"150-Year Birthday of Nebraska" 2017 Nebraska Grand Tour

March 1, 2017 marks the 150th birthday of Nebraska, with scores of celebrations planned. There are a lot of events that shaped this state and we will use a few of them plus past Grand Tour ideas for this year. It was 2 years after the Civil War, United States purchased Alaska, the Oregon trail pioneers were crossing our state, the Union Pacific was laying tracks, part of the territory that stretched to Canada became the State of Nebraska.

Attend the 150th celebration in your town: many cities are planning celebrations during the year, if your town is not perhaps one close by has planned to celebrate.

Travel on the Historic Trails: Oregon Trail; California Trail; Mormon Trail; Pony Express Trail; Lewis & Clark Trail - Some overlap in several places so can get several in one stop

Visit the Union Pacific Railroad: Omaha, Durham Museum (Union Station); North Platte, Bailey Yard; Union Pacific train on its tracks roaring across Nebraska.

Visit Homestead National Monument: on the land of first person to apply for "free land".

Visit a famous City: Sidney, hot bed of Wild West craziness; Ogallala, the end of major cattle drives; Big Springs, Sam Bass train robbery; Omaha, beginning of the Wild West; Bellevue, oldest continuously inhabited settlement; Lincoln, State capital; Brownville, states first telegraph office; to name only a few

Historical Museum/Fort: Kearney Arch; Florence Mill, state's oldest business (Omaha); Ft Atkinson, first military fort west of Missouri river; Museum of the Fur Trade, Chadron; Ft Hartsuff, Ord; to name a few.

Record your visit with a photo of you, your bike or both at the stop. Groups are encouraged.

Register by June 1st (using bottom form), send with your registration fee, order shirt if you want, take pictures (send to gwtanebraska.com web page with brief description), upon completion, have your chapter director sign and send in the completion form (center of this page) - awards will be prepared & handed out at Nebraska Fall Follies, October 28, 2017. (Tourist Centers have lots of information to draw from.)

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Complete by Oct. 1st Have Chapter Director sign and mail to: Barb Mills, GWTA - NE
16110 Platteview Rd., Springfield, NE 68059

Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Chapter Director sign here: _____ # of Stops _____
(List on back)

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"150 Year Birthday of NE shirts" $22 (S-XL _____ quantity _____ size _____ amount
$24 (XXL) _____ quantity _____ amount
$26 (XXXL) ____ quantity _____ amount

Register by June 1st, 2017 Cost is $5.00 per person Tour ends October 1, 2017

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Phone _____ GWTA State _____ Chapter _____ GWTA # _____

Registration fee $5.00 X _____ entrants = $_____ + Shirts amount $_____ = $_____

Mail to: Barb Mills, GWTA - NE, 16110 Platteview Rd., Springfield, NE 68059 - Make checks payable to: GWTA Nebraska (Barb's email is: blmills19@q.com)

- below for events coordinator:

Check #_____ amount _____ cash _____ shirts _____ certif._____