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

Directors Notes

Hello,

If weather permits and ditches are dry we will do ditch clean up at the next meeting. I will have a thank you card for everybody to sign for Kings Crossing. Still no word on the state rallies going to be emailing our contact there.

Thanks,

Tom Keller

Director

Upcoming Events

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| 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. |

Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2016

Meeting called to order by Director Tom Keller

- Director- Tom-
 - Ditch Clean-up will be next month (October) after the meeting due to wet ditches.
 - We will be sending a Thank You card out to Kings Crossing for allowing us to have our meetings there the last few months
- Assistant Director- Lyle- Nothing New to Report
- Treasurer- Leon- Chapter Account Starting Balance for August was \$14,258.26 with an ending Balance of \$13,585.38.
- Membership Director –Teresa- Absent
- Safety Director- Charlie-
 - Road Construction, Farmers out working, Critters and Dumb Asses. So watch out!
 - Safety Handouts available if anyone would like them
- Dealership News-
 - Fall Flood Run September 17th
 - Annual Fall Open House October 1st
 - JT&The Gunslingers Playing
 - 10% Storewide (no vehicles/no service)
 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Beans and Chips
 - Fall Festive Blast October 28th & 29th
 - 15% Books
 - 15% Casual Outerwear
 - 15% Jeans
 - 2017's are coming in!!! Won't have literature till Sept 21st/22nd
- LOH officer ~ Patty – Absent
- Activity Officer- Tony –
 - Flood Run September 17th
 - Freeze Butt Run November 5th
- Contribution Committee-Mike Shumaker-
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Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale McIntyre

Contribution Committee

Got a hold of Wabasha First Responders and they are coming to the Oct meeting and are going to take some pictures to put in their Local News Paper.

Stilling waiting on a call back From Amanda with Ostrander

Thank You,
Mike Shumaker

Membership Officer Notes

89 members

5 year HOG anniversary Greg Twerberg

October Birthdays: Pete Mittlestadt 10/5

Danney Whiting 10/8

Thanks. Teresa
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Hello LOH!

Please contact Patty Haimes 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 Haimes
Ladies of Harley

Activity Notes

Nothing to Add this Month

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'M SINGIN IN THE RAIN, JUST SINGIN IN THE RAIN. WHAT A GLORIOUS FEELIN, I'M HAPPY AGAIN! This song was performed by Gene Kelly in 1952 in the American Musical, SINGIN IN THE RAIN. Also in the musical were Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. **SO!?** Ok, ya don't have to agree with it, but lookin ahead at the weather prognostication-hey, learned some big words in those 11 years at that institute of Higher(OH YA) Learnin, St Cloud State Teachers College-doesn't look like a lot of great ridin days in the near future. Maybe some off n on days at best. Guess you could say that is kinda typical of this time of year. Leaves are startin to turn a little, farmers are very busy and on the roadways a lot! Days are getting shorter and cooler in the morning. Not that all this is unexpected, BUT, all that adds up to the next chapter in '16.

Been doin this column for a long time now and inevitably, kinda run outa "new" topics. One bit of information I will forward is that as of a week or so ago, according to the MSF, there have been 40 fatalities compared to 51 at this time a year ago. THAT IS GOOD NEWS!! Last year was exceptional with an early and long riding season but it is good to see the numbers down.

I go thru a number of different references-ok, lots of magazines- to come up with the "information" I try to get out. I have found some articles that are just about "Riding Safety Tips". Gonna try to "ENLIGHTEN" us all with some of them: Even tho divided highways are generally safer than single lanes, as motorcyclists, we need to be mindful of the problems that are associated with riding on them. Divided highways will usually have higher speed limits than rural roads. There can be frequent lane changes and congestion is common in/near the bigger cities. As motorcyclists, we must try to anticipate some of these situations before they can become a problem. We need to position ourselves to be visible and be aware of overly aggressive "cage" drivers. Merging traffic can be a real problem. Distracted and careless drivers may/will change lanes without a glance. Be on the lookout for sudden brake lites, arm and head motions that may indicate sudden lane changes, slowing traffic and erratic movements. If you position yourself where you are not seen or hard to see, expect close calls. I know, try to leave a safety zone in front of you and someone, car or even bike will try to take up that space. Try to avoid being in that "blind spot" that most all vehicles have. Don't depend entirely on your mirrors, turn your head and try to look over your shoulder before changing lanes. I remember from drivers training-yes, the car had a roof and windows and was NOT horse drawn-that a good policy was not to change lanes until you could see the vehicle you were overtaking in your mirror and then SIGNAL YOUR INTENTION! This general rule also applies to passing another vehicle on a rural road. When passing a vehicle, it is not a bad idea to speed up a little and just get around them and get back in the lane you were in. Making ourselves visible can also be thought of as finding the "optimum lane position". This position not only allows us to be visible to others, but also gives us the advantage of being able to see well ahead. Be on the lookout for not only the merging traffic, slow vehicles, and inattentive drivers, but also for the clutter on the road. I have seen, and I am sure most of you as well, about anything you can imagine on the road. Shredded tires, boxes, car parts and dead critters are just a few of the things that may be in front of you. It is a good idea to at least try to use the 2 second rule. That is, try to maintain at least a 2 second distance between yourself and whatever is in front of you. If a driver insists on "crowding" you, try switching lanes if a multiple lane road. If a rural road and they become a problem, it is probably not the best idea to stop and duke it out in the ditch!! You were probably due for a break or gas or something so get outa the way anyway possible. What can be said about merging-whether for an entrance to a road or merging for roadwork and lane closures. The state has been

advocating the “zipper” method. Try to merge similar to how a zipper closes. HOPEFULLY, the other drivers know about zippers and merging too. If entering from an entrance ramp, speed up to fit into-hopefully-an available space in the line of traffic. I have always considered leaving a toll both as a form of “LEGITIMIZED RACING”! Not sure if that is a real term or not-just sounds good! You get the drift tho-I hope. Pay the toll n get goin. Watch out entering any kind of “booth” tho. If vehicles stop, there is the chance of oil, water, anti-freeze etc being left behind, all of which equals SLIPPERY!!! Whether it is a 2, 4, 6, or howevermany lane road, one of the biggest dangers may be staying alert. Try to keep your wits sharp, adopt effective strategies that fit the road you are on, use correct procedures when passing, following, or overtaking other vehicles and **REMAIN VISIBLE TO OTHERS!!!** And above all:

LET’S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



NICE '28 HD 74!!

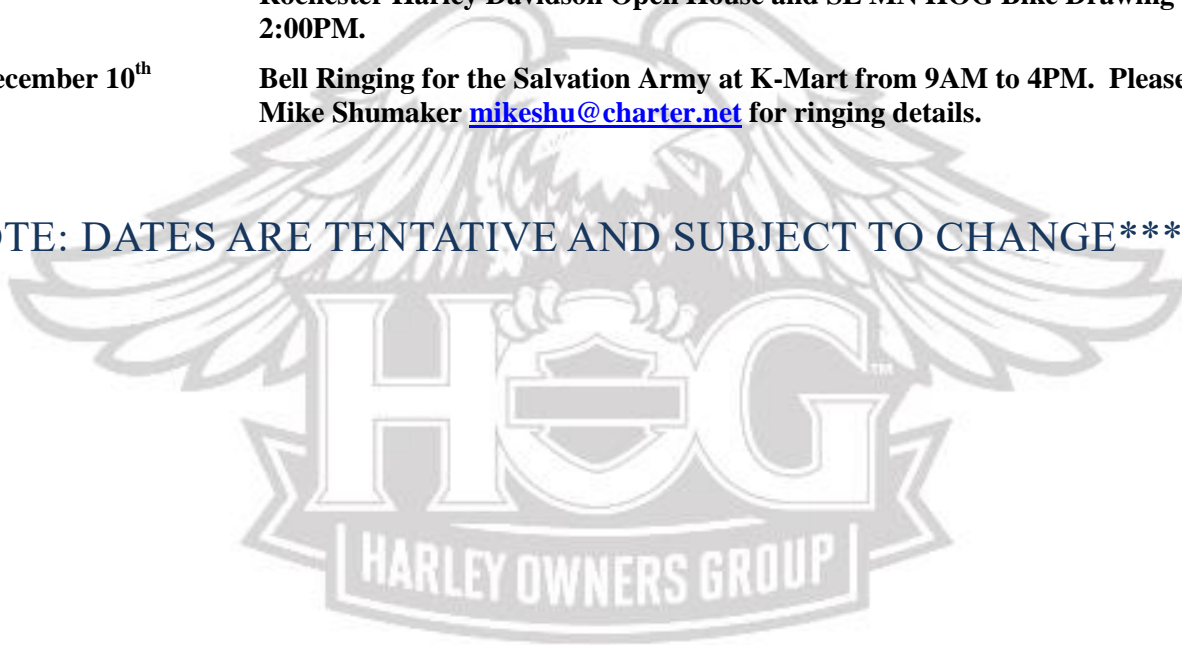
P.S. Wrote this a few days ago and felt I had to add a little. Started this “RANT” (sorry DIRTY) while we were getting a lot of the liquid sunshine. Was out for a ride yesterday- yup, 6 Saturdays and a Sunday EVERY week- and noticed in many places that not only was there a TREMENDOUS amount of field work goin on, but the mud that was in the fields is NOW on the roads!! Went “around the bend” in many places and ran into sandy, rough roads that could cause some slippin or at least concern!! Along with the field work was the associated farm equipment on the road. If ya gotta pass em, check to see first if there is a driveway or field entrance comin up. MOST don’t have any kind of signal lites and further, are not able to see behind the wagon etc!

LET’S BE REAL CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

2016 Chapter Events and Rides

- 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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