



Region "E"
February 25, 2011

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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

February Birthdays

Karen Pennington	Feb. 12
Teresa Hemingway	Feb. 19
Drew Classen	Feb. 22
Pam Burwell	Feb. 23
Sonya Crowl	Feb. 08

February Anniversary's

Mark & Pam Burwell	Feb. 14
Drew & Mary Classen	Feb. 14

March Birthdays

David Spry
Ed Hatter

Mar. 16
Mar. 17

March Anniversary's

None

What's Happening in Chapter "O"



From the Directors Desk

Gary & Janita Stegner



The weather was great and so were all that attended our Feb. get-together at Cabin Fever in Norfolk. We had 25 members from Chapter "O" the largest ever and near 100 for the event itself, not only from Nebraska but North & South Dakota, Minnesota attended. We received great reviews from everyone saying they had a great time.

At our meeting we discussed more training coming up and Roger & Marty Faucet offered to sponsor our dinner ride for this month to Petrow's on the 22nd.

Rick & Robin Saunders were given the honor of couple of the year for 2011. They have gone above and beyond to get involved and participate in GWRRA. We are so glad they came to their first meeting and at that time proud owners of a 1986 Honda Magna that I know they were happy to own for their first bike. And after their test drive on a new 1800, they were hooked from that time forward and for many years to come.

Our next big event will be the district rally at Rapid City S.D. We are getting e-mails on suggested rides and maps of the area, what a great time that will be. We are hoping for sunshine but being Goldwingers we will have fun rain or shine.

With March just about here we are hoping we can ride sooner than last year. It was June before bikes started showing up at the meetings.

Start planning when you would like to sponsor a ride or to dinner or ice cream.

Looking forward to spending many miles riding together with both old and new members and friends.

Till next time: Happy Days

Gary & Janita



Assistant Directors/MEC

Rick & Robin Saunders



Greetings from your Assistant Directors!

First of all Robin and I would like to thank Gary and Janita for naming us Couple of the Year for 2011. It's an honor to have been picked from so many couples that do so much for the Chapter. We look forward to representing our Chapter in the year ahead. We are considering moving on to District and will be making a decision soon.

It was great to see a large representation from our Chapter at Cabin Fever and we hope everyone had a great time. I know we did! I took the elevator to our floor on Sunday with one of the persons from Minnesota. He mentioned that he had a great time and commented that the people there were very friendly. He said, "Everyone talks to everyone. And nobody is cliquish." I think that says a lot about our District and is something we all should be proud of.

On a more personal note we still have not gotten any word on our Wii. We are asking that everyone go through their luggage from Cabin Fever just in case they may have mistakenly pick up the bag with the Wii. Please let us know if you find it or have any information on where it could be found.

Thank you again for all each of you do for our Chapter and the GWRRA it doesn't go unnoticed.

Have fun and be safe!

Assistant Directors/MEC NE-O
Rick and Robin Saunders



Rider Education
Mark & Pam Burwell



It was great to see so many of you at the recent Cabin Fever! That was one of the best Cabin Fever gatherings Pam and I have attended. I think a lot of it had to do with the number of people who were there, as well as the participation level of the attendees. It's always fun to get together with our GWRRA friends for some fun.

Part of the participation included two Rider Education seminars presented by Mike Stevens (Team Riding) and Duane Schroeder (Motorcycle Crash Scene Response), both of NE-NE. The seminars they presented were part of the final phase of their certification process, and they both did a great job. A topic discussed during the MCSR Seminar was that of carrying emergency contact data with us on rides. The GWRRA N.12 Emergency Information Form provides a guide for information you may want to include. I've attached a link to the form. It's a good idea to print the form on a non-standard color of paper, such as fluorescent orange or yellow. If you decide to fill out the form electronically, you'll have to fill it out and print it during the same sitting. The form will not save data you enter. Otherwise, you can print out a blank copy and manually complete the blocks of information. If you are unable to print a copy of the form, please let me know and I will get one for you.

The forms are generally kept in the left, unlocked fairing pocket of a Goldwing. When you fill out the form, remember it may be accessible to others (including "undesirables"), so be mindful of what you place on it. There are fields for personal identifying data that includes date of birth, SSN, driver's license number, etc. This is not the type of information you want in the hands of unauthorized personnel.

Hopefully, you will never have the need for these forms, but the information you provide can help your friends and emergency personnel provide you with better care in the case of an unfortunate circumstance.

Form Link:

<http://www.gwrpa.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N%2012GWRRAEmergencyInformationForm.pdf>

Ride safely,

Mark (and Pam!)



From Our Members



Get your money clip out – here's the 2012 Gold wing.

<http://powersports.honda.com/2012/gold-wing/performance.aspx>

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!**

District News & Links

(From the District Website)

Nebraska/ South Dakota District Rally, June 9-12th 2011
Grand Gateway Hotel, Rapid City SD. 866-742-1300

NEBRASKA MEMBERSHIP

January 2010		January 2011
NE – C	89	97
NE – NE	63	60
NE – O	85	107
NE – SC	42	39
NE – SE	21	27
NE – W	63	146
*UA	19	23
*NC	20	13
NEBRASKA	*402	*512
GAIN		110 MEMBERS IN DATABASE

SUBTRACT BEST 3 MONTHS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ON SIGN UP SHEETS, AGAINST EACH YEAR, AND WORK ON THOSE THAT WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE, FOR THE BEST CHANCE OF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION.

Membership retention facts: ½ of members last less than 5 years. 75 % of all members last only 8 years. Critical time is to get them in the chapter and active in the first year of membership and let them get involved. Listen to them. In the first 2 years we lose 50% of them. Some never even saw a chapter, maybe most of them in sparsely populated areas.

Key in on the database and study those that joined GWRRA in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. These are the targets, if they have FUN they will be in for a GREAT Time and we will have more vitality in the chapters. Mention those names in the newsletters. Hug them hard.

INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

Discussions about Region and Chapter Recognition

It has been discussed at the last Operations get-together at Cabin Fever that all chapters can recognize a chapter individual to honor an Individual that is worthy of that honor and have them called their Individual of the year. This person may or may not be married with an active Spouse, and will not be in competition with other chapters.

This is not meant to confuse you about the Region E program for Individual of the year. In the region program the Individual must be a single person or may have an inactive Spouse to be eligible to go on to District and Region Competition, with papers to be filled out with Photo and Biography to be judged. Not all chapters can participate in this case, or cannot find next years because they just do not have any to choose from.

The District Director and Membership Enhancement Director for the District need to be informed as to the category of their choice. All will be recognized at District, the competitors will be kept to compete. All Chapter Individuals will be recognized and honored for the full term of the year. Please make them and your couples feel honored at each event and in Newsletters and web sites.

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Decision is to be made ASAP June is coming up. Let us know who is going to go to the next level and we will contact the couple and the Chapter Director to get the paperwork and photos.

C

NE

“O” Rick & Robin Saunders

SE

SC

“W” John & Sherry Oliver

Nebraska District Couple for Region Rally is Mark & Pam Burwell Please support Mark and Pam this year as you see them participating in events in and out of the District.

Thank You

Bob & Doris Roberts, District Membership Enhancement Officer, 402-637-4545,

Chapter Get Togethers in Nebraska;

Chapter NE-O, Second Saturday of the Month at D&K's in Gretna NE eat 8:00am-Meeting 9:00am

Chapter NE-SE, Third Saturday of the Month at a Restaurant to be determined at 12noon

Chapter NE-NE, Third Wednesday of the Month at place chosen by Host at 7:00pm

Chapter NE-C, Third Sunday of the Month at place chosen by Host at 12noon

Chapter NE-W Third Sunday of Month, 1:00pm, Perkins Scottsbluff

Chapter SC, Fourth Saturday of Month usually meet at United Vets. Club 8:am.

Remember to check District web page to find Chapter newsletters and the latest information on where and when the Chapters are meeting.

Region "E" News

From the Region "E" Newsletter



GWRRRA

Invites you to

Wing Ding 33



Knoxville, Tennessee July 6-9, 2011

To register, simply mail or fax this completed form, or call 1.800.843.9460, or go on-line at www.wing-ding.org

RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRRA MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRRA MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRRA MEMBER # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PREREGISTRATION: (Postmarked before May 13, 2011)

Number of Life or Gold Members _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Number of Members _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

LATE: (Postmarked May 13-June 10, 2011)

Number of Life or Gold Members _____ x \$22 = \$ _____

Number of Members _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members _____ x \$55 = \$ _____

Preregister by May 13, 2010 and receive a certificate for 10% off Goodie Booth purchases. (One 10% certificate per registration packet, good for 1 trip to Goodie Booth). Certificate will be in preregistration packet.

Children 15 and under at the time of the event are admitted free. Cancellations in writing must be received at the Home Office on or before June 10, 2011, and are subject to a \$15 processing fee. No telephone or verbal cancellations will be accepted. Day passes will be available, \$15 for Members, \$22 for non-members. On-site full registration fee is \$50 for Members and \$60 for non-members.

Please note, only registered delegates may participate in Wing Ding functions, activities and events! You will receive a confirmation via email 24-48 hours after your registration is processed. Please visit our website for hotel and camping information. Armbands, tickets, T-shirts or any other items purchased will be available for pickup beginning the day prior to Wing Ding in the registration area (see website for hours and location).

Full registration includes access to:

- Trade Show
- Seminars
- Talent Show
- Parades
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Plus, each full registrant receives:

- Souvenir Event Pin
- Souvenir Event Program
- Souvenir Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events.
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in great prizes!

FAX or MAIL this form to:

GWRRRA Member Services

P.O. Box 42450

Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450

1.800.843.9460 or 623.581.2500 (Local)

Fax: 623.581.3844

Register on-line at: www.wing-ding.org

RIDER EDUCATION COURSES

The number and availability of courses is dependent upon the number of participants. You will be notified of your class time and location as soon as possible. **Note: Certification cost is per bike!**

ERC Learn advanced techniques in turning, maximum braking, swerving and other possible lifesaving techniques plus mental skill and situation strategies. Co-Riders welcome. 5.5 hours (range only).

ARC Experience advanced techniques in turning, maximum braking, and swerving techniques plus mental and situational strategies in GWRRA's own Advanced Rider Course. Co-Riders welcome. 8 hours (classroom and range).

SIDECAR Experience advanced techniques of riding with a sidecar as well as situation strategies and accident avoidance tactics. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

TRAILERING Learn advanced trailering techniques and strategies for safe and enjoyable travel. Motorcycles only, no trikes or sidecars please. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

TRIKE This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and turning. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

CPR/FIRST AID (New) This course is designed to teach and certify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 8 hours.

CPR/FIRST AID (Renew) This course is designed to refresh and recertify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 4 hours.

CLASS	#OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
ERC	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
ARC	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Sidecar	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Trailering	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Trike	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
CPR/First Aid (New)	_____ \$50 per person = _____	
Name	_____ Name _____	
CPR/First Aid (Renewal)	_____ \$50 per person = _____	
Name	_____ Name _____	
* \$20 refund after course completion		
Grand Total		_____

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING OF \$10,000 CASH!

Must be present to win!

_____ 5 Tickets = \$15
 _____ 10 Tickets = \$20
 _____ 20 Tickets = \$30
 _____ 40 Tickets = \$50
 Total _____

GRAND 50/20-15-10-5 (4 Winners!)

Must be present to win!

1 Yard (18 Tickets) = \$10
 3 Yards (54 Tickets) = \$20
 7 Yards (128 Tickets) = \$40
 Total _____

Drawings held at Closing Ceremonies. GWRRA not responsible for filling out tickets or placing them into hopper. Altered, illegible or counterfeit tickets will be voided.

BUFFET DINNER - Prior to Evening Entertainment
 (Seating is limited, while supplies last)

Number of people _____ x \$18 = _____

SOUVENIR T-SHIRT

(Place quantity next to size)

OPTION: To receive your shirt in advance, please add \$3 (s/h) per shirt. Valid only on orders placed by April 29, 2011.

_____ Small x \$15 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ Medium x \$15 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ Large x \$15 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ XL x \$15 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ 2XL x \$17 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ 3XL x \$20 = _____ (+3/shirt) = _____
 _____ Golf Shirt (Qty) x \$25 = _____ n/a

Golf Shirt size(s) _____
 Total _____

BIKE SHOW COMPETITION - Includes a souvenir pin.

Number of bikes _____ x \$10 = _____

POKER RUNS (8 Winners!)

Must be present to win! Includes souvenir pin.

1st (\$500), 2nd (\$250), 3rd (\$100), 4th (\$50), 5th-8th (\$25 each).
 Winners will be posted on Closing Day. Five card draw.

Number of hands _____ x \$10 = _____

Keep informed of new information as it becomes available at www.wing-ding.org

FAX or MAIL this form to:
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 P.O. Box 42450
 Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450
 1.800.843.9460 or 623.581.2500 (Local)
 Fax: 623.581.3844
 Register on-line at: www.wing-ding.org

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

ENCLOSED: Check Money Order

Please send check or money order in equivalent U.S. funds. All others will be returned to sender for adjustment. Please do not send cash.

CHARGE MY: M/C VISA AmEx Discover

Number: _____

Exp. _____ Signature: _____

Region E will be working the "Goodie Booth" at Wing Ding 33 at Knoxville, TN in 2011. Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

Be sure to choose your time to volunteer.

National News

From the Wingin' It Newsletter

Being a First Responder

by Larry Cowan

Assistant District Director, Oklahoma
Former Chapter Director, OK-B

December 28, 2010 started as just another day to go for a ride. Our plan was to make four of the courthouses on the courthouse tour. We left Shawnee, went to Stillwater, Newkirk, Pawhuska and Tulsa. We made all four stops and had started back towards Shawnee and had talked about stopping at the Delta in Shawnee for dinner. I had been riding lead with Bill and Susan riding drag all day. We were southbound on Hwy 75 in Henrietta almost to the I-40 west entrance ramp. There are two stop lights very close together right there, the first one was green, but the second one had turned red. We had slowed to 20 or 25 mph and at the red light, I came to a stop. I have a habit of looking in my rear view when I come to a stop and without even thinking about it I looked in my rear view to see Bill still coming and it did not look like he was stopping. I keyed the CB and called to him, but it was too late for him to be able to stop. The left side of their trike skinned the right side of my bike as they went by and slammed into the stopped vehicle in front of us.

At this point, I became something no one wants to be; I was the first responder to an accident where friends of mine were on the ground and not moving. This is when you find out if the classes you gave your afternoon to, or in some cases the whole day to, at the last rally were really worth your time.

I got on my knees and face shield to face shield asked each one of them if they were all right. What a stupid question, when you are on the ground unable to move after an accident, how can you be "all right"? Susan responded with what seemed to be normal answers; Bill said he could not breathe. By now people were starting to gather around and one of the people there offered to help Bill remove his helmet, so he could breathe. Without even thinking about it, I ordered this person to leave the helmet alone. I then unzipped Bill's coat and what seemed like 15 more layers under that just a few inches, which gave him plenty of breathing room.

Talking to them and telling them to try not to move and a couple of times yelling at them to stay awake gave me something to do while looking and finding no sign of deformed limbs or blood. Within a few minutes the ambulance arrived and took over treatment and started getting them on the ambulance. At this point again, without thinking I went to the trike and started looking through the trunk, where I found the emergency information capsule for both of them and gave the information sheets and Susan's purse to the EMT's to take with them as they transported Bill and Susan to the hospital.

The ambulance left the scene. Now I was left with the police to give information to the tow truck driver and police about who the ambulance had just carried away. After that I went to the hospital to check on their condition.

That night after I got home, and the next day, I started to think about what had happened. Things that went right were that Bill and Susan both were wearing good quality helmets. Also, judging by the scuffs on the helmets and the head shaped dent in the back to the vehicle compared to the lack of scuffs and dents on their heads, I would say they got their monies worth out of that pair of helmets. Both were wearing armored riding pants and jackets, boots and gloves. Here I looked at the scratches on the knees of Bill's riding pants and can only guess that those scratches are the reason that the jagged edges of the trikes windshield did not remove skin as Bill went through it. There is something to the idea of "All The Gear All The Time." While riding I can always count on Bill to maintain a proper distance and stagger with respect to whoever is in front of him. Had he not been in the right track he would have run right over the top of me in the left track and I, after looking at the trike, really do not think I would have survived that kind of impact in the back.

Things that could have gone better:

The top of that list has to be the accident not happening, but that is the past and cannot be changed, so let that go. The guy that wanted to help remove Bill's helmet was only trying to help and did not know any reason to leave the helmet in place. The person in the hospital that offered to help Susan remove hers before the Doctor had said it was safe to do so, should have known better. No one on the scene even looked for the emergency information capsules and had I not retrieved them from the trunk and given them to the EMT, both would have gone to the hospital without that information. I learned that no one at the scene had any idea how to open the trunk, so even if someone had looked they would not have found the information. For some reason, I could not remember what pocket my cell phone was in, but one of the bystanders made the 911 call for me, and with everything else happening so fast, I forgot to take any pictures at the scene.

Hindsight being 20/20, I am thankful for the training that I received from GWRRA and saw how it made a big difference in my ability to just act rather than try to think of what to do and in what order to do it. But I hope I never have to be the first responder for a friend again and I hope none of you ever have to either. Having said that, I would say take the classes, put the emergency information capsule on your ride, wear the gear, ride in the stagger where you should be, basically do as many things right as you can, so that when something does go wrong, you minimize the effect of whatever went wrong.

I want to remind folks about the GWRRA Wing Ding Page, 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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February 2011

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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 9a Cabin Fever-No meeting at D&K Diner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 6p Dinner Ride to Petrow's	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

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March 2011

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