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## April Dinner Rides

Come Ride, Eat, and Play With the A-Team

Meet at the NW or SW spot @ 6 PM.

[NW: Cubby's @ 680 & Irvington | SW: Dept. of Roads @ 108<sup>th</sup> & I]

- 4-2 Business Meeting**  
Millard Library 6:45 PM  
13214 Westwood Lane  
Omaha, NE
- 4-9 Sam & Louie's (SW)**  
18010 R Plaza  
Omaha, NE  
402 895-2427
- 4-16 Swine Dining (SW)**  
204 E Mission  
Bellevue, NE  
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- 4-23 Nate's Grill (NW)**  
15603 Bennington Road  
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- 4-30 April Rain (SW)**  
204 Sharp St  
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Saturday 9AM @ Dillon Brothers coffee and Destination  
Friendship

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## Upcoming GWTA Events

**Region C Rally**  
June 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lincoln, NE

**Gold Rush XXVII**  
July 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>  
Boyne Mtn. Resort  
Boyne Falls, MI





## GWTA Region C

March 12 

Hello Everyone! Judy Schaefer here. As you may have heard, Rick Hinrichs has stepped down as the Region C Director. As he and Penni concentrate on their life together, we will still see them from time to time. Please join me in thanking Rick for his many years of service to Region C and to GWTA...a job well done!

As the new Region C Director, I am hitting the ground running. We have a Region C Rally in less than three months! I want to thank Peggy Hakanson, NE Director, and Karen Green, IA Director and Region C Treasurer, for the work they have done towards this rally so far! I also want to thank Jereomy Frum, Region Webmaster, for posting the recent rally site information.

I will be meeting with both of them this coming weekend in Springfield, IL, at the IL Spring Break-Out where we will hopefully have some time to discuss the tasks at hand. In the coming week, I will be contacting our Region C staff and getting everyone up to speed.

To all of our Region chapters and members: I look forward to serving you and GWTA as Region C Director, and getting to know all of you more! It's exciting times...so please watch this page and forthcoming emails for more news about our upcoming Region C Rally. Please plan on attending...it's going to be GREAT!







# Meeting Minutes

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GWTA Chapter A  
Meeting Minutes  
Omaha Public Library-Millard Branch  
March 5, 2014

Chapter Director, Karen Durand, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. And if you weren't there, you missed some pretty awesome cupcakes that Karen brought to share with all of us. See, you never know what you might miss at a meeting. Next time it could be Dancing Elephants!

There is a date conflict at the Library for the May 7<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The Library has something going on and since their activities override ours we have to do something different. Mike Brush made a motion to have the May meeting at the Durand Garage Mahol and Terry Dunaway 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Everyone decided that was a great idea, at least for the majority of us, not sure what the Durand's thought. Deb Siepker then made a motion to make it a potluck dinner meeting and that was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Brush and quickly passed by all the rest of us.

The Treasury report was very informal with the actual report not being able to make it to the meeting, so a guess-t-mat amount was given.

## Old Business:

Does anyone have any ideas for the ride calendar that Julie is creating for us for the riding season? Julie is also busy trying to get the Face Book page for the chapter whipped back into shape. It was decided that this should be open to the public since this is supposed to hopefully, create some interest from outsiders in our organization. If we do have non-members joining us we should probably have them sign a waiver before they ride with us. Also there was some discussion about people who continue to join us for activities on a long-term basis without joining GWTA.

## New Business:

Mike and Carol will do a seminar on proper group riding procedures at the April meeting. Thank you, Mike and Carol.

Since Chapter B decided not to renew their Chapter Charter, should we contact the members to see if they would be interested in joining us? Some of them have belonged to TA for many years and it would be a shame to see them drop their memberships and stop enjoying TA. It was decided that we should. But we also need to concentrate on keeping **our** current members happy and active, too.

Peggy Hakanson, State Director, said that the schedule for the Region C Rally would be out soon. That Rally is in Lincoln, NE this year with opening ceremonies on Friday June 6, 2014 and closing ceremonies on Sunday June 8, 2014. There are lots of things planned and crammed into those couple of days so be sure to be there so you don't miss out on the action. We are also looking for lots of help with different things for the weekend so make sure you let Peggy or Karen Durand know if you are up to the task.

The Nebraska-Iowa Fun Run is planned for June 28<sup>th</sup> at Lake Manawa. I think it was Site # 5 but I know there will be more information to follow and signs that day.

Jeremy Frum is redesigning the State TA web page and hopefully will be ready soon and easier to navigate.

There will be a Float contest (don't understand, ask someone) at Gold Rush in July. The theme is Mardi Gras.



## Celebrations

### *Birthdays*

*April 4 Denise Telford*  
*April 15 Dale Pinkelman*  
*April 22 Mark Holling*  
*April 24 Joyce Dolan*

### *Anniversaries*

*April 2 Chris & Melanie*  
*Doyle*

Dave Telford and Denise Kyle

Married Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day)



Ever thrifty Dave now only has to buy 1 anniversary/Valentine's present

Debbie, Lynnette & Peggy at Illinois State Mtg.



### Nebraska 2014 Family of the Year

Karen & Jim's Surprise on hearing that they are Nebraska Family of the Year! To be fair, Jim always looks surprised like this.



An oldie from the March/April 2011 Touring News but some good tips for spring riding.



## 2010-2011 GWTA Family of the Year

**Pam & Bob Beveridge**

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Spring is just around the corner, we are in the process of getting our motorcycle ready for the next riding season and also assessing our coats and helmets to see if they need to be replaced this year. In Iowa we have a Motorcycle Safety Forum that is held every year and this year it is April 29<sup>th</sup> in Ames, Iowa and we plan to attend. Last year we had a booth where we sold raffle tickets and handed out information regarding GWTA and hopefully we get to have one this year again. We have attended 2 forums in the past 3 years and we always come away with new information that we did not know. Some of the key points are:

- \*\* Make yourself visible – Use a modulating headlamp. Choose riding gear that increases your visibility in traffic and provides protection in a crash. Use bright colors and retro-reflective strips or decals, especially at night. Your best defense as a motorcyclist is to “Ride Bright” and make yourself stand out in traffic or in the surroundings so you will “Be Seen and Be Safe.”
- \*\* Ride so you are seen – You and your motorcycle are easily hidden in traffic, in motorists’ blind spots or against a bright sky. Use lane positioning to be seen.
- \*\* Allow plenty of space – Allow space for motorist to see and react to you. Scan for changing traffic and roadway conditions. Allow space for emergency braking or crash avoidance.
- \*\* Signal your intentions – Signal before changing lanes. Avoid weaving between lanes. Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- \*\* Sharpen your riding skills – Know your abilities and ride within your limits. Earn and maintain your motorcycle license. A rider refresher course can upgrade your skills and increase your riding enjoyment. This is an area where GWTA members can utilize our Riding Education program. We were able to complete our Level 1 and Level 2 in the program last year at Gold Rush. I know I learned some valuable information in the Co-Rider part of the program which has helped when I am riding with Bob. I recommend everyone participate in this program.
- \*\* Be courteous and respectful – Being courteous, non-aggressive and cooperative can go a long way in reducing crashes.
- \*\* Make sure your helmet is at the least DOT certified. Snell certified is the best.

We are also busy putting our calendar together for the next riding season, getting registrations in, selling raffle tickets and attending meetings. Even though we are not able to ride during the winter, we are still busy attending GWTA winter functions (weather permitting).

Until next article remember to wear your chapter colors, have fun, and ride safe!

Pam & Bob Beveridge

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## A trip to the car wash

by  
Milton Clair Grimes

It almost seemed like a fetish. Everybody and everything had to be bathed. Us, the kids, the cat, the dog, the pet's toys, the car. Especially the car. In later years, it became difficult to pass up a car wash. If the car appeared a little dusty or dirty, off to the car wash. And not the "wand" kind, either. It had to be the ride through sort, with attendants at both ends. But before that....

We were living in Lincoln, Nebraska, in a 60 foot long trailer. Actually, back in Uni Place where we had gone to college. She was teaching fifth grade, and I was back in school, under the GI Bill, getting the accounting courses I needed to become a CPA someday. She drove the car to school, and I rode the bus to good old Nebraska U.

Old habits die hard. We were back trading at the Uni Place grocery stores and other familiar haunts and stores that we were used to.

The huge gas stations that are the norm today didn't exist at that time. There was a two pump gas station in Uni Place, with one pump for regular and one for Ethyl. It also had a repair bay and a hand wash flunky. A pass through car wash? No sir, those came later. No one had even envisioned the "wand" type, do-it-yourself bays at that time. This was the real deal. A "person" went over your car with a bucket of suds, a sponge, and a garden hose.

She came home from school one day just fit to be tied. The service station had a sign out in front that offered a free car wash with the purchase of eight gallons of gas. Was the car dirty? Not so's you'd notice. But beauty (and cleanliness) is in the eye of the beholder. Did the car need gas? Not according to the fuel gauge, but it was down some and showed somewhere around half. It probably would hold eight gallons of gas, and the offer for a free wash was, plain and simple, just too, too good to pass up.

Of course she pulled in, stopped at the pump, and went into the station to wait.

These were the days! An attendant not only filled your tank, but checked the air in your tires, checked your oil, checked your radiator, your brake fluid and, if you weren't getting the car washed, cleaned your windshield.

The attendant did all that down to cleaning the windshield, but when he started on that, she came fogging out of the station to ask why. He was going to wash the car, wasn't he?

No, ma'am, the car only took seven point eight gallons. A wash would cost her \$1.50.

So, couldn't you spill two tenths of a gallon to qualify for the free wash she wanted to know? At twenty nine point nine cents a gallon those two tenths would have cost about six cents.

No, ma'am, the pump shut off at seven point eight. The free wash was for eight gallons.

So how many cars come through that only take seven point eight gallons? Do you watch to make sure it shuts off at seven point eight? You can't fudge it that little bit? Where's the owner of the station?

I don't remember whether he finally agreed to wash it, or whether she had to drive it home in a "dirty" condition, but the poor attendant didn't know who he was dealing with. I had a brief moment there where I actually felt sorry for him. He would have been far, far better off by immediately assuring her that he'd take care of her and what's a couple of tenths of a gallon of gas short, anyway?

I don't recall many times when anyone got the best of her. He probably washed it!

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## ***Understanding Engineers***

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

### Understanding Engineers #1

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

### Understanding Engineers #2

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

### Understanding Engineers #3

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

### Understanding Engineers #4

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

### Understanding Engineers #5

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."

2013 MOTORCYCLE RECALLS FROM MC Consumer NEWS (Nov 13 - Apr 2014)				
BRAND	MODEL/YEAR	COMPONENT	NHTSA ID#	MCC NEWS ISSUE
Triumph	2012-2013 Street Triple/R & Daytona 675/R	Service Brakes - ABS	13V319000	October-13
Can-Am	2013 Spyder RT and ST	Service Brakes - Hydraulic	13V386000	November-13
Indian	Select 2009 - 2013 bikes	Wheels (rear rim may crack)	13V391000	November-13
Kawasaki	2009-2013 Concours 14 Police	Electrical, Fuel Systems, Brakes	13V387000	November-13
Kawasaki	2009-2013 Concours 14 Police	Electrical System	13V370000	November-13
Harley Davidson	2014 Touring Models	Hydraulic Clutch may not disengage	Voluntary	December-13
Suzuki	2004-13 GSX-R600, R750, 2005-13 GSX-R1000	Front brakes master cylinder corrosion	13V449000	December-13
Yamaha	2011 XC50A (Vino Classic)	Brake shoe linings	13V416000	December-13
Harley Davidson	2014 Trike Models	Service Brakes - Steering	13V491000	January-14
Ural	Select 2012	Service Brakes	13V507000	January-14
BMW	2012 K1600G/GTL	Electrical System, Engine, Vehicle Speed Control	13V526000	February-14
BMW	2007-2009 F800S/ST	Wheels	13V549000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2014 w/hydraulic clutch actuation	Power Train	13V515000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2014 FLHTUTG, FXSBE & FLSTNSEE	Power Train	13V517000	February-14
BMW	Numerous 2005 - 2012 Models	Fuel System, Gasoline	13V617000	March-14
Triumph	2013 Trophy SE	Structure - Centerstand Failure	13V608000	March-14
Kawasaki	2010 - 2012 KLX110/L	Fuel System, Gasoline	n/a	April-14
Triumph	2012 - 2014 Triumph Tiger Explorer, 2013 - 2014 Trophy	Electrical System/Fuel System	14V009000	April-14

**Rider Magazine**  
February 1 at 12:30pm · 🌐

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/01/31/buried-on-motorcycle.html>



**Champaign County man buried on his Harley**

MECHANICSBURG, Ohio — If there was anything that stuck out about Bill Standley when he was alive, it was that he did things exactly the way he wanted to do them, usually while riding a motorcycle or a horse. This morning, his family and friends gave him a funeral fitting of that life. Instead of ly...

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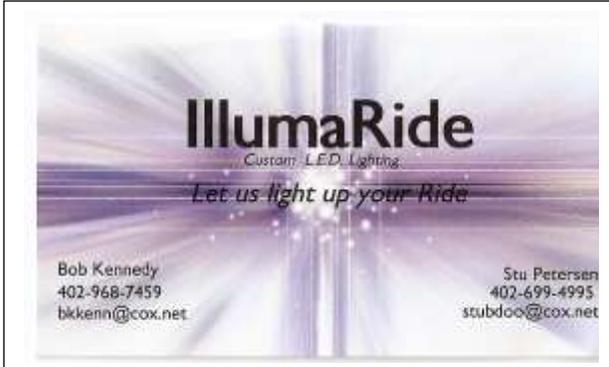
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## DOG FOR SALE

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale' He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.' 'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a Liar. He's never been out of the yard'



Submit your favorite picture for the 'Rides' page.