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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

June Birthdays

Marie Spry	June 05
Cheryl Papson	June 06
George Lapka	June 07
Kim Johnston	June 18

June Anniversary's

Ed & Christy Hatter	June 06
Rick & Robin Saunders	June 18
Doug & Vee Mundy	June 20
Roger & Denise Wessels	June 28

Doug Mundy	June 19
Doris Roberts	June 25
Christy Hatter	June 26

July Birthdays

Donna Mitchell	July 06
Alfred Wilson	July 10
Carey Ferguson	July 17
Kitty Schmahl	July 24
Rick Saunders	July 25

July Anniversary's

None

What's Happening in Chapter "O"



From the Directors Desk

Gary & Janita Stegner



Where has our spring riding gone it seems like we have not gotten many rides in as of yet anyone that would like to sponsor one lets get the phone tree started and lets take off somewhere. All that have returned from the rally probably would like to rest their be hinder for at least a day or two. I wonder if GWRRA would allow boats?? Our thoughts go out too all that have left their homes and work.

Remember our dinner ride with chapter SE to Murdock on June 28th please rsvp if you have not already done so soon so we can let them know head count. We will send out a reminder via e-mail so everyone knows soon.

July 17th we have Gretna Days where we will have our bikes on display. We will get a count at the next get together, Rick has asked for a shady spot if possible.

We chose to have our second annual Picnic and it will be at the Gretna Park on Aug 16th from 11-3pm, we will need to decide being our meeting day if we have it before, during or after.

Remember as the weather gets better bike night every Wednesday leaving Comfort Inn 72nd & Grover 6:30. It's a great time and good food, try it you will like it.

We hope all returning from the Rally had a safe and great time and looking forward to seeing all the pictures

Looking forward to seeing you on the road soon.

Happy Day's

Gary & Janita



Assistant Directors

Roger & Marty Fawcett



I hope that everyone that did not go to South Dakota Rally had nice riding weather and was able to put on some miles. As Marty and I returned home from the rally we were surprised to see the amount of water and the roads that were closed around Omaha. We know where the water is coming from, as we traveled up Trail Ridge road we saw snow as high as 18 feet high on both side of the road and was high as the roof on the gift shop at the top of Trail Ridge.

It was 41 degrees at the top of Trail Ridge. We had our jackets and Frog togs on and were very comfortable. As we went down a long 20 miles or so we were in 77 degree weather, stopping for lunch with the jackets and frog togs on people looked at us like where have you been?

We were on so many breath taking roads in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado that we could not pick the best ride. From the Sand Hills of Nebraska and then into South Dakota starting with the Badlands, Needles Highway, then Spearfish Canyon, Iron Mountain Rd. and then into Cheyenne Wyoming, down to Breckenridge and Winter Park in Colorado and staying in Silverthorne Colorado where we said good bye and thanks to the long riders of Doug & Vee Mundy that went on into deep south west Colorado.

We saw Long Horn Sheep, Wild Donkeys, (As I was feeding a donkey I heard someone say LOOK a - - - feeding an - - - !) Buffalo with new born, ELK, Deer.

As close friends and family that we are, we called each other every night to check in and make sure things were going alright for everyone. We might be one or two state apart but before we went to bed we knew that everyone was doing well.

After spending the better part of the day unpacking the trailer and cleaning our bike on Wednesday we were looking forwards to sleeping in our own bed. (No place like home)

At breakfast the next morning Marty and I were talking about all the things that we did this last week and things that we might not have done if we were not a part of a great organization like GWRRA. Thanks to all of our new friends and family that help made our trip one to remember. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT THE RALLY.











Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge say it all
Assistant Directors
Rodger & Marty Fawcett



Rider Education

Mark & Pam Burwell



Pam and I really enjoyed seeing our GWRRA friends and traveling through the countryside as part of the recent NE/SD/ND Tri- State Rally held in Rapid City SD. We send a heart-felt thank you to all who helped to make the rally the success it was.

After the rally, I received an e-mail from one of our GWRRA members who described a situation in which he and several other riders and co-riders found themselves in the middle of a quickly forming severe thunderstorm. To make matters worse, they were between Rapid City and the “Badlands”, which is nothing but a prairie for miles (i.e., no shelter). Within minutes, the temperature dropped from 87 to 59 degrees, and the group encountered lightning, heavy rain, hail, and dangerous crosswinds. Conditions finally forced them to pull off the road to wait-out the storm; however, the gusts were so

strong that they still almost blew over, even while sitting on the motorcycles with the kickstands extended. The group stayed there for a while, but then decided to continue to try to reach safety. They were only able to ride about 30 mph (with hazard flashers) and could see just 50 feet in front of them. By this time, water was getting past their raingear, boots, and gloves and the cool wind was starting to chill them. They stopped, and then continued, another three times in these conditions. During one of the stops, they put on whatever additional clothing they had with them, in an attempt to stay warm. This situation lasted between 30 and 45 minutes, which the reporting rider said “felt like forever.”

At the end of the correspondence, the rider asked what one should do in such a situation. It seems, however, this was an unfortunate combination of things—surprise thunderstorm, middle of nowhere, no shelter, etc.—that developed into a “perfect storm” of extremely unenjoyable events, and there really isn’t a right answer. The easy “armchair quarterback” answer would be to watch the weather forecast and not ride if there was a chance conditions were to be bad (sometimes this WOULD be the right answer), but we all know storms like this aren’t always predictable. They can develop quickly and without warning. If we never rode when there was a chance of scattered severe thunderstorms (many times resulting in nothing more than windy, sunny day), our riding days in the Midwest would be rare. Sometimes, things just happen and the best answer would likely be to do what you think is best in the situation, given what you know.

First and foremost, be sure to carry with you an array of clothing to match possible weather conditions—raingear, warm layers, cool layers, etc.

The following seems to be the general consensus of various sources, to include the National Weather Service and National Lightning Safety Institute, for what to do in the presence of lightning:

- If you find yourself out in the open when lightning starts flashing and the thunder caused by those flashes in less than three to five seconds from when you see the flash, it's time to stop your bike and get off it. Immediately find low ground, but NOT under a single or small group of trees.
- If lightning is about to strike, it will sometimes provide a very few seconds of warning. Sometimes your hair may stand on end, your skin will tingle, light metal objects will vibrate or you will hear a crackling or “kee-kee” sound. If this happens and you’re in a group, spread out so there are several body lengths between each person.
- Once you’ve spread out, use the lightning crouch—put your feet together, squat down, tuck your head, and cover your ears. Do not get up until thunder following a lightning flash is AT LEAST five seconds after the flash (which means the lightning struck more than 1 mile away).
- If there are more than 5 seconds between the lightning flashes and your hearing that thunder, head for shelter.

If your visibility becomes significantly hampered, or if you are being pelted by hail, it is a good time to pull over.

- Pull off of the road as far as possible.
- Turn on your hazard flashers and move yourself away from the road.
- If you are seriously concerned about the wind blowing over your motorcycle, it may be best to just go ahead and lay it over in a controlled fashion. It’s better for you to lay it down, than have the wind throw it to the ground.

- Keep your helmet on your head. It will keep your head dry and protect you from larger hailstones. Keep as much of your body shielded by your helmet, as possible.

We're glad the group made it through what sounds to be a frightening and uncomfortable situation. I thank the rider for sharing the experience so the rest of us can better prepare ourselves for something similar. The list of recommendations is by no means meant to be a comprehensive collection of things to do help prepare for such a situation. If you have other recommendations, please forward them to me and I will get them out to the group. Thank you.

Ride Safely,
Mark and Pam Burwell

Ride safely and have FUN!
Mark and Pam Burwell



From our Membership Enhancement Coordinators
Terry and Carol Pool

We have been visiting my daughter in Oregon. Sorry but we don't have any updates for the news letter. We'll catch up next month.

Ride Safe
Terry & Carol Pool



From Our Members











From Roger and Marty, Doug and Vee.

Friends,
We made it home safe and sound with only a few tragedy's. We lost the lid to Robins Butler and her cell phone got a little wet, but still survived (that was a bad day). Other than that we had a great time. We logged just over 3400 miles according to the Wing and rode into 8 states. We saw a lot of beautiful country and our fair share of snow which caused us to change direction many times. When we stopped for the night in Alpine WY, they told us that they had received over 300 percent more snowfall than normal in the mountains and were expecting flooding when it finally melted. And it was still snowing. Now we understand why we are expecting so much more flooding from the Missouri River. We took lots of pictures and video and Neo made a new friend that joined us. I have attached a few pics and below is a link of the route that we took.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&doflg=ptm&ie=UTF8&ll=43.484812,-107.995605&spn=8.399769,14.128418&z=6&msid=208866306323713149714.0004a611f501a13da0e62>>

Rick and Robin





We are happy to be home and look forward to seeing each of you soon,
Rick and Robin

From Roger and Marty Fawcett.

May 30 th Marty and I went for a ride to Knoxville Iowa and then to Creston Iowa and on our way home we stopped at Freedom Rock by Greenfield Iowa. This is a must see painting. Their must of been 50 bikes and 25 cars. everyone was just standing around in complete silences. It was very touching.



Roger and Marty Fawcett.

Calendar of Events

Supper Ride with Chapter SE to Joe Bachgalooa's in Murdock at 7:00 p.m. The address is 308 Nebraska St. Clutches out from Millard Social Hall 10508 S 144th @ 6:30.

6:30pm - 9pm, Tuesday, June 28

Bike Night at Quaker Steak and Lube Council Bluffs. Meet behind Comfort Inn 72nd @ Grover. Clutches out 6:30.

Each and every Wednesday night. June 22 and 29th.

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).

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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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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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