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Southeastern Minnesota Harley Owners Group #2443

April 2018 Newsletter

DIRECTORS CUT – Charlie Milligan

HAPPY SPRING S E MN HOGERZ!! Well, may not look all that “springy” later this weekend, BUT, it should come eventually--SHOULDN'T IT?? Along with those thoughts, ran across an article that I will summarize a bit. I have written about this when I was the “safety guy” and this is some good info. As we get ready to head out on those “early” spring rides, conditions will NOT be like they will later in the riding season! Here are a few things to keep in mind as you hit the road:

- 1) Unaware drivers! Been a while since car drivers have had to share the road with 2 wheelers! WE need to be extra alert for drivers not willing to do this. Also, and of real importance, is we may be all but invisible at intersections and merges. ALWAYS ride defensively and assume they don't see us!
- 2) This is MINNESOTA, hard to guess what roads will be like mid summer, harder to guess what they will be like early spring. Be ready for any and everything! Debris from snow removal, icy/slippery patches (especially in shaded areas), and potholes and road damage big enough to cover CLEVELAND! Ride as though there is a problem AROUND THE BEND (had to throw that in)
- 3) It may be nice at 10 in the mornin when ya left home BUT by the time ya get back home, not only can the weather change a lot but it for certain will be colder! Dress accordingly and be mindful of changing conditions.
- 4) Face it, your riding skills will have gone down some. Your balance and depth perception may have changed. There is a difference between drivin that STUDEBAKER down the road at 60 and havin a crosswind blowin ya around at 60 on yer bike! Try a couple evasion swerves (made that term up but think it says it all) and see how it feels. Do a fast stop-watch out for sand, debris, dead critters etc- and how bout makin a u-turn on a single lane road and not puttin your hoofies down? Do some practice before ya tackle rush hour anywhere! Coincidentally, got in touch with the college about a riders course just for us. Think the fee-\$300- the same and the “initial” dates I was given were May,12-13 and June, 1-2. Think about it. It is well worth it for the experience and many insurance companies give you a discount also.

Lastly-I think-I have had a few people inquire about the mileage sheets. This year, HD has a program called “RIDE 365”. This is not only to encourage folks to get out and use those bikes for what they are intended for HAVIN FUN and RIDING, but It is also a contest to see not only how many miles folks put on but a contest between chapters and regions etc. To partake, simply get in touch with Judy and give her the mileage on your ride. The miles will be totaled up as a chapter total for the contest and of course keep track of individuals also. That should do it for this month but big thank you to all who participated in the bake sale!! Got some GOOD stuff!! TTFN, Charlie

LETS BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!

Harley Owners Group Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2018

Meeting called to order by Director Charlie Milligan

Director - Charlie

Old Business

- First Responder Ride Committee: Tom Welsh is leading and wants anyone interested in being on the committee to contact him at 507-421-6864 or twelsh33@charter.net. The group will meet at the Officer Meetings

New Business

- Any interest in an Experienced Rider Course? Six participants are need for a cost of \$50 each. Contact Charlie at 507-269-3988
- Ride 365 is the all-new mileage recognition program with individual annual recognition, an annual chapter challenge and more. Register miles with HD dealership, Judy. For information regarding Ride 365, visit HOG.COM
- This year is the HD 115th Anniversary. Go to the HD website, <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/115-anniversary-event.html>
- HOG is having a 35th Anniversary. Go to the HOG website, <https://members.hog.com>
- No State Hog rallies, now just Regional rallies. Check for pin stop information in HOG Magazine

• Assistant Director - Tom – Nothing to report

• Treasurer - Leon

- Account Balance \$10,826.16

• Membership Director – Paul

○ HOG Anniversaries - March

Gary Ellefson - 1 year
Leon Plantz - 12 years
Tom Keller - 3 years
Tony Haimes - 11 years

○ March Birthdays

David Brink
Julie House
Larry Gondert
Paul Steward
Roger Juhl

- Currently there are 55 members
- Paul is moving to Topeka, KS for a new job later this month

• Safety Director – Open Position

- Recommend you read the excellent “How We Crash” article in the last HOG Magazine

• Activity Officer - Tony

- Information coming regarding the April Dinner Ride

• LOH Officer – Patty

- Working at the Bake Sale today

• Dealership News -

- Rochester H-D's 45th Anniversary will be June 2. Band, food, games and prizes
- Harley 115th, order packets online
- Please give a 2 day notice to the service department to get your bike out of storage. Thank you

➤ Kickstart Spring Sale – April 20 - 21

Motion to adjourn made by Charlie, second by Tony, and passed by ALL
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ann Schwanke

Membership Officer Notes

We wrapped up the 2018 renewal process and had 58 members decide to maintain their membership. We did have 17 members decide not to re-join this year. This is the second year that our membership has declined. We will need to work closely with Judy to promote new membership in 2018. I would also ask each member to try and bring one new person to the club in 2018. This would be an easy way to double our membership. We have 5 members celebrating birthday's this month and 4 members celebrating HOG anniversary. Best wishes to everyone celebrating a special event. Lastly my wife and I will be relocating to Topeka, Kansas over the next couple of months. I will continue to assist the club with membership duties but we do need a new volunteer for this position. If interested please contact Charlie or me.

HOG Anniversaries - April

Cheryl Pederson, 20 years
David Meyer, 18 years
Don Dean, 18 years
Wayne Weis, 22 years

April Birthdays

Bill Hoffman
Brian Mullenbach
Don Dean
Joe Beissel
Leon Plantz

Paul Jordan
Membership Officer

Ladies of Harley

Ladies of Harley would like to thank everyone for their participation and all who helped run the March Annual Bake Sale! We did make \$200 and many compliments to the chefs! Again, thank you to all. There may be interest in having a late spring/summer bake sale also. More to follow at the next meeting in April.

Sincerely,
Patty Haines
Ladies of Harley

Activity Notes

No activities to update for the group.

Tony Haines
SE MN H.O.G. Activity Officer

Editor Notes

All input for newsletter should be submitted by 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 me 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 aschwanke19@yahoo.com

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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

Safety Officer

Open Position

2018 Chapter Events and Rides

- April 9 Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- April 14 Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
- April 21 Flood Run (info only non-H.O.G. event) for more info <http://www.floodrun.org/>
- May 7 Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- May 12 Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
- May 7 Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- May 12 Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
- June 2 Rochester HD 45th Anniversary
- June 4 Officer Meeting @ Eagles. Social hour @ 5:30PM, meeting @ 6PM - open to all members
- June 9 Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM
- September 8 First Responder Ride

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

*****If you have events and dates that you would like to add, please contact Ann Schwanke @ aschwanke19@yahoo.com**

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