

# 2015 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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**2015 SAFETY FORUM**



## Safety forum

**Registration is now open at: [iowadot.gov/motorcycle](http://iowadot.gov/motorcycle).**

Register now for the 2015 forum online at: [iowadot.gov/motorcycle](http://iowadot.gov/motorcycle). Don't waste time. We're expecting another sell out crowd. Payment can be completed for your registration by credit card or by mailing a check. The fee for this year's forum is \$15.

**April 24 • Iowa State Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibits Building • Des Moines**

At the request of our 2014 attendees, this year's forum will be moved back to the Iowa State Fairgrounds, and held in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Get your 2015 motorcycling season started off right with interesting speakers, numerous vendors, networking opportunities, and great door prizes. We're expecting about 550 attendees - breaking last year's record of 500.

**2015 forum theme: Making Motorcycling Fun** Learn new techniques and tools to keep yourself and fellow riders safe without sacrificing fun.



## Thanks to our 2014 door prize sponsors

- Aluma Trailer
- Illinois Motorcycle Safety Program
- Louis Gaston – Medical Emergency
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- Southwestern Community College
- Des Moines Area Community College
- Kirkwood Community College
- Big Barn Harley Davidson
- Northeast Iowa Community College – Calmar and Peosta
- Main Street Bikes
- Ron Bandy Motorcycle Training
- Vicki Sanfelipo

## Want to contribute a door prize in 2015?

Contact Toni Kerkove at: 641-423-1675 or [toni.kerkove@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:toni.kerkove@dot.iowa.gov)



## T-shirt

**for 2015 forum**

The 2015 shirt will be a black long-sleeved t-shirt with a green design, and cost \$10. Online registration will also be your **only opportunity** to order and pay for your 2015 forum T-shirt.



FRONT



BACK



**Photo booth** prints will be available for forum attendees on the day of the event. Images will also be posted to the Iowa DOT's motorcycle safety website.

## Speakers

scheduled for 2015 forum

How Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE) prepare riders for their organizations  
*GWRRA and ABATE*

Group Riding Preparation: Make it safe and have some fun!  
*Toby Schuh*

Presentation by J & P Cycle  
*Jill Parham and son Zach*

Be inspired after lunch  
*Dr. Curt Livesay*

One-Wheel Revolution: Preparation for stunt riding – demonstration to follow  
*Rob Carpenter*

## River to River Ride



Looking for a ride that delivers the nostalgic charm of yesterday's soda shops, filling stations, general stores, drive-ins, and roadside attractions? Hop on historic U.S. Route 6 and experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of part of the second longest transcontinental highway in America.

U.S. Route 6 takes two-lane motorists river to river, traversing Iowa from Davenport on the Mississippi to Council Bluffs on the Missouri. Iowa's Route 6 offers a journey you won't find on the beaten path.

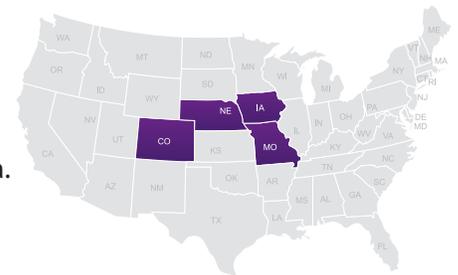
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## Trailer travels

with Aluma trailer winner Tracy Eaton

Tracy Eaton won the Aluma trailer door prize at the 2014 forum. Register and attend the 2015 forum for your chance to win a trailer donated by Aluma. Thanks again Aluma, for your generous donation and ongoing support.



“ I had a good time with it this summer. My husband and I went out to Colorado and hit some of the hot spots.

We spent some time in Aurora, Littleton, Larkspur, and Canyon City. I'm usually unable to ride for long periods of time due to medical conditions. I still enjoy motorcycling as much as I can.

I was able to visit some friends in Missouri and camp around Osage Beach, Lake of the Ozarks.

I used the trailer to help some friends move their bikes to the repair shop after their accident.

It was a big surprise winning it because I am not very lucky. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the safety forums.

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Thanks for all you do.  
- Tracy Eaton



Congrats Tracy!

## Exhibitor information

How do you reach more than 500 motorcycle enthusiasts all in one place – the 2015 Motorcycle Safety Forum. All vendors with motorcycle-related items for display or sale are invited to exhibit.



10x10-foot booth space – \$25.

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## Go to our website

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The Iowa Department of Transportation continues to update its Motorcycle Safety Program website to include all Iowa DOT information relevant to motorcyclist safety. The site will have information on the latest Motorcycle Safety Forum, as well as current and past newsletters and forum photos.

It also brings together information on motorcycle rider education, statistics, rider safety topics, including impairment and conspicuity, and other helpful information for Iowa motorcyclists.



## 2014 Motorcycle crash stats

**38 = 41**  
TOTAL CRASHES FATALITIES



FATALITIES WERE ALL MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND THEIR PASSENGERS



**34** WERE NOT WEARING A HELMET



**37** WERE MALE DRIVERS



**12** WERE TESTED FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

**8** POSITIVE ONLY FOR ALCOHOL

**3** POSITIVE FOR DRUGS & ALCOHOL



**14** WERE NOT LICENSED

**= 11** UNLICENSED DRIVERS WERE ALSO SPEEDING OR LOST CONTROL

# 2014 Forum Image Gallery

To view more images from the forum, visit: [www.iowadot.gov/motorcycle](http://www.iowadot.gov/motorcycle).

