

# Heartland Wings

July 2014 Newsletter

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## July 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]

**7-2 Business Meeting**

Millard Library 6:45 PM

13214 Westwood Lane

Omaha, NE



**7-4**

**7-9 Parker's BBQ (SW)**

Hwy 63 & 6

Ashland, NE

402 728-5266

**7-16 Nate's Grill (NW)**

15603 Bennington Road

Bennington, NE

402 238-2430

**7-30 Nifty-Fifties (NW)**

1743 Military

Fremont, NE

402 721-3750

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Saturday 9AM @ Dillon Brothers coffee and Destination  
Friendship

Sundays 9AM @ Golden Corral, 1511 Gregg Road West,  
Bellevue – Emergency Breakfast

## Upcoming GWTA Events

- 7-4 - Chapter Y Waverly Parade
- 7-4 thru 6 – ABATE of Iowa Freedom Rally
- 7-12 – Dale & Deb's Dunlap Drive
- July 21-24 – Gold Rush XXVII
- August 15 – 17 Great Escape with Chapter Z
- 9-21 – Chapter A Fun Run

# Chapter Directors' Words of Wisdom

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Happy Fourth of July everyone! It should be the summer riding season is here, but it still looks like April showers for us. Hopefully that will mean some nice riding into October and November.

Independence Day is my favorite holiday. No presents to shop for, good weather if you're traveling, food everyone can agree on, and fireworks. Time to spend with family and friends, and perhaps some motorcycle rides. Usually a three day weekend (sometimes a four day weekend).

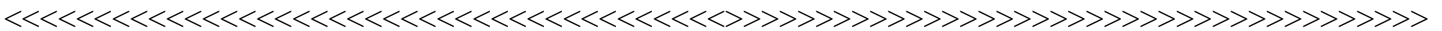
We have so much to be thankful for (usually celebrated on my 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite holiday). Make the most of the freedoms this country offers this weekend. Have some fun with family and friends, and maybe get a ride or two in.

The Fun Run Committee had their first meeting and decided on the ride date, September 21. I know that it overlaps with Colorama, but this has been the case with everything this summer. We are still working on the actual ride, so if you have some suggestions, let the committee know. Kudos to Michael and Julie Sullivan for their work on this.

Gold Rush is practically here. If you are going and want someone to ride with, check with Jim and myself. We will be putting together a trip meeting for all interested parties. Looks like it will be a good time. Boyne Mountain was my first long trip, and I have great memories of this trip and want to revisit some favorites and see some new places.

Ride safe!

Karen and Jim Durand  
Chapter A Chapter Directors





Pictures from 2011 Gold Rush



# Meeting Minutes

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GWTA Chapter A  
Meeting Minutes  
Omaha Public Library-Millard Branch  
June 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 by Chapter Director Karen Durand. There were 15 members present.

May's meeting minutes (as excellently written by Deb Siepker) were published in the June newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Amazingly, we still have some money left. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed

## Old Business-

1. SSIOWR was discussed and members encouraged to send your ride ideas to Julie Sullivan. She also mentioned our FB page – which is pretty awesome. Mark will ask Barb to put a link in our webpage to this site.
  - a. Dale S volunteered to lead a ride to Dunlap, IA on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fun Run Committee composed of Karen, Jim, Michael & Joyce will meet Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> to plot...er plan the event.
3. Members are encouraged to check out the North South Nebraska Grand Tour.

## New Business-

1. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse the Durand's for table and chair rental for the Garage MaHal meeting last month.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Lynnette for gift bags she purchased for the Region C Rally.
3. A motion was made, seconded and passed that (someone?) was going to check to see if Region C has a fund to help the Family of the Year. If they do our Chapter will donate \$50.
4. Karen suggested some folks may want to get together and have a Gold Rush planning meeting. Riding, floats, costumes, etc.
5. A suggestion was made that we change our NW meeting spot to the TSC store across the street. That gas station seems to be getting busier as is the street in front of it. Last week, while we were waiting to pull out, a woman who is obviously more important than us, pulled around and in front of us so she wouldn't have to wait.
6. Karen encouraged members to consider signing up for one of the many exciting positions available in the Chapter.
7. As we use the library for a meeting place, Karen plugged their reading program.

Karen closed the meeting at x:xx PM. We held a 50/50 drawing which Mark H won (for the second week in a row – Luck of the Irish) and then we went to Dairy Queen afterwards.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Holling - Chapter Secretary

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays*

*July 4      America*



*July 13     Jim Durand*

*July 17     Deb Siepker*

### *Anniversaries*

*July 7      Bob and Barb Kennedy*



Congratulations to Mike Benck, Dave Patton and Gary Wahlstrom who broke their butts on the Buttbuster 1500 last weekend.

1500 miles in 33 hours (allowed 36 hours)!

Plus, they did the first 1000 in less than 24 hours so that counts as a Saddlesore 1000.

## Next stop National Family of the Year!



GWTA NE Chapter A shared GWTA Region C's photo.  
June 13

Congrats Jim and Karen on being Region C 2014 Family of the Year! You totally deserve it!

Great thanks to our 2013 Region C Family of the Year and National Family of the Year, Mel & Linda Vogt, NE-Z. A hearty congratulations to the 2014 Region C Family of the Year, Jim & Karen Durand, NE-A! On to Gold Rush!!!



## Region C Rally

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We recently returned from our Regional Rally held in Lincoln, Nebraska. We had over 70 people in attendance with a huge presence from Nebraska (to be expected ☺). A good time was had by all!!!! If you weren't there, you missed one of the most enjoyable events in a long time. Everyone was in a positive mood; not a negative word was spoken!!! We really have to keep THAT going!

Opening ceremonies was fabulous with a cute little number by called Senior Moments, Brain Farts. Boy can I relate to that! He a musical narration of a crazy, fun skit about not looking good anymore performed by Jo Allen and Brian Sowers. Let's just say of Brian ☺ (is there a limit to what that man will do??). It was entertaining. And, I was totally amazed by the Power Point that Paula Fleischman put together about the State of Nebraska. talented and creative!! Judy Schaefer did a wonderful job of event and announced our Region C Family of the Year, Karen and Go Nebraska!!! Karen and Jim will represent us well at Gold

There was plenty to do at this awesome rally. Barb Mills along members of Chapter C put together some nice rides and had available. Thank you Barb and Chapter C.



Mel Vogt also provided naked we saw a lot extremely presentation She is so opening this Jim Durand!! Rush.

with the printouts

Dale and I participated in most events. On Friday, Dale went on the ride led by Randy Moler who also arranged the visit to the Museum of Speed. I went on the girls shopping trip on to the Gretna Outlet Mall. Dale thoroughly enjoyed the ride and the museum and well, shopping is one of my favorite things to do. There were many riders that went on the museum ride and five of us girls that went shopping. Lynnette, Judy, Lauri, Gladys and I had a fabulous time with each of us making purchases; a successful shopping trip in deed!!!

From there we all met at Star City for dinner. There were lots of folks there and everyone was in their element. We do like motorcycle shops ☺ Star City was gracious enough to let us hold our bike show in their parking lot. There wasn't a lot of participation in the bike show, but Dale walked away with a trophy, so Yay!!! Dave and Denise Telford gave a co-rider safety demonstration which was extremely informative. Could you believe how strong Peggy is, she was the only woman there that could pick up that motorcycle. You go Peggy!!!! A special thank you to Paula Fleischman for letting us use her motorcycle in this demonstration. After the bike show we all gathered for ice cream and Karen's delicious brownies (thank you Karen and Jr. Green and the State of Iowa). We do love our ice cream ☺. Barb Mills also gave a demonstration on how to neatly fold a pair of chaps; she sure made that look easy . . . . A big thank you to Star City for the use of their facility!! The 50/50 drawing for day one was held with Lauri Eickelberger winning \$182 (I'm thinking it was my turn to win??).

The festivities at Star City were followed by game night back at the hotel. Game night was also a lot of fun with quite a few people participating. Some went back to the campground and I'm sure met around a campfire for their own crazy fun. Nebraska Chapter Z made sure the bonfires were burning and Jo Allen from Iowa made sure the fires were really BIG!!

I missed out on the campfire even though Lynnette and I made an attempt to visit; by the time we got our poop in a group to visit, the campground was dark and quiet. So, we made a trip to Walmart. What is a TA event

## Region C Rally

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without at least one trip to Walmart!? Lynnette's GPS took us on a wild goose chase from the campground to Walmart, but we finally made it. We got back to the hotel around midnight and I went to my room and slept like a baby (those beds were soooo comfortable). Lynnette, from what I was told, made yet another trip to Walmart (she is such a night owl!!). All in all, Friday was a fun-packed day!

Saturday morning started with free breakfast for all us hotel stayers. After that we hung out in the Conference Center as we made plans for riding. Dale and I were invited to go to Homestead Monument in Beatrice. Dale and Dan Dolan rode their bikes and I rode in the car with Jim and Karen. It was a quick visit to this historical site then we made the trek back to Lincoln to Rods Powersports for lunch. We enjoyed Rods just as much as we did Star City (did I mention we like hanging out at motorcycle shops?). We all left Rods to get back to the hotel for a couple of friendly games of dirty bingo (one of the most fun games ever). It's not about the gift you receive, it's all about the meeting new people and the stealing 😊 Gladys keeps things interesting by adding a little move two seats to the right and a little hokey pokey (boy does that woman have a lot of energy!).

After dirty bingo was the auction. It was quite a successful auction with lots of great stuff! Dillon Brothers Motor Sports donated a GoPro camera that brought in over \$310!! Thank you Dillon Brothers and thank you to Dan and Joyce Dolan (again) for running the auction. TA auctions are always interesting; one person's junk is another's treasure!! I purchased some delicious cheese cake (who doesn't like cheese cake?). I also came home with a set of flashlights that I didn't even bid on. Did you know that if you raise your hand in an auction the auctioneer thinks you're bidding on the item up for bid? Well, those of us who talk with our hands really have to be careful at an auction. Oh well, these flashlights will make an excellent dirty bingo gift at the next event 😊

Peggy Hakanson (who was instrumental in organizing this event) arranged some sweet entertainment prior to the awards banquet. A local dance group warmed all our hearts with their performances. So much talent at such young ages. These little girls were amazing and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching them. We even passed the hat and raised over \$200 for them. We are truly a generous group.

The awards banquet the Iowa people dressed up in their granddaughter and spirit!!!!



The food was absolutely delicious (I even went for seconds). There was plenty to go around and I'm pretty sure everyone had their fill (I hope so anyway or I'm going to feel bad about going for seconds).

was next. While we were all getting seated, a few of who recently started Iowa Chapter M entered all 20's Jazz costumes. Sheryl and Ben Ress & their Pam and Bob Beveridge looked awesome; such

absolutely delicious (I even went for seconds). There was plenty to go around and I'm pretty sure everyone had their fill (I



# Region C Rally

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Next, Judy announced the winners of the bike show and recognized those who helped make this rally successful. She announced that Region C 2015 would be held in northeast Iowa with more details to follow. The 50/50 drawing for day 2 was held where Lynn and Debra Forsgren were the lucky winners of \$318 (I can't believe I didn't win). We all dispersed after that with some going to Dairy Queen, some going to the campground and a few of us partied in our hotel room. We hashed through the weekend events and determined that we all most enjoyable time and the only negative thing we could come up with to do with the way the toilets flushed in the hotel ('bout took your fingers each time).



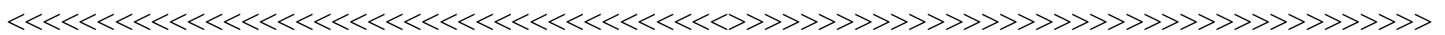
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Thank you Judy Schaffer, Peggy Hakansen, Karen and Jr. Green, Gladys and Dave Berkemeier and everyone for an amazing weekend!!! Let's do it again real soon!!!!!!

P.S. I apologize if I misspelled anyone's name.

P.P. S. I realized as I was putting this together that I should have taken more pictures . . . . . next time ☺

Deb Siepker  
Nebraska Director of Special Operations





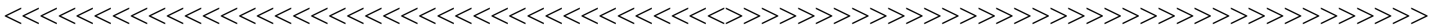
## THE VOMITOFFSKICOUGHANDBOOMER

We got that mo-chine looking fine,  
And filled the tank with gas,  
The manual said, "Go through step nine,  
Then find a pretty lass!"  
We ticked them off, out on the grass, until we got to nine,  
The engine ran then, with real class,  
With just one kick of mine.

### Chorus:

The vomitoffskicoughandboomer,  
It looks mighty neat,  
The vomitoffskicoughandboomer,  
Stands there all complete,  
The vomitoffskicoughandboomer,  
We will be replete,  
On the vomitoffskicoughandboomer,  
Racing down the street.

My boy stuck with us through it all,  
But when it coughed and boomed,  
He put his back against the wall,  
Said, "Dad! That bike is doomed!"  
The crowd that gathered 'round made room,  
And though my boy's sixteen,  
He'd never heard the voice of doom,  
Like came from that mo-chine.



# Chapter P Fun Run

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On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we attended Iowa Chapter P's fun run at Indian Creek Museum. There were over 30 people who showed up for this event; pretty nice turn out! Dale and I met up with Peggy Hakanson, Chuck Wyant, and Lynnette Stowell to ride to this event. We had to leave the house around 7:30 AM which is a little early for me on a Sunday, but I was actually ready on time! We rode in a little rain on our way to the meeting place and were hopeful that the rain would go way north and not be an issue.

Kickstands were up by 8:30 (Lynnette was on time, too!) and we arrived at the museum around 9:00. We ate breakfast (it was really yummy, especially those carmel pecan rolls!!) and left for the ride around 9:45. The beginning of the ride was a little confusing and we did find some more rain. We all had on our rain gear, so none of us got very wet. The ride was quite enjoyable in spite of the rain. We made it to each stop and were back to the museum by 12:30.



Ice cream and brownies were the next order of business followed by awarding of prizes. Chapter A did really well with Barb Kennedy winning first place with high score and Lynnette Stowell won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Door prizes were given out next with almost everyone walking away with a nice little prize. Thank you Chapter P for a super fun time! We're all looking forward to the next event. I LOVE riding season!!!



We then said our goodbyes and rode home in beautiful weather.

Deb Sieper - Director of Special Operations

2013 MOTORCYCLE RECALLS FROM MC Consumer NEWS (Nov 13 - July 2014)				
BRAND	MODEL/YEAR	COMPONENT	NHTSA ID#	MCC NEWS ISSUE
BMW	2012 K1600G/GTL	Electrical System, Engine, Vehicle Speed Control	13V526000	February-14
BMW	2007-2009 F800S/ST	Wheels	13V549000	February-14
BMW	Numerous 2005 - 2012 Models	Fuel System, Gasoline	13V617000	March-14
Can-Am	2013 Spyder RT and ST	Service Brakes - Hydraulic	13V386000	November-13
Ducati - Ohlins				
Harley Davidson	2014 Touring Models	Hydraulic Clutch may not disengage	Voluntary	December-13
Harley Davidson	2014 Trike Models	Service Brakes - Steering	13V491000	January-14
Harley Davidson	2014 w/hydraulic clutch actuation	Power Train	13V515000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2014 FLHTUTG, FXSB & FLSTNSEE	Power Train	13V517000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2013 - 2014 FXSB & FXSBSE	Fuel System, Gasoline	14V227000	July-14
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
Kawasaki	2010 - 2012 KLX110/L	Fuel System, Gasoline	n/a	April-14
MV Augusta	2014 LE 675 numerous models	Structure - swingarm bolt	14E012000	July-14
Ohlins	Numerous Ducat, Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha	Ohlins Steering Damper	14V227000	July-14
Suzuki	2004-13 GSX-R600, R750, 2005-13 GSX-R1000	Front brakes master cylinder corrosion	13V449000	December-13
Triumph	2012-2013 Street Triple/R & Daytona 675/R	Service Brakes - ABS	13V319000	October-13
Triumph	2013 Trophy SE	Structure - Centerstand Failure	13V608000	March-14
Triumph	2012 - 2014 Triumph Tiger Explorer, 2013 - 2014 Trophy	Electrical System/Fuel System	14V009000	April-14
Ural	Select 2012	Service Brakes	13V507000	January-14
Victory	2014 & 2015 numerous models	Engine and engine cooling	14V227000	July-14
Yamaha	2011 XC50A (Vino Classic)	Brake shoe linings	13V416000	December-13
Zero	2014 DS/FX/S/SR	Drivetrain, Electric	14V119000	May-14

## Harley Davidson LiveWire – Electric MC


Not yet in production, Harley is taking a few dozen LiveWires on tour in the US and Europe asking for feedback. 14 pound aluminum frame, hollow spokes on the wheels and 0 to 60 in less than 4 seconds. 74 horsepower and governed top speed of 92 mph. 53 mile range, 3.5 hours to charge at 220 volts.



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**Bushtec  
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 Sport Trailer**



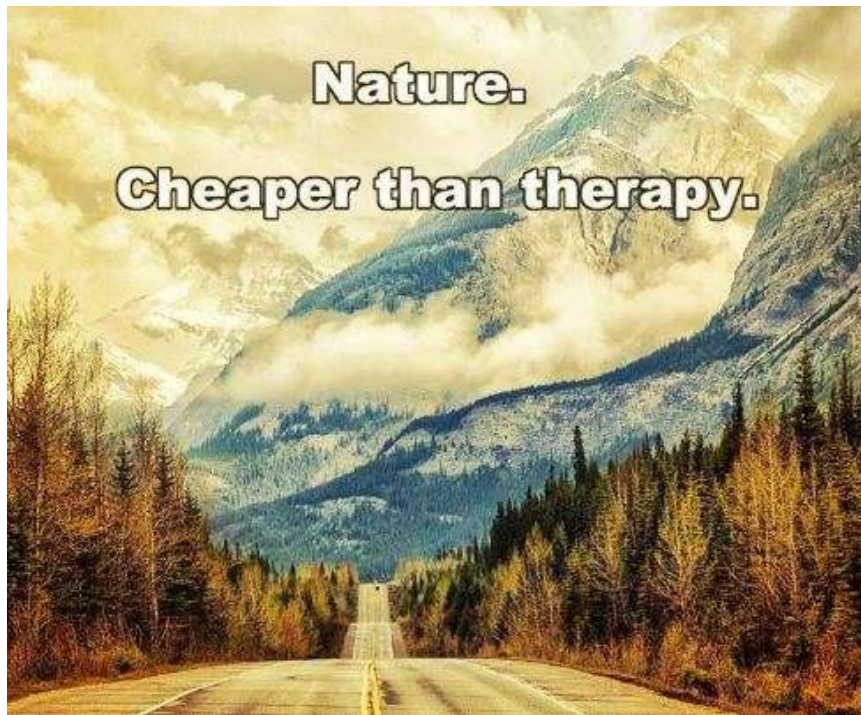
Bushtec is a name you're probably familiar with. It was the first example of a "big wheel" style of motorcycle trailer, invented in 1974 by Bill Bush for a friend who was unable to find a commercial model to his liking. Word of mouth kept Bill busy producing trailers at his little workshop in California until 1999, when the company changed hands and moved to Tennessee.

When we arrived at Bushtec's Jackson, Tennessee, headquarters, General Manager Nath Simpson and his crew were just returning from their most successful bluffs ever. The factory was on overtime and every unit produced steadily had a customer. Fortunately, they had a popular Quantum Sport trailer all ready for us to try out.

The Quantum Sport model combines Bushtec's proprietary

twelve-inch pin coupler, twin independent A-arm air suspension with anti-sway bar, and 16-inch wheels with a well-framed aerodynamic design intended to be an easy pull for almost any motorcycle. The larger, narrower wheels make the trailer more manoeuvrable, and are easier on wheel bearings because they make fewer rotations per mile and spin more slowly at a given road speed than smaller wheels.

Strapped in white gel coat or black, we observed Bushtec's technicians sanding, polishing and final finishing the exterior to remove slight imperfections that were only visible under special lighting. The result is a steel-reinforced fiberglass hull that both



Submit your favorite picture for the 'Rides' page.