

Heartland Wings

November 2014 Newsletter

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November Dinner Rides

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

Winter Schedule - Meet at the Restaurant @ 6:30 PM

11-5 Business Meeting

Millard Library 6:45 PM

13214 Westwood Lane

Omaha, NE

11-12 Summer Kitchen

12010 Giles Road @ 6:30

LaVista, NE

402 592-8017

11-19 B & G Tasty Foods

7900 W. Dodge @ 6:30

Omaha, NE

402 390-6096

11-27 Happy Thanksgiving!

Wherever you Are

Whenever you Eat

402 EAT TURKEY

Saturday 9AM @ Dillon Brothers coffee and Destination
Friendship

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

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Upcoming GWTA Events

November 8th – Fall Follies (see GWTA News)

Mahoney State Park/Riverview Lodge

November 27th – Turkey Day!



GWTA Nebraska Fall Follies

Event Date 11/8/2014 12:00:00 AM.

GWTA NEBRASKA

FALL FOLLIES NOV 8, 2014



Mad Hatter



Mahoney State Park/Riverview Lodge

Call 402-944-2523 for a room at the lodge or cabin (Mention GWTA)

Pot Luck Lunch provided by your State Staff (11-1pm)

Awards Banquet and Roast 5:30 - ??



Live Auction/Games/Dirty Bingo



Registration Per Person Members \$25 BEFORE Oct. 1st - \$30 AFTER Oct 1st

Non-Members \$35 BEFORE Oct 1st - \$40 AFTER Oct. 1st

Name _____	# of Members _____	@ \$25 or \$30	\$ _____
Name _____	# of Non-Members _____	@ \$35 or \$40	\$ _____
Name _____	# of Children under 16 _____	@ \$16.00	\$ _____
Pre Registration 50/50 _____		@ \$1.00 EA	\$ _____
Membership # _____	Chapter _____	Total	\$ _____

Your Registration Includes the Saturday Evening Meal

Make Checks Payable to **GWTA Nebraska** and send along with your Registration

To... Barb Mills 16110 Platteview Rd. Springfield, NE 68059

Meeting Minutes

GWTA Chapter A
Meeting Minutes
Omaha Public Library-Millard Branch
October 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Director Karen Durand. There were 17 members present.

September's redacted meeting minutes were published in the October newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as published.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Big Daddy Brush. Amazingly, we still have money in the treasury. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as corrected.

Old Business-

- Fun Run was a great success!
 - Photos were in the newsletter and will be placed on our facebook page by Julie S.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and after some discussion passed to donate \$150 of the Chapter's profits to the Food Bank along with the cans collected during the event.
- In October's newsletter the second Goldwing recall on the secondary master brake cylinder was noted. Several members have now received the letter. Honda doesn't have a fix but suggests the following:
 - Put motorcycle in neutral
 - Depress and release rear brake pedal with normal foot pressure at least 5 times – wait 5 seconds.
 - Place on centerstand or push bike on firm level surface to check wheels rotate freely.
 - If you feel strong resistance or can't push motorcycle, brakes may be dragging.
 - If brakes dragging contact your Honda dealer for inspection..

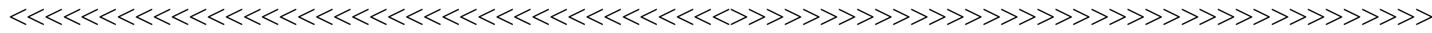
New Business-

- Fall Follies will be at Mahoney State Park on November 8th.
- SSIOWR - Chapter P has invited us to join them in a "Leaf Ride" on Sunday, October 5th. Meet at 11:30 in Red Oak, IA then ride to Bedford, IA for strawberry shortcake. Julie will send out a text to the Chapter.
 - Terry and Evelyn attended Chapter P's meeting and brought the invitation to the Chapter.
 - Karen asked numerous questions about Chapter P's meeting. Chapter A loves Karen's leadership and no one in the whole world could have a better meeting than she does.
- Karen also brought up the subjects of the monthly meeting. Would we like to change location, meeting day, etc. The group wasn't excited about changing anything since these meetings are already so much fun, any improvements could be too much for us.
- Karen also brought up the dinner rides. With the daylight hours getting shorter she suggested perhaps an earlier time or maybe just a dessert ride as we could be done before dark. This topic was tabled until later
- Family of the Year – we had multiple nominations for this esteemed honor but after cussing and discussing the topic Mike and Carol Brush were elected Chapter A Family of the Year. Hoorah!
- 2015 Gold Rush – National has informed us that, after the first of the year, the rate for members will increase from \$40 to \$50, nonmember rate will increase from \$50 to \$60. (Note – I checked GWTA's national website – on the online registration form it quotes those rates as "before 12/1/2014" so we may see an increase before 1/1/15.)
- Mark brought up the fact we have not received a note from Mit on the mileage report. Karen will check.

Meeting Minutes

Karen closed the meeting. We held a 50/50 drawing which someone won. Group then went to Dairy Queen.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Holling - Chapter Secretary



Hi Everyone,

I find it very hard to believe, I am writing this Article for the October Issue of Touring News. It seems like yesterday that we were at Gold Rush in July.

What I find harder to believe is that Rapid City, South Dakota had 8 inches of snow the other day. Does this mean we are going to get an early winter? Anymore it is so hard to tell what the weather is going to do in different parts of the country – floods in Arizona and other parts of the country where there is not usually the amount of rain they have received. On the other hand, in California, we are suffering under the lack of rain, it seems to be going around this state. Sure would be great is it could be shipped from other parts of the country to us.

Where ever you are in this country, changes in weather like we are seeing means we have to consider our riding season. If it is turning winter where you live and your riding season is coming to

an end, make sure you winterize your bike in accordance with the recommendations in your Motorcycle Owners Manual. Improperly winterizing your bike could be disastrous next year when the riding season begins again. If you are in an area where the rains have been excessive but you are still riding, make sure you investigate the weather reports before you start out on a ride. Speaking from experience, it is no fun getting caught in an unexpected downpour. This happened to me last year in Arizona and I was able to get off the road to wait the storm out. Later I found out the highway I had travelled on was closed behind me was closed due to a flash flood –scary.

No matter what your situation, make sure you take care of the beautiful investment we all enjoy so you are able to continue to ride safe.

Doug Green, Rider Education Director

Touring News – October 2014

Celebrations

Birthdays

14th Evelyn Dunaway

24th Tom Staebell

26th Karen Durand

27th Dave Telford

Anniversaries

28th Mark & Nancy Holling

LUNASEE ACTIVE SIDE LIGHTING SYSTEM

The Lunasee Active Side Lighting system uses four small LED lights mounted on the fork or frame (one on each side of the wheel) to aim light at strips of photo-luminescent tape on the wheel rims to produce glowing rings of light. The kit comes with four high-intensity lights, a switch and a controller, reflective rim tape, spacers, and even alcohol wipes to prep the wheel for the tape's adhesive. \$199.95.
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Gold Wing 40th Anniversary Edition

F6B

2015 HONDAS

Hot on the heels of its summer introductions of three new 2015 models—the CBR300R, CB300F and NM4—Honda has announced the return of several cruiser, touring and dual-sport models. The Interstate, Fury, Stateline, Shadow Aero and Shadow Phantom cruisers return in new colors, and the XR650L dual-sport is back in red. The 2015 model year also marks the 40th anniversary of the Gold Wing, and Honda is celebrating with a commemorative 40th Anniversary Edition, as well as unique 40th Anniversary emblems on all 2015 Gold Wing models.

The 2015 Gold Wing is offered in a striking two-tone Candy Red and Black color marked with unique adornments as a special 40th anniversary edition, as well as a new Silver Metallic color and Black. Honda's flagship tourer is a luxurious, powerful, balanced and fully featured machine. Its six-cylinder

1,832cc engine churns out smooth, generous power. The Gold Wing is available in four distinct performance package options, so customers can choose the features they want. Prices start at \$23,999, and bikes will be available at Honda dealers in October 2014.

F6B stands for "Flat-Six Bagger," and this Gold Wing variant dispenses with the top trunk and offers bagger styling that's popular today. The bike is lighter than the standard Gold Wing, has a lower windscreen and more streamlined bodywork. For 2015, the F6B makes logging miles easier with the addition of cruise control and offers more aggressive styling with a new black exhaust. The Gold Wing F6B is available in two new colors—Matte Silver and Blue Metallic—and will be in dealerships in November 2014; price is TBD. **40**

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THE OL' FISHING HOLE

The South Fork of the Elkhorn River, flowing along on the edge of the homestead property, carried very little water on its' way down to the Mighty MO, otherwise known as the Missouri River. Nevertheless, it required bridges to get across it, thanks to spring rains capable of flooding or washing the whole bridge out. In the summertime, it still managed to have water in it, but barely enough to support fish of any size at all, and the five and six inch Bullheads caught along the stream mostly stayed in the few spots that had enough water to support them. In short, they weren't worth the effort it took to catch them. The few spots in the creek that were deep enough to support fish, were still not deep enough nor long enough to swim in. That may be why my Mother allowed me, at age six or so, to go fishing by myself. I'm sure that I had been admonished many, many times to stay out of the creek itself.

Looking back on that day, I must admit that not only was I spoiled, having two older sisters and an older brother, but I also had the run of the town. When the noon whistle blew, or the 6:00 p.m. whistle for that matter, my little legs began working hard and fast to carry me home from wherever I was playing. Since I had several cousins that also lived in town, there was a wide choice of playmates for me. I suspect, since the town actually had a phone system at that time, that there were phone calls amongst the mothers and that they kept track of all of us. Sometimes, when I was farther away, dad, mom and siblings were already sitting at the table with food waiting when I came running in. My father's usual comment was, "Well, here comes our Wandering Jew." It wasn't until I was old enough to retire from work and got interested in genealogy, that I found out that we actually had Jewish ancestry. Along with American Indian, French, German, English etc.

I did not possess the equipment for serious fishing, although my older brother did. But he was allowed to drive a car, and went fishing for Blue Gill and Sunfish in a couple of small ponds within 20 or 30 miles of town. There was a small pond a few miles south of Bethany that was big enough for water skiing on, although nobody did that in those years. That sort of activity came along during my late teen years and early twenties. But my brother brought home sufficient Blue Gill and Sunfish to provide a meal.

There was also a good sized pond, called Goose Lake, the other direction from town that had fish in it. I was on that pond once. In high school. With an adult and a few other kids. We were in a boat most of the night trying to catch fish. As I recall, nobody caught a thing, although our bobbers occasionally were dunked under water.

I did, however, have access to a bamboo fishing pole, maybe eight feet long or so, string, a bobber, and a hook. I also had an empty tobacco Sir Walter Raleigh tobacco can with dirt in it. The tobacco can, as best I can remember, was about three inches wide, five or six inches tall, and maybe just under an inch thick. And a picture of Sir Walter on it, complete with hat and whiskers. A very handsome Dude. Right? I also knew where to find angle worms. The bigger sized ones, I learned later, were called Night Crawlers, but were the same sort of worm that the Robins pulled out of our lawn. Angle worms loved dirt and cool places. An upturned pail, or wash tub, or just a board flat on the ground, would yield up three or four worms, and a short search would give you a dozen or so, which just fit nicely in the Sir Walters' can.

Somehow I had talked my mother into fixing a lunch for me to take along fishing. With my lunch, my Sir Walter can, pole, string, bobber, hook, and determination, I set out on a fishing expedition. I walked the four blocks to the road that ran to the homestead and a ways beyond, walked the two miles down the road to the

Mit's Motorcycle Musings

crossroad, turned left and walked the half-mile to where my cousin and his family lived, and cut through his pasture to the creek where there was a fishing hole and shade trees. I don't think I saw anyone on that trek.

My father was next to the last child my grandfather had, and this cousin was the son of my grandfather's first child, so there was a big difference in our ages. I was much closer in age to his children than I was to him.

I watched that bobber all day. When I felt that it must be lunch time, I ate. Then I watched the bobber. Sometime during all that day, I managed to haul in two Bullheads about six inches long. I had brought along a pail to hold the fish, should I catch any, and at the end of the day I carried the Bullheads home in the bucket along with enough water to keep them alive.

I do not know, but I suspect that those were young Catfish. They certainly had the spikes around their heads. And those spikes were sharp! When I got home, I put the fishing gear away, got out a board and a knife and cleaned them.

A memory like this can't be made today. A mother fixes a lunch for a six year old and sends him three miles away to catch and bring home supper? It can't happen. Not now. Not in today's world.

Anyway, I cleaned the fish and took them into the house so my mother could fix them for supper.

You have to remember that my mother was a Seamstress. She could sew. Many of my childhood memories include sitting by her side while she sewed. Sometimes, I would help strip old clothes so that she could sew them into strips to make crouched rugs out of them. My oldest sister apparently inherited that trait. At a family reunion in 1986, during the talent show, she admitted that she didn't sing, she didn't paint, but had made the sport jacket that her husband was wearing, and she called on him to stand up. It was impressive!

I had Aunts that were cooks. Did I say my mother was a seamstress?

I watched while she took my fish, rolled them in flour, put some lard in a skillet, and cooked my fish.

I asked, "Aren't you going to turn them over?"

She replied, "No, the grease will splatter up on them enough to cook them."

I did say my mother was a seamstress. That says it all.

That day settled things for me. If that's what fishing was all about, I figured I could live without it. I never took up fishing for a hobby. That is a fact that my wife complimented me on every once-in-a-while over the sixty-one years we were married. She was also thankful that she did not have to compete with "his mother's home cooking."

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Signs

I've collected some funny/unique images of signs. Here's a sample – more to come some other time. MCH
The next 4 come from Denali Nat'l Park in Alaska



2013 MOTORCYCLE RECALLS FROM MC Consumer NEWS (Jan - Nov 2014)				
BRAND	MODEL/YEAR	COMPONENT	NHTSA ID#	MCC NEWS ISSUE
BMW	2007-2009 F800S/ST	Wheels	13V549000	February-14
BMW	2012 K1600G/GTL	Electrical System, Engine, Vehicle Speed Control	13V526000	February-14
BMW	Numerous 2005 - 2012 Models	Fuel System, Gasoline	13V617000	March-14
BMW	2013 R1200GS	Power Train	14V211000	August-14
BMW	2014 R1200RT - Buy Back Campaign	Rear Sprint Strut	N/A	August-14
BMW	2014 R1200RT	Suspension	14V320000	September-14
BMW	2012-14 C600 Sport, 2012-14 C650GT	Powertrain	14V264000	September-14
Continental	120/70ZR17 & 120/70R17	Tread/belt separation	Voluntary	October-14
Genuine Scooter	2014 Stella	Electrical (faulty ECU)	14V408000	November-14
Harley Davidson	2014 Trike Models	Service Brakes - Steering	13V491000	January-14
Harley Davidson	2014 FLHTUTG, FXSB & FLSTNSEE	Power Train	13V517000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2014 w/hydraulic clutch actuation	Power Train	13V515000	February-14
Harley Davidson	2013 - 2014 FXSB & FXSBSE	Fuel System, Gasoline	14V227000	July-14
Harley Davidson	2014 XL Sportster	Chrome Hand Control Lever Kit	14E023000	August-14
Harley Davidson	2014 FLHP, FLHR, FLHRC, etc, etc, etc	Service Brakes	14V319000	September-14
Harley Davidson	2014 FXDL	Engine overreving vibration shuts off engine	14V413000	October-14
Helmet City	HCI Model 100,L, XL & XXL	Helmet	14E043000	November-14
Honda	2001-10 & 12 GL1800, 2001-05 GL1800A	Hydraulic Brake	14V472000	November-14
Kawasaki	2010 - 2012 KLX110/L	Fuel System, Gasoline	n/a	April-14
Kawasaki	2012-13 Teryx4 750 4x4	Chassis	CPSC 14-741	October-14
KTM	2014690 Enduro R	Service Brakes	14V305000	September-14
MV Augusta	2014 LE 675 numerous models	Structure - swingarm bolt	14E012000.	July-14
Ohlins	Numerous Ducat, Honda, Suzuki,	Ohlins Steering Damper	14V227000	July-14
Suzuki	2014 DL650A V-Strom 650 ABS	Final Drive	14V2778000	September-14
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
Tucker Rocky	S-M Cyber Road Grateful Dead U-6	Helmet	14E038000	November-14
Ural	Select 2012	Service Brakes	13V507000	January-14
Victory	2014 & 2015 numerous models	Engine and engine cooling	14V227000	July-14
Zero	2014 DS/FX/S/SR	Drivetrain, Electric	14V119000	May-14


Keanu Reeves' motorcycle company debuts first bike. - The actor and motorcycle enthusiast has teamed up with bike builder Gard Hollinger to launch the Arch Motorcycle Company. The Los Angeles-based outfit has started taking orders for its first ride, the KRG-T-1. Not just another custom rod, the big V-Twin features an all-original design built with handmade parts and powered by a unique 2032cc motor developed with S&S Cycle good for nearly 122 hp and 122 lb-ft of torque sent to the rear wheel through a 6-speed Baker Drivetrains transmission. The motor breathes through a unique downdraft induction system that channels air from intakes next to the headlamps through the center of its twin fuel cells, which take 66 hours to produce from a 534-pound hunk of billet aluminum. The bike itself weighs just 538 pounds, thanks in part to a set of carbon fiber wheels. LED lighting is featured front and rear, and the retro-futuristic bodywork would look right at home on the streets of Mega City. You may need to cut a deal with the devil to buy one, however: The price is an eye-opening \$78,000.



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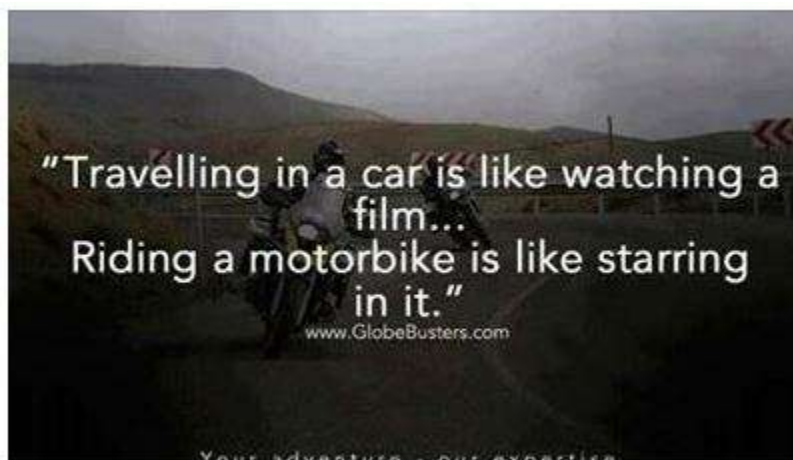


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