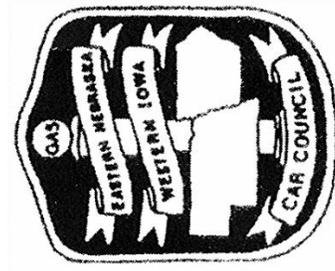
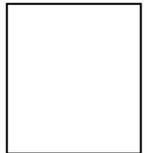


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Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month alternating between Omaha and Lincoln. Officers and representatives of member organizations are asked to sign in before the meeting, and guests are always welcome. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM - many arrive early for dinner.

Omaha meetings are held at the Tangier Shrine Temple, on the east side of 84th Street, south of Center Street. Lincoln meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 3940 North 27th Street.

MEETING DATES FOR 2014

LINCOLN: May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19

OMAHA: **April 16**, June 18, August 20, October 15, December 17

If a weather advisory exists for a meeting, it will be canceled and business is carried over to the next month.

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Clubs in Attendance at the March Meeting

AACA-Nebraska Region	Classic Thunderbird Club of Omaha
Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club-Lincoln	Cornhusker Model "A" Club-Lincoln
Crossroads Car Club-Plattsmouth	Cruis'n Classics – Lincoln
Fremont Antique Car Club, Inc.	GM Truck Club
Heartland Chevelle Club	Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club
Nebraska Corvette Assn.	Nebraskaland Pontiac/Oakland
Nifty Fifties Ford Club	Omaha Region Early Ford V8 Club
Pontiac Owners Assn.	Rebels Auto Club-Lincoln
Stardusters-Mead/Yutan	Studebaker Drivers Club-Husker Chpt.
The Slo Rollers of NW MO	

GUESTS –

Nebraska Rod & Custom Assn.	Route 6 Tourist Assn.
Ashland Historical Society	

MEETING MINUTES - March 19, 2014

INTRODUCTIONS

President Chuck Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in Lincoln, NE.

GUESTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

FOOD BANK PRESENTATION/THANK-YOUS

Roger Neeman introduced John Mabry from the Food Bank of Lincoln, who took a few minutes to thank the Council for their assistance over the past 20+ years in soliciting donations for the Food Bank during the Swap Meet. Donations to the Food Bank of Lincoln this year did bring in enough cash and food to take totals over the \$100,000/100,000 pound goal. According to Mabry, this adds up to over 375,000 meals. The Food Bank serves 16 counties in southeast Nebraska, distributing food through local churches and charities, including working with the Veterans Administration; their Backpack Program also provides meals to 1500 children in the region. Mabry thanked Roger for being the Council's coordinator of the program for over 15 years. Swap Meet Co-Chair Kerry Fox asked Mabry to make sure to thank his volunteers for manning the collection points during what was perhaps the coldest Swap Meet on record.

US ROUTE 6 TOURIST ASS'N./ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Roger Bratt of the US Route 6 Tourist Association and the Ashland Historical Society took a few minutes to inform attendees about the Tourist Association. Roger noted that Highway 6 is the oldest and longest highway in the nation. Efforts on the Association's part include getting sponsorship by state legislators in Nebraska to designate original segments of Highway 6 as a historical route, with placement of historical signs every 3-5 miles along the original roadway. Roger also spoke about the Ashland Historical Society and its efforts in promoting tourism in the city by car clubs and motor tours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roy Murabito motioned, with a second by Kerry Fox, to approve the February minutes as printed. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Boyd Ready and accepted after a motion made by Leonard Bouc and seconded by Jim Snyder to approve. Bills were presented by Secretary Alan Tast for \$113.85 for printing and mailing of the March minutes and by Roy Murabito for \$34.00 for postage to mail Council books; a motion was made by Tom Dingwell and seconded from the floor to pay the bills. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Carrying forward with nominations made at the January and February for President (Chuck Roberts), Vice President (Roy Murabito) and Treasurer (Boyd Ready), a final call for nominations for 2014-2015 officers was made, with the position of Secretary yet to be nominated. Denny Eaton nominated Alan Tast for president, and Boyd Ready nominated Cindy Wimmer for the position of Secretary. With no additional candidates for Vice President and Treasurer, president Chuck Roberts withdrew his nomination and called for nominations to close. Following a word of thanks from Boyd and a round of applause in gratitude for Chuck's second round from 2011-2014 as president (Chuck also served as president from 2003-2006), Chuck then presented the president's gavel to Alan. President-elect Tast then called on Secretary-elect Wimmer to assume her duties effective immediately.

2014 ROCKY MANGINELLI SWAP MEET POST-MORTEM

Co-Chairman's Report: Kerry Fox reported on the 2014 Swap Meet. He thanked all of the clubs for working the swap meet. There was only 1 club that did not show up because of the cold weather. All others work hard in the frigid temperatures. He read the names of the clubs that came the furthest distance to work. He also reported that the heated space was 100% full of vendors. As a result of the cold weather this year, we were down considerably on the number of vendors. There were some indoor vendor no-shows due to snow storms in Kansas, Missouri, the Dakotas and Minnesota. There were no outdoor vendors other than Lolo's food stands, though a few people attempted to brave the outside before moving indoors.

Reservations manager Jim Snyder reported that all heated indoor spaces had been sold. While advertised as 'unheated,' groundskeepers did turn heaters up to 60-degrees to combat the cold. Of the 600 unheated spaces that were sold in 2013, there were only 160 spaces sold this year. Pavilion 1 was filled, but we had nothing in Pavilion 3 and there were no outside vendors (again, because of the cold weather).

Improvements for 2015: Kerry stated his goals for next year are to improve collections. He would also like to get better at tracking table rentals.

Lancaster Event Center Changes: Next year the Lancaster Event Center will have a price increase. Also some added costs are in the new contract. Items that we had previously not had to pay for, will now be included in our cost. This includes \$10.00 per barricade and 4 hours of labor for placing the barricades at \$45.00 per hour. At an estimated two men for labor, Kerry is expecting an increase of approximately \$700.00. The new Director of the Event Center will begin her duties in April. Kerry and Frank will talk to her then about the new contract.

Shares to Participating Clubs: Boyd Ready reported that even though the swap meet was low in attendance, the Council will be able to pay the car clubs 66.5 shares at \$83.78 per share. There was some discussion on whether to round this number up or down, and Ray Moyer motioned that the Council pay the clubs at \$85.00 per share. Tom Dingwell seconded that motion. Motion carried. Distribution of these funds will begin at the April meeting in Omaha. Boyd Ready will not be at that meeting, but Jim Snyder will be there to distribute the checks for Boyd.

2014 PAUL HIGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Roy Murabito announced that the Scholarship Committee will meet prior to the April meeting to review applications and make their award announcements at the April meeting. As of meeting time, three applications have been received. Dan Wesolowski asked “Since we are short on Swap Meet money this year, will we be reducing the scholarship money?” Boyd Ready assured him that this is not necessary.

2014 CAR COUNCIL DIRECTORY

Roy Murabito told everyone that the books available at this meeting are all that we have today. Contact him if you need more books. He has approximately 840 more at his home. He started with 2,000. We gave out 7,800 at the Swap Meet. Remaining books will be brought to the Omaha meeting in April.

Alan Tast reported on a meeting he had with Paul Swanson from Suburban Newspaper, printers of the book, to discuss the production process and improvements for the 2015 version. The first draft was a premature release on their (Suburban’s) part. They plan to clean that up for 2015. They feel that the 2014 book is the best one they’ve put out. Kerry Fox heard only good comments. Roy Murabito needs to charge \$3.00 per book for the cost of the postage and envelope to mail them out. He made it clear that we aren’t selling books, we are trying to recoup our costs. The Council’s web site will have a link to the publisher for people to view the entire book. Alan noted that the web link for the online version of the book has been provided and will be placed on the website as soon as possible. (See discussion in New Business related to the Council’s Website.)

NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL NOTES

Dave Vollmer updated everyone on bills of interest carried over from last year’s 90-day session of the Nebraska Unicameral and new ones thrown into the hopper for the short 60-day session. Of immediate importance, LB362 was advanced to the floor to increase registration fees to replace current per-vehicle fees/permits at state parks. LB1044 also advanced to the floor-this bill would add mobile homes to the list of abandoned vehicles 30 days after a certified notice is sent to the owner(s). Bills still in committee as of meeting date included LB807, LB809, LB189, LB351, and LB596. A listing of bills and brief descriptions is included elsewhere in this newsletter. See the list for website address and phone numbers for current status of bills. The 60-day session is scheduled to end on April 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

HOBBYIST OF THE YEAR 2014 AWARD PRESENTED

Jim Snyder and Roger Neeman presented Alan Tast with the Council’s 2014 Outstanding Auto Hobbyist of the Year Award in recognition for his efforts in production of the 2013 and 2014 ENWICC Car Council Book/Directory. Alan thanked those in attendance after a standing ovation from the floor.

CAR COUNCIL WEBSITE HOST/ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

Mike Parks, the Car Council's current website administrator and host, announced that he is stepping down as webmaster due to a new job which will require transfer out of the area. He will also be terminating his server connection, which means that the Council will need to find a new host for its website. Regretfully, it will also mean that the Council may have to pay for hosting, as Mike has been doing this for gratis since he has been maintaining the website at www.enwicc.com for the past several years.

Roger Bratt spoke for a few minutes about his experience in maintaining websites, and asked questions related to the current content of the Council's. Boyd replied that we currently have five pages along with the link to the World-Herald's online version of the book. Bratt replied that he would be willing to work for the Council for a small fee to manage it during the coming year: his estimate was that it would probably cost around \$300/year for him to host the site, and that providers do charge for email address or groups of addresses associated with a website. Alan closed discussion on the topic by moving it forward to the April meeting so that alternatives can be explored and more information such as costs obtained. Mike did provide Alan with access to the current website in order to update information currently on it. (**Note:** the website was updated during the last week of March by Alan and currently includes pages with listings of member clubs and website/email links, the Scholarship program, an update/errata page for corrections to the 2014 Directory, the history of the Council and information on the 2015 Swap Meet.)

Kerry Fox thanked Mike for helping with maintaining and providing server space for the website and received a round of applause from those in attendance.

(**Note:** Several web-hosting sites have been looked into by Council officers since the March meeting. A discussion about findings and proposals will be part of the April meeting. If there are others interested in hosting and/or administering/maintaining the Council's website, please attend the April meeting to be part of the discussion.)

PAST EVENTS

(NO EVENTS REPORTED)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shows, Swap Meets and Auctions Promoted at the Meeting

Please withhold discussion of your upcoming event until this comes up in the Agenda

Gary Kuck's private collection in Lincoln will be open April 19th from 1-5 pm with a \$25.00 per person entry fee (adults/children over 16) to benefit Nebraska Organ Recovery System. The ISCA World of Wheels car show is in Omaha on March 28-30.

Alan Tast has received information and flyers for additional upcoming events that were not included in the Directory. A listing of these will be included on the Council's website on the Event Listing-Changes, Corrections and Additions Page.

For additional events, please consult your copy of the ENWICC Car Council Book or visit <http://www.enwicc.com> and click on the link for the Directory.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Kerry Fox made the motion to adjourn with a second from the floor. President-elect Tast adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will held be in Omaha on Wednesday, April 16, starting at 7:30 pm.

AFTER-MEETING NOTES
2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BOOKS

Requests for Print Copies: All are reminded of the Council's policy that books held back for Council member clubs are to be disbursed at the March and April Council meetings. Any books remaining after the set-asides for advertisers and member clubs will be available until supplies are exhausted. For those requesting them, the Council requires \$3.00 for each book to cover postage and handling. Requests for books must include payment and a return mailing address, and must be mailed to: ENWICC - 2014 Directory, P.O. 772, Bellevue, NE 68005-0772.

2014 COUNCIL DUES

A number of clubs are reminded that 2014 Council dues were delinquent as of December 31st. Please remind your clubs that dues are 25 cents/member (minimum \$10/club) for the year. Checks may be made out to ENWICC – 2014 Dues. Clubs delinquent after December 31st may pay their dues at the April meeting or mail them to the Treasurer (see inside of cover page for mailing address).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Dues are 25 cents per member per year for each club, with a minimum charge of \$10.00 for each club. Dues are due October 1st and are delinquent **December 31st**. If not yet made, bring payment to the next meeting, or mail dues to the Treasurer.

**Each club is entitled to receive two copies of the Wheel Issues newsletter. It is the responsibility of each club to inform us of any changes in mailing information. You can submit changes in writing by mailing them to:
Secretary, ENWICC, PO Box 772, Bellevue, NE 68005-0772,
or at the next meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Car Council.**

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HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

GOLDEN CORRAL MEETING POLICY FOR USE OF ROOM REMINDER

Prior to the November 2012 meeting, the manager of the Golden Corral brought to the attention of Vice President Roy Murabito that his staff have reported instances of meeting attendees not paying for food taken from the buffet lines. We are allowed to use the meeting room for free *provided that meeting attendees purchase meals*. If there are future instances of people not paying for meals or other items consumed (coffee, pop, etc.), we run the risk of losing our present Lincoln meeting location. **Please** do not abuse or jeopardize our current arrangement with Golden Corral.

COUNCIL BY-LAWS – CURRENT EDITION AVAILABILITY

A copy of the most-current revision of the By-Laws, which was made in 2004 and does include the current dues policy, is available. Those wishing a copy of this are asked to contact the Secretary to obtain one.

LINCOLN MEETING ROOM REMINDERS

The meeting room at the Golden Corral in Lincoln is to be configured to place the Council's officers against the west wall in an effort to improve communication during the meeting. **Please help us by holding tables on the west center side of the room open for officers.** Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE STAND AND SPEAK UP!!

Due to the open layout and large size of the Crescent meeting room in Omaha, as well as the configuration of the meeting room in Lincoln, it is difficult for many attendees to hear conversations and discussion during the meeting. PLEASE stand and speak up for the benefit of attendees and the Secretary so that accurate notes can be obtained. It would also be appreciated if non-related conversations be kept at a minimum during the business portion of the meeting as a courtesy to attendees.

AGENDA ORDER – NO EVENT DISCUSSION BEFORE IT'S TIME, PLEASE

Representatives are reminded that meetings of the Council follow an established agenda as follows

(* - When Required):

1. **Opening/Introductions** - President
- 2.* **Guests Addressing/Presenting to the Council***
3. **Approval of Minutes** of Last Meeting
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer
5. **Old Business** (Items carried over from previous meetings)
6. **New Business** (Items new to the agenda not previously discussed, **excluding** events discussion/promotion)
7. **Past Events** (Discussion of recently-held events)
8. **Upcoming Events** (Promotion/Discussion of upcoming events)
- 9.* **New Clubs** wishing to join the Council*
10. **Adjournment** - President

NEW AGENDA ITEMS: If you have an item that should be included in the Agenda for the next meeting, please notify the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting by calling the President or emailing president@enwicc.com to arrange for its addition.

EVENTS DISCUSSION: Discussion of past and upcoming events is to be held following close of New Business as the last items before adjournment. Please help meetings proceed in a more-orderly fashion by withholding discussion of events until that portion of the agenda is opened by the President or presiding officer.

ENWICC'S MISSION

To serve all member clubs and their individual members in a spirit of cooperation and fraternity.

To encourage the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of collectible old and special interest automobiles.

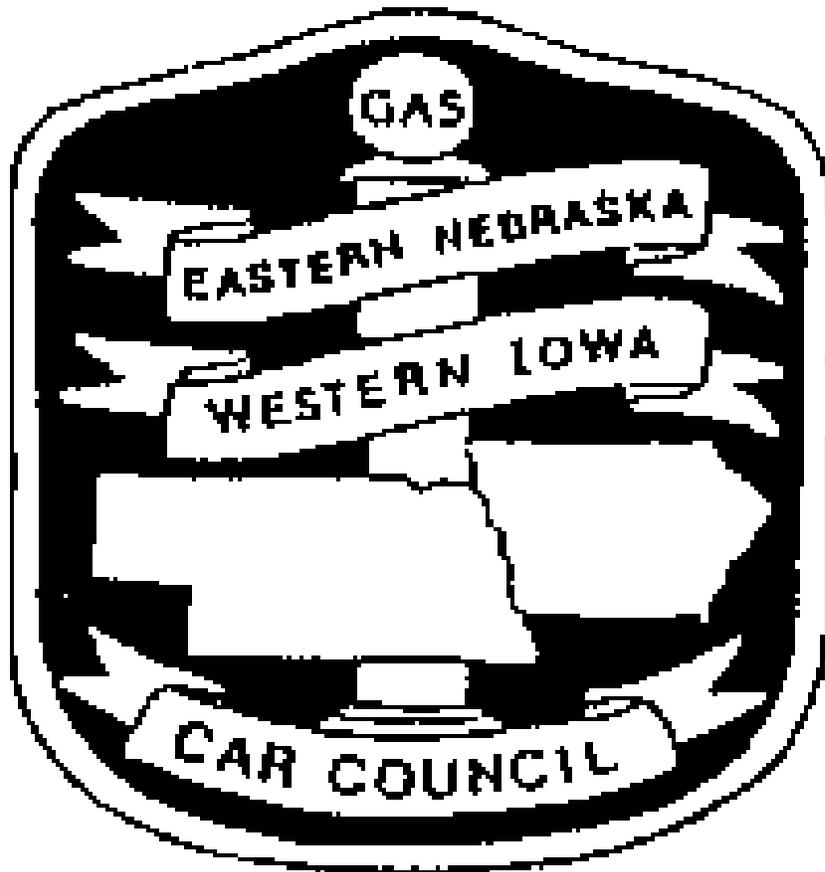
To serve as a clearing house for historical and technical information beneficial to and required by member clubs.

To support sound and protective legislation and regulatory actions. To defend vigorously the rights and privileges of the old car and the special interest hobbies to use of the public highways, byways, and streets. To protect and assure sound licensing provisions in State Laws and local ordinances.

To publicize our hobby: to bring favorable public reaction to bear upon the hobby, and to make legislative authorities and the general public aware of the existence of the hobby and the intrinsic value of preserving a part of automotive history.

To negotiate needful reforms and consolidation of insurance protection at the lowest levels for all clubs and their affiliated members.

To perform such other promotional and community service programs as will reflect to the credit and success of the automotive hobby



ENWICC Legislative Update
(David Vollmer, 3-18-14, 44th legislative day)

1. This year will be the Second Session of the 103rd Nebraska Legislature (Short Session - 60 legislative days, scheduled adjournment April 17th). The last bill introduced was LB1115 (Jan 22), a total of 460 new bills have submitted since the January 8th opening day. **Bold face text** flags changes since the previous report. The asterisks flag bills considered to have most Council interest. "G. F." = General File, the first stage after majority committee vote moves a bill to the floor, "S. F." = Select File, the last opportunity for floor debate and amendments. "F. R." = Final Reading, the bill is in final form, with amendments incorporated, to be presented to the governor for signature. Bills with an emergency clause (suffix "e") take effect immediately if a date isn't specifically stated; otherwise nonemergency bills take effect 90 days after the Unicameral adjourns.

2. The following are vehicle related bills that have been approved by the Governor.

- a. **LB174.** Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello, Omaha. Trucks hauling livestock would be responsible for spillage of livestock waste in cities. T & T Comm. Carryover from 2013, to S F Jan 17th, signed by Governor Feb 13th.
- b. **LB446.** Introduced by Sen. Avery. Flood damage is defined as submersion above the floorboard relative to salvage titles. T & T Comm. Carryover from 2013 to G. F. Signed by Governor Feb 13th.

3. The following are vehicle related bills that have been advanced to Final Reading.

- a. **LB661.** Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha. It would allow online voter registration and use of Dept of Motor Vehicle records for identification. Referred to Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. Hearing Jan 23rd, to G. F. Feb 11th. **F. R. Mar 10th.** Designated a Priority Bill.
- b. **LB776e.** Introduced by Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney. Updates references to federal regulations. T & T Committee. Hearing Jan 21st, To G. F. Jan 29th. **F. R. Mar 10th.**
- c. **LB983e.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Update provisions pertaining to commercial driver's licenses and learner's permits per federal regulations. Hearing Feb 3rd, to G. F. Feb 12th, S. F. Feb 25th, **F. R. Mar 10th.** Priority bill by T & T Committee.

4. The following are vehicle related bills that have been advanced to the floor. These are bills that have heard by their respective committees and received majority vote to move to the floor for consideration by the full legislature.

- a. **LB84.** Introduced by Sen. Schumacher. Small utility type vehicles (ATVs, etc) could enter intersections, cross highways, etc per local traffic regulations. T & T Committee. Carried over from 2013 session, committee hearing Jan 27th, to **G. F. Mar 6th with committee amendment.**
- b. **LB251.** Introduced by Sen. Tom Hansen of N Platte. Changes fees for rental vehicles. Revenue Comm. Carryover from 2013. **priority bill by Speaker Feb 21st, to S. F. March 18th.**
- * c. **LB362.** Introduced by Sen. Bill Avery of Lincoln. Vehicle registration fees would be increased \$7.00 for Nebraska residents to replace the current per vehicle fees/ permits at state parks. Nonresidents would still pay an entry fee. Natural Resources Committee. Carryover from 2013 to G. F.
- d. **LB393.** Introduced by Sen. Dave Bloomfield of Hoskins. Protective helmets would not be mandatory for motorcyclists 21 and over if eye protection (eyeglasses, etc) were used; under 21, helmets would still be mandatory. T & T Committee. Carryover from 2013 to G. F. Designated a priority bill. Considerable debate and amendments. Stalled (Cloture vote to cut off debate failed on Feb 11th).
- e. **LB399.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Recognized public safety and crime prevention volunteer organizations would be allowed to use flashing amber lights on their vehicles. T & T Comm.. Carryover from 2013 to G. F., to S. F. Jan 23rd. Stalled after failed cloture vote Feb 4th.
- f. **LB698.** Introduced by Sen. Larson of O'Neill. Applications for mowing and harvesting of hay on highway right of way would be changed from every other year to each year. Referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Hearing February 3rd, advanced to General File Feb 6th.
- g. **LB701.** Introduced by Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton. An insurance company could apply for a salvage branded title if an owner fails to sign over a title within 30 days after agreeing orally or in writing to do so. To T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 4th, to **G. F. Feb 20th.**
- h. **LB736.** Introduced by Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton. Requirements for notification of intent to excavate revised. T & T Comm.. Hearing Jan 27th, to G. F. Feb 6th with amendment.
- i. **LB756.** Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion. Bicycles would be excluded from the definition of motor vehicle. T & T Committee. **Hearing Feb 25th, to G. F. Mar 6th.**
- j. **LB757.** Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion. Adjusts requirements for location of mailboxes along roads and turnouts, and repeals obsolete numbering requirements. T & T Comm, hearing Jan 21st. G. F. Jan 29th.
- k. **LB758.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Trailers towed or parked on highways must have the registration certificate available. T & T Comm., Jan 21st hearing, to G. F. Jan 29th.
- l. **LB777.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Provisions in DMV statutes relative to issuance of driver's licences would be

updated to incorporate digital technology. T & T Comm., Jan 21st hearing, to G. F. Jan 29th with amd.

m. **LB795.** Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha. DUI drivers whose license was revoked for 15 years could apply to use ignition interlocks and be reinstated for a \$100 fee. T & T Comm., hearing Feb 11th, to G. F. Feb 21st.

n. **LB816.** Introduced by Sen. John Murante of Gretna. Evidence of insurance in an electronic format would be acceptable for registration purposes. T & T Comm. hearing Feb 4th, to G. F. Feb 12th.

o. **LB851.** Introduced by Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney. Tightens sales tax provisions on recreational vehicles registered by out of state entities, but considered by the DMV or Dept of Revenue to be controlled by a Nebraska resident. Revenue Comm.. Hearing Jan 22nd, to G. F. Feb 10th. **Designated a Speaker priority bill Feb 21st, to S. F. Mar 11th.**

p. **LB954.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Public utility repair vehicles would be allowed to use blue or amber. flashing lights while working on utility infrastructure. T & T Comm.. **Hearing Feb 24th, to G. F. Mar 7th with committee amendment.**

q. **LB982.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Expand the definition of ATVs and utility vehicles relative to weight, width, types of wheels. T & T Comm.. Hearing Feb 3rd, to G. F. Feb 6th with amendment.

r. **LB998.** Introduced by Sen. Russ Karpisek of Wilber. Changes provisions for operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock in violation of a court order. Judiciary Comm.. Hearing Jan 31st, **priority bill Feb 20th, to G. F. Feb 25th with comm. amendment.**

s. **LB1039.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Width, height, length limits applicable to farm equipment dealers would be extended to for hire haulers. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 10th, to G. F. Feb 20th.

* t. **LB1044.** Introduced by Sen. Ken Schilz of Norfolk. Mobile homes would be added to the list of abandoned vehicles 30 days after a certified notice is sent to the owner(s). T & T Comm.. Hearing Feb 19th, to G. F. Mar 7th with comm. amendment.

5. The following are bills that have had public hearings, but remain in committee.

a. **LB667.** Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha. Motorcycles would be allowed to use decorative LED lighting in addition to currently required lighting. Referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. **Hearing Feb 25th.**

b. **LB727.** Introduced by Sen. Harms of Scottsbluff. Revises provisions pertaining to organ donation on drivers licenses T & T Committee. Hearing Feb 4th.

c. **LB738.** Introduced by Sen. Larson. Provide funding for upgrading of DMV titling and registration computer system. Appropriations Comm.. Hearing Feb 13th.

* d. **LB807.** Introduced by Sen. Harms. Failure to wear seat belts, texting while driving, using a cell phone while driving would become primary offenses rather than secondary. T & T Committee. Hearing Jan 28th. Sen Harms has selected this as his priority bill. (Sen Harms sponsored similar bills, LB118 (texting) and LB189 (seat belts) in the 2013 session which are carryover bills in this session.)

* e. **LB809.** Introduced by Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln. Sales and use taxes would not be imposed on vehicles obtained for display in historic vehicle museums. Revenue Comm.. Hearing Jan 31st.

f. **LB841.** Introduced by Sen. Hadley. Sales taxes on ATVs and Utility vehicles would be credited to a Game and Parks fund. Revenue Committee. Hearing Jan 29th.

g. **LB847.** Introduced by Sen. Hadley. DMV or Dept of Roads allowed to charge up to \$15 for a copy of an accident report. T & T Comm. **Hearing Feb 25th.**

h. **LB849.** Introduced by Sen. Harr of Omaha. Insurance coverage could not be excluded if the owner authorizes use of an insured vehicle by a third party. Banking, Commerce and Insurance Comm.. Hearing Jan 29th.

i. **LB881.** Introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier of Syracuse. Tightens the definition of “innocent third party” relative to damages caused by police pursuits. Judiciary Comm. Hearing Feb 7th.

j. **LB910.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Requires law enforcement to notify lienholders and mortgagees of vehicles impounded for investigative purposes. Hearing Feb 4th.

k. **LB925.** Introduced by Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln. Allows county treasurers to opt out of Last year the license renewal process was put under the jurisdiction of the DMV (LB207). This bill would allow individual counties the option to send out notices locally. T & T Comm. **Hearing Feb 24th.**

l. **LB939.** Introduced by Sen. Norman Wallman of Cortland. Presentation of false proof of financial responsibility would be a specific offense and a Class 1 misdemeanor. Judiciary Comm.. Hearing Jan 31st.

m. **LB971.** Introduced by Sen. Rick Kolowski of Omaha. Insurance policies covering two or more vehicles would be required to allow coverage limits to be added together or “stacked”. Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Comm.. Hearing Feb 10th.

n. **LB981.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Revise commercial motor vehicle provisions pertaining to medical exams, texting, cell phones, falsified information. T & T Comm.. Hearing Feb 3rd.

o. **LB1029.** Introduced by Sen. Coash. Vehicles transporting fertilizer would be permitted the same loading conditions as those carrying grain and other harvest products. T & T Comm.. Hearing Feb 10th.

p. **LB1071.** Introduced by Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha. Sets forth rules of the road relative to establishing a bicycle transportation system. T & T Comm.. **Hearing Feb 25th.**

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q. **LB1082.** Introduced by Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft. Would allow ATVs and UTVs to be operated as authorized emergency vehicles. Hearing Feb 10th.

6. The following bills are carryover bills from the 2013 90 day session. They were still held in committee as the session ended.

a. **LB80.** Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus. It raises financial responsibility minimums related to uninsured motorists. Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

b. **LB118.** Sen. John Harms. Texting while driving would be a primary rather than secondary offense. Referred to the T & T Comm..

c. **LB181.** Introduced by Sen. Bill Avery, Lincoln. Motorcycles could not carry passengers under eight years of age.. Referred to the T & T Comm. Hearing Mar 5th.

* d. **LB189.** Introduced by Sen. Harms. Not using seat belts would be changed from a secondary offense to a primary, one point assessed against driving record, fine raised to \$100, applicable to back seat passengers also. Referred to the T & T Comm.

e. **LB249.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Redefines commercial motor vehicle provisions to exempt farm vehicles. T & T Comm.

f. **LB258.** Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids. Prohibits use of "interactive" wireless devices by school bus drivers. T & T Comm..

g. **LB282.** Introduced by Sen. Pete Pirsch of Omaha. Exempts vehicle washing and waxing from sales taxes. Revenue Comm.

* h. **LB351.** Introduced by Sen. Harms. Requires "cognitive" tests for drivers 80 and up and a followup written test if impairment is indicated. T & T Comm.

i. **LB378.** Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion. The additional \$5.00 license fee would be eliminated for Pearl Harbor, prisoner of war, disabled veteran, and Purple Heart plates. Referred to the T & T Committee,

j. **LB445.** Introduced by Sen. Russ Karpisek of Wilber. Fees from the sale of vehicle records would be increased to fund an updated titling and registration computer system. T & T Comm.

k. **LB453.** Introduced by Sen. Karpisek. Requires headlights to be clear or white in color. T & T Comm..

* m. **LB596.** Introduced by Sen. Scott Price of Bellevue. Reduces the minimum quantity of prepaid applications for specialty license plates from military associations to 150 from 500. The extra fee for Purple Heart plates would be eliminated. T & T Comm..

7. For status and copies of specific bills, call (800)-742-7456 or (402)-471-2709. A subscription to "Unicameral Update" is available by mail, with a time lag of a week plus. Alternately, for essentially current status, the web address is www.nebraskalegislature.gov.

8. Notes on the legislative process and citizen input.

a. The first 10 legislative days are designated for bill introduction by individual senators. Each senator is allowed up to 10 introductions, one of which can be designated a priority bill. Committees can select two, the speaker can select 25.

b. Committees can hold, indefinitely postpone, or advance bills. The chairman manages the process within committees, the speaker when or if a bill reaches the floor.

c. In person testimony at the public hearings has a great impact on the fate of a given bill. Letters, emails, and even phone calls to the committee can be effective if submitted in advance to be part of the hearing record. Communications received before the committee acts on the bill will generally still be considered in committee deliberations. When, or if, a bill reaches the floor, communication should be with individual senators.

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