



Breakfast at Mahoney State Park,  
February 14th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's  
Royal Nebraska Patrol at I Can't  
Believe Its Really Yogurt, 70th  
and Van Dorn in Lincoln  
Thursday, February 11th at 7:30  
P.M.

Fish at the Union Bar Friday,  
February 26th, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

### **An Event Upcoming**

FWAHC's major moneymaking activity, the Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet is being held Sunday, March 14. Our task this year is to direct traffic while those manic souls from other clubs, who did our job the past few years as we tried in vain to hold them back, park cars. If you are brave, thrive on very little sleep, and have some extras in the garage that you would like to place in the booth for sale, call Bob Shaw, Jerry Needham, John Ulrich or Marvin Marshall.

### **Would You Like To Join Us?**

Contact the following people for membership information:

- In Lincoln call John Ulrich at 421-9252 or Bob Shaw at 435-4905.
- In Omaha, call Jerry Needham at 291-7122 or Marvin Marshall at 733-6868.

### **Condolences**

Our condolences go to FWAHC member Bob Bredwell of Beatrice on the loss of his father, Lee Bredwell. It is difficult to lose a parent. Bob, our thoughts are with you.

### **A Call To Arms With Regards To A Legislative Threat To Our Hobby**

It has been the practice of the editors to remain non-political in this publication. We have made at the expense of politicians, to be sure, but have scrupulously avoided taking stands on political issues. However there is a bill

currently in the Nebraska Legislature which demands our attention and action! The bill, **Legislative Bill 389**, was introduced by Senators Beutler and Schrock and was read first on January 13, 1999. It is imperative that you **contact your senator immediately** and express your opposition to this bill. It reads as follows:

*A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor fuel; to establish a standard for gasoline sold in Nebraska.; to provide exceptions to the standards; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to outright repeal section 66-1225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Be it enacted by the people of the state of Nebraska.*

**Section 1. (1)**

Beginning January 1, 2001, one-half of all gasoline sold for use as motor fuel in Nebraska shall contain an oxygen content equal to or greater than two and seven-tenth percent by weight except as provided in subsections (3) AND (4) of this section. Sales of oxygenated gasoline in Nebraska shall be reported by sellers to the Motor Fuel Tax Enforcement and Collection Division of the Department of Revenue monthly on a for prescribed by the division. The division shall prepare a report on oxygenated gasoline sales and submit the report to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than September 1, 2001. If the report concludes that less than one-half of all gasoline sold for use as motor fuel during the preceding two calendar quarters met the oxygen requirement in this subsection, then all gasoline sold for use as motor fuel in Nebraska shall meet the in this subsection beginning January 1, 2002, except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(2) The division shall prepare a report on oxygenated gasoline sales in the preceding calendar year

and submit the report to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than April 1 of each year. If the report concludes that less than one-half of all gasoline sold for use as motor fuel during the preceding year met the oxygen requirement in subsection (1) of this section, then all gasoline sold for use as motor fuel in Nebraska shall meet the oxygen requirement in such subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(3) Gasoline that does not have the oxygen content required by this section may be offered for sale, sold, or dispensed at a retail gasoline station for use in historical vehicles, vehicles eligible to be licensed as historical vehicles, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, boats, or snowmobiles or small engines if:

(a) The nonoxygenated gasoline is dispensed into a can with a capacity of six or fewer gallons if it is for use in a small engine;

(b) The nonoxygenated gasoline is unleaded premium grade;

(c) No more than one storage tank on the premises of the retail gasoline station is used for storage of the nonoxygenated gasoline offered

for sale, sold, or dispensed by the station; and

(d) the pump stands are posted with permanent notice stating: NONOXYGENATED GASOLINE. FOR USE IN HISTORICAL VEHICLES, VEHICLES ELIGIBLE TO BE LICENSED AS HISTORICAL VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES, BOATS, OR SNOWMOBILES OR SMALL ENGINES ONLY.

(4) Gasoline that does not have the oxygen content required by this section may be offered for sale, sold, or dispensed at an airport for use in aircraft.

**Section 2.** If any report submitted pursuant to Section 1 of this act concludes that less than one-half of all gasoline sold for use as a motor fuel during the applicable period met the oxygen requirement in such section, then the Nebraska Ethanol Board shall develop a plan of public education on the benefits of requiring oxygenated gasoline. The plan shall be developed in cooperation with the State Energy Office and shall be submitted to the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature no later than June 1

following such report. The board shall begin implementation of the plan no later than July 1 following submission of such report.

*Section 3.* This act becomes operative on January 1, 2001.

*Section 4.* The following section is outright repealed: Section 66-1225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Our difficulties with this bill are legion:

1. When this bill goes into effect January 1, 2001, any British car 1971 or newer will be required to use oxygenated fuel. Such fuel will, dissolve fuel pump diaphragms and carburetor parts causing, at best a nonoperational vehicle, and at worst a barbecued L.B.C.

2. While the bill is ostensibly designed to clean the air, Oil companies will use methanol rather than ethanol. They will do this because they make methanol from coal oil, a by product of refining oil. Methanol is known to cause corrosion in all fuel systems, and emits carcinogens upon burning. This is diametrically opposed to the stated desired result.

3. The bill is being pushed as a means of raising corn prices. This will not be

effective for the Oil Companies will use Methanol, and other concerns will create alcohol from materials other than corn. The only way to increase the corn price is to get the Asians to buy it again, or to reduce production.

4. To quote Ben Anderson, one of the more able Lawyers extant, this is a bad bill. It is designed to have all sorts of things taken out of it, but in the end it will still be a bad bill. However, it will allow the State Senators to pat themselves on the back and say what a good job they have done.

We are opposed to this bill for another economic reason. To pass this bill will artificially inflate the cost of gasoline. Gasohol is more expensive than regular gasoline, but is subsidized by the government so it can sell at a lesser more competitive price. If we are to subsidize farmers, something we may want to do to keep them competitive internationally for other governments subsidize their farmers, it is more efficient to do it directly. This method of using gasohol adds administrative costs to such subsidies resulting in higher taxes, more expensive fuel, and less help for our farmers.

Please write or call your Senator immediately and tell them that this is a bad bill. You would like them to kill it and kill it now.

## Dues are Due



The national organization has informed John Ulrich that they want their money **by February 15**. To that end, they have employed certain persons, who shall remain unnamed, to encourage John to send their portion of the dues. There was some mention of a rack and boiling oil, but lubrication and steering of LBCs were specifically excluded. Please help John. Send your dues to John Ulrich, 6845 S. 44th, Lincoln, NE 68516. National dues are \$50. Local dues are \$15.

Also, if we do not receive your dues by March 1, March will be the last month you receive your newsletter.

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- **Man:** "Your place or mine?"
- **Woman:** "Both. You go to yours and I'll go to mine."

- **Man:** "I know how to please a woman."
  - **Woman:** "Then please leave me alone."
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- **Man:** "I'd like to call you. What's your number?"
- **Woman:** "It's in the phone book."

- **Man:** "I want to give myself to you."
  - **Woman:** "Sorry, I don't accept cheap gifts."
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- **Man:** "But I don't know your name."
- **Woman:** "That's in the phone book too."

- **Man:** "Your body is like a temple."
  - **Woman:** "And there are no services today!"
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- **Man:** "So what do you do for a living?"
- **Woman:** "I'm a female impersonator."

- **Man:** "I'd go through anything for you."
  - **Woman:** "Good! Let's start with your bank account."
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- **Man:** "Hey, baby, what's your sign?"
- **Woman:** "Do not Enter"

- **Man:** "I would go to the end of the world for you."
  - **Woman:** "Yes, but would you stay there?"
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(From The Original Joke of the Day)

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- **Man:** "Hey, come on, we're both here at this bar for the same reason"
- **Woman:** "Yeah! Let's pick up some chicks!"



- **Man:** "So, wanna go back to my place?"
- **Woman:** "Well, I don't know. Will two people fit under a rock?"