

GWTA Chapter N *Newsletter*

Gold Wing Touring Association
KC Tour Riders, Kansas City, Missouri

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

First things first, we want to welcome all of our new Chapter N members. We are glad you decided to join us.

Where did the month of March go? It was here and gone in a flash, and now it's April and *Riding Season* is upon us at last. (Not that we don't ride at the drop of a hat.) It is officially time to park the four wheelers and get out the two and three wheelers. In years past, it was sufficient to say to everyone "be careful and ride safe." This year that is not enough.

For several years, our Missouri state legislators have been siphoning large sums of money from the highway funds to pay for social programs. While some of these programs were very necessary, others probably were not. Consequently, we now have some of the worst roads in the nation. The danger is very real, and until the state makes much-needed repairs, all of us must be extra careful. The new danger that we have seen this year is ruts in the center of the road where the lanes come together. These are not like potholes that you can most likely roll over. They run parallel to the direction of the pavement and can be from a few inches to several feet long and up to a foot wide. The most dangerous of these ruts are the ones that

are just the width of a front wheel. Please be aware that this road danger is there and please be extra careful as you change lanes. This problem is not confined just to the interstates. It affects almost all of our state highways, too.

On a lighter note, we had the opportunity to attend the GWTA annual board meeting on March 29 in Indianapolis. Bob Anderson represented the State, and Dave Reeve was there to represent Chapter B. What an experience. Although the actual meeting was long and some time tedious, we enjoyed it all. We wish all of Chapter N could have been there.

It is not too early to begin to plan for Gold Rush, July 14-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tony Manry, National Events Coordinator (his picture is on page 4 of the April Touring News), gave us a walking tour of the layout inside and outside of the Adams Mark hotel complex. Even if it is hot in July, there will be lots of A/C. Region E is in charge of the light show, and Ron and Eva Wodehouse are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping or being a judge, let us know.

Ride Safe, Dave & Mardee

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Friends are the family we choose.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences go to Charlie Graham and to Ken and Barbie Tompkins of Chapter B. Marilyn Graham passed away on Saturday, March 15, after a battle with cancer. Ken and Barbie's brother-in-law also passed away recently.

CONTEST WINNERS

We had a tie in the chapter logo contest. The winners were Bob Anderson and Mike Ebenroth. Because of the tie, Dave King took the two logos and came up with our present logo. The winners were presented with embroidered caps at the March meeting.

Milton & Ruth White



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CONGRATULATIONS

Dave and Mardee King were recently blessed with their tenth grandchild on March 17, Vincent Michael, 7 lbs. 6 oz., and 21" long.

GWTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 29 in Indianapolis, IN at the Adams Mark airport hotel. This meeting is open to the general membership and was attended by Dave and

Mardee King and Bob Anderson from Chapter N and Dave Reeve from Chapter B.

The U.S. and Canada are divided into regions, and each region elects a representative to serve on the board for a two-year term. There is also a board position that represents the founder life members.

The meeting began promptly at 8:00 a.m. with opening remarks, introductions, and explanations of the procedures for the meeting. Bruce Keenon presented the State of the Association. Bill Kitchin, who is the business manager, and Bruce Keenon presented the financial report for 2002 and the budget for 2003.

It was evident from the financial report that some operational changes need to be made. Bruce Keenon and Bill Kitchin were questioned at length about the financial shortfall and their recommendations to solve the issues. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the board that several things must occur.

1. The advertising rates in Touring News will be raised on June 1. All of the advertising will be sold in-house by a salaried individual rather than using an agency. This will save the 20% commission currently being paid.

2. The Blue Book will be eliminated in printed form and be replaced by a 24/7 1-800 number that will be monitored by an outside company. This will allow new members to be listed the same month that they join rather than having to wait a year. It will also save several thousand dollars a year in printing.

3. The first increase in membership dues since the beginning 16 years ago. Effective September 1, 2003:

Single, 1 year - \$35.00
Single, 2 year - \$70.00
Single, 3 year - \$90.00
Family, 1 year - \$45.00
Family, 2 year - \$90.00
Family, 3 year - \$120.00

Lifetime memberships will increase by 20%.

It is hoped that these changes will help return the GWTA back to financial health.

An item for discussion was presented early in the day, to limit the term of the Executive Director to five years. It was determined that the Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and is appointed, dismissed, or reappointed on an annual basis. Therefore, it was the consensus that it was not necessary to amend the By-Laws to create a five-year term limit. Later in the day, Bruce Keenon was unanimously reappointed to another one-year term.

The Founder Life members have a board representative, and the By-Laws were amended to add the Life members to this class for representation.

The By-Laws were also amended to eliminate the Affiliate Program. Previously, any member not owning an operable Gold Wing was put in the affiliate category, and a chapter's membership could only be 30% Affiliates. Also, any member in good standing can serve in any chapter capacity, up to Regional Director. It was the consensus of all in attendance that this was a very good change for the future growth of the association.

This meeting was quite an experience, and we are looking forward to the regional directors meeting.

Dave King

CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES

CPR and first aid classes were held on March 8 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Eleven attended, and everyone left knowing that they have the knowledge to make a difference if we ever need it. Todd Coleman was our instructor and did a commendable job presenting course objectives from a practical viewpoint. Todd is a Kansas City, KS firefighter and EMT. Some of us who had previous certification noticed changes were made in emergency first aid treatment during the last two years. I strongly urge everyone to attend a course,

as no one knows when we may be called on in an emergency. Those attending were Dave and Mardee King, Bob and Glen Anderson, Mike Ebenroth, Pat and Sharon Buchko, J.R. and Suzy Shively, and Gerry and Kay Shively. If there is interest in another class, and there are enough participants to cover the minimum for Todd, I will be happy to set it up. Thanks again to all those who attended.

Gerry Shively

PRESENTATION

Bob Anderson presented Dave Wittman with a bell at the monthly meeting on March 27. Dave has been diagnosed with cancer. Bob read "The Legend of the Bell" during the presentation. Let's all remember to keep the Wittman family in our prayers.

Milton and Ruth White



The Legend of the Bell

Have you noticed that small bell on some people's bikes and wondered why it was there? It's more than just decoration; it has a specific function!

As we all know, life has many mysteries that have no apparent solutions. One of these is 'Evil Road Spirits'. They're the little gremlins that live on your bike. They love to ride. They're also responsible for most of your bike's problems. Sometimes your turn signals refuse to work, or the battery goes dead, the clutch needs adjustment, or

any of several hundred other things go wrong. These problems are caused by 'Evil Road Spirits'.

Road Spirits can't live in the presence of a bell. They get trapped in the hollow of the bell. Among other things, their hearing is supersensitive. The constant ringing of the bell and the confined space drives them insane. They lose their grip and eventually fall to the roadway. (Have you ever wondered how potholes are formed?) The bell has served its purpose.

If you have picked up a bell of your own, the magic will work. But if your bell was given to you, the power is doubled, and you know that somewhere you have a special friend looking after you. So if you have a friend that doesn't have a bell, why not be the person to give them one? It's a nice feeling for the recipient to know you personally care. The bell, plus a good preventive maintenance program by the bike's owner, will help eliminate the 'Evil Road Spirits'.

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SAFETY SEMINAR

What does safety mean to me as a co-rider? It means feeling secure and confident about the person who literally holds my life within his hands. When I know that the rider, as well as myself, have been properly trained and educated about safety, then I can enjoy the ride. This is why we have safety seminars and ERC-training. Safety is always of the utmost importance to those of us who ride motorcycles. This is why we all come together once a year to go through the safety seminar. Everyone needs to be reminded about safety regardless of how long they have been riding. Gerry Shively, the Missouri state safety director and the assistant director of Chapter N, led this seminar on Saturday, March 29. In a relaxed atmosphere, while drinking coffee and eating donuts, we all shared in the experience of making ourselves aware of the many aspects of safe riding. Gerry presented the material in an open discussion/question-and-answer format where he covered material for the riders, co-riders, proper

attire, safety tips, first aid kits, and keeping your motorcycles in tip-top shape. Of course, it wouldn't have been a safety seminar without some of our favorite humorous stories. Thanks, Gerry, for a great job and taking the time to share with us about safety. I would like to wish everyone great adventures and a safe riding season.

Ruth White



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BIKE BLESSING

The First Assembly of God in Excelsior Springs will be having their third annual bike blessing on Sunday, April 27, starting at 4:30 p.m. Shine and show your bike. Prizes will be awarded to pastor's top three picks. Free dinner. The church is located at 1800 West Highway 69 in Excelsior Springs. From Liberty, take Highway 69 north to Excelsior Springs. Look for the signs.

Phillip Rittermeyer

NIEHAUS DAYS

This year's annual Niehaus Appreciation Days are scheduled for May 17 and 18. For those of you who have never attended Niehaus Days, this is a great way to check out vendors as well as Niehaus Cycle Sales. You can visit Niehaus Cycle Sales online at <http://www.niehauscycle.com>.

Milton and Ruth White have a block of rooms reserved for Friday night, May 16, in Jacksonville,

IL, and Saturday night, May 17, in Litchfield, IL. They will be leading a group that will be leaving Liberty Friday afternoon and riding over to Jacksonville. All of the rooms are booked at Comfort Inns and vary in price from \$65.00 per night plus tax to \$78.26 plus tax. If you are interested in booking rooms for this trip, please call Ruth White at (816) 679-8771. We will be returning to Kansas City on Sunday.

Vern and Chris Mackey will be heading up the camping accommodations for all of those who desire to camp. Camping will be at Hillsboro. Contact Vern Mackey for camping information at (816) 454-6220 or c21459m@aol.com.

Niehaus is a fun weekend and a great way to get some new chrome for your bikes.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION

Experienced Rider Courses

Gerry Shively will be leading the ERC training, which will be held on June 14 and 15 in Warrensburg. One-up training will be held on Saturday with a two-up training session on Sunday. At the March meeting, Gerry stated that the course curriculum has been changed. There will be no inside instruction; instruction will occur primarily out on the course itself with new exercises. The cost is \$75 for the one-up course and \$100 for the two-up course. If these courses are taken through community colleges or other providers, the minimum charge would be \$125 per course. This is a great value! Deadline for registration and payment is at our meeting on April 24. After that, the course will be offered to friends and to the public. We can have 12 bikes each day and would like to have the courses filled. In addition to being a great learning experience, this is also a fund-raising event for our chapter, and we could net approximately \$1,500 if the classes are full. Gerry did say that an MSF trike course is being developed and may be out next year. It was pointed out that most insurances offer discounts when proof of this course is presented.

For those who camp, we will stay at the Knob Noster State Park campground. For those wanting to motel it, Whiteman Inn is about two miles from the campground for around \$50 per night, and their phone number is (660) 563-3000. There are also other motels in Warrensburg. Additional information will be e-mailed, and there will be another update in the May newsletter.

Bill Johnson talked about the ERC rider safety course at the March meeting. He stated that he gets a lot of information from both instructors and For those who camp, we will stay at the Knob Noster State Park campground. Those wanting to motel it Whiteman Inn is about two miles from the campground for around \$50.00 a night, and their phone number is 660-563-3000. There are also other motels in Warrensburg. Additional information will be e-mailed and another update in the May newsletter. other riders. He also stressed that everyone should take this course.

FRIENDSHIP TOUR

The Missouri Friendship Tour 2003 is a self-guided tour around the state which you can take at your leisure between January 1 and November 15 and a great way to see our beautiful state. Chapter N will be having weekend camp outs and day trips to many of these locations throughout the year. Information as well as an entry form for the Missouri Friendship Tour 2003 can be found on the web site at www.kctourriders.com.

CLUB SHIRTS

At the March meeting, Darla Ebenroth presented the best bid for the chapter shirts. Bob Anderson pointed out that the sizes run larger than stated. Darla brought shirts in different sizes to help the members decide. The cost of all shirts, including the larger sizes, will be \$15 each. A light blue color was voted by the members. Anyone wishing to order shirts can leave a message with Bob at (816) 587-9536 or at gband@earthlink.net before Sunday, April 6, if possible. Remember, the sizes run large (a medium size is equivalent to a large, etc.). Bob will be collecting the money for the

shirts at the April business meeting. If paying by check, please make it out to KC Tour Riders.

ROCKER SETS

Please contact Dave or Mardee King if you would like to purchase a Chapter N rocker set. The cost is \$20 per set. Rockers are the patches that encircle the big GWTA patch. Our rockers would have "KC Tour Riders" and "Missouri N". If a number of these could be ordered at one time, we would save on shipping costs. An e-mail will be sent out about this matter.

BROCHURES

Chapter N informational brochures are available for all of those who desire to have them to pass out and share with those people who show an interest in our organization. You can pick up your brochures from Milton and Ruth White.

GWTA RALLIES REGION E

Colorado Fifth Ever State Rally will be held June 5-7 in Craig, Colorado. Holiday Inn is the host motel, \$69 room rates. Camping available at the KOA. \$35 registration fee includes rally pin, Friday breakfast buffet, Saturday dinner buffet, bike show, poker runs, rides, parade, and entertainment. Drawing for GWTA jacket, 50/50 drawings, vendors. For more information, contact dandorlynda@aol.com or bucknbettycolo@msn.com.

Ride for Kids to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will take place in St. Louis on September 21 and at other points around Region E on April 27, October 12, and October 19. Contact Allan Hughes at (800) 253-6530 or view www.ride4kids.org for more information.

Sixth Annual Colorama at the KOA sponsored by the Lake County Riders of Springfield, MO, will be held October 10-12 in Forsyth, MO. Friday night dinner ride, Saturday observation rides and supper. Pre-registration is mandatory by October 1. For

more details, contact Joe Watters at JWWH20@aol.com or call (417) 849-9537.

OTHER FUTURE EVENTS

Some events that are upcoming:

April 4, 5, 6: American Freedom Bike Show at Metro North. This is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

April 5: Hub Cycle April Fool's Ride

April 12: Phillip Rittermeyer would like to have a ride on the second Saturday of April to support our troops in Iraq. The ride begins at 1:30 p.m. We will ride from Hunt's Car Care at Highway 152 and North Oak to VFW Headquarters on Broadway. For more information, please contact Phillip at (816) 510-9664.

April 27: Kansas Chapter Poker Run

OUR GUESTS

Our guests at the March meeting were Bob and Linda Clarkson, Leo and Karen Carlson, and Dave and Pat Reeves of Chapter B.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new member:

Charlie Wynn (03/22)
6398 North Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64118
(816) 436-6352
cwynn@kc.rr.com

BIRTHDAYS

April 8	Karen Lenz
April 20	Karen Wittman
April 26	Sue Pollitt
April 30	Jay Teer

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ANNIVERSARIES

April 9 Gerry and Kay Shively
April 24 Mark and Annette Sitterson



THURSDAY DINNERS

Riding season has finally arrived, and we will be starting our dinner rides beginning Thursday, April 3. We will meet at Hunt's (Goodyear) Car Care Center located at 94th and North Oak, just north of Highway 152. We will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m. and ride for approximate 45 minutes to an hour before having dinner. Please fill up your gas tanks before we start on the ride.

This month's dinner ride schedule is:

April 3

Love Bites Deli in Riverside

This is a new restaurant and they are staying open just for our group. They accept credit cards and cash.

April 10

Ruby Tuesdays at Tiffany Springs Exit, I-29
They accept credit cards and cash.

April 17

Mama Jo's BBQ on Parvin Road

They accept cash and all credit cards except for American Express. This restaurant is also staying open just for our group.

April 24

Monthly Business Meeting

Please note that the monthly business meeting for April is being held at a different location. (This is only for the month of April.) It will be a potluck dinner meeting and will be held downstairs at the First Bank of Missouri at 5959 N.E. Antioch Road in Gladstone. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Last names beginning with A-K, please bring a main dish of some kind. L-R, please bring a side

dish. S-Z, please bring a dessert or snack of some kind. Please bring serving utensils for your dish. Everything else will be provided.

RIDE LEADERS

When Chapter N was organized, we stressed having involvement from everyone in some manner so as not to have the 20% figure we are all used to doing 80% the work. We also realize that some may have limitations and time constraints that won't allow us to be involved in every aspect of our chapter's functions. That is understandable, but there is a way to be involved without a great amount of time spent. We are beginning our riding season and are in need of volunteers to be ride leaders for dinner rides. Terry and Sue Williams are doing a wonderful job choosing great restaurants for us to eat and socialize at, and we are asking the rest of us to volunteer getting us to those restaurants by a route of your choice. Everyone has good knowledge of the Northland and different routes that you would take or would prefer to get to our eating place, so please share them with the rest of us by leading a dinner ride. We should plan a one-hour ride, leaving Hunt's Car Care Center at 6:30 p.m. and arriving at the selected restaurant around 7:30-p.m. We also need to be cognizant of the preparation time our leader has put into planning a route and be a follower for the evening, rather than suggesting changes during the ride. If we ask for changes, that person may not want to lead again. Please select a Thursday you want to lead and call me at (816) 858-4385. I will put your selection on our calendar and hope to fill the riding season quickly. I prefer not to and shouldn't have to make calls for ride leaders.

We also need ride leaders for day rides throughout the riding season. We set aside the second Saturday of each month for a day or weekend ride to a location chosen by a volunteer. Pick a favorite destination and the routes to get there, and we will follow you. If it includes overnight, and you plan to camp, be certain there is a motel fairly close for those who don't camp. Again, call or e-mail me at kgshvly@earthlink.net with your

selection and destination so we can inform everyone.

Gerry Shively

NOTE OF THANKS

Karen and I would like to thank each of you for your continued prayers and support during the next few months. I will be able to ride in a couple of the upcoming rides, but then it will be a few months before I am able to ride again. I will miss it very much. But I am already looking forward to July and August riding. I would also like to thank Bob for "The Bell." The Legend Loves On.

Dave & Karen Wittman

FOR SALE

2000 Honda GL1500CF Valkyrie Interstate. 6-cylinder, 4-stroke, 1500 cc, AM/FM radio, CB, clock, trip meters. Some chrome pieces added. 8400 miles. Two-tone paint, blue and silver. Average retail price \$11,995. Sale price \$10,995. Contact Dave Wittman, mobile (816) 304-7708.

MEMBERS LIST

We need to keep our records current. Any changes in address, e-mail address, phone numbers, etc., should be sent to Milton and Ruth White at (816) 679-8771 or tnkids@kc.rr.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spotlight on Our Members: Bill and Julie Johnson

I was born and partially raised a country farm boy from Kirksville, MO. Julie was born and raised a city girl from Kansas City. After my parents moved to Kansas City in 1950, I would still go back to the country on summer vacation to work on my uncle's farm. That is where I got into motorcycling. My cousin, who is 11 years older, had a Harley Electra Glide, and he was good to take me with him. He also had an old Henderson that didn't have a motor, so we would get together in our free time with a neighbor who was my same

age and lived about a mile down the road, tie a long rope to the old Henderson and to my uncle's Oliver tractor, and off we'd go down the gravel roads, dirt roads, and fields as fast as the Oliver would run. It's a wonder we weren't killed or at least broke some bones, but we didn't.



Moving on in life, I went to Park Hill, and Julie went to Northtown. I was working as a service station attendant in Riverside. Julie started dating Tom, the assistant manager, at the station. He would go pick her up after school and come back to the station mainly to show her off, I think. I really feel bad that he didn't know that while he was inside the station, I was outside making conversation with the dolly in the car. Anyhow it worked, because I finally got her to go out with me. We dated for two weeks and got engaged. We were both 17. We were engaged for a year and got married the day after I got out of high school. We started our lives with a '56 Chevy, a hundred dollars in the bank, and some change in our pockets and went on our honeymoon. I told Julie I didn't want her to have to work, so she said, "Give me a reason to stay home," so I got busy right away, and almost 10 months to the day of our wedding, she gave birth to our first son, Tyrone, in 1962. And then I gave her two more reasons, with our daughter, Tracie, in 1963 and our youngest son, Todd, in 1965. I couldn't even begin to tell you how many kids Julie has babysat and raised, along with helping out financially. Our daughter gave us our two oldest grandbabies.

Brandi, 22, was born on Julie's 38th birthday, and Brandon, 19, just missed his mama's birthday by two days. Our oldest son and his wife have also given us two grandbabies. Clayton, 6, and Diana, who is 2 and just missed grandma's birthday by four days. Our youngest son is not married. We are lucky that all our kids live almost within hollering distance of us. I work for TWA/American Airlines and have since 1966. Hopefully retirement isn't too far off.

Julie, who is motorcycle qualified, and I have been riding motorcycles on and off since our marriage but started doing the bigger bikes and tour bikes in 1982, when I got a steal of a deal on a '78 Kawasaki 650 with a Windjammer fairing and windshield. From that we got Yamaha XS1100 that was dressed out, then went to luxury in October of 1989 when we bought our first Gold Wing, a '86 SE-I that we had ridden for ten years when we bought our '98 SE in October of 1999. We joined GWTA and Show-Me-Wings Chapter B in 1994. We have been in all of the 48 continental states, two providences of Canada, and every county in the state of Missouri. We love our GWTA Gold Wing family.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to Chapter N to help the club financially, please give your money or checks to our treasurer, Hollie Rittermeyer.

CHAPTER N WEB SITE

We wanted to notify you that the web site has new photos and information. Photos from the bike show have been added courtesy of Dave King and Dave Wittman. Also we have the photos of the founding members who were at the presentation on Thursday evening and the pictures made at the safety seminar on Saturday.

This site is updated almost daily, so you will want to check it often, especially the calendar of events. If you have something that you would like published on the web site or in the newsletter,

please notify Milton and Ruth White. The website is www.kctourriders.com.

Ruth and Milton White

ARTICLES

We look forward to hearing your stories about bike trips and any other news that you'd like to share. To include your articles and pictures in the newsletter, please send them via e-mail to Sondra Teer at theteers@planetkc.com. The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is April 30.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Since the newsletter will be primarily electronically distributed, our chapter has not pushed for advertisers. However if someone would like to place an ad, the cost is \$5 per month for a 3.25-inch x 2-inch ad (business card size).

EXCESS BAGGAGE

Recipe: Campfire Stew

Here's a great recipe for campers from the Chuckwagon Diner that's easy to make.

2 lbs. ground beef
2 large onions, cut in pieces
Potatoes, cut in chunks, as much as you like!
1 lb. baby carrots
salt and pepper to taste

Cut pieces of heavy duty aluminum foil for several packets. Make little balls of ground beef and place on foil. Add onions, potatoes, carrots, salt, and pepper. Wrap up packets very tightly and place on grid over fire. They will take about 30 minutes or longer to cook, depending on the fire.

Please share your favorite recipes with club members. To include them in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Sondra Teer at theteers@planetkc.com. We'd especially like recipes that can be prepared at the campsite if you have them.

Helpful Hints

Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive.

Put a sealed envelope in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.

Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat, and you can write on the roll which appliance it belongs to.

For icy door steps in freezing temperatures, get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't re-freeze.

Crayon marks on walls? A damp rag dipped in baking soda will take them off with little effort.

Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt blue ink) can be removed with rubbing alcohol on a paper towel.

Whenever you purchase a box of S.O.S. pads, take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, this is much more economical. Also, the scissors get sharpened this way!

Blood stains on clothes? Just pour a little peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works every time!

Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way, you can tell which side has the streaks.

Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.

Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers, and your clothes will smell freshly-washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new!

To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and bring to a boil on stovetop.

More Helpful Hints to follow in next month's newsletter.



On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy.

Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

He just knew what it was. "Oh, my", he shuddered. "It's Satan and the Lord dividing the souls at the cemetery. He jumped back on his bike and rode off.

Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy. "You won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid! Can't you see it's hard for me to walk?" When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. Standing by the fence, they heard, "One for you, one for me. One

for you, one for me..."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord himself." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. And now let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done." They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the boy on the bike.

OUR DESTINATION: FRIENDSHIP

Friend;

1. n. A person who one knows well and is fond of.
2. An ally, a supporter, a faithful companion.
3. A keeper of secrets.
4. A person with whom one can laugh or cry and share hopes and dreams.
5. One who is held in the most noble regard and highest esteem.



*I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States
of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands:
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with Liberty
and Justice for all.*

God Bless America