

Heartland Wings

October 2015 Newsletter

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October Dinner Rides

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

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

10/7 Business Meeting

Millard Library 6:45 PM

13214 Westwood Lane

Omaha, NE

10/14 Freddy's

11674 S 73 Shadow Lake @ 6:30

Papillion, NE

402 597-8909

10/21 Johnny Sortino's Pizza

7880 L St @ 6:30

Omaha, NE

402 339-5050

10/28 Cabin Bar & Grill

9226 Mormon Bridge Rd @ 6:30

Omaha, NE

402 453-6300

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

Fall Follies is November 14 at Mahoney

Meeting Minutes

GWTA Chapter A
Meeting Minutes
Omaha Public Library-Millard Branch
September 2, 2015

7:47 Meeting called to order.

One announcement by Mike Sullivan – he had plans to go to Greenfield, IA on Sunday the 6th, to attend an auction. Invited anyone who wanted to go with him – but that he was taking his truck in case he bought something.

Karen Durand asked if everyone had had a chance to read the meeting minutes. There was no discussion, except for Mike B. taking exception to his duties as Chapter Treasurer being called into question as far as who in the Brush household was actually doing the work. ☺ Mike S. made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published, Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Karen then asked for the treasurer's report. Mike B. mentioned that there had only been \$13.00 in 50-50 money collected in August, and so he didn't go to the bank. No expenditures. No discussion. Mike S. made a motion to accept the non-report. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Karen reminded the chapter of the ride to Woodbine and the AppleFest on September 26, 2015. Leave at 8:30 AM from the North meeting place. There will be an adventurous route there. Everyone on your own when you get to Woodbine. There's a car show, flea market, trinket booths scheduled. No firmly scheduled departure time to go back home.

There was a brief discussion of Goldrush next year in Indiana – still no exact location known. There was a suggestion to lengthen the 'early bird' rate into January, as that's when many folks can plan their next year's vacations, etc. Carol will submit the request to Bruce Keenon. Karen also mentioned that there is a visitor center just across the border in Indiana (on I-80), that was interesting. She showed something to Mike, but the secretary taking the minutes was busy writing stuff down and didn't see what it was...

In New Business, Mike S. issued a 600 mile challenge for 2016. He suggested that for six weeks, we have a 100 mile ride each weekend. We will open it to the riding public, with a different meeting place and destination each week. Would like to track participants, and perhaps use it as a way to promote and market GWTA – a soft sell approach. Advertise on Facebook, our website and other media. Would like to have it all figured out by March, 2016. Someone, somewhere made mentioned that bringing possible recruits to 'stupid meetings' was not going to bring people into the chapter.

Karen reminded the chapter that Fall Follies is November 14 at Mahoney – be sure to register soon if you haven't, because the price is going up October 1. Lunch is at noon, after the state meeting (which is open to all members).

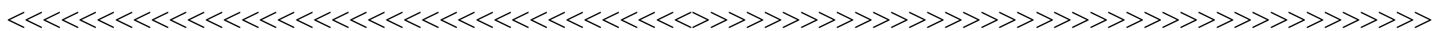
Family of the Year elections will be at the October meeting. Dave and Denise were nominated. So were Jim and Karen.

Celebrations

| <i>Birthdays</i> | | | <i>Anniversaries</i> | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Last Name | First Name | Birthday | Last Name | First Name | Anniversary |
| Brush | Mike | 23-Jan | Grimes | Mit | 20-Jan |
| Allen | Pam | 24-Jan | Allen | Pam | 9-Feb |
| Kennedy | Bob | 11-Feb | Allen | Steve | 9-Feb |
| Allen | Marissa | 14-Feb | Telford | Dave | 14-Feb |
| Allen | Steve | 28-Feb | Telford | Denise | 14-Feb |
| Doyle | Chris | 5-Mar | Willenborg | Dave | 28-Mar |
| Durand | Katie | 7-Mar | Willenborg | Michelle (Bump) | 28-Mar |
| Siepker | Dale | 10-Mar | Doyle | Chris | 2-Apr |
| Telford | Denise | 4-Apr | Doyle | Melanie | 2-Apr |
| Willenborg | Dave | 21-Apr | Staebell | Tom & Katie | 5-Jun |
| Holling | Mark | 22-Apr | Dolan | Dan | 9-Jun |
| Dolan | Joyce | 24-Apr | Dolan | Joyce | 9-Jun |
| Bumpus | Greg | 4-May | Bengtson | Cheryl | 10-Jun |
| Sullivan | Michael | 16-May | Bengtson | Paul | 10-Jun |
| Knapp | Marv | 23-May | Kennedy | Bob | 7-Jul |
| Doyle | Addison | 26-May | Wright-Kenned | Barb | 7-Jul |
| Bengtson | Cheryl | 18-Jun | Sullivan | Julie | 7-Sep |
| Stowell | Lynnette | 26-Jun | Sullivan | Michael | 7-Sep |
| Sullivan | Julie | 27-Jun | Dunaway | Evelyn | 8-Sep |
| Durand | Jim | 13-Jul | Dunaway | Terry | 8-Sep |
| Siepker | Debbie | 17-Jul | Bumpus | Greg | 20-Sep |
| Doyle | Melanie | 8-Aug | Bumpus | Monica | 20-Sep |
| Willenborg | Michelle (Bump) | 21-Aug | Siepker | Dale | 24-Sep |
| Bumpus | Monica | 9-Sep | Siepker | Debbie | 24-Sep |
| Dolan | Dan | 18-Sep | Benck | Mike & Barb | 22-Oct |
| Brush | Carol | 1-Oct | Brush | Carol | 23-Oct |
| Dunaway | Evelyn | 14-Nov | Brush | Mike | 23-Oct |
| Staebell | Tom | 24-Nov | Holling | Mark & Nancy | 28-Nov |
| Durand | Karen | 26-Nov | Durand | Jim | 16-Dec |
| Telford | Dave | 27-Nov | Durand | Karen | 16-Dec |
| Benck | Mike | 30-Nov | Steinbacher | John | ? |
| Dunaway | Terry | 7-Dec | Steinbacher | Patti | ? |
| Grimes | Mit | 10-Dec | | | |
| Bengtson | Paul | 18-Dec | | | |
| Wright-Kenned | Barb | 21-Dec | | | |
| Bina | Kathy | ? | | | |
| Burge | Doug | ? | | | |
| Doyle | Clinton / Jackson | ? | | | |
| Steinbacher | John | ? | | | |
| Steinbacher | Patti | ? | | | |

AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:

- I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- I don't need anger management. I need people to stop ticking me off.
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.
- The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
- Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
- When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
- At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.
- Old age is coming at a really bad time!
- Lord, grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!
- I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights." I'm very wise.
- Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
- I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.
- I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my kids took it!
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- Lord, give me patience and give it to me NOW.
- Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?



Senior Living In Florida

A Few years ago, my wife and I moved into a retirement development on Florida's southeast coast. We are living in the "Delray/Boca/Boynton Golf, Spa, Bath and Tennis Club on Lake Fake-a-Hachee". There are 3,000 lakes in Florida; only three are real.

Our biggest retirement concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? Let me assure you, passing the time is not a problem. Our days are eaten up by simple, daily activities. Just getting out of our car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where we parked takes 20 minutes. It takes a half-hour in the check-out line in Wal-Mart, and 1 hour to return the item the next day.

Let me take you through a typical day: We get up at 5:00 am, have a quick breakfast and join the early morning Walk-and-Fart Club. There are about 30 of us, and rain or shine, we walk around the streets, all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6:00 am. After a nimble walk, avoiding irate drivers out to make us road kill, we go back home, shower and change for the next activity.

Aging

rural Carolina roads on two wheels, whisking along at great speeds, carving turns into the asphalt, my father's veil of sadness began to lift.

That's when he joined the motorcycle club in his retirement community, Sun City Carolina Lakes, a "gang" of roughly 70 men and women who, like my father, love to ride. They also, like my father, love to eat, hence their motto: "Live to Ride, Ride to Eat." And so they do. Every Wednesday and Sunday, weather permitting, the posse takes off en masse for a food destination—usually a barbeque joint or famous diner within a few hours of Indian Land, S.C. They take the most adventurous and scenic route, twisting through mountainous topography to a place to share a meal and enjoy each other's company before returning home.

A hodgepodge of seniors from different backgrounds and different parts of the country make up this audacious gang, all who have become friends in a fashion fueled by a specific passion, one that brings exhilaration and meaning to a time of life often complicated by uncertainty. These are men and women who will certainly not go gentle into that good night.

My father's friendship with one gang member, a Tennessee gentleman named Gary Crabtree, offered him something particularly valuable. Both men had lost their wives to cancer and they often shared long conversations about the experience. But it was Gary who first attempted an intimate relationship as a widower, falling for and eventually marrying a woman he had known for many years. Gary's example inspired my father to be open to new love, and soon he met Arlene McCarthy, a successful, charming and independent Sun City resident.

On one of their first dates, Arlene, who had never been anywhere near a motorcycle, bravely climbed on board my father's Kawasaki 750, wrapped her arms around his waist and held on for dear life, screaming "Yahoo!" as they rocketed into the distance.

On a Sunday ride last year, as the crew of riders collectively cruised along, my father's dear friend Gary quietly veered off course and crashed on his side. Doctors and witnesses suspect that Gary had passed before hitting the ground. The gang agreed that leaving this life on your motorcycle, surrounded by friends, as Gary did, was a good way to go.

I don't know when or how my father will go, but I know, for now, he is happy and vital. He has friends and family and a passion that carried him out of shadows of grieving into the light of life. And in this, his 75th year, my father will keep riding on roads where the sun will shine on his shoulders and the pavement will blur below his feet, his new companion on the back of his bike and the motorcycle gang by his side. Yahoo!!!

Parade Magazine, January 11, 2015

<http://parade.com/364867/parade/journey-back-rediscovering-life-and-love-on-the-open-road/>

| MOTORCYCLE RECALLS FROM MC Consumer NEWS (Apr - Sept 2015) | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| BRAND | MODEL/YEAR | COMPONENT | NHTSA ID# | MCC NEWS ISSUE |
| BMW | Too many to list | Final Drive | TBD | May-15 |
| BMW | Numerous produced from 11/2003 - 4/2011 | Rear wheel flange | TBD | June-15 |
| Brammo | 2013-14 Empulse/Empulse R | Powertrain | 15V053000 | April-15 |
| Ducati | 2010-2014 Multistrada 1200 | Throttle | RCL-15-001 | July-15 |
| Ducati | 2014 1199 Penigal, Superleggera | Suspension | RCL-15-002 | August-15 |
| Harley Davidson | LED Turn Signal Accessory for Dyna/Softails | Exterior Lighting | 15E011000 | May-15 |
| Harley Davidson | 2014-2015 Electra Glide, Street Glide, Road Glide & Road King | Powertrain - Clutch | HD 0165 | July-15 |
| Harley Davidson | 2015 XG500 & XG750 | Exterior Lighting - Visibility | HD 0650 | July-15 |
| Honda | 2014 brs1000s | Suspension | JQ3 | July-15 |
| Husqvarna | 2015 FE350S & 2015 FE501S | Suspension | 15V055000 | April-15 |
| Indian | 2015 Scout | Hydraulic Service Brakes | 15V142000 | May-15 |
| Kawasaki | 2009-13 Concours 14 Police | Electrical System | 15V117000 | May-15 |
| KTM | Assoc with 15V055000 recall | Suspension | 15V055000 | April-15 |
| Ohlins | Front forks for motocross bikes | Front Forks | 15-740 | September-15 |
| Perf Machines | Five spoke motorcycle wheels | Wheels | 15E052000 | September-15 |
| Piaggio/Vespa | | Fuel System | 15V066000 | April-15 |
| Suomy | Apex S1R EX | Helmet | 15E006000 | May-15 |
| Suzuki | Backrest Accessory Hardware - 2006-15 Boulevard | Seat | 15E053000 | September-15 |
| Triumph | 2014-2015 Daytona 675R & Speed Triple R | Suspension | SB524 | July-15 |
| Yamaha | Multiple 2015 models | Powertrain | | July-15 |

Tips & Tricks

FUEL RANGE, AIR PRESSURE AND JUMP STARTS

By Tom Mehren

The Shortest Range Wins

Sure, you've got the biggest tank in the group and that auxiliary unit on the back of your bike means you can go a lot more than several hundred miles before needing to refuel. Regardless, you'll need to plan fuel stops for the day around the person with the shortest range; otherwise, you'll be reaching for the siphon tube...

Keep 'Em Pumped

If you haven't been on your bike for a while, always be sure to check the tire air pressure before you ride. Running on the highway with 16 lbs. of pressure, when the manufacturer calls for 36, just isn't a good idea. When you're traveling, daily



checks include inspecting tread wear and looking for any changes in the tire, such as cracking. Take this time to inspect your drivetrain for wear or damage, as well.

Jump It 21st Century Style

Jumper cables are so yesterday. Lithium-ion technology allows you to jump start your bike with a battery the size of a large cell phone. Most also allow you to charge personal electronics, and can be recharged from your bike while riding.

Polarized Lenses

While polarized lenses may be great for reducing glare when you're out on a boat ride, they are not a motorcyclist's friend. Not only do they cause plastic dash panels to appear obscured, they mask the glare from fuel spills on the road.

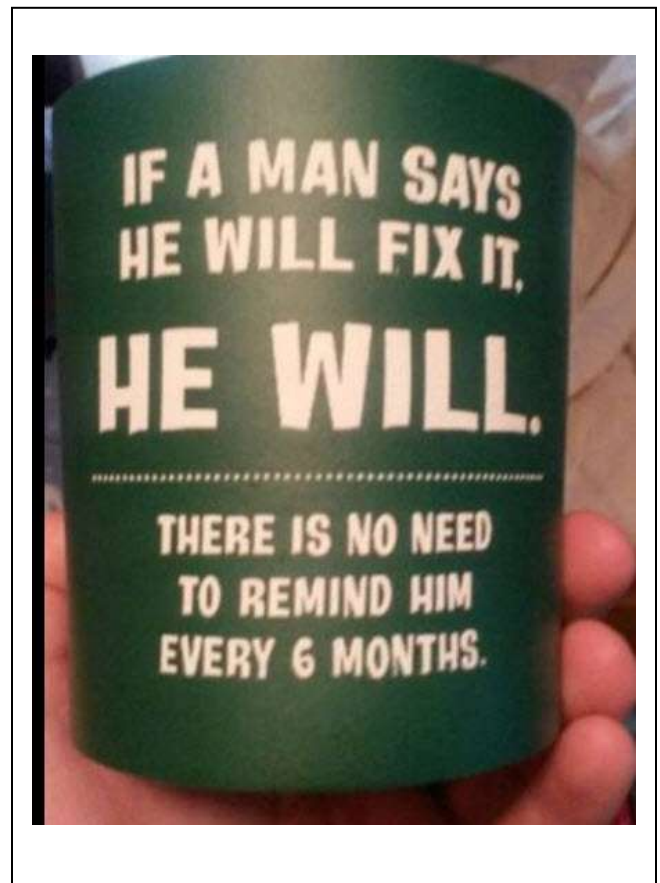
Member Tip: Slip Into Rain Gear

From AMA member Lenny Doman: When packing your rain pants, turn the lower half of the legs inside out. When it's time to put them on, you can slide them up over your thigh like a pair of shorts and save the hassle of getting your boot through the lower half. Once on, simply extend the lower legs and secure.



Tom Mehren is a long-time promoter of AMA-sanctioned events who rides 20,000 miles a year. Have a tip to share? Email tmehren@soundrider.com. If we use it, you'll receive a copy of Tom's book, *Packing Light/Packing Right*.

October 2015 – American Motorcyclist (AMA)



Classifieds/For Sale by Mark

Fulmer AF-655 ¾ Open Face Helmet with flip up shield, size Large. Can purchase with Chatterbox Headset with upper Z-Style cord. \$125 OBO. Very light wear. **Email me or call Mark @ 402 490-2169.**

- DOT approved
- Quick release shield
- Ultra-plush removable/washable interior
- Rear exhaust diffusers
- Padded D ring retention system
- Adjustable top vent
- UV protective clear coated paint
- Speaker/communication system pockets

Chatterbox with upper Z-Style cord.



Classifieds/For Sale by Mark

J & M Z-Style Lower Headset Hook Up Cords.

Lower Helmet Headset Hook-Up Cords for GL1800. \$25 each.



Hang your helmet virtually anywhere. The solid style hanger easily mounts to any wall, trailer, or solid surface. The universal style can be used on closet rods, cubicle walls, doors or anything that the hanger will fit over. Works well with any style helmet, both open and full face. Constructed with hot rolled 1/8" steel with a black finish and a rubber strip around the edge. \$15.



Full Face Helmet



Open Face Helmet

Classifieds/For Sale by Mark

Castle High Gauntlet Mid-Season Leather

Motorcycle Gloves – Size Large. The highest quality leather for one of the highest quality leather motorcycle gloves on the market. Castle's High Gauntlet Mid-Season Leather Motorcycle Gloves mix the best leather and greatest construction to create the most comfort, protection, and water/wind resistance. 100% Finest Grain Leather. \$35

- Dual stitched strengthened gel cushioned palm.
- Pre-Curved fingers produce reduced fatigue in addition to enhanced fit and overall performance.
- Flex sections over back of fingers.
- Breathable, waterproof and wind-proof membrane.
- Light feather touch compound insulation.
- Soft touch poly- lining.
- Wrist closure is Velcro and elastic.

Big gauntlet entrance for additional defense through the elements



Honda Gold Wing Thigh Length Jacket, Size 2XL.

Full quilted liner, soft armor in elbows, shoulders and back. Numerous pockets, adjustable belt. Arm and back vents. Heavy duty zipper with Velcro closure. Reflective piping on chest and back.

Goldwing and Honda badging. \$100. Email me or call Mark @ 402 490-2169



Classifieds/For Sale by Mark

Stock right/left rear saddlebags from 2008 GL1800. Should fit multiple years – 2002 – 2010?. \$100 pair OBO.

Ram Mount Brand – U-bolt handlebar mounting base, medium (4.31”) mount with Garmin Nuvi 750 Holder. \$25 OBO.



Stock aluminum rear wheel for 2008 Goldwing. Tire size 180/R60R16M/C 74H. \$100 OBO.





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Learn more about Carl Clancy's first motorcycle ride around the world!
<http://www.ridermagazine.com/touring-and-rallies/clancys-conquest-the-first-ride-around-the-world.htm/>



Clancy's Conquest: The First Ride Around the World

