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

Directors Notes

Hello,

This month's meeting will be at Kings Crossing again 915 21st Ave SE.

There was a few of us that went to the MN H.O.G. Rally had a good time, there was around 600 registered. We will hear more for next year's rally sometime in September, not sure if it's going to be a State or Regional.

Also don't forget August meeting will be the 16th due to Sturgis, safe travels if going and maybe I will see you out there.

See you at the meeting.

Thanks,

Tom Keller

Director

Upcoming Events

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| July 5 th | Goodhue Fire and Rescue @ 6:30 PM, Meet at Kwik Trip Civic Center Drive at 5:40PM leave by 5:50PM. |
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Registration at Rochester Harley-Davidson in Rochester at 10AM. |
| July 24 th | The "Cruise" 2016 (16 th Annual) A benefit ride for the Ronald McDonald house (non-H.O.G. event) |

Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2016

Meeting called to order by Assistant Director Lyle McIntyre

- Director- Tom- Not Present
- Assistant Director- Lyle- reported
 - Raffle Tickets are in come get yours!
 - Thank you to all that came out to the Byron Fire and Rescue Donation Ride
 - State HOG Rally in Eveleth is coming up and if you want to ride up in a group please let Tom Keller know.
- Treasurer- Leon- Not Present- Balance in Bank Account on June 7, 2016 was \$13,120.43
- Membership Director –Teresa- reported
 - As of meeting 91 members have paid their 2016 Membership Fees.
 - National HOG Anniversaries: Randy Rieken 10 years
 - We Need More Members
- Safety Director- Charlie-
 - Stop lights that don't change. If you wait an appropriate amount of time then you may proceed thru red light legally.
 - Watch out for Hyperthermia- (means your body temp is to high) Causes-dizziness, blurred vision, cold clammy sweats. If this happens get off your bike and get your body cooled down. Wetting your clothing down if you are riding when it is really hot will help keep body cool.
 - Watch out for RVs, Rental Cars, Implements, etc.
- Dealership News-
 - Father's Day is the 19th ☺ Stop in the 18th & grab something special for Dad during our Father's Day Celebration---In-Store Specials!!!
 - Closed Monday July 4th! Have a safe and spectacular Holiday! ☺
 - July 1 & 2 is our 4th of July Bang—come check our Red, White & Blue Merchandise for a great deal!
 - Come talk to Rick or Judy on Harley's Programs that are running through June. 0 % Down! (on any model bike except Dyna & Softails)
- LOH officer ~ Patty – Nothing New to Add
- Activity Officer- Tony –
 - This next Saturday June 18th lets ride. Meet at Kwik Trip North Broadway and ride to Chicken Shack in WI.
 - July 9th Birthday Ride to LaCrosse Buzzard Billy's
- Contribution Committee-Mike Shumaker-
 - Thank you for all that showed up for Byron and thank you to Mike Madden for taking lead on this.
 - Grand Meadow First Responder Night June 27th
 - Goodhue First Responder Night July 5th
 - Ostrander and Wabasha still nothing set in stone

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale McIntyre

Contribution Committee

Goodhue Fire And Rescue

July 5 at 6:30pm

Meet at Kwik Trip Civic Center Drive at 5:40 leave by 5:50

Thank You,
Mike Shumaker

Membership Officer Notes

Natl HOG anniversaries: Paul Stewart 15 yrs; Diane Zitzman 10 years.

July Bdays: John Welhaven; Sally Nelson; Tony Haines; Roxanne Braband.

I will be done with my 2 years as membership officer at end of this year. If anyone is interested in the position, I would be happy to talk with them about it.

Thanks. Teresa
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Hello LOH!

Please contact Patty Haines with any ideas for fund raisers and I will make it happen 😊

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 Haines
Ladies of Harley

Activity Notes

July Birthday Ride - Saturday July 9th. Kickstands up at 9:00AM.

Meet at Kwik Trip on North Broadway and 31st Street in Rochester.

We will be riding to Buzzard Billy's Bar & Grill in Lacrosse WI.

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Buzzard Billy's Menue

[Menu | Buzzard Billy's Restaurant | La Crosse, WI](#)

Top 10 Motorcycle Rides in the U.S. Here are the top 4 or 5 since the two tied for first.. Rides 5 - 10 are in previous newsletters.

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 ten great motorcycle rides in the U.S.

1. Pacific Coast Highway, Carmel to Morro Bay: California

A scenic roadway like no other, the [Big Sur](#) section of California's coastal highway offers a smorgasbord of treats: crashing surf, towering redwood forests, seal-dotted beaches, and enough curves to keep you contented end to end. This cliff-hugging ribbon stretches 120 miles and has frequent turnouts for enjoying the stellar views. It's enough to whet your appetite for more, and that's no problem. It's part of the longer [Pacific Coast Highway](#), which extends along pretty much the entire California coast, from Malibu to the Oregon border and beyond. **Planning:** Avoid summer weekends, and be sure to book a visit to [Hearst Castle](#) well in advance. And dress warm: Big Sur is famously fogbound, especially in summer months.

1. Peak to Peak Highway: Colorado

Sure, it's barely 60 miles long, but this ride combines sensational twisties with some of the finest scenery that Mother Nature can offer. You'll marvel at dazzling Rocky Mountain vistas as you crest the [Continental Divide](#) through the heart of [Rocky Mountain National Park](#). The road scythes into glacier-cut valleys and switchbacks up through thick forests to reach alpine meadows—gloriously ablaze in Monet colors in springtime. From Golden take Highway 6 through Clear Lake Canyon Park to reach Highway 119, the beginning of the [Peak to Peak](#), which extends north along Highways 72 and 7 before dropping to [Estes Park](#). Moose and elk are often seen here; keep to a safe speed, as hitting one could seriously ruin your day. **Planning:** Pack your hiking boots and take a break to walk a scenic trail, or pack camping gear for overnight.

2. Blue Ridge Parkway: North Carolina and Virginia

This iconic mountain route is on almost every serious motorcyclist's must-do list. The northern section, in Virginia, passes Civil War battle sites as it ambles through bucolic countryside. Farther south you climb into the [Great Smoky Mountains](#), where the smooth, well-maintained [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) is renowned for its sweeping curves and arresting scenery. A compulsory 45-mile-per-hour speed limit means that you have time to savor the views, which reach a crescendo south of Asheville, North Carolina. For a longer ride, take the 105-mile [Skyline Drive](#) through Virginia's [Shenandoah National Park](#); the drive links to the parkway. **Planning:** Allow at least two days for this 469-mile ride.

3. Tail of the Dragon: North Carolina and Tennessee

So famous that it's been the subject of several movies and TV shows, legendary [U.S. 129](#) whips up 318 tight curves in just 11 miles and could well claim to be the number one motorcycle ride in the country for sheer exhilaration. Touring enthusiasts and die-hard sport-bike riders make a beeline for this road to test their cornering skills. Fortunately, no trucks are allowed. The road spans Deal's Gap at the border of North Carolina and Tennessee. **Planning:** Go to enjoy the ride, not to prove your bravado.

4. Beartooth Highway: Montana and Wyoming

[The Beartooth Highway](#)—a 68-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 212—is the perfect definition of what a great bike ride should be, with dozens of hairpins and switchbacks. Beginning at [Red Lodge](#), Montana, the National Scenic Byway is a roller-coaster ride as it travels up through Beartooth Pass (10,947 feet) in Wyoming. It zigzags the entire way as it cuts across the [Custer](#) and [Shoshone National Forests](#) and sweeps through above-tree line tundra. And those views! High alpine meadows burst into bloom in summer, while lakes reflect snow-capped summits. Traveling southwest, the route ends at [Cooke City](#), the northern gateway to [Yellowstone National Park](#). **Planning:** The pass is usually closed October through May due to snow. At any time of year, check the weather forecast before setting off.

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

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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 THINK I'M GOIN TO KATMANDU, THAT'S REALLY, REALLY WHERE I'M GOIN TO! Thanks to Bob Segar for this tune from 1975. Actual spelling is Kathmandu but I guess musicians can take a few spelling liberties. It is actually the largest municipality in Nepal, probably better known for Mt Everest. Would probably bet money on NO-ONE goin there to ride motorcycles, but I am sure many are in the planning stage of a summer trip. I am also sure many have taken long bike trips and honestly would enjoy hearing about some of your experiences. I have taken quite a few myself and each one is always a little different.

"IT'S NOT THE DESTINATION. IT'S THE JOURNEY!" Not sure where I heard/read this but it is something to think about before planning a bike trip. It is not a bad idea to have some place in mind as a destination, but don't or try not to let that get in the way of the adventure of a BIKE trip.

There are some important considerations to look at before ya leave and some things to be mindful of "ON DA ROAD"! 'Course I am gonna be focusing on making it a safe as well as enjoyable adventure. For some it is where they are going, for others it is WHICH DIRECTION will I be going. Planning for both is probably quite similar. YES, I said planning again which can become a big part of making it a safe trip. I am gonna focus on a few parts of this plan. WHERE, WHEN, HOW MANY, HOW LONG (distance and time), and lastly, SURPRISES. WHERE: As I mentioned earlier, a destination is not a bad idea. Will I need a helmet, any special things for the bike, (see the HOG ATLAS for MC requirements in all states), cold/warm weather gear, and different currency (US, Canada, Mexico, Iowa, Europe-well, maybe not Iowa). If you plan on goin where it will be super cold or superhot, be mindful of hypothermia (cold weather) and hyperthermia (hot weather). Hyperthermia will probably be foremost at this time of year. You may want to plan travel earlier in the day or wait till it cools late in the day. It is nothing to fool around with. Once you have experienced hyperthermia, you have a better chance of a repeat episode. Last but not least 511. That is the number you can call in any state to check on road conditions. Unlike Mn where bypasses are usually almost as good as the road they are workin on, out west the bypasses can either be driving thru the ditch or on a dirt section that sometimes is wet down for dust control that makes it slippery. The same info can sometimes be obtained from places like AAA prior to leaving. WHEN: Now till October are probably the most common times for a bike trip-and everyone else wantin to go on vacation. Not only is the MC traffic gonna be heavy, but you will be dealin with the cars, motor homes, trailers and combinations of them. For the most part, I think a lot of the agricultural equipment will be at a minimum on the secondary roads. Think about this: Many of these motor homes/trailers are driven once or twice a year by folks who during the other days will be drivin a CHEVETTE, FALCON, or RELIANT!! (anyone remember what they are?) These vehicles may be overloaded, swayin, all over the road etc. If ya come across em, get around em when safe before someone throws the dish water or worse out the window!! As mentioned earlier, HOT weather may be a huge factor. Along with this is the SEVERE WEATHER factor. Don't think I want to tangle with a TORNADO!! Be SKY AWARE for storms etc. Hail at 60—not good.

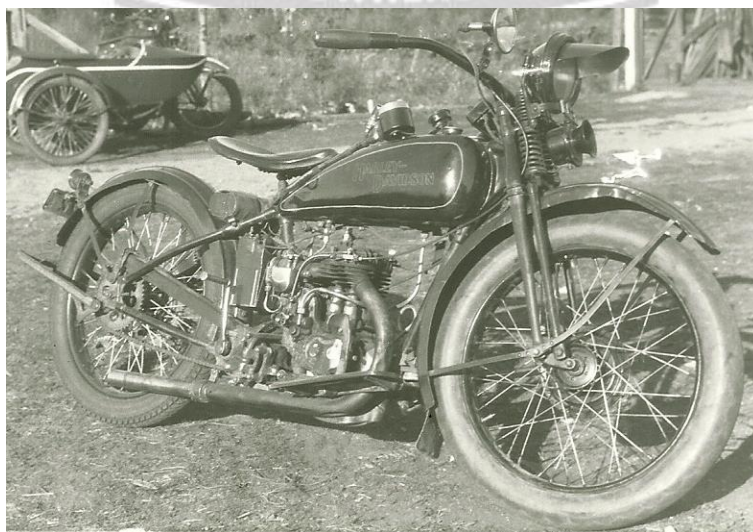
HOW MANY: Gotta admit, one of the best bike trips ever for me was by myself. Start when ya want, stop when ya want, eat where ya want, sleep where ya want. Ya, that's all good but it is great to have others to talk with and blame for the bad food, hotel, camp ground etc-you fill in the blanks. Seriously, if you go with others, be mindful of group riding. A staggered formation is the safest with a good 2 second interval for safety. Review hand signals so you are able to do some communicating while moving. Be considerate of others riding skills at all times. The purpose of traveling together should be enjoying the trip together.

HOW LONG: Ya goin on a week-end, week, or longer trip? How much "STUFF" ya gonna have to take? Remember, bikes DO have a capacity limit. Overloading will not only make the bike difficult to maneuver but potentially dangerous on the road. Overloaded tires get hotter faster and can fail. Make sure you do not exceed the manufacturers loading recommendations. If you are planning on covering a lot of miles, plan on servicing the bike on the road if needed and how bout those tires? Newer tires are a lot better on wet roads.

SURPRISES: Lots to be said here. Tools, rain gear, leathers (Jackets and chaps), helmets, tents, camping gear, sleeping bags and so on. All of these may be necessary depending on your trip. They do add weight and take up a lot of space. Tools-might not be able to do much on the bike-unless it's a Shovel, Pan, Knuckle or Iron Head in which case leave ALL the rest home and take more TOOLS!! JUST KIDDIN?? A few basic tools can tighten a loose mirror, or any other minor piece that may come loose and save a surprise later. It is also surprising how much room the rain gear, leathers helmets tents etc can take up. There is a saying-saddle bags may not hold all you want,-but they will hold all you NEED!! OBVIOUSLY, the author of this never traveled with me. The surprise part of all this is how necessary all this stuff is/can be and how much room it takes up. Decisions have to be made to make it all fit without overloading the bike. If you picked up one of the cards from DUNLOP, you can figure out how much weight it is safe to carry. You can get the Gross Vehicle Weight from the VIN plate, deduct the vehicle weight with gas and oil for the load capacity. Deduct the rider and passenger weight and you will have the available load you can add. Tire pressure is important here. About 20lbs of load capacity is lost for 1psi of under inflation. The BEST thing to do is once the bike is loaded, take it for a short ride and note how it handles, brakes, comes off the kickstand and feels in general. There is a lot I did not cover and not enough time or space to do it. I have just scratched the surface on motorcycle touring. Ask around, ask other HOG folks etc. Motorcycle folks are probably the most helpful and will share knowledge more than most any other group. WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE!! Don't be afraid to ask, never stop learning, and never stop taking to the open road!! AND ABOVE ALL

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Nice '28 HD 21 cube single



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- 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

SEM N 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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