



GWTA Nishna Valley Wings

November 26, 2017

Meeting called to order by Lowell. Karen and Jr. Green and Barb and Ed Mills, plus eight members were present. It was noted that Mitt Grimes passed away and will be sorely missed.

Dec. 9th Annual potluck at Indian Creek Museum at 6PM. Fried chicken and lasagna furnished, along with table settings. Come with your favorite covered dish or just join the fun.(for the public, not just Ch. P)

Ch. P Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 PM. (This is a change in date.) We will meet at the Bar'n and Grill in Carson (across from movie theater). After supper, we will go to Lowell and Deb's for dessert. The group decided to pass the hat for donations to Indian Creek Museum and pecans for Carol to make more delicious rolls. This will replace our grab bag gift giving. Please RSVP to Lowell or Deb so the restaurant will have a count.

Kenny Evans was appointed as the new assistant director. Thanks, Kenny!

Several nominations were made for family of the year but all declined.

Region C will be June 1-2, 2018 at the Amana Colonies RV Park. Gold Rush will be in Bowling Green, KY on July 9-12, 2018.

Meeting adjourned. Minutes provided by Lowell and Deb. Thank you!

2017 Events Date & Time	Event Name-Location All Business Meetings held at Indian Creek Museum	Information If you would like a flyer printed out, let Mary know.
December 9-6PM	Annual Potluck at Indian Creek Museum	For the public, please share. Bring favorite covered dish. Fried Chicken, lasagna & table settings provided.
December 19-6PM	Chapter P Christmas Party	The Bar'n and Grill, Carson, Iowa. RSVP to Lowell or Deb.
2018 Events Date & Time	Event Name-Location Business Meetings held at Indian Creek Museum	Information If you would like a flyer printed out, let Mary know.
February 16 5PM-10 PM, 17 9:30 AM-8PM, & 18 10Am-5PM , 2018 June 1-2	32nd Annual ABATE District 2 Lincoln Bike Show Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave, Lincoln, Nebraska Region C Rally, Amana Colonies RV Park	For more information : Email: Lincolnshowinfor@aol.com Website: abatenedistrict2.com
July 9-12, 2018	Gold Rush XXXI 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, Kentucky	Flyer attached to September email and mailed as requested.

Safety Education received from Eldon Ogorzolka, State Rider Education Director on November 26: (Article information used from MSF website.)

1. How safe is motorcycling?

There are over 4 million motorcycles registered in the United States. The popularity of this mode of transportation is attributed to the low initial cost of a motorcycle, its use as a pleasure vehicle and, for some models, the good fuel efficiency. Motorcycle fatalities represent approximately five percent of all highway fatalities each year, yet motorcycles represent just two percent of all registered vehicles in the United States. One of the main reasons motorcyclists are killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection in a crash. For example, approximately 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; a comparable figure for automobiles is about 20 percent.

2. How does it compare to driving an automobile?

An automobile has more weight and bulk than a motorcycle. It has door beams and a roof to provide some measure of protection from impact or rollover. It has cushioning and airbags to soften impact and safety belts to hold passengers in their seats. It has windshield washers and wipers to assist visibility in the rain and snow. An automobile has more stability because it's on four wheels, and because of its size, it is easier to see. A motorcycle suffers in comparison when considering vehicle characteristics that directly contribute to occupant safety. What a motorcycle sacrifices in weight, bulk, and other crashworthiness characteristics is somewhat offset by its agility, maneuverability, ability to stop quickly, and ability to swerve quickly when necessary.

3. Are there any special precautions to be observed?

A motorcyclist should attend a motorcycle rider-training course to learn how to safely and skillfully operate a motorcycle. A motorcyclist has to be more careful and aware at intersections, where most motorcycle-vehicle collisions occur. Motorcyclists must remain visible to other motorists at all times. Don't ride in a car's "No Zone" (blind spot). Anticipate what may happen more than other vehicle drivers may. For example, anticipate that drivers backing their cars out of driveways may not see you; and place greater emphasis on defensive driving. Motorcyclists also must be more cautious when riding in inclement weather, on slippery surfaces, or when encountering obstacles on the roadway. They must place greater reliance on their helmet, eye protection and clothing to increase riding comfort and to reduce the severity of injury should they become involved in a crash. Approximately half of all fatal single-vehicle motorcycle crashes involve alcohol. A motorcycle requires more skill and coordination to operate than a car. Riding a motorcycle while under the influence of any amount of alcohol significantly decreases an operator's ability to operate the motorcycle safely. An estimated 33 percent of motorcycle operators killed in traffic crashes are not licensed or are improperly licensed to operate a motorcycle. By not obtaining a motorcycle operator license, riders are bypassing the only method they and state licensing agencies have to ensure they have the knowledge and skill needed to safely and skillfully operate a motorcycle.

4. What are the causes of motorcycle crashes and how can crashes be reduced?

The causes of many motorcycle crashes can be attributed to:

- lack of basic riding skills
- failure to appreciate the inherent operating characteristics
- failure to appreciate the limitations of the motorcycle
- failure to use special precautions while riding
- failure to use defensive driving techniques.
- lack of specific braking and cornering skills
- failure to follow speed limit