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CRUISING TO THE POW WOW; 2009

By Larry Greco

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting at McDonalds at Army Trail and County Farm roads for our trip to Wing Ding in Tulsa , Oklahoma were Joe Hughes, Russ Prichard, Lew Hatt, Jim Bayert and myself. I planned the route to Tulsa and Lew the one home.

We depart at 6:30am heading South on County Farm Road, then West on Geneva Road to Fabian Parkway and South to Bliss Rd. and to Route 47 South. Our rocky start begins here. Bliss road is closed. OK, our GPS recalculates and takes us in a big circle and

we are back to the road closed on Bliss Road. Now we back track to Main street and then to 47. 47 is under construction with several spots limited to one way and we have to wait our turn in several spots.

After breakfast at ‘R’ Place restaurant in Morris, Ill we continue south to Route 55 for a faster route out of town. Exiting route 55 onto Route 136 (South of Bloomington/Normal, Ill) we head West on the back roads. In Havana, Ill. we come to an abrupt stop as traffic is backed up. As we slowly inch forward we can see an accident in-

volving a car and a semi truck. Arriving at the scene the back of the auto is smashed and the semi is lying on its side as an ambulance takes someone away. The semi was loaded with corn, not on the cob but corn seeds and the seeds are spew across both lanes of the highway anywhere from 6 inches to 2 feet deep. As I approach the seeds it is like being on ice as I begin to slip and loose footing. The policeman asked if we were sure we wanted to attempt going through. We decide to wait. We ask for brooms to clear a path to pass through but no one has

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Special “H”appenings

Happy Birthday!!

Sharon Thurman	5-Aug
Cary Levin	8-Aug
Ben Levin	8-Aug
Dale Stewart	13-Aug
Carol Prichard	19-Aug
Cheryl Roberson	26-Aug



Welcome Back to Chapter H!

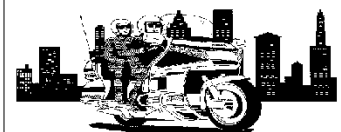
Jim and Racquel (Kelly) Lamontagna

Welcome New Member!

Kate Donogue

Happy Anniversary!!

Racquel (Kelly) & Jim Lamontagna	27-Jul
Carol & Fritz Goins	12-Aug



WING NOTES FROM YOUR CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

by Les Chapman

Beverly and I would like to thank all the members and friends who sent cards and phone calls to Bev during her hospital stay. She is slowly getting better and will start her physical therapy soon. She is in her second cast for three more weeks and then a removable one till she is healed. We have some great people in our chapter and I would like to say thank you for your help with our rides and chapter functions.

Thanks to everyone who came together for Lloyd's ride in June and our Sunday rides. We had two long rides in June. One to Rock Island and one to J&P Cycles open house in Anamosa. Jim was the lead and he set up the routes on both of our rides.

The rides for July have

been well attended and the weather was on our side. We had ten bikes and Bruce in his car for a trip to Wisconsin to earn a patch for doing ten *Rustic Roads*. You have to take a picture in front of each sign. It was a long day, but the roads were full of twist and turns

day. Moving on to upcoming ideas and rides for the chapter. In August we are planning a corn boil at my house, that is if Beverly is up and around by then. Kleins food stand right down the street has the best corn in the world. You will love it.

We are going to Breitbach's restaurant in Balltown and maybe the *Field of Dreams* in Dyers-

ville Iowa. A trip to the Airplane Museum Poplar Grove Il or maybe Middlebury in Indiana for some good Amish cooking.

Please remember the chapter elections are coming up in August. If you have someone in mind, please nominate them at this or August's meeting.

I would like the chapter to attend the Gold Classic next year in Michigan.

Please keep this in mind for next years vacation dates.

Just some chapter news to make you feel older, Tiffany has been riding

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and beautiful scenery. On the 19th we went on the *Ride for Kids* in Elgin. Many chapter members worked the ride. They raised \$309,000.00 this year for the kids, thanks.

Jim and Dawn set up our monthly dinner run to the Village Tavern in Carol Stream. There were 18 members that enjoyed a great meal and talked about the *Ride for Kids* the next



**Les Chapman
Chapter-H
Representative**

her own bike now with the club. Can you remember what age she was when Joe and Mike first joined the club? This one may keep you off the roads. Carrienne has her drivers licenses. Coagulations to all the young rides that will keep our chapter going.

Please remember our ice cream ride on the first Friday of the month, our dinner ride on the third Saturday and the chapter meeting on the last Thursday. Try and invite your friends or family to come and join us for any of our chapter events.

Ride safe and remember to drive defensively. Les ;)



Summer's Crusin' Fast, But It's Not Too Late For...

Cruisin' Illinois' Scenic Routes

Visit your chapter web page for links to:

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| drivelincolnhighway.com | nationalroad.org |
| greatriverroad-illinois.org | illinoisriverroad.org |
| greatriversbyway.com | iowagreatriverroad.com |
| ohioriverscenicbyway.com | illinoisroute66.org |

This and more can be found at christmasinjury.org

MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

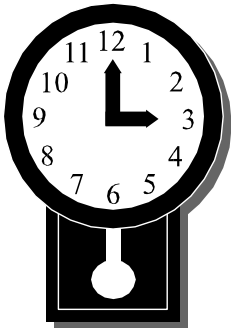
THE NEST CAFÉ, BARTLETT, IL.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009



Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Reading of the Minutes from the 06/25/2009 Meeting
3. Introduction of guests & new members:
4. Birthdays and Anniversaries
5. National Business:
 - 9/11-13 Bi-Annual Smokey Mountain Round Up at the Valley View Lodge in Townsend, TN.
 - Make plans for your 2010 AGWA XXVII Gold Classic in Michigan! See AGWA.com or your WOTR for details on these and other events.
6. State Business:
 - None Reported
7. Old Chapter Business:
 - Treasury Report
 - Breakfast Rides-Dinner Run-Ice Cream Run review.
8. New Chapter Business:
 - 08/02 Breakfast or Lunch Ride?
 - 08/02 Wisconsin Ride for Kids-Interested members will be LEAVING the westbound I-90 Belvedere Oasis at 7 am Sharp with a full tank and empty bladder. Doughnuts and coffee will be available at registration \$35 donation.
- 08/07 Ice Cream Ride! 7pm. Weather permitting
- 08/09 Breakfast or Lunch Ride?
- 08/15 Chapter H Dinner Run-6pm Tentatively set as a corn boil at the Chapman's home.
- 08/16 Breakfast or Lunch Ride?
- 08/23 Breakfast or Lunch Ride?
- 08/27 Chapter H General Meeting of the Membership. Chapter H Election Night!
- Chapter H Fall Color Run and Chili Cook Off.
9. Break-50/50 Sales-Who knows a good joke?
10. Chapter H Representative nominations-Election to be held at our August 27 meeting of the membership.
11. SPEAK UP! Open Discussion.
12. 50/50 Drawing
13. Meeting Adjourned...



Minutes of the 06-25-09 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Les reviewed birthdays and anniversaries for July.

Leaf River Parade was cancelled due to weather forecast. We were to be paid for 2008 and 2009 but only received one check for 2008. The group that showed up for the cancelled parade rode out to Freeport for ice cream at Albert's Ice Cream Shop.

May minutes were approved by all.

Jim G. added another page to our web-site to cover State business and other chapter events.

The Kane County Cougars are sponsoring an **RFK** night Saturday July 11th. Tickets will be \$17.00 and there will be 7 to 10 bikes allowed into the out-field.

*SIGN UP 7 NEW MEMBERS IN A YEAR AND RECEIVE A **FREE** 1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP!!*

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The Next Meeting of the Membership will be 7pm, Thursday August 27th, 2009 @ The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett

Minutes of the 06-25-09 Meeting *CONTINUED*

State business - Gold Classic ended on 6-25-09

Old Chapter business:

Memorial Run for Lloyd Tatman raised \$333.00 for pancreatic cancer research.

Les thanked all of the ladies who went out to Rock Cut State Park early and set up and started cooking for the riders. Thanked everyone who was involved in some aspect of the ride from the planning, to the sweeps and leaders who got everyone out to the park safely.

Upcoming Rides:

Anamosa - J&P Cycles June 28, at 8:00 am.

We discussed a breakfast run to White Fence Farms for July.

A friendly reminder - When group riding, remember to take curves in a single file line to avoid drifting into other lanes. *Road construction*: whether workers are present or not, **drive 45** or receive the ticket in the mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.



Above: Chapter Members Nancy & “Snickers” Schneck at our June 5th, 2009 Icer Cream Ride to Kaneville, IL

Right: Breakfast in Oregon, IL enroot to J&P Cycles inAnamosa, IA
Photos by Mike Hanus



CRUISING TO THE POW WOW: *CONCLUSION*

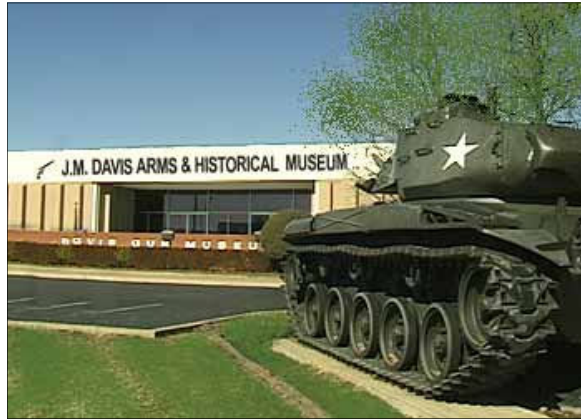
one. The police said that on front end loader will be here in about a hour to clear road. "At this time we decide to backtrack and find a different route trying to get to Route 24. Heading South on Route 78 to route 103 we make out way to route 24 and take it to Route 19 in Missouri. Route 19 takes us South to our first night destination of Cuba, Mo. Route 19 turns out to be a great road to travel on.

Leaving Cuba we continue on Route 19 and head to Routes 54 and 412 in Arkansas and 412 scenic into Tulsa, Oklahoma. As we are now entering the Mark Twain National Forest the road gets even better for the next 120 miles. Not one section of road more than a mile long without a turn and speeds between 40 and 60 MPH. Route 412 is just the opposite, more straight and too many towns with too much traffic. Route 412 scenic lets us bypass the toll road into Tulsa.

Wing Ding was held at the Expo Center in Tulsa. What a fantastic location. It was said that the building inside was the size of 3 football stadiums under one roof and there were no interior columns. At no time did it seem crowded although there were plenty of vendors, people and bikes. The air conditioning was cranked up and we spent lots of inside out of the 95 to 100 degree heat. We bought plenty of items and had them installed by the vendors, took trike demo rides and renewed some old acquaintances. Checking our armbands daily for the door

prizes it was lucky Larry whose number was drawn. I was all excited until I found out what the prize was. It turned out to be a half price coupon to have a portrait of you and your bike, and my half would be \$67.50. This was a prize that I could not even give away.

One of the guys I work with is looking for a older Chevy pick up truck and had found one on Craigs List near Tulsa and asked if I would take a look at it for him. One eve-



ning Lew and I head to the next town West of Tulsa to look at a 1952 Chevy. I got directions from the owner and Lew entered the address into his GPS. The directions differed somewhat. We follow the owners directions and arrive just before dusk. After looking over the truck we ask about going back by the GPS directions. We are informed that it is dangerous road to ride on since it is only one and a half lanes wide and there are many head on collisions involving drunk drivers. So we head back the way we had come. Arriving at the main road back to town all we see if flashing lights from an accident and brake

lights of traffic at a stand still, East bound completely closed. So we backtrack and take the GPS route. The road was like riding a roller coaster in the pitch dark night. Up the hill down and around the corners and it led us the next entrance and back to town.

Saturday morning the rain Gods took over from early morning to mid afternoon. After the rain stops and the temperature raises back into the 90's we depart on old Route 66 heading to Claremore, Ok. and visit the Davis J. M. Arms & Historical Museum. It is the largest private collections of guns in the world. Admission is free with donations accepted. This is well worth seeing if you are this way. The collection includes 20,000 guns plus artifacts such as knives, steins, musical, statuary, WW1 posters, campaign pins and more.

Sunday we start our journey home traveling through Kansas and Missouri into Illinois. While stopped for lunch in Rushville, Ill there is an older man intensely watching us park our bikes. As we head into the restaurant he strikes up a conversation with him. He talks about his younger days when he rode a Triumph and had to kick start it. He said he was 95 years old. Then he got into his pickup truck and drove off. Then another local told us his life story. He had been the local Pharmacist. In 1952 he stopped in for a coke at the drug store and never left town. Isn't it great traveling and learning how others live. And we all arrived home safely.

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Rides & Events:

08/04 Chapter Meeting

08/09 Mystery Ride

08/30 Mystery Ride

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Ride & Events:

08/09 Redemac's Tavern, New Buffalo Mi.

08/13 Chapter Meeting

08/22 Saturday Breakfast in Wi then onto Milwaukee for Miller Brewery Tour

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Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the Month

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Rids & Events

08/01 Rich & Peggy's Dinner Ride to Stone Creek Grill

08/09 COMBAT VETEREN'S RIDE G-MEN PREFORMING

08/16 Chapter Meeting



THIS MONTH'S CHAPTER “H”appenings



AUGUST 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Chapter D	5 Sharon Thurman 	6	7 Ice Cream Ride 	8 Cary Levin Ben Levin 
9	10	11	12  Carol & Fritz Goins	13  Dale Stewart- Chapter G	14	15  Dinner Ride
16 Chapter MC	17	18	19  Carol Prichard	20	21	22
23	24	25	26  Cheryl Roberson	27	28	29
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I'm always looking for suggestions, pictures and stories! Please help me make this a better publication by sending them to wcwinger@aol.com

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Other Stuff:

8/07 Ice Cream Ride

8/15 Dinner Ride

Every Sunday 9am Breakfast or Lunch Ride!



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