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CHAPTER NEWS

Special thanks to all of the Chapter SE members for putting up with me the last 6 months. I am happy to report that I have 2 working knee joints now and 2 surgeries behind me. I am looking forward to a much healthier 2012.

Ronny and I have been out investigating local options for a meeting place. We visited Greenfield's and it is true that they do have a semi-secluded space for small groups. However, they do not allow you to reserve the space. Another suggestion was The Hi-way Diner. The Hi-way Diner has a corner we could use, but it is not very private.

For now we will have kind of a floating plan for Get-Togethers. January we are planning to get together at Greenfield's. The third week-end in February is the week-end of Cabin Fever up in Fremont. It is also the week-end of the ABATE Bike Show in Lincoln. Last year we met at the Hy-Vee near 84th and Holdredge before going out to the Lancaster Event Center, where many of us had our bikes on display. That could happen again. We will discuss it at our January gathering. In March we will try out the Hi-way Diner on 20th and Highway 2. All Get-Togethers will be on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30. Let's give this a try and continue to discuss our options. See page 4 for a detailed schedule.

Ronny and I have some goals to share with you and hope to see many of you at Greenfield's on January 21. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding these past several months as I recovered from having both knee's replaced. Just let me say I am also glad to only have 2 knees, and I am really glad they are both new.

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DISTRICT, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL NEWS

July 4-7, 2012, Wing Ding will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Registration and lodging will soon be available on line at www.gwrra.org or check it out in Wing World. If you have never been to Wing Ding, ask one of us who have been there just how much fun you can expect to have. You may contact any officer or staff person for more information or visit the following web site <http://www.wing-ding.org/faq.html>

Region E News: The Region E Rally will be held again in September over Labor Day week-end. It will take place at the Clarion in Davenport, IA. More information will follow. Check out <http://www.gwrra-region-e.org/NL01.pdf> for more information and to read the latest region newsletter.

District News: Please remember that each Chapter's get-together times and dates as well as lot's of other useful information can be found on the Nebraska District website at www.gwrrane.com All of the Chapter Newsletters can be found there also. Each Chapter welcomes everyone to join in the FUN at any of their activities at anytime. You will find a link to register for the upcoming Tri-State District rally too!

Remember to check out all of the happenings around our region in the back of every Wing World. Why not pick out a rally or chapter event nearby and take a road trip. Isn't that what Summer and Wings are for?

Ronny and I are planning to attend the Davis Rally again this year in New Hampton, Iowa the weekend after Labor Day. Please know you would be welcome. Just let us know your interested. This is a really fun rally held up in Northeast Iowa every year. Learn more at <http://www.davismotorcyclerrally.com/> Would anyone be interested in attending the Region Rally in the Quad Cities area over Labor Day and then a bit of touring during the following week as we make our way to the Davis Rally in Northeast Iowa?

CHAPTER EVENTS AND STUFF

Saturday morning, January 21, our group will gather at Greenfield's at 8:30. Please join us and bring your friends. There is always room for one more.

Cabin Fever is coming up February 18-19, 2012 in Fremont, NE. Call the Clarion Inn to reserve your room. The phone number is 402-727-1110. They are located at 1220 East 23rd Street. The cost is 69.95 plus tax and includes breakfast. For those of you who have not previously attended this event, plan to have fun and know that there will be lots of snacks and fun games as well as opportunities to sit in on seminars and learn things such as Internet navigation, basic computer use and more. Most of all it's a great gathering of (GWRRA family) friends. We will also be planning the 2012 District Rally coming up in June in Rapid City.

Check out the Schedule on page 4 for more information August and September events are listed here (*You might want to print this page out and stick it on or near your calendar*). It's got all the information you'll need to plan those upcoming ride opportunities. If this mild weather hangs around we may be riding before we know it, but until then...that's what cars are for I guess.

“Friends for fun, safety and knowledge”



RIDER EDUCATION

CAROL ADEN

Rider Education is perhaps my favorite aspect of being a GWRRRA membership...Ronny and I believe it helps keep us alive and makes our riding experiences more enjoyable. We know first hand that motorcycle riding courses and even classroom seminars have made us better, safer and more informed riders. When I first learned to ride, I was riding with white knuckles, very cautious and scared to death. However, over the years and with experience, comes complacency. A basic riding course will help you remember what you learned and forgot. GWRRRA wants all of it's members to enjoy riding for years to come. They spend a lot of Money and put a lot of thought and effort into developing the Rider Education Department. Why wouldn't all of us want to commit to being a safe rider. Did you know that is all that is required to be at Level I in the Rider Education program?

Level II requires an additional certification in basic First Aid and CPR. This certification is good for two years. Who wouldn't want to know how to save a life if they needed to. Just last week I read an article in the newspaper about a young man who performed CPR on his Uncle after he collapsed playing basketball out in the driveway on Christmas Day. The Uncle survived a massive coronary episode. As the grateful Uncle put it, *"I guess the kid knew what he was doing."*

Level III is where that Rider's Safety Course comes in. Many of us took the Beginners Riding Course when we learned to ride. A structured opportunity to practice our slow riding skills will help us remember what we learned and forgot. Whether you take an Experienced Rider Course or the GWRRRA Advanced Rider Course, you will get plenty of practice turning and stopping. Learning to have better control over your bike is a good thing! Ask anybody who has ever had the experience of losing control of their ride. GWRRRA also offers courses to improve your riding while pulling a trailer. Another option includes a Trike Riding Course. Anyone who has ever ridden a trike will tell you, they ride a lot different than a motorcycle. There are lots of options to choose from. Any Rider Course is valid for 3 years.

Level IV requires a one year waiting period after completing Level III and a rider must be current in his or her First-Aid/CPR and Rider Course requirement. You are then considered a Master Tour Rider.

The classroom seminars are helpful to. Please take advantage of these opportunities whenever they are offered at an event you are attending. We have learned a lot of useful tidbits, everything from how to pack a bike or trailer to becoming aware of proper crash scene management. We encourage everyone to participate in the Rider Education Program.

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Participants in our chapter are encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. This is your newsletter and we would love to hear from you. Please email your news articles to me at aden@inebraska.com by the 3rd Saturday of the month.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 14** Our good neighbors in Chapter O will be having their get together @ 8:00 a.m. at the D & K Cafe in Gretna. The address is 104 Glenmore Drive. Ronny and I will meet anyone interested in going at the gas station on 84th and Cornhusker at 7:30 if you would like to share a ride up there or you can meet us there.
- Jan. 21** Chapter SE get together at Greenfield's Pancake House in Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. The address is 7900 South 87th Street (Just east of 84th and Hwy 2).
- Febr. 18** Chapter SE get together at Hy-Vee in Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. The address is 1601 North 84th St. The ABATE Bike show is nearby at The Lancaster Event Center. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$8.00 to get in.
- Febr. 18 - 19** Cabin Fever Week-end is being held at the Clarion Inn in Fremont, NE. Find more information on page 2.
- Mar. 17** Chapter SE get together at the Hi-Way Diner in Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. The address is 2105 Nebraska Hwy 2.

invite a friend or come alone but don't be left at home!