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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443
November 2017 Newsletter

Directors Notes

Hello,

Please be at the meeting on November 11th to nominate/volunteer to be an Officer for next year and/or discuss the options for the group for next year. We have many open positions that need to be filled in order to stay a Harley Owners Group otherwise the option is moving to a Riding Only Club.

Thanks,

Tom Keller

Director

Upcoming Events

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Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for October

Meeting called to order by Director Lyle McIntyre

- Director- Tom- Absent
- Assistant Director- Lyle-
 - Nominations for Officers for next year are during the November meeting and voting at the December meeting.
 - Open Positions at this time for next year
 - Director
 - Asst. Director
 - Secretary
 - Editor
 - Contribution Committee openings (volunteer spot-none voting)
- Treasurer- Leon-
 - Account Balance \$13,400.67
- Membership Director- Paul
 - Anniversaries -
 - Ed 26 yrs.
 - Roger & Mary 18 yrs.
 - Mike 8 yrs.
 - Don 13 yrs.
- Safety Director-Mark- Absent
- Dealership News-
 - Fall Blast Oct 20-21-check out the new motorclothes
 - Winter storage is available \$1/day
 - Winter service specials going on now-check with Jacob or Cory for details
 - Get your rooms now for Harley's 115th party next Labor Day Weekend
 - Check out the new 2018 models- all new softail/dyna chassis
 - Mark your calendars of our Christmas Open House December 9th
- LOH officer ~ Patty –Absent
- Contribution Committee-Mike Shumaker-
 - Nothing New

Motion made, second and passed by ALL to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale McIntyre

Contribution Committee

Nothing this month

Thank You,
Mike Shumaker

Membership Officer Notes

We have 1 member celebrating a birthday and 6 members celebrating a HOG Anniversary this month. Congrats to everyone!!!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Peter	Mittelsted

NOVEMBER HOG ANNIVERSARY	
Diane	Mittelsted
Francis	Burton
Jo	Burton
Lyle	McIntyre
Roxanne	Braband
Suzanne	Koehler

IF YOU HAVE A RIDE IDEA PLEASE SHARE!!!

Paul Jordan
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

OPEN OFFICER POSITION

Activity Officer

Editor Notes

Members can you please review the last page and let me know missing information or if I am missing someone and/or need to remove someone from the SE MN Officers List.

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 \(www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443\)](https://www.facebook.com/SEMNHOG2443). Or “Follow” us on Twitter: [SEMNHOG #2443 \(twitter.com/SEMNHOG2443\)](https://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



Safety Officer

Around The Bend—ONE MORE TIME!!

Thought you might enjoy this little ditty before the real stuff. This is from an “artist” named NERVOUS NORVUS! Comes from back around 1961-I am sure you remember hearing it on the radio!! Title is **TRANSFUSION: ZOOOMMM**; Tooling down the highway doing 79, I’m a twin pipe papa and I’m feeling fine, Hey man dig was that a red stop sign? Transfusion, transfusion, I’m just a solid mass of contusions, NEVER-NEVER-NEVER gonna speed again—SLIP THE BLOOD TO ME BUD!! You can find this on the net by lookin for Transfusion, the song.

WHY THE HELL AM I REFERENCING THIS?? Well, if ya remember back a while I had written of a new Motorcycle Crash Study being done by Oklahoma State University. That study and a couple others I did not know about have been completed and results are in and both interesting and of concern. Contributors to the study were the states of Oklahoma, New York, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Texas and Ohio.

The feds spent \$3.5 Million on the Oklahoma study alone and called it the “MOTORCYCLE CRASH CAUSATION STUDY”. The results of the study come from accidents in 2015. 5000 motorcyclists died in crashes in that year and 88000 injuries were reported. 70% of the crashes studied resulted from the driver of the other vehicle either not seeing the mc (gonna use mc for motorcycle) or failing to take an appropriate action when they did see the mc. In 51% of the mc crashes studied, the other vehicle operator was the PRIMARY cause of the crash. Failure of the mc operator was listed as 44%. It is obvious that efforts need to be taken to make all vehicle operators aware of mc’s on the road. It also means we as operators need to be as visible as we can. Both the mc’s and other vehicles need to learn to SHARE THE ROAD.

Younger and less experienced riders accounted for a large portion of the crashes studied. 23% of the crashes were by riders between 21 and 25 years old, while 16% were 26 to 30. 19% had NO endorsement and 5% had no license at all. Half had taken an entry level riders course and 24% had NO TRAINING AT ALL!!! 12% either taught themselves or learned from others. Only 8% had taken an experienced rider course. This report, which was published in the AMA magazine, supports the AMA’s position on ongoing training, education and testing to help refresh your knowledge and skills.

Ok, that’s a lot of statistics that may or may not mean much to “older” riders. Let’s take a look at where and how some of these crashes occur. A note here, you will have noticed the reference to “CRASHES” and not “ACCIDENTS”. I believe the AMA’s position is that using accident implies that the crash could not have been prevented. I have to agree to disagree on that but will defer to their knowledge over mine. I feel “most” crashes can be avoided if not minimized by training and experience.

For a mc rider, ANY intersection can be dangerous-and that includes the latest fad, round-a-bouts!! The study found that two-thirds of the crashes happened at intersections including 50% of the fatalities. The majority-60%-involved another vehicle and 48% were the result of a turn by one of the vehicles, usually a left turn. All these numbers aside, it is very evident that we as mc riders need to be extra cautious when approaching, entering, and exiting intersections. “I DIDN’T SEE THE MOTORCYCLE (CAR)” is the all too common excuse!

OK, not all mc crashes involve intersections. Roadside objects-poles, signs, fences etc-are also significant. 62% of the fatalities involved a fixed object, with 95% of the single vehicle mc crashes involving a fixed object. In multi-vehicle accidents, 81% of the time the mc operator struck a fixed object after the crash.

Alcohol was involved in over half of the fatal crashes but less than 30% of injury only crashes. HOG is a big proponent of riding sober. In Mn., the ABATE mc group sponsors a program called DIAL A RIDE that will get you and your bike home safe just by calling a phone number should you realize you have had too much “FUN”! Have not heard how it works around SE Mn., but a very good idea.

There are many other types of accidents and resulting fatalities and injuries. In Mn. Last year one of the big-no % here-crashes was failure to negotiate a turn or curve. In these cases, the majority was first time riders on the bike or on someone else’s bike. Just because XXXX can drag a knee in that turn does NOT mean any/everyone can. Negotiating a curve-and

75% of these crashes involve a turn with a 1,400 ft radius or more-is a skill best learned through training and experience. Ah yes, senior-OLDE FART- riders are also a significant part of the crash picture! Gave up the Pan/Shovel/Knuckle/ to raise the family and now want that wind in the hair (scalp) feel again. Just because one was a good rider in the 80's may not be enough today. The bikes, roads, LAWS etc have changed significantly. At the start of this RANT, I used the 2015 number of 5000 fatalities in that year. Just did some research and that number was up by 5% to 5300 in 2016. Of that number, the 45-65 age groups accounted for 50% of the fatalities with the 50 and older making up 35% of that number. So how we doin this year? The latest number I found was from September at 44 fatalities in Mn. this year vs 39 at the same time last year. Population increasing, number of bikes on the road increasing, folks turning to mc's for both fun and cheaper to run (MPG). All adds up.

WE DO NOT have to crash! WE do NOT have to quit riding! We DO have to work on or skills! TAKE an experienced rider course! Be CAREFUL! Keep YOURSELF and YOUR BIKE in roadworthy shape! Only a MOTORCYCLIST knows why a DOG HAS IT'S HEAD OUT THE WINDOW! ENJOY-ENJOY-ENJOY-ENJOY

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!



Maybe used before but can't think of a better one for today!!!

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NOTE: DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

***If you have events and dates that you would like to add, please contact Dale McIntyre @ daddyslpl@kmtel.com or semnhog.director@gmail.com



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