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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

December Birthdays

Michelle Owens	Dec 05
Kathy Labs	Dec 06
Vee Mundy	Dec 09
Janie Wilke	Dec 12
John Papson	Dec 14
Mark Burwell	Dec 16
Haley Hatter	Dec 31
Bill Raymond	Dec 31

December Anniversary's

None

January Birthdays

Doug Rice	Jan 01
Gary Hemingway	Jan 04
Roger Wessels	Jan 16

January Anniversary's

None

What's Happening in Chapter "O"



From the Directors Desk *Gary & Janita Stegner*



Where did the year go? Only a couple more weeks till 2012. We are wondering what that year will bring upon us. We are hoping for good health and fortune to all of us. I'm sure by now most all the bikes are in the storage mode.

We just finished another great Christmas Party with 34 members. We were happy to have Justin and Cindy from Indian Motorcycle shop and Richard and Trish from Standard Battery as our guests. And a big thank you to them for helping sponsor our chapter, and also to Hy Vee for their part in making a wonderful dinner again this year.



The yearly Wing Nut Award went to no other than the one and only John Papson.



The second chance drawing went to:

Marty Fawcett for \$25.00

Les Delano for \$75.00

Nancy Drawbaugh for \$150.00

And runner up of a musical reindeer went to Vee Mundy.



We want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season and a joyful New Year.

Happy Days

Gary & Janita



Assistant Directors

Rodger & Marty Fawcett



Chapter "O"

December- what can a person say, windy / cold / snow. After having nice Fall weather for riding, we might be a little spoiled. Now is a good time to check over the bike for any repairs or replacement items if needed. I always take this time to change oil, check my tires and just an overall inspection, or even to add a piece of chrome or two.

American Honda has issued a recall on GL1800 Goldwings from 2001 to 2012 due to a problem with the breaking systems. (2nd master Cylinder). There is more info. on GL1800 Web site or Google Goldwing recall.

With approx. 17 couples at our Holiday Party, it was a great time and I think everyone had fun and plenty to eat. I would like to thank Doug and Vee for heading up the food drive to take down to the food pantry.

By now everyone might know that Doug and Vee Mundy have joined the trike world with a new kit from Motor trike. Congratulations to Doug and Vee.

We have a new sponsor for our chapter. I would like to welcome Buffalo Wild Wing at 4287 so. 144th street, Omaha. They were open to the idea and they gave us coupons to hand out each month for our WING NUT AWARD, along with a special crown to be worn by the winner of the award during our meeting. (Check out the crown below). I might explain our wing nut award. It's for someone that does something that is outstanding like (not securing the cooler lid and it flies off going down the road or going around a corner and forgetting to turn and ending up in the ditch!! IT'S ALL IN FUN!



Please check the calendar for January. There are some Ice Cream and Dinner runs scheduled. Just because there is snow on the ground doesn't mean that we can't get together and have fun. Remember, fun is just a finger away - USE THE PHONE TREE. Marty and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.
A.C.D.
Rodger & Marty Fawcett



Rider Education



Carey Ferguson

This is my first holiday season as your Chapter Rider Education Program (REP) officer and my number one concern during this time of year is not necessarily your safety while riding as it is your well being. In preparation for this joyous holiday season, I encourage us; as chapter members to recommit ourselves to the support of the GWRRA motto, Friends for FUN, SAFETY, & KNOWLEDGE. This is also a great time to say a “Big, THANK YOU” to Mark and Pam Burwell, for their efforts and determination that has driven our REP to yet another great year.

In the next couple of months, we have opportunity to gain some *Knowledge* through the seminars that are scheduled to be presented at Cabin Fever, local training following scheduled chapter gathering, and it is possible to complete some individual learning through the www.GWRRA.org website’s *PROGRAMS* tab. Once, you are in the REP tab you are able to view National News Letters, program criteria, and much more...Within the *REP Officer Section*, there is an Educator’s Toolbox which allows me to become a better Educator, however, it is available for all to do browsing on your own.

Additionally, I am committed to supporting our chapter with its REP needs. The first item on my agenda is to get us ready for the 2012 riding season by offering seminar at my home on Sunday, 22 January, with a back up date of 29 January, at 2:00 PM. The topic for the seminar will be emailed out once I know what will be taught at *Cabin Fever* in February.

Next on my agenda, is to get each and every one of us signed up for the Levels Program! All we are looking for here is your commitment, and the commitment of your Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operations whenever they operate their motorcycle.

I wish all the happiest of a holiday season, and pray that each of you is filled with joy in the New Year!

Sincerely, Carey Ferguson



From our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Mark & Michelle Owens

Hello All; from your new Member Enhancement Coordinators Mark & Michelle Owens, we've been part of GWRRA NE-O for just over a year, we find ourselves ecstatic that we're asked to become your MEC officers. My (Mark) motorcycle experience prior to GWRRA is dirt bike riding ('86 Honda TR200 Fat Cat) in addition to about four years highway ('81 Honda GL500 Interstate Silverwing). Michelle comes from a family that combined camping along with off road motorcycling. Now with our '05 GL1800 Trike we are enjoying traveling together, she's a great Copilot she tells me where were going as well as when were stopping to shop. Thanks for all the support that we have or will receive, and we all need to keep an eye out for new members where ever we go.

Mark and Michelle Owens, NE-O Membership Enhancement Coordinators.



From Our Sunshine Lady

Nancy James



The Wing Nut.

Just a reminder - Tell on your friends - when they screw up.



Calendar of Events



Cabin Fever in Fremont, February 18 & 19.

NE/SD/ND Tri State District Rally June 7 – 12, 2012. Rapid City SD.

Check the District Web site for more information.

Keep an eye on the Web site happens page for ice cream and dinner runs.

Wing Ding 2012 in Fort Wayne, IN. July 4 – 7.



From Our Members



**Food for the FOOD BANK
2011
Donations by GWRRANE-O**

Vee and I would like to **THANK** everyone that donated food to the food bank this year. Your generosity is outstanding and was **VERY** much appreciated by them. All toll you donated 214 lbs. The Food Bank said that was a tremendous donation and you all should be very pleased.

We were told that Lee Terry stopped by, before Thanksgiving, for a tour of their facility on 105th & J st. He then told them that their budget was being cut by 25%. What we learned was that the federal government purchases food, for the food bank, from the lowest bidder. He said to think of the Food Bank as the warehouse and then when organizations need food to deliver and hand out they call and place an order to them. The organizations, like Open Door Mission etc., then hand it out to those that need it. The Food Bank delivers and serves over 93 counties in Nebraska and western Iowa. He said that their fuel costs are a large expense for them. They deliver as far out as Chadron and Valentine.

They said to tell everyone **THANK YOU** for such thoughtful donations. And Vee and I would also like to say *THANK YOU* ! They also said that you could go on line and make a cash donation as well any time through out the year. And as we found out that with the budget cuts, like every where else, anything and everything that we can do is appreciated. With the economy and such the demand is rising.

But again we can not say enough how much we appreciate everything that you did to help out this year.

If there are other charities or places that our chapter can help throughout the year say something at the meetings and lets get going. We are fortunate and it would be wonderful to help others in the local area if at all possible.

Thank You everyone

Your Friends;
Doug & Vee



GL1800 BIKE RECALL

To see if your bike is being recalled enter your Vin# in the following site.
Do a 'CTRL CLICK' on the following address to bring it up.

<https://www.ahm-ownerlink.com/SEO/Mo...=NO+RECALL+IDS>

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

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!**

If you are not on the phone tree and want to be added

Call or email Nancy James at williamjames3@cox.net 402-593-8183

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District News & Links

(From the District Website)

www.gwrrane.com

Region "E" News

From the Region "E" Newsletter

www.gwrra-region-e.org

National News

From the Wingin' It Newsletter

www.gwrra.org

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) will hold its 34th annual Wing Ding at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Wing Ding, the world's largest Gold Wing tradeshow and "family reunion," will open on July 4th and run through July 7th, 2012.

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