



The Rainbow Chaser

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Newsletter



Director's Dialogue

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Weather like this makes a person appreciate summer, Brrr, Lots of stuff happening in the coming months which will be found in the newsletters, read them carefully!

Cabin Fever Weekend in Norfolk, Nebraska is coming up very soon, February 12/13 at the Rodeway Inn & Suites, 2206 Market lane, Phone 877-371-9779 is the number for reservations, good rates for all rooms, breakfast included, all are welcome.

The South Dakota/North Dakota/Nebraska District Rally will be held June 9 through 12 at Rapid City, SD. This Tri-State Rally is new to our area, make plans to attend. Watch for the Flyer)

The 2011 Couple of the Year for Chapter W is John & Sherry Oliver of Gering, and the Chapter W, Individual of the Year is Steve Knode of Gering. These nominations were held at the last meeting in January, if there is any further nominations please do so right away.

➤ Chapter Directors: John & Sherry Oliver

Our presenters for Chapter W, Steve & Jennie Knode, will be putting on "Crash Scene Response" at our Get Together on February 20, at the Hospital in Scottsbluff at 1:00 pm, meet for lunch at the cafeteria and then to the meeting room!

➤ Ass't Directors: Steve & Jennie Knode

➤ Treasurer: Amy Hodges

The Chapter W Birthday Party will be held on Sunday April 3, 2011 at a location as yet to be determined; plans are being made at the present time to have lots of fun and frolic, 50-50, door prizes, food, birthday presents and much more! Come join us and help us celebrate our 16th Birthday. More info to follow!

➤ Ride coordinator: Phil Kelly

➤ Educators: Ron & Rosa Devier

➤ Historian: Rita Scott

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

➤ Newsletter Editor: Sheryl Mc Lean

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➤ IOY Deb Pritchard

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

➤ COY Steve and Sheryl Mc Lean

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

John & Sherry

View from the Saddle

Steve Knode Assist. Director

According to the radio it's -14 degrees outside, ...-14.... My indoor/outdoor thermometer reads the same. So thinking about riding the Wing right now is a little tough to do.

Looking ahead to our gathering on Feb. 20, Jennie and I will be giving a Seminar entitled "Motorcycle Crash Scene Response". This looks like a good seminar to prepare us for what we might find at the scene of a vehicle crash and how we should respond. We aren't going to make paramedics out of anyone but after this course we should be able to react to what we find and control things until help arrives. Jennie will go through the Chapter's trauma kit, piece by piece, so we'll be familiar with the kit we carry on trips. The LAST thing I want to do is find myself at a crash scene with injured people. But if I'm going to be there I'd rather have some knowledge and some tools to work with than be in that situation with neither.

Now would be a good time to get any maintenance work done on the Wing. Sandberg's will only get busier as spring approaches so if you can find a decent day in the forecast, contact Sandberg's and schedule that work you need done on the Wing. Of course, if you have some things needing to be done that you can handle yourself you'll need either warmer weather or a warm place to work on it. On my list is to get my "Ring of Fire" wiring fixed. It has a dead short somewhere that blows the fuse. I also need to replace my final drive oil. I could reach the filler hole plug on my '95 Wing but the muffler blocks access on the 2000 Wing so I'll probably have Sandberg's do that one. We'll see... I might get my nerve up to start taking things off the Wing and try to get to it myself. With labor at \$60/hour at Sandberg's, I might work on it 3 times longer myself and still be ahead. Like many things, the hardest part is getting started.

I like to read up on motorcycling techniques this time of year. I have a copy of "Proficient Motorcycling" by David Hough that's very well done. I guarantee you'll learn something new if you read this book. I have a copy that I'll let you borrow, if you'd like to read it. Steve Hodges has it right now but if you'd like to be next to borrow it, let me know.

So while it seems a long time off, spring is coming and we'll be celebrating our Chapter W Birthday Party and planning all those upcoming trips. On these cold, snowy evenings fire up the computer and go to Google maps and start planning a trip. Google maps gives you lots of flexibility to add stops, change and compare routes and you can use their satellite imagery to see what the country looks like from above.

Even though it's too cold to ride, for most of us at least, there are things we can be doing to get ready for riding season. And you'll find that planning and anticipating those trips is a fun way to spend time as we wait for spring.

Steve

Co Riders Corner

Jennie's Easy Chicken Salad

- 2 cooked chicken breasts (I like to use lemon-pepper rotisserie)
(You can use canned chicken, but it's not as good)
- ½ cup chopped Craisins
- ½ cup chopped, sliced, or slivered almonds
- 1 TBSP finely minced red onion
- 1 8-oz can crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ cup Miracle Whip (NOT mayonnaise)
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Cut up or shred chicken. Mix all ingredients together. That's it!
Can be eaten on bread, specialty rolls, tortillas, lettuce leaves, or straight out of the bowl! I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

Yearly Mileage Report

From Phil the Ride Coordinator:

Here are the figures on mileage for 2010:

Gold Medal to Steve and Amy Hodges	10,519
Silver Medal to Phil Kelly	9,550
Bronze Medal to Steve and Jenny Knode	8,362

Runner Ups:

Steve McLean	8,113
Ted Pritchard	6,879
John Oliver	6,719
Dwight Hill	5,988
Terry Scott	4,621
Tom Casselman	4,171

The prize for the most miles on a Gold wing goes to John Oliver with 127,369 total miles. There is no indication that he is going to give up and get an 1800 so it looks like he will stay on top for this award for many years to come.

Remember the best way to winterize your Gold wing is to ride it every month.

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