



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region "E" South Dakota/Nebraska District Newsletter

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News From The Home Front

District Directors, Lance & Diane Brozek

The News For February 2011

Hello fellow Wingers! We are Chuck and Linda Steffen, your Nebraska Assistant Directors. We are filling in for Lance Brozek as his computer took a hit.

The story he tells is that the TV in the sleeper in his truck fell on his computer and did considerable damage. Therefore, he is unable to do an article for the news letter. It would be hard to make up a story like this, so figure it must be true!

As stated earlier, we are Chuck and Linda Steffen from Crofton. We belong to Chapter NE-NE and ride a 2005 white 1800 Goldwing. We joined GWRRA in 2002 when our chapter was chartered and have enjoyed every minute of it. We made friends from coast to coast when we became Region Couple of the Year in 2007.

We just attended the Cabin Fever weekend in Norfolk. Hugh, hugh success! We want to thank everyone for attending. There were approximately 85 people there. There were fun times with games, 50/50, great snacks and just socializing. There were also seminars and talks filled with lots of good info.

Some discussion was brought up about the up coming Tri-State Rally. A lot of registrations are already coming in. If you need a room, make sure you get your reservations in. Camping information will be coming at a later date. The Tri-State Rally is going to focus on area riding. There will be more information to come in the near future.

We want to remind everyone who is an officer or if you plan on being an officer, that you need to attend an OCP meeting if you have not already done so.

There is a possibility that this will be available on line in the near future.

We are firm believers that in order to get something out of GWRRA you have to be willing to put something in to it.

Spring is coming soon, so start your engines and let's ride and ride safe!

Chuck and Linda Steffen

Assistant District Directors

Editors Note...

It was officially announced that at the opening ceremonies of the June Rally in Rapid City, Chuck and Linda Steffen will become our next District Directors. Please welcome and congratulate them on their willingness to take over this important position.

The form for the June Rally will be attached to this newsletter and contact information is shown there. The rooms are filling up fast but they have added another block for us.

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It was also announced that Mark and Pam Burwell (Our current District COY.) will be taking over the position of District Rider Educators. We would like to thank Mike and Denise Stevens for all the time and hard work they have put into the program. They continue to be a big part of the GWRRA and will be continuing as the Rider Educators for Chapter NE-NE.

We still have a missing Wii game system from Cabin Fever. We urge you to check all of your bags that were brought home to insure that it was not mistakenly picked up. If you do find it or have information about where it can be found, please let Rick or Robin Saunders know. They can be reached at 402-681-7556 or rs10473@tconl.com.

Thank you,

Rick



Nebraska/South Dakota District Rider Educators

Mark & Pam Burwell

As the new District NE Educators, Pam and I want to thank Mike and Denise Stevens for all they did for Rider Education during their time serving as District Educators. We are quickly gaining a deeper appreciation for the behind-the-scenes activity required in such a position and the effort they put into the program. We look forward to a continuing collaboration with them in the realm of Rider Education (RE) as they assume their roles as Educators on the Chapter NE-NE Team.

To the District NE/SD Chapter Educators--the GWRRA RE Handbook states the Chapter Educator position is perhaps one of the most important in the Association. As the words safety and knowledge account for two thirds of the GWRRA motto--"FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"--it is important a Chapter Educator be committed to safe motorcycle riding and is capable of furthering the knowledge of our participants regarding safe motorcycle handling. As District Educators, one of our primary responsibilities is to assist you with what you need to effectively administer your RE programs.

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Please let us know how we can help you. As an example, if you want an RE seminar presented to your members but don't have anyone in your immediate area to provide it, we'll see what we can do to get a seminar presenter to come out to give a presentation. Better yet, if someone in your area wants to become a seminar presenter, let us know. We can start the process and provide the necessary training to certify them as seminar presenters. Then you'll have someone who can present RE seminars whenever needed.

Pam and I look forward to working with each of you to increase the FUN in GWRRA through SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE. Please call or e-mail us if you have questions or just want to visit. We always enjoy chatting with our GWRRA friends!

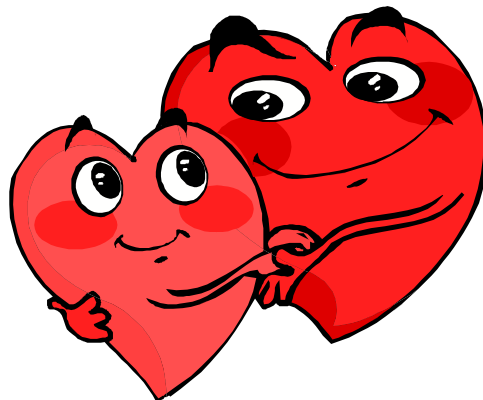
Mark Burwell

"Safety is for Life"--GWRRA RE Slogan

Leadership Training Program

NE District Leadership Senior Instructors Bill & Nancy James

No article this month.



Happy Valentines Day

Membership Enhancement

NE District Membership Enhancement
Bob & Doris Roberts

NEBRASKA MEMBERSHIP

	January 2010	January 2011
NE – C	89	97
NE – NE	63	60
NE – O	85	107
NE – SC	42	39
NE – SE	21	27
NE – W	63	146
NEBRASKA	*402	*512
*UA	19	23
*NC	20	13

GAIN

110 MEMBERS IN DATABASE

SUBTRACT BEST 3 MONTHS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ON SIGN UP SHEETS, AGAINST EACH YEAR, AND WORK ON THOSE THAT WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE, FOR THE BEST CHANCE OF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION.

Membership retention facts: ½ of members last less than 5 years. 75 % of all members last only 8 years. Critical time is to get them in the chapter and active in the first year of membership and let them get involved. Listen to them. In the first 2 years we lose 50% of them. Some never even saw a chapter, maybe most of them in sparsely populated areas.

Key in on the database and study those that joined GWRRA in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. These are the targets, if they have FUN they will be in for a GREAT Time and we will have more vitality in the chapters. Mention those names in the newsletters. Hug them hard.

INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

Discussions about Region and Chapter Recognition

It has been discussed at the last Operations get-together at Cabin Fever that all chapters can recognize a chapter individual to honor an Individual that is worthy of that honor and have them called their Individual of the year. This person may or may not be married with an active Spouse, and will not be in competition with other chapters.

This is not meant to confuse you about the Region E program for Individual of the year. In the region program the Individual must be a single person or may have an inactive Spouse to be eligible to go on to District and Region Competition, with papers to be filled out with Photo and Biography to be judged. Not all chapters can participate in this case, or cannot find next years because they just do not have any to choose from.

The District Director and Membership Enhancement Director for the District need to be informed as to the category of their choice. All will be recognized at District, the competitors will be kept to compete. All Chapter Individuals will be recognized and honored for the full term of the year. Please make them and your couples feel honored at each event and in Newsletters and web sites.

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Decision is to be made ASAP June is coming up. Let us know who is going to go to the next level and we will contact the couple and the Chapter Director to get the paperwork and photos.

C Jack & Kathy Wynn

NE

“O” Rick & Robin Saunders

SE

SC

“W” John & Sherry Oliver

Nebraska District Couple for Region Rally is Mark & Pam Burwell Please support Mark and Pam this year as you see them participating in events in and out of the District.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT OFFICERS

NE – C Dick & Mary Lou Stamm

NE –NE Cindy & Gary Umberger

NE – “O” Rick & Robin Saunders

NE – SE Acting MED Carol Aden

NE – SC Acting MED Jack Barnard

NE – “W” Acting John & Sherry Oliver

We will need a Memorandum of Understanding or Confidentiality form? New GWRRA Officer Position formed.

Thank You

Bob & Doris Roberts, District Membership Enhancement Officer, 402-637-4545,
visionaryventures@hotmail.com



From The Editor

Each month we will be listing events from each chapter. If you have an event for your Chapter that you would like to see posted. Please send it to me at rs10473@tconl.com and I will see that it gets included.

NE-NE

Our Chapter will be looking for a new Member Enhancement Couple (M.E.C.) as Chuck and Linda will be our new ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS. MEC is light duty employment with the same pay scale as Chuck and Linda were on which is zero. All you really need to do is meet any newbies and make them feel welcome. I am sure that you could chat with Chuck and Linda or Jerry and Deb and they could describe the duties. Our Chapter thanks Cindy Umberger for staying on as the scrap booker. Cindy does a very nice job with this. We can all make her job a bit easier if we could bring her pictures of our rides, trips, special events and anything else of interest to add to the scrapbook. PLEASE TURN IN YOUR MILEAGE FOR 2010 AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THIS IS THE MILES THAT YOU PUT ON YOUR RIDE OR RIDES DURING THE 2010 YEAR. THANK YOU. One last thing be thinking about who YOU will nominate for the COY (Couple of the Year). Holly and Gretchen have served as COY for 2010 and our thanks go out to them. The thing to remember is that the couple of the year has to be current GWRRA members. Our next gathering will be at TIGER TAVERN in Osmond, Nebraska with Dennis and Sharon Schultze and Roger and Joyce Tacey as our hosts. See you all there.

NE-C

Get Togethers

February 20, 12:30, in York at the "Kitchen"

So. of York on Hgy.81, 1/2 mile before the interstate

Hosted by Larry Houdek

NE-W

Supper rides are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:00 PM, ride if possible, if not bring the car!

February 10 China Garden, Gering (on 10th Street Downtown)

February 24, Prime Cut, Scottsbluff (on 27th Street)

Get Together February 20, Cafeteria, Regional West Medical Center, Scottsbluff 1:00 PM (Crash

Scene Response)

NE-SC

Nothing to post

NE-O

Dinner Ride at Petorw's 5914 Center Street Omaha. Tuesday Feb.22nd 6pm. Sponsored by Rodger & Marty Fawcett.

NE-SE

Nothing to post.

SD-A

Nothing to post

Chapter Get-Togethers

Chapter NE-O,Second Saturday of the Month at D&K*s in Gretna NE eat 8:00am-Meeting 9:00am

Chapter NE-SE,Third Saturday of the Month at a Restaurant to be determined at 12noon

Chapter NE-NE, Third Wednesday of the Month at place chosen by Host at 7:00pm

Chapter NE-C,Third Sunday of the Month at place chosen by Hostat 12noon

Chapter NE-WThird Sunday of Month,1:00pm,Perkins Scottsbluff

Chapter SC,Fourth Saturday of Month usually meet at United Vets. Club 8:am. Place to be determined, Jack will keep us posted with E-mails.

Please note the change above for Chapter W,O and SE

Remember to check District web page to find Chapter news letters and the latest information on where and when the Chapters are meeting.



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Tri-State Rally

NEBRASKA-NORTH DAKOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA RALLY/JUNE 9TH-12TH, 2011

THE GRAND GATEWAY HOTEL, RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA



The Grand Gateway Hotel, is located at 1721 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City South Dakota. Our central location provides travelers the convenience of only unpacking once to enjoy everything from Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial to museums, shopping malls, restaurants, and theaters. The Grand Gateway is only a few miles

from Rapid City's sports fields, downtown, the Central States Fair Grounds, our beautiful city parks, the Civic Center Arena, Cabelas, and The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The Hotel can be contacted at 605-342-1300 or 866-742-1300. We have a block of 50 rooms that can be reserved for only \$89.00 per night.

For More Information Call

**Paul Metcalf
701-840-0807**

**Lance or Diane Brozek
402-582-4726 or
402-649-1422**

**Steve & Jennie
Knode
308-436-1977**



Tri State Rally
Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
June 9-12, 2011 Registration Form

Send Completed Form to:

Chuck & Linda Steffen

89050 Hwy 81 Crofton, NE 68730

402-357-3704 chuckauto@gpcom.net

(Please Print)

Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

GWRRA#: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I/we agree to conform to and comply with the ideas governing the rally, and I/we further agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Co-sponsoring organization or any property owner for any loss or injury which I/we became involved by reason or participation in the rally. I/we also agree with all stipulations of this entry forms.

Rider's Signature: _____

Co-Rider's signature: _____

Early Registration Fee: *Only \$15.00 per person! (\$20.00 after May 15th)*

First Time Participant Discount:

The fee for *New Participants* that *HAVE NOT* been to a GWRRA rally is \$10.00 per person. Make a copy of this form and send them in together. If *New Participants* are not yet GWRRA members, please put "Pending" for the GWRRA number.

Registration: \$15.00 (\$20 after May 15th) x _____ people = \$ _____

New Participants: \$10.00 (\$15 after May 14th) x _____ people = \$ _____

Total money Enclosed: \$ _____

Pre Registration includes a Rally Pin

REMEMBER: Registration fee goes up to \$20.00 per person after May 15th.