good start for the year was last week-ends FLOOD RUN. Although I didn’t make it, sounds like it was one of the biggest and best. For a CHANGE, it wasn’t rainin and the weather was nice-make that GREAT!

Speakin of that 4 letter word-RAIN, how bout a little discussion about it. Got a few tips about ridin in the rain to share with ya, some kinda DO’S and DONT’S.

DON’T trust puddles! Those fun lookin mini ponds may be hiding (especially at this time of year) DEEP potholes. If there is no way of avoiding them, keep the throttle steady, keep the bike vertical as much as possible and don’t touch the brakes.

AVOID THE SHINEY SURFACES! Stay off painted lines, man (or is that PERSON) hole covers, metal plates, bridge decks and road-tar-snakes. If ya get in a situation with any of these, avoid hard braking, acceleration or sudden lane changes and just roll over the surface without any sudden inputs to any controls.

KEEP YOUR COOL AND STAY RELAXED. Don’t make any sudden moves. Any harsh inputs to steering, braking or throttle can upset your already limited traction. Keep any inputs smooth, gentle and progressive in the case of hard braking. Start out light and increase pressure as the braking load is transferred to the front. Hard use of the rear brake can cause the rear to lose traction quickly. ABS can be a real benefit in cases like this.

DO ONE THING AT A TIME. In normal operation we may accelerate, shift and lean into a corner at the same time. In the rain, focus on one function at a time (i.e. finish accelerating/decelerating/shifting prior to initiating a turn) to reduce the traction demands on your tires (that are at the correct pressures).

LOOSEN UP! Holding the bars in a death grip will result in 3 things: it will tire you out early, it will exaggerate any movements you do and it will keep the suspension from doing its job correctly. The motorcycle is designed to handle bumps and “wiggles” so let it do its job.

RAINBOWS ARE NOT A SIGN OF A POT O’ GOLD. Those colorful puddles with rainbow swirls are actually slippery oil pools! They tend to be worst at intersections where vehicles may have leaked while sitting there.

GIVE YOURSELF TIME AND SPACE. Take it easy, reduce your speed and give yourself more distance between you and what-ever is near or in front of you. No matter how fast you may be able to stop on dry roads, and this goes for ABS as well, stopping distances will be longer. You will also need more time to SEE (Search, Evaluate and Execute) to avoid all we have talked about above.

FIND A DRY LINE. If possible, try finding a “drier” place to ride-the tire tracks of vehicles in front of you for example. Tires are supposed to act like a squeegee and squeeze the water out from under the tread. Of note here, tires on the bike are supposed to do the same thing. Worn tires may not have sufficient tread depth to do this effectively. The unfortunate consequence of this may be HYDROPLANING where the tires are riding on top of the water on the road surface drastically reducing traction.

DRY GEAR IS NOT ENOUGH. Dry is good but being VISIBLE when dry is even better. Visibility will already be reduced because of the rain. Dark rain gear will be even harder to see so opt for bright or Hi Vis gear if possible.

CONSIDER GOGGLES OR FACE SHIELDS. Eye protection is mandatory in most states even if your bike has a windshield. Goggles or face shields with some form of anti-fog protection are very useful. If you do not have any anti fog solution, I have used auto paste wax for years to help with this. This wax-without any abrasives-

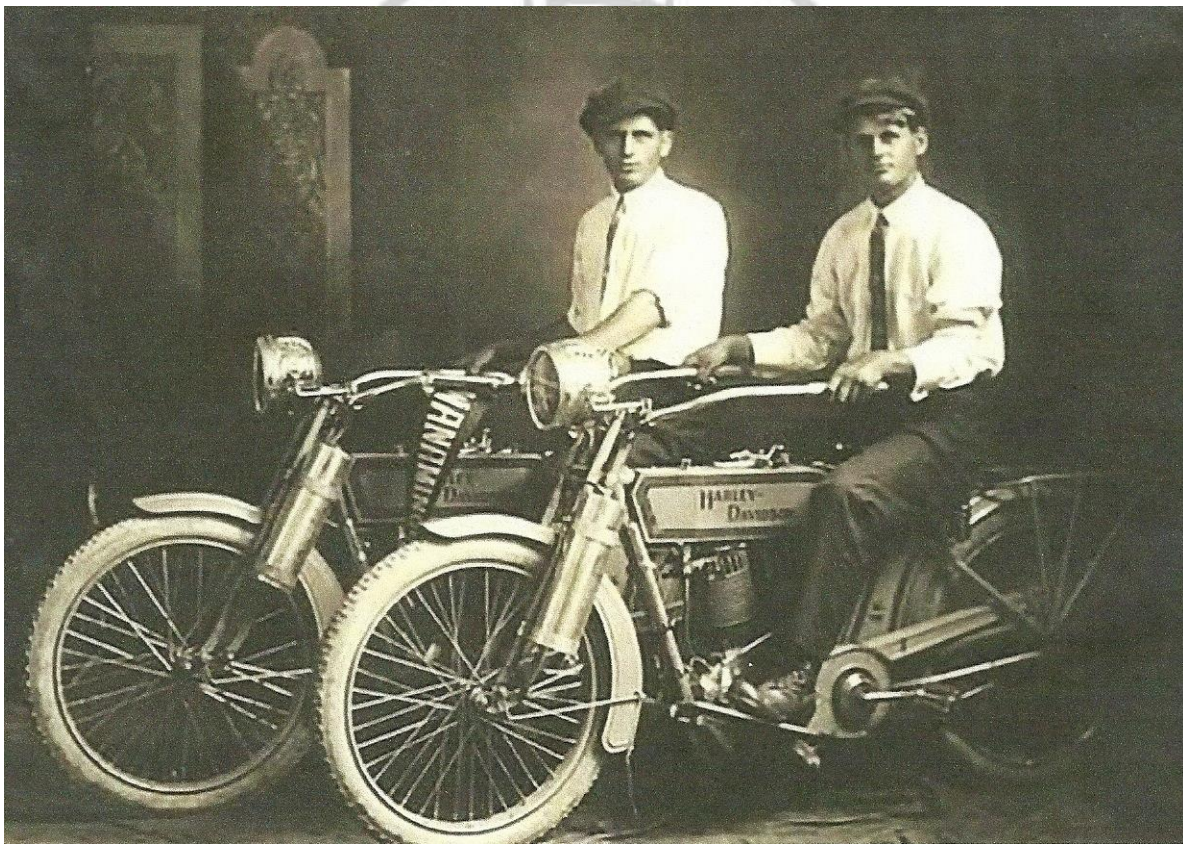
also very good to use on windshields. The water will tend to bead up and run off. There are some products that are for use on GLASS windshields that may damage the bike windshield so be mindful of that. I also use this past wax on my glasses and sunglasses in case I am caught without goggles or a shield. A side benefit of using wax is that it also makes cleaning and bug removal easier.

There are many more tips and suggestions for riding in the rain. Some say "If ya don't ride in the rain, ya don't ride". Not sure if I agree with this statement 100%, but if ya use some common sense and caution, it can still be a SAFE RIDE!!

AND ABOVE ALL--

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Ever heard of these guys? William Harley and Arthur Davidson



THANKS BOYS!!!!

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

****LAST CHANCE****

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 1st 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 1st 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 (4th of July Weekend)

July 7, July 9-10

July 21, July 23-24

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- June 9th – 11th [SD State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Watertown, SD. Registration deadline is April 21rd. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com/>
- June 14th SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Social Hour/dinner @ 5:30 pm (Officer Meeting before if needed)
- June 18th Summer H.O.G. Picnic (Not Confirmed at this time)
- June 23th - 25th [MN State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Eveleth, MN. Registration deadline is May 5th. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.mnstatehogrally.com/>
- July 9th Patriot Ride 2016 in Blaine, MN (info only non-H.O.G. event) can obtain info at www.thepatriotride.org
- July 7th – 10th [Hot Harley Nights](#) in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration at J&L Harley-Davidson. (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- July 12th SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Social Hour/dinner @ 5:30 pm (Officer Meeting before if needed)
- July 16th [Hero's Ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM.
- July 24th [The "Cruise" 2016](#) (16th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event)
- August 8rd – 14th [Sturgis](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- August 16th SEMN HOG Meeting at TBD @ 6:00PM, Social Hour/dinner @ 5:30 pm (Officer Meeting before if needed)
- September 1st - 3th [WI State H.O.G. Rally](#) in Milwaukee, WI. Registration deadline is July 14st. Go to the following web site for registration, sign up to volunteer, or for more info <http://www.wistatehogrally.com/>

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

NOTE: DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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