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APRIL

Hansher, Kathleen

Amdor, Maria

Buchholz, William "Buck"

MAY

Beringer, Dana

Hickman, Terry

Whitehill, Belinda

Foxall, Linda

GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN' FOR THE OMAHA DFR

Are you ready for the Omaha Rollin' Plains Dealer Fun Run on April 21st? Did you volunteer for one of the dealer stops? If so, do you know how to sign participants up when they arrive at your location? If you said no to any of these questions, you need to attend the next Club meeting for all this important information.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and remember, each volunteer who pays the \$10 entry fee get a raffle ticket for every stop and a food ticket too. Food will be served at the last stop, which is The Chrome Lounge. It's going to be a great party with Cheshire Grin as the event entertainment for the night. So call your friends and family to

come out and join in the fun. All proceeds from the event will go to United Cerebral Palsy. For more information go to dealerfunrun@rpmco.com. Remember to thank Randy at the Chrome Lounge and support 'Bike Night' every Wednesday this summer!

SIGN UP AT THESE PARTICIPATING FUN RUN DEALERS

Breeze Cycle - 4961 Center St
Butterfield's M/C Parts - 8025 Blondo St
C&C Motors - 7300 F St.
Clifford Cycles - 6132 Military Ave
D&J Motorsports - 3333 South 61st Ave
DSR Power Sports - 417 South 13th St
Dillon Bros HD - 174TH & Maple St
Ducati Omaha - 3615 South 149TH St

Extreme Cycles - 4117 South 120th St
Full Throttle - 1010 34th Ave - CB
HD of Omaha - 7337 L St
Nebraska M/C Parts - 8415 G St
R/T Paint & Body - 13412 Giles Rd
Paul's Service - 3341 W Broadway - CB
Sprockets Inc - 409 N. Saddle Creek Rd
Werner Cycle Works - 14410 Frontier Rd

New Members

Welcome to Rollin' Plains Motorcycle Club (RPMC) in Omaha, Nebraska. RPMC is a chartered club with the [American Motorcyclist Association](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com) (AMA). We are a diverse group of riding enthusiasts, whom like to ride, camp and have fun.

If you know of someone interested in joining invite them to a meeting or send their name, telephone number and email address to clubinfo@rpmcomaha.com and we can send them next months Tribute.

April Meeting at 3's Lounge on Sunday 4/15

Meetings will now be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. But due to Easter falling on the 2nd Sunday in April, we will meet April 15th this month. If you attended last month's meeting you know the new meeting site is the 3's Lounge located at 8919 North 30th, just past Kelly's North Bowl on North 30th Street @ 1:00 PM.

In an effort to keep meetings more productive and organized, please keep talking to a minimum and wait to be called on for comments. This agenda is **subject to change**. Also note these topics are going to be **discussed and voted on**. The changes have not been put into effect.

Some Agenda items:

- * Upcoming Events/Volunteer Sign up
- * Spring Camp Out - Heron Bay
- * Club Picture Site ideas

Events Calendar

- 4/21/2007 RPMC Dealer Fun Run - After Party @ The Chrome Lounge - 8552 Park Drive
- 4/23/2007 ABATE Of NE Political Awareness Run to the State Capitol - see website
- 5/12/2007 Omaha Area Bikers Pancake Feed - VFW 90th & Military - 9am - ??
- 5/12/2007 Freedom of Choice Ride for LB253 - sign up @ One Eyed Dog in Eagle, NE
- 5/19/2007 RPMC Spring Camp Out - Heron Bay - Members come join the fun!
- 6/3/2007 RPMC Yellow Ribbon Run - Mark your calendar, more details to follow.
- 8/18/2007 RPMC Poor Boy Run - Mark your calendar, more details to follow.
- 9/15/2007 MD Bikers for Babies Run - Mark your calendar, more details to follow.

See the website under "Club Events"

TRUSTY TOOL KIT FOR THE ROAD

By Jerry Miller

Over the winter I started to compile a list of tools needed for roadside repairs in case of a minor breakdown while out riding. So, I thought I would share this with everyone. This has also inspired me to do a list for a first aid kit in the future.

Open end wrenches work best for getting around cables and linkages, combination (two sizes) per wrench keep weight and size down and cover all necessary sizes. The 10mm wrench is for battery cables and the adjustable wrench is great for back up to any of the open end wrenches. Locking pliers are for rounded off bolts or to pinch rubber fluid lines shut. The screwdriver can be bought as a kit including Slotted, Phillips, Hex and Torx. The sizes listed are the ones used for covers, controls, accessories, etc. Spark plug sockets are nice, but in most cases your open end wrench will work.

Electrical tape is good for more than covering up wire connections. Use it to temporarily secure broken pieces or wrap around the bottom of your chaps to stop them from flapping in the wind and keep all the cold air out! Mechanics wire can also be used to secure things temporarily, such as a broken throttle cable or a hot dog skewer so you can heat up a bite between your cylinders on the way. The loctite is great for pesky bolts and screws that always vibrate out. Make sure to use the "Blue" #242 (service reusable), this has been superseded to #243 now. If you use the red or most others you will have to heat up the fastener and break it loose with tools which would likely ruin any expensive accessory, especially if it's plastic.

The Leatherman, of course has knives, but it also has needle nose pliers for c-clips and cutters for wire. I've seen these kits at Motorcycle Dealers and Sears for around \$100.00 but they're not close to being as complete as the one listed below. I found most of these tools in spare tool boxes and picked up a few at discount tool or hardware stores. Just remember to have everything you might need in the smallest and lightest package possible. Your bike won't care if you don't have a matching set or expensive tools it just wants to get back in the wind as much as you do. Happy (Trouble Free) trails to all.

Detailed list of tools:

Open end wrenches 3: (3/8x7/16) (1/2x9/16) (5/8x3/4), 10mm combination wrench, 8" adjustable wrench, Locking Pliers (Vise Grips), Screwdrivers (2 slotted & 2 Phillips), Nut Drivers (1/4 - 5/16 - 6mm - 8mm), Hex Keys (5/32 - 3/16 - 1/4 - 5/16), Torx Keys (T-25 - T-27), Spark Plug Sockets (5/8 - 13/16), Spark Plug Gap Gauge, Tire Pressure Gauge, Mini Mag Flashlight, Electrical tape, Wire Ties (plastic zip ties), Mechanics Wire (16 gauge - 24" long), Siphon hose (3/8 x 48" long), WD 40, Loctite (242 Blue - Service reusable), Shop rag, Extra Spark Plugs, Fuses, Signal Bulbs, Trusty Old Leatherman, Tool bag.

Club Photo Site Needed

Wouldn't it be great to have a group picture of all the RPMC members and their bikes? Well the idea is out there, now we just need a good site for the occasion. The place will need to have a nice backdrop and be an open area for the bikes to line up. If you have any ideas, bring pictures of the site to a meeting and share with the Club. We will be picking the best place and a date as soon as we have some good sites recommended and approved. We will also need to find a photographer for the event. So if you know a professional photographer that would be interested in helping us out, submit their name and phone number to an officer. Check out the website for this topic on the discussion board.

Latest News on Nebraska Legislative Bill 253

Here are emails John sent out from Spotman on LB 253, dated below. This bill is being considered in Nebraska to allow certain motorcycle and moped operators who are 21 years or older the choice on whether or not to wear a protective helmet. For more information, visit the ABATE of Nebraska Webpage

4/9/2007 -

I just got this from ABATE of Nebraska State Legislative Officer, Jim Allsott: I received a letter yesterday (Saturday) from Governor Heinemans Office letting us know the date for the signing of the proclamation, "MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH" is going to be on Wed, April 18th at 10:30 AM in the Warner Chamber on 2nd floor across the rotunda from the Norris Legislative Chamber. I would ask that you invite any ABATE Members to come and take part in the signing. So, if you're free the morning of the 18th and you can get to Lincoln by 10:30am...it would be a great opportunity to show the Governor and others that we care...

4/5/2007 -

Larry had a meeting with Speaker Flood, Senator Rogert (who introduced LB253) and Joe Kohout (our lobbyist) on Tues Apr 4. Speaker Flood explained why he didn't make LB 253 a Priority Bill...it will take more than 8 hours of debate and he couldn't give it the time and energy he thinks it deserves. (That's cool)

Both Speaker Flood and Senator Rogert said that once the Unicam was done dealing with the Priority Bills, they would do everything possible to get LB253 to be heard as they both think this is important legislation and deserves an up or down vote. If LB 253 is heard before the end of session (June 3) it will only be to move it from General File to Select File...which is one rung further up the ladder. At that point, we will still need a Senator to prioritize it for the 2008 session and we'll each have to work hard in our own legislative districts throughout the summer and fall. Bottom line, we won't be choosing our safety gear in 2007. But all is not lost...The April 23rd "Awareness Run" is very important. We need a huge showing to prove to the Speaker that we mean business; to prove to those that have mouthed the word "support" that we will hold them to that word; and to those that oppose us that we are strong, we are not going away & that we beseech them for their support. The "Awareness Run" is not about being pissed off and civil disobedience (not yet, anyway!) It is about showing strength and resolve. We need EVERYONE there!!!

For more info, go here

<http://www.abateofne.com/Protest%20Run%2007.htm> Or contact me...spotman@iowatelecom.net

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- 3's Lounge - our new meeting site.
- To all the officers for managing our Club.

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