



**Region "E" Chapter "O"**  
 October 14, 2011

## 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!*

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October Birthdays

John Snyder	Oct 02
Jim Drawbaugh	Oct 03
Anna Osborn	Oct 07
Bill James	Oct 14
Nancy James	Oct 19

### October Anniversary's

John & Cheryl Papson	Oct 01
George & Cheryl Lapka	Oct 16
Jim & Nancy Drawbaugh	Oct 17

### **November Birthdays**

Bob Roberts                      Nov 03  
Gregg Mitchell                    Nov 20  
Denise Wessels                    Nov 20

### **November Anniversary's**

None

## What's Happening in Chapter "O"



### ***From the Directors Desk***

*Gary & Janita Stegner*



Great News for October - so far the weather has been on our side for riding and seeing the wonderful beauty of nature with all the fall colors. We had a great meeting. It might have been small, but everyone had a great time for friendship like we always have when we can get together. There was talk that some of us needed to get out for a nice ride. So Sunday, 5 bikes and 10 riders, by the way of our tour guides Willard & Sonya, took us down the back roads to Nebraska City for brunch. And we must have left a real impression because the waiter told us to come back again because we were a real HOOT. But that's not uncommon because it seems where ever Chapter O goes we can draw attention.

It was decided to have our Christmas party at HyVee again on Saturday evening Dec 12th at 6:30. We will be asking for \$5.00 per person to help with the cost of drinks, cake, and gratuity. Most of the meal will be picked up by the chapter. The money will need to be turned into us by the Nov meeting. Remember we will be having the second chance drawing. And depending on how much will be in the kitty at that time, we will have a Grand Prize drawing and at least one or two runner- up drawings.

Patrick & Sherri will be leading a Lunch ride this month to an unknown place. It was decided to make it on the weekend because of getting dark so early. So will forward this on as soon as we get the word where they will be taking us.

The 50/50 drawing went to Janita for \$10.00 and to George Lapka for \$7.00.

Start thinking about training that will be starting soon. Some of the smaller sessions we will try to do after our monthly meetings. Watch for times and places for these to come out and the topics.

As the riding times get numbered, let make as many safe and fun times as we can till we have to switch over to 4 wheels.

Have a great month of riding!!!

Gary & Janita



## *Assistant Directors* *Rodger & Marty Fawcett*



ON Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> a total of 10 bikes and trikes went to Woodbine Iowa for the yearly Apple Fest, not sure why they call it an apple fest, more like a flea market and car show. There had to be 500 old cars (NO JOKE). The school was filled with crafts and the Church was filled with hungry people and the best chicken and noodles over mashed potatoes. What a lunch. Out around town were vendors selling things they have made and old items for sale as well, and did I mention old cars on display, 30's to the 90's, pickups to tractors. The ladies were checking out all the craft items and the men were walking the streets looking at the cars. We met at the Irvington exit and had a short breakfast before heading to Blair, then to Mo. Valley onward to Woodbine. The road was filled with curves, and lots of hills made for fun riding.

AS Gary wrote in his September letter, the holidays are going to be coming up real soon, just like to take a line or two to let you know how last year's Holiday Party went. It was snowing HARD and the wind was blowing HARDER YET but we still had a good turnout. The food was good and we just had a great time in spite of the weather. The party will be at the Stony brook Hy-Vee Store, as they have a nice meeting room with a full kitchen setup. It will hold approx. 80 people and we would like to fill the room this year.

**WE NEED EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY TO REPLY WITH A \$5.00 PER PLATE RESERVATION.**

**More info is coming on the Holiday party.**

We are just getting back from the yearly fall ride which headed south this year into Missouri and then to Eureka Springs Arkansas. We went as (far) south as Clarksville AR. Talk about curves and hills. And the trees had started to show color. What a time to go south. As we rode around Arkansas we came across a place to eat called the Under Cliff Bar and Grill which was cut into the side of a cliff. We went Bentonville, Fayetteville, Ozark, and stopped at Clarksville Ark. where Les, Bill and I were fitted for Bras for our trikes. Down south there are a number of rides to take from the Pig Trail Byway, Ozark Scenic Byway, and Pea Ridge National Military Park. We did not have time to do everything, but we did a lot. If you never were on a fall ride you might think about it because it's a blast. A BIG thanks to Bill and Nancy for the mapping of the routes and getting us all back home safe and sound. We could not have asked for better weather than we had. 60's in the morning 80's in the afternoon with full sun.

Riding is what we are all about, but having fun with friends is one of your best assets that Chapter "O" has.

Friends for fun Safety and knowledge says it all  
Rodger & Marty Fawcett



## *Rider Education*

Mark & Pam Burwell



Mark and Pam had their computer go down and they have been rebuilding it. They will have something for next month's news letter.

Thanks  
Mark and Pam Burwell



## *From Our Sunshine Lady*



We have a new award which is given out each month – **The Wing Nut.**

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



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## *Calendar of Events*



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

**Each and every Wednesday night. September 14, 21 and 28.**

Patrick & Sherri Koehler will be leading a dinner ride on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, leaving Kum & Go 2627 So Cleveland Blvd, which is about 190th and west center rd on the North side. Clutches out at 3pm. They will lead us on a short ride ending up at ROUND THE BEND in Ashland, so we will be able to eat at 4:30. Anyone that cannot do the ride are welcome to meet us there for supper and still ride home prior to dark. Please RSVP by Oct 18th to give them a head count.

[vtwinrebel@gmail.com](mailto:vtwinrebel@gmail.com)

**Rick and Robin are unable to lead the ride to Indian Cave State Park but you can activate the phone tree and lead a ride to the park.**

Indian Cave State Park really does a nice job decorating the park for Halloween and it's only an hour ride south. There's also a lot of fall color coming out, so take a ride.



## *From Our Members*



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### **Our trip south to Arkansas. Oct 6 – 9. 1,527 miles.**

We took off at 8 am Thursday morning with the temperature at 60.

We headed straight south on Hwy 75 and then jumped over to Hwy 71 in Kansas. We were on our way to Bentonville AR for the next two nights.

It was a long first day of 430 miles but we had a 9 am appointment the next day in Clarksville for fender bras on the trikes. We split up the next morning, with Bill & Nancy, Rodger & Marty and Les going to Clarksville for bras and Rick & Robin, Doug & Vee and Jim & Nancy going for the curves. The roads down there are great. I was following Rick on Hwy 62 and Hwy 7, and every quarter mile we were braking for a 30 mph curve. We met up again in Clarksville for lunch and headed out for the more famous roads (Hwy 7, Hwy 123, and home on Hwy 21). The day went quickly and I put on another 420 miles running the curves. Day 3 we headed from Bentonville to Eureka Springs for a morning of shopping. Not really a guy thing but we can't be selfish. After lunch we headed east on Hwy 62 towards Bull Shoals and Peel's Ferry (Hwy 62, 43, 7, 14 and 125). At Peel's Ferry we loaded the bikes onto a barge and were taken across Bull Shoals Lake. It was a neat experience. The two highlights of the trip for me were the roads in Arkansas and the ferry ride. Missouri roads aren't bad either. We were heading for Springfield, MO for the night (Hwy 125, 76, 65), and all nice roads. We had dinner south of Springfield at Lambert's Café – The only home of Throwed Rolls. The waiters would walk around and throw you a hot roll from clear across the room. Those hot rolls with honey and butter were a meal in itself. Day 4, heading home. We went north up Hwy 65 most of the way, then west on Hwy 36 to St. Joseph MO. From there it was I29 home; we were all tired and ready for our own bed. We all want to thank Bill and Nancy for planning and leading the trip. We had good weather and everything went as planned. All of us are looking forward to next year.

Thanks Jim

[Lambert's Cafe - The Only Home of Throwed Rolls](#)



Eureka

Springs have trolleys that shuttle you around town and the parking lot.



This is our group waiting for the trolley.



Downtown Eureka Springs, it's the old part of town with a lot of gift shops and places to eat. Most of the building were built in 1898 – 1920.



This is our group waiting in line for the ferry to arrive.



Group photo of us on our way across Bull Shoals.



Photo of the bikes on the barge.



Les gets all the girls.

Les says Les is More?



Mystery photographer, can you name him.

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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).

[www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com](mailto:www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com)

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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!**

**If you are not on the phone tree and want to be added**  
**Call or email Nancy James at [williamjames3@cox.net](mailto:williamjames3@cox.net) 402-593-8183**

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## District News & Links

(From the District Website)

### **November 2011 Leadership Training Program Article** – Bill & Nancy

Still some time for some GREAT riding but also time to start thinking about some training during the off-bike cold time. We now have LTP instructors in Chapter NE-NE [Lance] and Chapter O [Carrie, Nancy and Bill] so we should be able to find a convenient time to present the training of your choice.

Chapter Directors take a look and see what would benefit the members. There should be something for old and new members. Below are 3 sections of the LTP seminars for Chapter Leadership Skills, Member Orientation and Life Skills. All of them meet a specific need for most interests – just take a look – choose a topic then just let your chapter director or Nancy and I know - we will make it happen. If you have questions just give us a call. PS: We had a great Fall Ride to Arkansas from Oct 6-9 -- Join us next year!!

### ***Nancy and Bill James***

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Topics	Short Description
<b>Chapter Leadership Skills</b>	
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	
<b>Member Orientation</b>	
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
<b>Life Skills</b>	
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

Visit the District web site for more district news.

[www.gwrrane.com](http://www.gwrrane.com)

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## Region "E" News

*From the Region "E" Newsletter*

[www.gwrra-region-e.org](http://www.gwrra-region-e.org)

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## National News

*From the Wingin' It Newsletter*

# Got Parking?



**Wing Ding 34** at the **Allen County War Memorial Coliseum** in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, will feature **more than 30 acres of on-site parking**, an **8,000 seat arena** and **plenty of outdoor space** for the Manufacturer Demo's and much more so that **all daily events will be in one place!**

Previous Wing Dings in Ft. Wayne have always brought big crowds and we expect the same in 2012. Located right on Highway 930, this easily accessible facility is **located within a day's drive of 21% of the U.S. population.**

So plan on riding in, parking the bike and enjoying the ceremonies, hundreds of exhibits, manufacturer demo's, seminars, entertainment and more all in one location! We look forward to seeing you in Ft. Wayne, Indiana next **July 4-7, 2012!**

To register in advance, go to [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org) and save \$\$\$!



## Think You've Seen Ft. Wayne? Think Again!

**Wing Ding 34** in Ft. Wayne will host many new and exciting events such as the **Welcome Party** in the **Amish Town of Grabill, Indiana** featuring outdoor vendors, antique shops, buggy rides, **homemade ice cream** and much more hosted by Visit Fort Wayne!

We're planning a **Fourth of July Celebration** just for Wing Ding attendees on top of one of the IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne) Parking Garages for **VIP viewing** of the cities annual fireworks display. This evening will incorporate the **Light Parade** and feature **exclusive music, dancing, food vendors and more just for Wing Ding attendees** on the top floor of the garage (and reserved parking in the rest of the garage). Or, you can mingle with the community attendees throughout the campus enjoying their annual celebration in their **family-friendly, alcohol-free atmosphere**.

Also, take in a ballgame as the **Grand Parade** leads downtown and culminates at a **Ft. Wayne TinCaps baseball game** in their new stadium! Watch for more information coming soon for discounted **Wing Ding 34 ticket packages** which include **reserved seating, free parking, a hot dog and a drink!** The TinCaps are a Triple A affiliate of the San Diego Padres and are the pride of Ft. Wayne!

We are also planning several **bus tours of unique destinations** in and around Ft. Wayne such as the **DeBrand Chocolate Factory, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum** and more. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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## Rooms Are Going Fast!

**Making your room reservation is easy** - you can make your reservation online, by fax, or by email. **Simply click [here](#)** to go to the **Visit Fort Wayne** Wing Ding 34 custom website.

You will then find a list of convenient hotels and the room types they offer. We have made it very easy for you!

**Rooms are filling fast so don't wait!**

Call us at (800) 767-7752 for assistance with Wing Ding lodging, questions about Fort Wayne, or to request additional information

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Many great plans are underway for Wing Ding 34 and we are looking forward to returning to the great city of Ft. Wayne! We hope to see you there!

**Ride Safe,**

Melissa Eason  
Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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