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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

March Birthdays

David Spry	Mar. 16
Ed Hatter	Mar. 17
Norman Kirk	Mar. 19
Charlotte Lake	Mar. 21
Mark Owens	Mar. 27
Bill Schmahl	Mar. 29

March Anniversary's

None

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

What's Happening in Chapter "O"



From the Directors Desk



Gary & Janita Stegner

March presented us with a great turn out for our get-together we had 45 attend for a great morning of fun and friendship with 5 new guests and 8 from Chapter S, Thanks to all.

Carey & Kathy are our sponsors for the dinner ride on the 22nd to a great eating place, Farmer Browns at Elkhorn Ne. David Spry will do the ride for April on the 26th and we hope without April showers.

We are looking to fill 3 positions with in our Chapter, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Rider Education, and Asst. Director. We had some interest, so if you would like to participate contact us and we can give the details on what it involves. The more our members get involved the better our Chapter will become. We have a lot of talent. We want to Thank Jim and John for their part in making a great news letter and web page layout.

There was discussion on dates, times and routes to the Rally at Rapid City. Who can ride together and which route you want to go on. A co-rider course will be coming before the end of the month, will advise time and place soon.

Bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube Council Buffs will be starting in April on Wednesday evenings. If you decide to go we will be meeting at the Southside of Comfort Inn's 72nd & I-80 parking lot 6;15 and clutches out at 6;30. Each Wednesday thru out the summer.

As the temps reach 70 degrees we are anxious to get our bikes out of storage. Make sure they are checked and rechecked so you and your co-rider are safe. Hope to see you on the road soon.

Till next time: Happy Days
Gary & Janita



Assistant Directors/MEC



Rick & Robin Saunders

Greetings from your Assistant Directors!

Here I am typing away and looking at the sun shining through my window. It's a beautiful day and my mind is filled with the thoughts of summer riding adventures, mainly the ride to Rapid City

in June. If you haven't already registered, I suggest you do so soon. And even more importantly, get your rooms reserved. I have heard that the rooms are going fast and once our blocks have filled we are going to have to look across the street for reservations.

In other news and in case you weren't at last weeks get together, Gary announced that Robin and I will be stepping down as your Chapter MEC and Assistant Directors. We have been asked to take over as the Nebraska District Assistant Directors by Chuck and Linda Steffen and we have accepted. The changing of the guard, as it were, will take place at the opening ceremonies of the District Rally in Rapid City in June. We have enjoyed our time as MEC and Assistant Directors and look forward to continued participation with Chapter "O" in other ways. I would like to thank Gary, Janita, Bob and Doris for their support over these past years and we look forward to the honor of being your District Assistant Directors and to serving you in that position. With that announcement comes the realization that we will now need to fill the position of MEC and Assistant Director for our chapter. If anyone would be interested in either of these exciting and fulfilling positions please feel free to contact either Gary or myself.

Well, I think I have had enough staring out the window...I think I'm going to slip into the garage and dust off the Gold Wing. Who knows, it might just accidentally make its way to the driveway and then down the road.

Have fun and be safe!

Assistant Directors/MEC NE-O
Rick and Robin Saunders



Rider Education

Mark & Pam Burwell



Hey, all... This is Mark. I'm having a rough week after my Gall-Bladder surgery and am not able to get my article out this month for the newsletter. I will have something for next month. Thanks.

I am leaving the link for the emergency information form that goes into the left pocket on the Gold Wing.

Form Link:

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

Ride safely,
Mark (and Pam!)



From Our Members



Here is a link to our favorite park. Going back here and especially on the bike is a must. It is on our bucket list of rides to do. Health permitting this is on our to do list next year. Glacier and then up to the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, YO HO national forest. I just found this web site and so far it is a good one. You have to check out this road. ABSOLUTELY the best any where.
Doug and Vee Mundy.

http://visitmt.com/national_parks/glacier/video_series/part_6.htm

Murphy's Laws of Motorcycling

from Doug Rice.

1. The farther it is to the next gas stop, the larger the bug that will hit your shield exactly on the sight line.
2. When you dry out after riding through some rain, it will start raining again just when you begin to feel comfortable.
3. The chance that your bike insurer will find out about that big ticket received in a non-reciprocal state is 100%.
4. If you run out of gas, no matter which way you decide to push, the closest gas station will always be uphill and in the other direction. Corollary: The likelihood of running out increases when all of the nearby gas stations are closed.
5. The chance of your helmet dropping hard onto a rough concrete or asphalt surface is proportional to its newness and expense.
6. You only realize the bike's keys are in your street pants pocket after you've put on all of your riding gear.
7. The more riders around, the more likely you will: a. Forget the kill switch is in the off position while trying to start your bike; b. Ride off with the sidestand down; c. Ride off with the petcock closed; d. Ride along for miles with the turn signal on; e. Get stung by a bee and do a roadside crazy dance shedding your riding gear.
8. The scarcity of motels and camping spots depends on how late in the day it is.
9. Your first successful multi-gear wheelie will be past a heretofore unobserved police officer who dislikes motorcycles.
10. How long it takes to receive any back ordered part is proportional to how badly it is needed.

11. When your throttle cable snaps, you will always coast to a halt in front of a crack-house bust in progress.
 12. The patch-wearing guy named "Tiny" really DOES want to know what you are looking at.
 13. Your battery will die at the exact same time something else on the bike breaks and you will think they are related.
 14. The cute girl is probably talking to you despite the fact you own a bike.
 15. The chance of rain depends on how accessible your rain gear is.
 16. A bad day of riding is better than a good day at work.
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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).

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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!**

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

District Director news for March,

Thanks to Chuck & Linda for filling in last month. What a great Cabin Fever Weekend we had. A big thanks to every one who came.

Our newest Chapter, SD-L is meeting this weekend at Country Kitchen in Soix Falls on Saturday at 10am. Join them if you can make them fell welcome.

Now on to the Tristate rally. If you are a District Director or District COY you don't have to pay. Just send in the reg. form!!! On the rally flyer Paul Metcalf's number should be 701-840-0807

Here's the plan as of now(may change)

Thursday June 9th Early Bird check in 5-8pm and a Special 50-50

Friday June 10th Opening ceremony 9:am

Venders open 9:am

Guided and Self guided tours all day

Free hotdog feed at noon local time some where in the hills

Light parade at dusk, Rider ed classes after

Ice cream social

Saturday June 11th Coy 8:00 to 10:am

Back to touring the hills With a ride to the southern hills to go swimming at Hot Springs

Sunday June 12th CMA Services 8:am

The flowing is from Steve Knobe a member of the Tristate rally team

The overflow motel would be the:

Quality Inn
1902 N. Lacrosse Street
Rapid City, SD 57707
605-342-3322

When I was negotiating with them they offered rooms at \$99.99 plus tax. Since they didn't get the Rally it may be higher now. But it's just across the street from the Grand Gateway, so it couldn't be much more convenient unless it was on the same side of the street.

Campgrounds have been a problem, mainly because they seem to be closed this time of year. Steve Hodges found some on line and made contact with one, I believe, and Jennie went by to look at one but couldn't find it. So we don't have good info on camping yet.

On a sadder note, Dwight Hill passed away yesterday. He had been a long time, active Chapter member and was Secretary for many years. He will be missed.

Steve Knobe

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

Before I Let A Passenger Onto My Bike...

I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what happens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guardrails and point out that they are heavy steel, like 'roll bars', and will protect their legs only so long as their feet remain on those floorboards.

Oh, as to those 'jobs' they have:

They are to wave at all motorcyclists approaching us in the opposite direction

They are to wave at all policemen who are on their feet

They are to wave at all children that show any interest whatever

They are to demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops.

As to my own personal rules while riding with a passenger:

The only thing I want to 'show off' is that riding a motorcycle can be safe and enjoyable

I wish to challenge myself with the task of trying to shift gears without the passenger being aware of the activity (no head snaps in either direction.)

I want to start and stop with the passenger never quite sure that we have started to move or that we have come to a full stop - i.e., smoothness all

Joe & Judy Pirillo
Region E Educators

Just to keep you up on the schedule, below are the additional events around the corner.
The more people we meet and greet make all the events the better!

April 28-30 Missouri District Rally

Branson, MO

Less than 50 days!!

June 9-12 Nebraska/South Dakota/North Dakota Rally

Black Hills, SD

Great riding!!

June 24-25 Wisconsin District Rally

Eau Claire, WI

Great pie at the Norske Nook!!

July 4-10 Wing Ding (Come see us compete for International Couple of the Year!)

Knoxville, ND

International COY competition is Tuesday, July 5 @ 1pm

July 15-16 Minnesota District Rally

Albert Lea, MN

We always have a good time!

Sept 2-4 Region E Rally

Moline, IL

Theme this year is your favorite characters look for more info to come!

Brian & Tammy Anderson

Region "E" Couple of the Year

MN District LTP

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

"I Didn't See Him"

Joe and Gracie Mazza

International Assistant Director

Rider Education



The title of this article says it all. These are the words usually spoken by a motorist after having made contact with a motorcycle. We think the answer is to make ourselves more visible. Will this solve the problem?

Probably not, but I'm sure it will help and give us some peace of mind that we are doing our part in lowering the odds of being hit.

One of the best safety features to come along in recent years has been the headlight modulator. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 108 (49 CFR Part 571.108 S7.9.4) is the Federal Law that allows motorcycle headlight modulation systems in all 50 states, provided they comply with the standards set forth in this section.

When we first added this safety accessory to our bike, we started to get some interesting reactions from motorists. Some, coming in the opposite direction, would flash their lights thinking we were "flashing" our lights at them. Others would pull alongside us at a traffic light to advise us that our "flashers" were on. One lady pulled over thinking we had an emergency. We passed her and then surprised her when we reached our destination one block later and pulled into a parking lot. She followed and demanded to know why I was in such a big hurry that I had to "flash" my headlights just to go one block. To her credit she was very understanding when I explained the safety feature to her.

The difference between flashing one's headlights and having them modulate is that flashing involves the transition from low beam to high beam and back again. With modulation, a headlamp can be wired to either the low beam or high beam so that it operates from its maximum intensity to its lower intensity without changing beams. Your headlights modulate at a specific frequency of 240 cycles per minute or 4 cycles per second. Modulating headlights help! We highly recommend them!!

Ride Safe, Have Fun

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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March 2011

Viewing the calendar of neogwrra.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 9a Chapter-O Get Together
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 6:30p Farmer Brown dinner ride	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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