



**Region "E"**  
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Nebraska Chapter "O" meets on the second Saturday of the month at D&K's Gretna Café, 104 Glenmore Drive (near highway 6&31) Gretna, Nebraska 402-332-3273. [Breakfast & chat @ 8 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m.](#) Come join us for a gathering of *Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge!*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### April Birthdays

Marna Raymond	Apr. 06
Greg Pennington	Apr. 13
Collin Hatter	Apr. 15
Jan Stegner	Apr. 16
Cherie Snyder	Apr. 27

#### April Anniversary's

Dave & Marie Spry	Apr. 09
John & Cherie Snyder	Apr. 23

### **May Birthdays**

Ron Osborn                      May 28  
Ron Stetson                     May 28  
Gary Stegner                    May 29

### **May Anniversary's**

Bill & Kitty Schmahl            May 04  
Greg & Donna Mitchell        May 13  
Bob & Doris Roberts          May 23  
Roger & Marty Fawcett        May 30

## What's Happening in Chapter "O"



### *From the Directors Desk*

*Gary & Janita Stegner*



Welcome Spring: We had some nice days even on the weekend when we got to ride to our Sat. get together in April, how great was that!!

We had another great turnout with 45 present for fun and friendship.

Our special guest included the new upcoming District Directors Chuck & Linda Steffen and Cindy Justin from Indian Motorcycle shop.

There was talk about who could help at Cycle Fest this year in May. We will be meeting May 15 at Sapp Bros Truck Stop for breakfast at 8 am before heading for Chalco Hills. Anyone that can volunteer, please contact us.

Our next dinner ride will be April 26<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30. The Pizza Ranch at Metro Crossing in Council Bluffs Ia. 3505 metro drive next to Sherwin Williams. Please rsvp to David Spry by Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no meeting place to ride over but check with riders in your area and hook up from there with anyone going. ( no storms please David)

Please make sure you bring a gift card or money to the May get-together for the baskets to be raffled off at the district rally.

The Iowa Safety training will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at Ankeny, IA. Terry Pool is planning on going if you would like to hook up and ride together. Watch for an e-mail showing time and place.

Everyone is getting excited and making plans for the Black Hills Rally, with routes & etc.

The first Bike Nite was a great time, three bikes went and included were a new couple driving a 2002 Goldwing Trike. They were David and Donna Burleigh.

Chapter "O" welcomes you.

We hope the next week Bike Nite will be warmer and less wind for more to attend.

Till next month ride safe:

Gary & Janita



## *Assistant Directors/MEC*



*Rick & Robin Saunders*

Well the Saunders household is getting pretty excited about the upcoming Rally in June. Especially me! I have checked out at least a dozen routes to get to the Rally and where we will be going from there. And when I think I have finally got the perfect route, Doug calls me and I start all over again! Robin has spent countless hours researching hotels for our first 2 nights. Did you know that they don't have a Microtel in Red Lodge Montana? I love Microtel. They have the greatest biscuits and gravy! I guess we will be staying at the "Empty Arms Motel" or something like that. Actually, Robin has found some really quaint hotels for reasonable prices. We even found one place that was biker friendly with a bike wash and they supplied the towels. It also looks like we may be staying at "Chico Hot Springs" resort in Montana, complete with one bathroom per floor rooms and reported haunted hallways. The best part about the place though is their natural hot spring hot tub and pool. Can't wait to jump into that after a day of riding.

Our ultimate goal is to stick our toes into as many states as possible in the week and a half. We plan on hitting, in this order, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Colorado. Along the way seeing such memorable sights as Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons (guess how they got that name), Rocky Mountain National Park and the Worlds Largest Ball of Belly Button Lint! EEEEEWWW! That's the place Robin is dying to see. (NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Well look at that...another email from Doug. I guess I better check it out and I hope he hasn't changed the route again.

See you on the road to the Rally,

Assistant Directors/MEC NE-O  
Rick and Robin Saunders



## *Rider Education*



Mark & Pam Burwell

Riding season is upon us, and it is time to get our equipment and ourselves ready to ride. For most of us, our motorcycles have been sitting in a state of storage for the past few months. To help ensure your motorcycle is safe and ready to go, you should inspect various items. T-CLOCS is an acronym that can help you remember where to look.

T: Tires and wheels

C: Controls

L: Lights

O: Oil and other fluids

C: Chassis

S: Side stand and center stand

The link below will take you to GWRRA Form N.17, "T-CLOCS Inspection". You can use it as a guide to help you cover the significant areas of concern. Remember, you should inspect your motorcycle at the beginning of the season, as well as periodically throughout the entire riding season. A good time to do this is when you are cleaning your ride. As you wash and dry your motorcycle, you will likely touch most every point shown on the T-CLOCS inspection list.

[http://www.gwrri.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N17\\_TCLOCS\\_Version\\_3\\_09.pdf](http://www.gwrri.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N17_TCLOCS_Version_3_09.pdf)

Once you ensure your motorcycle is ready to go, it's time to check your protective riding gear. Start at the top of your ensemble and work your way down. What is the condition of your helmet? Are there cracks in the shell? Are any of the internal components beginning to deteriorate? Is the face shield securely attached? Is it scratched or cracked?

How about your riding jacket/pants? Are the seams intact? What is the condition of the outer material? Is the protective armor in good condition--still pliable? Are your gloves in a condition to protect your hands from fast moving pavement?

Are your boots in good condition? Are the seams intact? Are the soles/heels still firmly attached and do they still grip the pavement?

By taking advantage of these tips, you will help to manage risk and keep your motorcycling experience more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing as many of you this season, as possible. Ride safely and have FUN!

Mark and Pam Burwell



*From Our Members*



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**Dinner Ride-David Spry - Pizza Ranch, 3505 Metro Drive, Council Bluffs, IA**  
6pm - 8pm, Tuesday, April 26

[Pizza Ranch, 3505 Metro Drive, Council Bluffs, IA](http://www.pizzaranch.com/locations/council-bluffs)

Note: The GWTA are displaying their Goldwings at the Westroads Mall Show, Apr 30th - May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

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\_ From David Spry:

Chapter NE-O really saved the day for those of us worried about the weather Saturday morning 4-16-11 at the Indian Motorcycle - Motor Trike "Open House" at the Nebraska Crossing Mall. That morning we thought that the thirty-three degree & overcast weather was going to kill the attendance. Similar weather the next morning kept the public close to home, at least until noon when it warmed up bringing people from Omaha, Council Bluffs, Lincoln, and as far as Kansas City.

GWRRA Chapter NE-O "show of support" was really appreciated Saturday morning by Rod's Power Sports of Lincoln who owns the Indian - Motor Trike dealership. This was a great effort by our members to brave the cold. Many members took "Demo Rides" on the new Motor Trike Adventure IRS (independent rear suspension) married to a new Goldwing 1800 motorcycle. Motor Trike also had a Stallion, Three - Wheeler powered by a 4-cylinder truck engine. One of our members in Lincoln has one of these dream machines. Some of our members braved the weather on an Indian Chief Motorcycle. The Indian Motorcycle Company was there with nearly a dozen new motorcycles to let anyone ride and live "Large" for over twenty minutes. Jon Papson rode everything in the parking lot. He was even seen in the cab of the Motor Trike eighty foot tractor trailer rig. The lack of ignition keys was his only deterrent.

Rod's Power Sports of Lincoln (Roca, NE) and the Indian Motorcycle - Motor Trike dealership between Omaha and Lincoln (Nebraska Crossing Mall) on Interstate I-80 sends it's warm thanks to all of us. They are proud of their Sponsorship of our very active Chapter. Many of you know Rod's Honda Powerhouse dealership. The Manager of the Indian Motorcycle - Motor Trike Store here is Justin Vandevort, who was the Service Manager at Rod's. Leon Hirshman is the Service Manager & Salesman at the new Indian Motorcycle -Motor Trike Store. He was the the Trike builder and custom accessory guru at Rod's. Leon is a Honda Certified Technician along with certifications on Motor Trike, Bushtec Trailers and Lehman Trikes. Let the Indian - Motor Trike Store install new tires for you too.

This new Club Sponsor can be a source for all your Honda concerns. Even if you didn't purchase a product from them they'll be happy to try to fix the issue. Their shops have a rack-hoists that can lift a Trike or bikes regardless of manufacturer. Rod's in Lincoln or the new store at Nebraska Crossing Mall supports us, so, let's support them. Stop by the Indian Motorcycle - Motor Trike dealership anytime to say hello, except Mondays. During the riding season the store is open on the second & fourth Sundays.





**JERRY  
FACTORY**







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If you went on a nice trip or read a nice article, email me a summary of it to share with the club. We are always looking for the next adventure.

Thanks: Jim Drawbaugh (Editor).

[www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com](mailto:www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com)

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## Phone Tree – Try it – You’ll Like It

Scheduled rides are great! We all make our calendars and plan to make that ride. But sometimes no ride is scheduled - it's a great night to ride somewhere for dinner. Or a beautiful weekend day and you want to ride.

You could ride alone but you would like to share the ride with friends.

Now is the time to **USE THE PHONE TREE!**

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## District News & Links

(From the District Website)

**The plan for the rally has changed some,  
Thursday, Early bird sign in at host Hotel 5-9pm with special 50-50**

**Friday, Opening ceremony 9am**

**Vendors open 9am-5pm**

**Free feed at Spearfish Honda, 11:30 until 1:30 Outdoor Motor Sports, 877-642-7731**

Give them a call to line up an appointment to get your oil changed or have them install new tires on your wing while in the hills

**After the feed. Desert and a beverage, then a tour of the Lehman trike Factory, just across I90.**

**4:30 a Poker run starting at Rice Honda in Rapid City and ending at Dairy Queen in Rapid City.**

**10pm at host Hotel Friday's 50-50**

**Saturday, 8am COY completion until 10am. Judging of Chapter stuff 10am until 12noon.**

**3pm group picture at Crazy Horse**

**6pm Closing & awards ceremony**

**Sunday 8am CMA services**

*Special Notes:*

All Chapters are asked to bring a basket to be raffled off to make money to cover expenses. \$20-\$50 is the range but either side of that will work. Can be men's and women's or general.

2. We will have Chapter tables so you show off your chapter.

3. We will have judges to judge, tables, scrapbooks, newsletters, mascots and whatever else I'm missing.

4. Below is a overflow hotel which is a sister hotel to the grand gateway. A little less cost and easy walking distance to the host hotel. The Foothills is a nice Hotel. Also you will find a list of campgrounds close to the host hotel.

The Foothills Inn

<http://www.thefoothillsinn.com/>

Here are some links for camping in the Rapid City area...

Rapid City KOA

<http://www.rapidcitykoa.com/>

Lake Park Campground and Cottages

<http://www.lakeparkcampground.com/>

Lazy J RV Parking and Campground

<http://www.lazyjrvpark.com/>

Happy Holiday Resort

<http://www.happyholidayrvresort.com/>

Mystery Mountain Resort

<http://mysterymountain.us/>

Hart Ranch Resort

<http://www.hartranchresort.com/>

Any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

Lance and Diane

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## Region "E" News

*From the Region "E" Newsletter*

### **US and THEM...**

In Region E we have done a great job offering Rider Courses, First Aid Classes, and various safety and riding seminars.

This has been achieved at our Chapter functions and events throughout the Region. We should consider ourselves lucky that we are given the opportunity for further safety education. We need to continue to keep **US** up to riding speed, but let us not forget **THEM**.

We on two and three wheels have an awesome responsibility to keep ourselves trained.

More than half of all crashes are due to rider error. Please keep in mind that **YOU** are responsible for **YOU**. We have an even larger responsibility to help our own safety by educating the general public that we are once again getting ready to hit the roads and byways. This **THEM** includes autos, pickups, trucks, buses, trains, airplanes, and pedestrians. I would say that if we counted **THEM**, that number would be a lot larger than **US** on two and three wheels. The four most deadly words are "I didn't see him". We therefore have a responsibility to ourselves to get out there and let **THEM** know that **US** are out there.

Rider Education is encouraging you to get Proclamations signed by government entities to recognize May as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*. We need to get this information out to the public, get it in the media, and get out and speak to as many of **THEM** as possible.

We encourage the use of signs to get the message out. This can be done at Mall Shows, Ride and Show and when **WE** are parked while out for a ride and eating ice cream.

If our efforts save one life it is worth our time.

The younger audience you speak to, the better the results. If we tell young children about motorcycles, then the next time they are with an adult driver they will probably point **US** out to

**THEM.** Even a friendly wave to the younger folks pays **US** dividends. We need to speak with all age groups as each has their own interpretation of motorcycles. Some think we are renegades and some think **US** fools, but let **US** help **THEM** understand we are the same as **THEM** except we chose to ride on two or three wheels. We want to remind **THEM** that we are on the roads too and to watch for **US**. Let's not only educate the 50% of **US**, but let's also educate the 50% of **THEM**!

***...there is room for both US and THEM***

Joe & Judy Pirillo  
Region E Educators

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## National News

*From the Wingin' It Newsletter*

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### "I feel there are pro's and con's regarding the new Goldwing design,

The pro's -

The upgrade to the GPS, the capability of pre-planning your trips on a computer and being allowed to just plug it in via a memory card is neat. I just hope that map upgrades are easier to obtain than with previous Garmin systems. The upgraded suspension bushings may well add to the firmer feel for the more sportier rider... Improved seating, how much comfier can these road sofa's become? Having the wheels clear coated is a nice touch. MP3 player hook-up is just ok . - nothing new here, these have been around for years..

The Con's -

I think that the designers have taken a step in reverse on this one, I feel that the once smooth lines and decor of the GL1800 has been replaced with what I feel is " stick on " pieces e.g. the silver fairing panels, More black panel pieces on the engine covers, saddlebags and in the licence plate area makes the appearance cheaper looking, Especially on the lighter coloured versions. The price of "dressing up " one of these editions I feel is going to be heavier on the pocket, and harder to perform. The introduction of the larger saddlebags, although nice for those who need more space has added more visual weight to the back of the bike. These have also taken away some of the side viewable rear lighting, making all but the top box lighting mono directional. So bigger is not always better.. In fact the shape of the rear section looks somewhat like the flat, boxy back of a "ZZ" trailer for a BMW.

Finally , the re-shaping of the engine cowling where driving/fog lamps are installed is a little odd. Round lights in semi-rectangular holes just does not sit well visually. Gone is the neat look unless a lamp to match the opening is created.

So in conclusion ... The mechanical, MP3 player and GPS "tweaks" may seem to be advantageous, But the bodywork changes I feel, leave something to be desired."

### **And another...**

"Like the cosmetic changes but for the money no electric windshield, 6 speed or seat upgrade? AND then you add the CB and \$3,000 worth of chrome to make it look good. Big disappointment. I will keep my 07 csc trike. Honda is making it increasingly easy to look at other brands. This comes from a 30 plus year wing rider.

### **And finally...**

"I am glad to see that Honda is finally coming out with two-tone machines. H-D has it over Honda in this department big time. I like the wind swept look. And the tech features are right on!!"

## **Three new sites from Honda**

Full Story:

<http://world.honda.com/news/2011/2110221Gold-Wing/?r=m>

Photo Index (1 photo):

<http://world.honda.com/news/2011/2110221Gold-Wing/photo/?r=m>

Gold Wing Site:

<http://world.honda.com/GoldWing/?r=m>

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I also want to let you know the results of last months poll. We asked, **What you ride**. We received over 1350 responses online and 66% rode Gold Wing m/c's, 20% rode Gold Wing trike conversions, 13% rode other brand m/c's and 1% rode other brand trike conversions

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### **New Event...**

Trikes & Bikes Rally

September 30-October 2, 2011

Bowling Green, Kentucky

[www.gwrra.org/trikes&bikes](http://www.gwrra.org/trikes&bikes)



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I want to remind folks about the GWRRA Wing Ding Page, [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org)

As you know, Wing Ding will be in Knoxville, Tennessee from July 6-9, 2011.

Remember to register for Wing Ding early to get your discount and see this page for all the information about this great event...schedule, vendors, sponsors, special events, etc.

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**NEBRASKA-NORTH DAKOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA RALLY/JUNE 9TH-12TH, 2011**

**THE GRAND GATEWAY HOTEL, RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA**



The Grand Gateway Hotel, is located at 1721 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City South Dakota. Our central location provides travelers the convenience of only unpacking once to enjoy everything from Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial to museums, shopping malls, restaurants, and theaters. The Grand Gateway is only a few miles

from Rapid City's sports fields, downtown, the Central States Fair Grounds, our beautiful city parks, the Civic Center Arena, Cabelas, and The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The Hotel can be contacted at 605-342-1300 or 866-742-1300. We have a block of 50 rooms that can be reserved for only \$89.00 per night.

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## For More Information Call

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**701-844-5697 or**  
**701-840-0807**

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**402-582-4726 or**  
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**Steve & Jennie**  
**Knode**  
**308-436-1977**



**Tri State Rally**  
**Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota**  
**June 9-12, 2011 Registration Form**

*Send Completed Form to:*

**Chuck & Linda Steffen**

**89050 Hwy 81 Crofton, NE 68730**

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GWRRRA#: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we agree to conform to and comply with the ideas governing the rally, and I/we further agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, Co-sponsoring organization or any property owner for any loss or injury which I/we became involved by reason or participation in the rally. I/we also agree with all stipulations of this entry forms.

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Registration Fee: *Only \$15.00 per person! (\$20.00 after May 15th)***

**First Time Participant Discount:**

The fee for *New Participants* that *HAVE NOT* been to a GWRRRA rally is \$10.00 per person. Make a copy of this form and send them in together. If *New Participants* are not yet GWRRRA members, please put "Pending" for the GWRRRA number.

Registration: \$15.00 (\$20 after May 15th) x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Participants: \$10.00 (\$15 after May 14th) x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total money Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Pre Registration includes a Rally Pin*

**REMEMBER: Registration fee goes up to \$20.00 per person after May 15th.**