



Region "E" Chapter "O"
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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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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

January Birthdays

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

January Anniversary's

None

February Birthdays

Kathy Rice	Feb 03
Sonya Crowl	Feb 08
Debra Kirk	Feb 10
Karen Pennington	Feb 12
Teresa Hemingway	Feb 19
Drew Classen	Feb 22
Pam Burwell	Feb 23
Becky Johnston	Feb 25

February Anniversary's

Norman & Debra Kirk	Feb 02
Mark & Pam Burwell	Feb 14
Drew & Mary Classen	Feb 14
Al & Marlene Wilson	Feb 28

What's Happening in Chapter "O"



From the Directors Desk *Gary & Janita Stegner*



Hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits for the New Year. We heard that some of you have been riding on the nice days. What wonderful ride we had on New Year's Day. 13 bikes braved the cool weather to ride to the park for pictures. Who would have ever dreamed this would happen in Nebraska.

Our January get together was another joyous day for our chapter. 34 attended, including guests from NE Ne and Se Chapters, a new member, and soon to be another. What a great sight to see all the communication with all our members.

The next get together will be Training at Carey's home Jan 29th at 2pm. Watch for details to follow. And then there is Cabin Fever on the 18th & 19th of Feb at the Clarion in Fremont.

We were happy to announce the Individual of the year to Les DeLano and the couple to Bill & Nancy James. Both well deserved.

50/50 went to

Marty \$5.00

Vee \$10.00

Robin \$15.00

Carol (se) \$25.00

Our chapter has seen members coming forward to be involved in the chapter and we thank all of them for making our chapter strong.

Participation is the key for success.

As soon as the list is completed we will let you know what months and who will lead the ride for the up coming months.

Happy Days

Gary & Janita



Assistant Directors
Rodger & Marty Fawcett



G.W.R.R.A.

Chapter "O"

Omaha, Nebraska

A BIG THANK YOU FROM RODGER/MARTY FAWCETT and JIM /NANCY
DRAWBAUGH

As you may or may not know there was a fundraiser for two Sarpy Co. Deputy Sheriff's, Deputy Dave McAnulty and Deputy Ryan Fawcett on January 8th in Papillion Ne. Our son (Ryan) has Glioblastoma Multiforme (Inoperable Brain Cancer) and Dave had Inoperable Pancreatic Mass.

Marty and I and Jim and Nancy (Ryan's In-laws) would like to thank everyone that came to the fundraiser to support our son and his family. With the amount of doctor bill that is mounting I know they really appreciate every thing that everyone has done. GWRRA is really a great family.

We would also like to thank Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis and the Sarpy County Deputy Sheriff's for hosting this fundraiser. AGAIN THANKS TO ALL.

In my last letter I said something about December being cold and snowy, well, I might have spoke to soon. I will take another December just like this one. We might not have had a white Christmas but I didn't think we would be in the 40's at the end of December and now with half of January past we still have no snow.

Big thanks to Patrick for the Jan 1, 2012 ride. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and had fun on this ride. Speaking of fun did you know the GWRRA was founded in 1977 with a group of seven people and now GWRRA has grown to more than 80.000 strong in the U.S., Canada and with International members. There are over 840 chapters managed by 4000 volunteer officer's to promote 5 things.

Promote ---Positive Image

Promote -- Friends

Promote – Fun

Promote-- Safety

Promote --Knowledge

WOW, what a positive group of seven people to think of a fun idea to do with friends and have the knowledge to be safe at the same time.

Check the calendar for dinner and ICE CREAM outings. Just because we can't ride doesn't mean we can't drive. (Car Pool)

Cabin Fever is coming so keep checking the news letter as Rick will keep us updated.

Did you know some insurance companies will let a person stop his insurance during the winter and if there is a nice day you may call them and they will restart your policy as short as one day if you want? Might be away to save a little money! (CHECK OUT YOUR OWN INSURANCE COMPANY AND DECIED FOR YOURSELF WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU)

CONGRAULATION to Bill and Nancy James for taking on the duties of Region E leadership Training Program for all eight states and will also stay as the District leadership trainers.

Again we would like to thank you for your heart warming support for these two Deputies.

Assistant Chapter Directors
Rodger and Marty



Rider Education
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Carey Ferguson



In the “April 24, 2011, NE-O Newsletter”, (http://gwrraneo.com/files/April_2011.pdf), we are reminded to be prepared for the riding season by ensure your motorcycle is safe and ready to go, you should inspect various items utilizing TCLOCS checklist at: http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N17_TCLOCS_Version_3_09.pdf. Additionally, during this, Midwest riding downtime, we are reminded of the need to take a very close look at our protective gear, checking items from head to toe.

For this season however, we are having opportunities to get out and ride, and we should, **WITH CAUTION!**

While, the need to check our gear remains throughout the year, when we decide to ride during the winter months; we should consider that other motorists may not be as aware of our winter time presence, the temperatures, while warmer, drop quickly as the sun goes down, and that the roads may have debris applied from previous icing conditions.

To combat each of these hazards we have to be aware of the conditions and increase our defensive actions. Going back to our basic checklist we can increase visibility by considering wearing high visibility clothing [Does it have the same shimmer is had when new, or is it time to take advantage of winter sales?].

For the rapidly changing temperatures, layer your clothing, add heated equipment to your bike such as heated set/grips, and drink warm liquids on breaks, [I would also consider complex carbohydrates and food high in protein as they process slowly, that work created energy, and heat internally]. Lastly, to combat road debris, keeping our bike “fully mission capable” is imperative. Check those tire pressures, replace if necessary. Road hazard awareness will help keep us on the road. Sand will collect on the outsides of corners, and well, potholes are everywhere.

Keeping our bike and gear ready to ride, understanding other motorists’ awareness, and being aware of the possible road hazard will support more enjoyable riding experience. Ride safely and have FUN!

Carey Ferguson



From our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Mark & Michelle Owens



From Our Sunshine Lady



Nancy James

The Wing Nut.



Carey Ferguson wins this months Wing Nut award and coupon for 6 free wings at Buffalo Wild Wings on 144th St. She stored her bike away with a trunk full of Granola bars and later coming back to a trunk full of mouse poop. Just a reminder - Tell on your friends - when they screw up.



Les DeLano on the left was awarded **Individual of the year** for all of his help to the club and it's members.



Bill and Nancy James on your left were awarded the **Couple of the Year** for all of their mentoring, leadership and always being there to help.



Calendar of Events



January 21st

There is a group of Chapter "O" members that are going to attend chapter SE breakfast and meeting on Saturday morning 1/21/2012.

We will meet at 370 & I-80 at the Kum-Go at 7:00 A M and be on the road at 7:15 A M. to go as a group.

The meeting will be at Greenfields in Lincoln.

Hope to see you Saturday -- Think about car pooling.

1. January 29th Riders Ed. Training at Carey Ferguson house at 2 P.M. Cary's address is 1121 Laport Dr. Papillion Ne.(please bring a snack too share)
2. February 11th will be our breakfast meeting at D& K Café in Gretna @ 104 Glenmore Dr. Gretna Ne. 8 A.M. with meeting at 9 A.M.
3. February 18th -19th Cabin Fever in Fremont at the Clarion Motel.

4. February 26th (Sunday) dinner run sponsored by John & Cheryl Papson will be @ Buffalo Wild Wings @ 4287 so. 144th St. @ 5 P.M.
5. June 7th—10th Tri State District Rally will be in Rapid City So. Dakota (more info. will be coming as time get closer) start planning now!
6. July 4th –7th GWRRA 34th Wing Ding in Fort Wayne Indiana.
7. 3rd Weekend in August there will be an overnight Mystery Ride.
8. If you know of anything that is going to happen in the future please e-mail Rodger @ rdfawcett@cox.net . (the more we know the know the more will go) so let's keep everyone in the loop.
9. We will plan a First Aid Class for anyone that wants to take it and or to be recertified I the next two months.

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



From Our Members



Patrick & Shari Koehler always go for a ride on January 1, if there is no snow or ice. This year they invited the club to go along and here are a few pictures of what was a fine day.









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

Visit the web sites below for more GWRRA news.

District News & Links

(From the District Website)

www.gwrrane.com

January 2012 - WOW!

Leadership Training Program [LTP] Article – Bill & Nancy

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully you all got together with family, friends and, of course, your Chapter friends. Now is a great time to think about the upcoming year and what your plans are for the coming year: Vacations, Rides/Trips and to determine how to help others.

Nancy and I enjoy helping others from family to charities. As you know, we also enjoy sharing the GWRRA information through LTP courses and answering questions. Whether you have a question on where to find information on a position, a concern with something, or want to get some training, WE ARE HERE TO HELP! And you also have Lance Brozek and Carey Ferguson [sorry I misspelled it previously] to help you. Take a look at the courses below and see what might interest you or a group of you and then just let us know what you would like. As said before, there is something for old and new members alike.

Thanks for helping Nebraska be a great GWRRA district!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Nancy and Bill James

NE District Leadership Senior Instructors

"...every member deserves a well trained leader

402-593-8183

Topics	Short Description
Chapter Leadership Skills	
Leadership Seminar	Be a Leader and not a Boss. What’s the difference?
Chapter Structure	How the Chapter design works.

Chapter Finances	The why and how finances are to be handled.
Newsletter Seminar	Why have them? Tailor them to YOUR Chapter.
Delegation	Spread the work load and get more folks involved.
Staffing and Appointment	How to pick folks for staff positions
Officer Now What	Explains what being an Officer entails.
Interviewing Techniques	
Member Orientation	
GWRRRA History	From the start until now
GWRRRA Structure	Understand lines of communications and How it is organized
How to Have fun at a Rally	Maximize your FUN
Training the Members	Roles and responsibilities of trainers AND Officers
Member Benefits Overview	Benefits and how GWRRRA is different from other motorcycle organizations
Helpful Info for New Mbrs	What new members can be looking forward to. GREAT for new mbrs <1yr
Horizons - What the heck is it	What is available for all as individuals and GWRRRA members - overview
How Can I Participate	Make the most of your membership custom built for you
Life Skills	
Time Management	Tools and techniques to make the most of your valuable time
Stress Management	Key skills to make the most of all experiences
Managing Change	Understand nature of change and how to initiate and react to
Listening & Communicating	Improve and benefit from better understanding of communication
Public Speaking 101	Help improve your speaking skills
Remembering Names	Discuss skills and tools to remember names
Excel	Learn all you want about Excel from turning it on to ...
Smart moves	Difference between left/right brain functions and how to use whole brain
Self Esteem - Key to Success	Effects of positive and negative and how to move forward

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 (GWRRRA) 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.

www.wing-ding.org

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