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**FROM
THE
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Well, winter came and wore out its welcome, spring was here for a short time and I believe that summer is here to stay.

With all the weather we've had, the automotive recycling industry dealt with a lot of changes with parts being in high demand, but couldn't be pulled where snow had covered the yard. The good thing was having parts sent in from other yards to keep the customers going. We also saw a high demand on metal, with prices up and metal needed to be moved.

On March 11-13, we held the 17th Annual Greater Midwest Auto Recyclers Expo in South Sioux City. There was great information, a lot of learning and it was a good time to visit with fellow automotive recyclers. Our speaker, Jim Counts, delivered great information for our business. Plus, Nordstrom's in Garretson, South Dakota, opened their doors for a really great tour. Thanks to all who helped make this possible

We're now looking forward to the Summer Outing to be held in Gering and Scottsbluff, July 16 and 17. There are plenty of activities in the works for the event. This is always a good time to visit with other yards, families and friends.

Again, thanks to all of you and we hope to see you out West this summer.

**LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS
WITHOUT SPENDING
FUNDS**

The 2010 Legislature adjourned in mid-April with thoughts they may be returning during the summer or fall for more budget cutting. During the session, Legislation containing any funding or revenue needs met almost instant death in Committees and on the floor of the Legislature. Having just come off the November 2009 Special Session of cutting \$324 million dollars, Senators and the Governor were reluctant to spend any additional dollars.

The economy keeps moving along and revenue forecasts haven't brought back ideas of a Special Session thus far this year.

There were two pieces of legislation affecting the towing industry. The first was LB 1092, introduced by Senator Steve Lathrop of Omaha. The bill would have required that towing and storage fees could not be set at a rate that is more than the amount that the city or county would pay for towing services from public property under its contract for such services in the city or county in which the towing occurs. If such city or county has no such contract, the rate could not be more than the amount that the city of the metropolitan class would pay for towing services from public property under its contract for such services.

The bill was met with opposition from the towing industry and never moved out of Committee.

Another bill heard by the Transportation Committee on the same day was passed. As amended, LB 1065, introduced by Senator Lavon Heidemann, Elk Creek, changes the number of days a towing company has to notify any lienholder and the owner of the vehicle. Current law states 30 days and the bill changes the notification to 15 days. It also adds language stating that "Upon payment of towing and storage charges, the person towing or storing the vehicle shall return posses-

sion of the vehicle to the (a) owner, (b) lienholder, or any other person lawfully entitled to the possession of such vehicle making payment of such charges.

The law takes affect 90 days after the end of the Session (July 14, 2010.)

SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS AND EXHIBITORS AT THE GREATER MIDWEST EXPO

The Greater Midwest Auto Recyclers Exposition was host to many fine exhibitors and donors during the two-day event in March.

Below is a listing of these great supporters. Be sure to thank them if they drop by your business.

Without them, our Expo would not be possible.

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Andersen Wrecking,
Kearney, NE
Auto Data Direct Inc,
Tallahassee, Florida
Capital City Auto Recyclers,
Lincoln, NE
Car-Part, Fort Wright, KY
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URG & Pinnacle Professional,
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Exhibitors

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SIGN-UP COMING TO YOU SOON FOR SUMMER OUTING

Join us for this year's Summer Outing in Gering on July 16 & 17. It is being held in conjunction with the Oregon Trail Days, which is Nebraska's longest continuous running celebration. The agenda is in the process of being finalized but it will include some of this year's Oregon Trail Days events. For more information on the Oregon Trail Days, go to <http://oregontraildays.com/>

Please join us this July. Due to the busy summer schedule, rooms were blocked at several hotels: Super 8 Motel, 308-635-1600, ask for the "Auto Recycler" rooms; Holiday Inn Express, 308-632-1000, ask for the ARIN rooms; Hampton Inn & Suites, 308-635-5200, ask for Conference #82319741. All the hotels have complimentary breakfasts, swimming pools, and business centers. Book now so that you don't lose out on the rooms reserved for the Summer Outing. **The rooms will be released June 25, 2010.**

It's going to be a great spending time relaxing with family and friends. Registration forms will be arriving in

your mail shortly. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dorothy Elsey at the Association office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In conjunction with the Board and Membership Meetings at the Convention, three students were awarded scholarships for the fall of 2010. The John Ruggerio Scholarship Fund presented the first two winners.

The first winner was Cassandra Altmaier, Kearney, Nebraska. Cassandra will receive \$750. She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in Education. Her family is involved with Andersen Wrecking at Kearney.

The second winner of \$750 is Brittney Avila, who is affiliated with Rich's Wrecking & Salvage in Gering. Brittney will be attending Western Nebraska Community College.

The third winner was awarded a \$250 scholarship in the name of Robert Whitney, Capitol City Auto Recyclers, Lincoln, who had passed away the week before the Convention. She is Stacie Cornwell, Grand Island. Stacie will be attending the College of St. Mary majoring in elementary education.

We wish all three of our scholarship winners the best as they enter higher education this fall.

MAKE DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF OTHERS

One way for us to keep the John Ruggerio Scholarship Fund growing can be through your contributions in memory of your friends and relatives. If you have a loss and wish to make a donation to the fund in memory of your loved one, simply send the ARIN office the donation and we will be happy to send a letter to the family indicating that a contribution has been made in their name to the Scholarship Fund.

If you have questions, give Alice Licht a call at the ARIN Office.

DATES AND LOCATION HAVE BEEN SET FOR 2011 GREATER MIDWEST AUTO RECYCLERS EXPO

It's not too early for you to put Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12, 2011, on your **SAVE THE DATE** calendar! The Holiday Inn Central, 72nd & Grover, Omaha, will be the host of the 18th Annual Greater Midwest Auto Recyclers Expo. Plans are already underway to bring a top name speaker as well as a great program for the event.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the Convention, give Dana Adamy a call or contact any of the Board Members.



GREATER MIDWEST AUTO RECYCLERS EXPO PHOTO MEMORIES



We're off to South Dakota!



Kirby Andersen gives bus-riders a Welcome!



Great Luncheon provided by the Nordstroms!



Shannon gives an overview of the operation



Now that's a Storage Facility



Exhibitors have plenty to show members

EXHIBITORS WIN AWARDS



Nordstrom's wins Best Themed Exhibit



RadPro wins Best Overall Exhibitor



Brown Transfer wins Best Sales person Exhibitor



Plenty of auction items to look over!



Kirby Anderson receives Service Plaque as he steps down as President



Jim Counts gives excellent presentations



Always an attentive audience

SHARING WITH FRIENDS ALWAYS PART OF GMARE



Time to relax and unwind!



Having fun at the Auction



Kirby Andersen compares notes with Dave
and Pam Woods of Van Gorp's



Exhibitors share notes



Everybody Smile!