

Wheel Issues

Newsletter of the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council

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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 2015

LINCOLN: March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18

OMAHA: April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16

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 February Meeting

Centennial Model "T" Club	Chevrolet Classics Club Omaha & C.B.
Classic T-Bird Club of Omaha	Classy Chassis Car Club – Red Oak
Cornhusker Corvett Club	Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club-Lincoln
Cornhusker Model "A" Club – Lincoln	Crossroads Chpt-Buick Club-America
Crossrods Car Club-Plattsmouth	Heartland Chevelle Club
Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club	Husker Chapter Studebaker Drivers
Midland Nomads	Midwest Antique Auto Club
Midwest Early Corvette Club	Midwest Street Rod Ass'n – Omaha
National Corvette Restorers Society	Nebraska Corvette Assn.
Nebraska Region – AACA	Nifty Fifties Ford Club
Omaha Volkswagen Club	Rebels Auto Club-Lincoln
Slo Rollers Car Club	

-GUESTS -

Nebraska Rod & Custom Assn.

D. J. Hogan - Independent

Dave Strong of Dave's Car Club

MEETING MINUTES - February 18, 2015

INTRODUCTIONS

At 7:35 p.m. President Tast called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign in on the sign-in sheet being passed around and to also check the Representative List to correct your club's information if needed. Everyone then introduced themselves.

GUESTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

No guests this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by D.J. Hogan and seconded by Larry Robb. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Boyd Ready read the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report as presented by D.J. Hogan and seconded by Jim Snyder. There were two bills submitted for payment. One by Jim Snyder for swap meet expenses for \$384.14 and one from Secretary Cindy Wimmer in the amount of \$94.14 for the processing of the newsletter. Motion to approve payment of the two bills carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Swap Meet

Kerry Fox updated us on the progress of the swap meet preparations. He said that basically everything is ready to go. He handed out early workers passes to those present that needed them for their workers. He was asked about the security at the event and Kerri stated that we have one paid security person this year. He asked that everyone update the swap meet contact list for his files. He reiterated last months discussion on the increase of fees by the Lancaster Event Center for 2016 and our implementation of a \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee for the 2016 event. This will allow us to keep our vendor prices at the same price for another year and to also increase the share price for our car clubs. We hope this will bring share prices back up to \$200.00 per share. Amy Dickerson of the Lancaster Event Center agreed that we could charge for parking starting in 2016. Kerry said that our choices were hard ones: Charge for parking or close down the swap meet. So we chose to charge for parking. We will need to add some jobs next year to handle this new job of collecting for parking. Some jobs could be transferred over to collections. Amy Dickerson also agreed that she would not charge us for pulling up carpeting. In addition, we found out that the cost of the barricades is not going to be as much as originally thought. (\$200.00 or so) Both of those items ended up being a non-issue. At this time, all of our indoor spaces currently have been reserved. There will be a walk-thru at the Event Center on Sunday, March 1, 2015. He encouraged everyone to attend for your final instructions. (1:00 p.m. by Pavillion #3)

Car Council Books for 2015

Car Council Books will be distributed from the Exhibit Hall at the Swap Meet on March 8th. Alan Tast has talked to the Omaha World Herald and has finalized the book for printing. Cindy Wimmer asked about how to get books if you don't go to the swap meet. Boyd Ready said that we charge \$3.00 for postage. He also said that if anyone inquires about them, to send them to him and he will make sure that they receive one.

Membership

Three car clubs that had belonged to the Council have ceased to exist this past year but we have picked up a couple of new clubs. We now have 60 clubs as of today. Alan Tast asked they everyone check the web site to verify their club's information.

2014 Paul High Memorial Scholarships

Jim Snyder stated that we have 4 applications to date. This is on course from last year's receipt of applications. It's just too early to tell how many we may get by the deadline.

Nebraska Unicameral Notes

Alan Tast said that he has taken it upon himself to register himself on SEMA's legislative alerts website. His main concern is the taxation based on mileage. Kurt Balhorn said that he has added a link to the Council's website for you to inform yourselves on legislative bills and SEMA actions.

NEW BUSINESS

Car Council Officer Nominations for 2015/2016

Be sure to attend the March Car Council meeting in Lincoln so that you can nominate your choice of officers for 2015/2016 at that meeting.

Nominations that were made so far are:

Boyd Ready (Treasurer)

Roy Murabito (Vice President)

Alan Tast (President)

"Hobbyist of the Year" Award

The presentation of the Hobbyist of the Year Award will happen at the March meeting. The nominating committee will be handling this award and the presentation.

PAST EVENTS

Unadella, NE - The Saturday after Ground Hog Day - 1932 and older cars are able to be driven by the public including Franklins. The members of the Slow Rollers Car Club attended this event. They were able to drive these cars. It's open to the public. There is also a dinner afterward. Jason Newby is the promoter.

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

The National Council of Corvettes will be the weekend of July 17, 2016 in Omaha. The Embassy Suites in LaVista will be the host hotel. They will be racing that weekend. They also will also be going to Gary and Sue Kuck's personal museum in Lincoln during that time.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles will be at the Sak Museum in October, 2015. There will be more information to come at a later date.

Clubs Wishing to Join the Council

Viper Owners Association – Crossroads Chapter. Kurt Balhorn said that they have 25 members and are the local car club with about 32 vipers. They put on an event last year and again this year where they were raising money for the Wounded Warriors Fund.

Motion to approve the nomination by Roy Muribito and seconded by D.J.Hogan. Motion carried.

Daves Car Club. 12 members. They are out of Omaha. Mixed make of cars. The president is Dave Strong. Roy Murabito made a motion to accept this club and Kerry Fox seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Web Site Update

Kurt Balhorn said that he has fixed some of the issues that he was having with Yahoo. He asked that everyone check the website to correct all of your car club's information. Please take a moment to do this. The website is www.enwicc.com

He will also add a link to the website so that you will be able to access a PDF copy of the Car Council Book for 2015. This probably won't be added to the website until sometime in April.

Memorials

Eddie Hancock of the Fremont Car Club passed away in February.
Mel Jastram of the Rapid Transit System passed away in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Roy Murabito made a motion to adjourn. D.J. Hogan seconded the motion.
Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

7:30 p.m. on March 18, 2015 in Lincoln, NE

**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 5838, Lincoln, NE 68505,
or at the next meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Car Council.**

GET "WHEEL ISSUES" BY E-MAIL AND HELP US SAVE \$\$\$

It costs the Car Council to print and mail on average \$2.00/newsletter for each one sent. Help us lower our expenses and get your copy of "Wheel Issues" by e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address to the Secretary at the next Council meeting to receive it directly.



ENWICC Legislative Update
(David Vollmer, 2-18-15, 28th legislative day)

1. This year will the First Session of the 104th Nebraska Legislature (Long Session - 90 legislative days, scheduled adjournment June 5th). A total of 655 new bills have submitted since the January 7th opening day. The asterisks flag bills considered to have most Council interest. **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 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. **LB45.** Introduced by Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln. Special provisions for vehicle used in movie making would be eliminated. Assigned to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee Jan 12th. Hearing Jan 26th. To S. F. Feb 12th.

b. **LB94.** Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion, chairman of the Printed certificates of title with liens noted will be issued for nonresidents. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 27th. To S F Feb 9th.

c. **LB95.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Regulations pertaining to electric -powered bicycles would be added. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 8th. Hearing Jan 20th. To F R Feb 12th.

d. **LB122.** Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus. Conditions of use of ATVs and utility-type vehicles on roadways is defined. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 12th. Hearing Jan 27th. To S F Feb 9th. (Also introduced in 2014)

j. **LB181.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Rotating and flashing lights would be allowed on public utility vehicles. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 14th. Hearing Jan 26th. (Similar to LB954 of 2014 session). To S F Feb 12th.

* k. **LB220.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Provide for special license plates to commemorate Nebraska's 150th Sesquicentennial and allocate fees to historical uses. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 15th. Hearing Jan 26th. To F R. Feb 17th.

l. **LB304.** Introduced by Sen. Matt Hansen of Lincoln. The veterans aid fund would be expanded to include transportation costs. Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Comm., Jan 16th. To G F Feb 11th.

m. **LB312.** Introduced by T & T Comm, Jan 16th. Procedures for highway construction contracts would be revised. To S F Feb 12th.

n. **LB313.** Introduced by T & T Comm, Jan 16th. Update references to federal motor vehicle regulations. To S F Feb 12th.

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

* a. **LB31.** Introduced by Sen. Dave Bloomfield of Hoskins. Helmet requirements for motorcycles and mopeds would be eliminated. Assigned to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee Jan 12th. **Hearing Feb 9th.**

b. **LB38.** Introduced by Sen. Rick Koloski of Omaha. Penalties for motor vehicle homicide would be changed and penalties would be added for serious injury to vulnerable road users (pedestrians, workers, bicyclists etc.). Assigned to Judiciary Comm Jan 12th. Hearing Jan 20th.

c. **LB39.** Introduced by Sen. Koloski. Regulations pertaining to operation of bicycles and passing bicycles would be changed. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 12th. Hearing Jan 20th.

d. **LB97.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. The \$5 fee for Pearl Harbor and disabled vets would be eliminated. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 8th. Hearing Jan 20th.

e. **LB120.** Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus. License plates off uninsured vehicles could be seized with citation serving as a temporary license (10-day). Assigned to Judiciary Comm Jan 12th. Hearing Jan 28th.

* f. **LB231.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Provide for regulation, operation, and licensing of autocycles (3-wheel, enclosed motorcycle type vehicles). T & T Committee, Jan 15th. **Hearing Feb 2nd.**

g. **LB275.** Introduced by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson. Penalties for operating a motor vehicle during a revocation period would be stiffened. Assigned to T & T Comm Jan 15th. Hearing Jan 27th.

d. **LB278.** Introduced by Sen. Ken Haar of Malcolm. Exempt motor vehicle washing and waxing services from sales and use taxes. (Similar to LB 282 of 2014 session.) Revenue Committee, Jan 15th. **Hearing Feb 6th.**

e. **LB460.** Introduced by Sen. Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha. Vehicle services (charter buses, limousines, pedal-pub) that allow alcohol consumption would require liquor licenses. General Affairs Comm, **Hearing Feb 2nd.**

4. The following are vehicle related bills that have been introduced, assigned to a committee, and have had public hearings scheduled.

a. **LB248.** Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids. Use of interactive wireless devices by school bus drivers would be prohibited. T & T Committee, Jan 15th. **Hearing Feb 23rd.**

- b. **LB311.** Introduced by T & T Comm, Jan 16th. Provisions related to commercial learners permits would be revised. **Hearing Feb 17th.**
- c. **LB316.** Introduced by Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion. Prohibits Neb from joining certain interstate compacts and sharing information related to red light cameras and speed cameras. Judiciary Comm, Jan 16th. **Hearing Feb 19th.**
- * d. **LB373.** Introduced by Sen. Robert Hilkemann of Omaha. Requires individual seat belts on school buses. T & T Comm, Jan 16th. **Hearing Feb 23rd.**
- e. **LB391.** Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue. An additional collection fee of ½ of one percent could be withheld by the county treasurer from vehicle sales tax revenue in excess of \$3000 per month. Revenue Comm, Jan 20th. **Hearing Feb 27th.**
- f. **LB428.** Introduced by Sen. Tommy Garrett of Bellevue. An exemption from motor vehicle taxation would be provided for disabled veterans. Revenue Comm, Jan 20th. **Hearing Feb 27th.**

5. The following are new vehicle related bills that have been introduced, since the previous meeting.

- a. **LB498.** Introduced by Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney. Collection of sales tax on ATVs and UTVs to be by retailers to minimize missed revenue. T & T Comm, hearing Feb 10th.
- b. **LB517.** Introduced by Sen. Merv Riepe of Ralston. Use of any type of wireless communication device while driving would be prohibited. T & T Comm, hearing Feb 23rd.
- c. **LB568.** Introduced by Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft. Administrative license revocation for DWI would be separated from criminal type prosecutions. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 17th.
- d. **LB570.** Introduced by Sen. Brasch. Expands restrictions on golf carts to include operators license and liability insurance. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 10th.
- * e. **LB581.** Introduced by Sen. Nordquist. Use of clean-burning fuels would be promoted. Natural Resources Comm. Hearing Mar 11th.
- f. **LB587.** Introduced by Sen. John McCollister of Omaha. Motor vehicle tax schedules would list passenger cars as a separate category with slightly lower rates. Revenue Comm. Hearing Mar 18th.
- g. **LB610.** Introduced by Sen. Smith. Increased fuel excise taxes would be phased in through 2019. Revenue Comm. Hearing Mar 6th.
- h. **LB624.** Introduced by Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill. Per axle weight restrictions for agricultural vehicles would be changed to total gross vehicle weight restrictions. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 3rd.
- i. **LB626.** Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln. Motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution would be changed. T & T Comm. Hearing Mar 9th.
- * j. **LB641.** Introduced by Sen. Garrett. Persons operating wheel chairs or bicycles would have the same rights as pedestrians. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 10th.
- * k. **LB642.** Introduced by Sen. Garrett. Full name and proof of identity would be required for registration and titling. T & T Comm. Hearing Feb 3rd.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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.