



CHAPTER H

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“H”appenings



Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 30, 2007

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CHAPTER-H CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Holiday Season is now upon us. Don't forget to take time to spend a small part of it with your friends from AGWA Chapter-H! On Sunday morning December 16th, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Breakfast! This year we are at a new location. The Nest Café in Bartlett. Nancy Greco is this year's chairperson. You can call Nancy at 847-524-5248 if you would like to lend a hand. Keep in mind that this year, each member will be paying for his or herself, but we want you

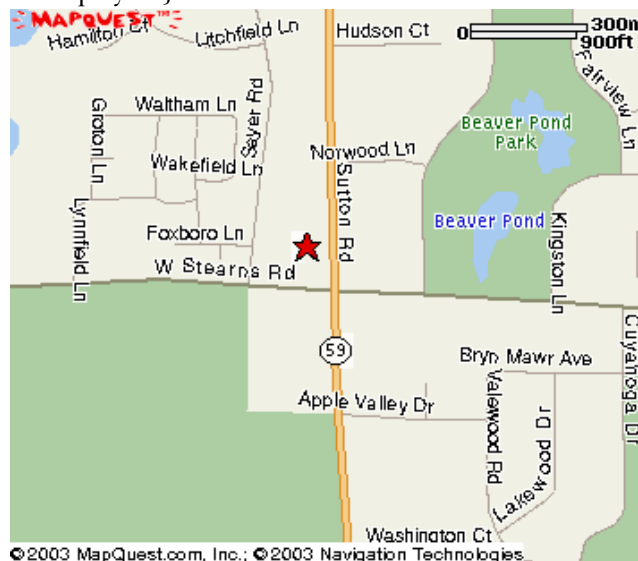
to come out and spread the cheer among your fellow chapter



friends! Happy Holidays and we hope you join us!



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Special “H”appenings

Happy Birthday!!

Fritz Goins
12/14

Welcome

New Members!!

Edward & Cathy
Barnes
Lewis & Toni Hatt

Happy Anniversary!!

Russ & Carol
Prichard
12/28

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

by Les Chapman

Saturday the 17th, was our Thanksgiving Dinner Run to the Q. Q. Buffet in Glen Ellyn. We had a great turnout; thank you to all who attended. We had 24 members and guests. Those in attendance were: Bruce, Malcolm, Chris, Jim and Dawn and their kids, Joel and Carolyn and their kids and grandkids, Mark and Paulette, Larry and Nancy, Cary, Bev and I, Fritz and Carol, and our new members Louis and Toni Hatt. I hope I didn't miss any one. Chris was signing her new

book Nightmare in Shadows. Carol showed us her new jacket from Ride for Kids (for a donation of \$500 or more). We did a lot of kicking tires and catching up on the latest gossip.

Sunday morning the 18th we met at McDonald's at 9 am for our weekly ride and breakfast. Joel, Cary and Louis were on bikes. I was in my car along with Ken, Lloyd and Leona. We headed for the Toys for Tots parade in McHenry. Joel and Louis stopped at Target to get toys while the

rest of us when to Alexander's in Elgin for breakfast. It was a little cool for the bike, but they had a good turnout for the parade. I took my kids to McHenry and supported Joel and Louis in the Parade. Everyone else went home to do some shopping for Thanksgiving. It was good to see Lloyd and Leona again, and see what new items he had found with his metal detector. I am looking forward to our Christmas breakfast where we can do it again. Hope to see you there! Les



**Les Chapman
Chapter-H
Representative**



Keep Les Out of the Kitchen

CHICAGOLAND TOYS FOR TOTS PARADE

On Sunday December 2nd, the 30th annual Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade will begin at the Dan Ryan Woods at 83rd and Halsted in Chicago. Chapter H members (2 or 4 wheels) will be LEAVING McDonald's at County Farm and Army Trail Rds. at 6:30am. From there, additional riders will be picked up at the south bound side of the Hinsdale Oasis at 6:50am. From there they will arrive at the Dan Ryan Woods for the 7:30 lineup. Remember you can

always find fellow AGWA members on CB channel 4. You must bring at least one new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. Our usual 9am breakfast ride is scheduled for those not

in the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Parade. Visit www.chicagolandtft.org for additional parade infor-



participating parade! mation. Good luck and enjoy the

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!
PLEASE E-MAIL SOME OLD CHAPTER PHOTOS TO ME WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RIDE OR EVENT.



MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

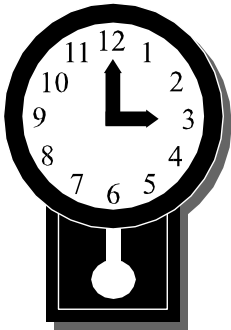
THE OLD COUNTRY BUFFET, STREAMWOOD IL.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007



Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Reading of the Minutes from the 10/26/2007 Meeting
3. Introduction of guests and new members:
 - Welcome NEW Members Edward and Cathy Barnes, also Lewis and Toni Hatt!
4. Birthdays and Anniversaries:
 - 12/14 Fritz Goins-Happy Birthday!
 - 12/28 Russ & Carol Prichard-Happy Anniversary!
5. National Business:
 - 6/23-6/26 2008 AGWA Gold Classic Rally XXV, Hendersonville, NC *See your WOTR for more details.*
6. State Business:
 - Russ Densmore will be resigning the office of Illinois State Director as of 02/01/08. If a replacement is not elected, state run activity will fall dormant. Nominations come from the Chapter level and can be taken at this and the December Chapter-H meeting.
7. Old Chapter Business:
 - Treasury Report
8. Break-50/50 Sales-Who knows a good joke?
9. New Chapter Business:
 - 2008 Ride Destinations
 - 12/02 Chicagoland Toys for Tots Parade
 - 12/07 Chapter H Soup Run
 - 12/09 Breakfast Ride
 - 12/15 Chapter H Dinner Run-CANCELLED
 - 12/16 Chapter-H Christmas Breakfast/December Meeting of the Membership-The Nest Café, Route 59 just north of Sterns Rd., Bartlett (see page 1). This will be our only Meeting of the Membership in December.
10. SPEAK UP! Open Discussion.
11. 50/50 Drawing
12. Meeting Adjourned...



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

Minutes of the 10-26-07 Meeting

Our guests were Russ & Wanda Densmore and Ron Schmidt.

We talked about leaving flyers at dealership's. I will take Bob Jo's in Sycamore, Larry will take Schaumburg and Fritz will do Des Plains and Cary will do DuPage Honda.

Fritz suggested we do the phone tree again for meetings and dinner runs . I need four people to do the calling (7 people to each caller).

Joe Hughes won \$34 in the 50/50 drawing and gave it back to the chapter. Thank you Joe!

Russ talked about needing a State Director .

Cary said he would set up the Christmas Breakfast on the 16th of December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm



**The Next Meeting of the Membership will be 9am Sunday
December 16th, 2007 @ The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett**

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myth busters

As you spread holiday cheer, don't let lingering myths impair your judgment. Know the facts about driving under the influence.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2006, more than 17,600 people died in alcohol-related crashes. That's about one death every 30 minutes. These are real numbers, but there are several common misconceptions about drinking and driving. Keeping safe starts when you know the truth.

The holiday season is just about here, which generally means more parties where alcoholic beverages will be served. Before you get behind the wheel after drinking, here are some sobering facts you should know.

MYTH: Alcohol gives you energy.
FACT: Alcohol is a depressant. Alcohol first affects the area of the brain that regulates inhibitions, judgment and self-control, causing people to do things they may not otherwise do.

MYTH: Eating a big meal before you drink will keep you sober.
FACT: Food in the stomach merely delays the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream; it doesn't prevent the process. A full stomach is not a defense against heavy drinking.

MYTH: Beer is less intoxicating than other types of alcoholic beverages.
FACT: One 12-ounce can of beer, one 4-ounce



glass of wine or one mixed drink with 1½ ounces of 80-proof liquor are equally intoxicating.

MYTH: Everyone reacts to alcohol in the same way.
FACT: Just the opposite is true. Many factors affect a person's reaction to alcohol, including body weight, metabolism, gender, body chemistry, race and family history. For example, women have less body water (52 percent for the average woman versus 61 percent for the average man), which means that a man's body will automatically dilute the alcohol more than a woman's body, even if the two people weigh the same amount.

MYTH: I drive better after a few drinks.
FACT: Alcohol does not increase physical or mental skills. It may, however, increase confidence and decrease judgment, a potentially deadly combination.

MYTH: Cold showers, fresh air or hot coffee help you get sober.
FACT: Time is the only cure. Alcohol leaves the body at a constant rate of about .016 percent of blood alcohol content (BAC) per hour. Nothing can speed up this process. The truth is coffee and a shower just make for an awake and clean intoxicated person. ©



For nonalcoholic recipes, download AAA's *The Great Pretenders Party Guide* at AAA.com/pretenders or visit your local branch office (see listing in Local Offices section).

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The Two-Wheeled Tow Truck

In the world of tow trucks, the early bird gets the business, so getting to the scene of an accident faster than all the other tow trucks is vitally important. One thing that might not be obvious to people who have never driven a tow truck is that the accident the tow truck is trying to reach often causes a traffic jam, rendering the tow truck just as helpless as all the other four wheelers.

Which is why a Swedish company has modified a Honda Gold Wing into a fully-fledged towing machine – the Retriever. Motorcycles are immune to traffic jams, and the exceptional maneuverability and power of the Retriever gets it to the scene quicker than any other tow truck plus cover a wider area. The Retriever's towing device remains folded on to the back of the motorcycle allowing for normal motorcycle operation (the towing device is just 95 cm wide when folded) and is unfolded just prior to towing. Fearful that the Gold Wing might not have



enough grunt for the job? Fear not – at 1800cc, the bike isn't short on pulling power as can be seen from the video links listed below. The Retriever is also very small in comparison to four wheeled tow trucks, so it can get to places that many ordinary tow trucks can't even get to. Contact the manufacturer *Coming Through* at www.comingthrough.se for a brochure and additional information on the Retriever.

Demonstration Link: www.comingthrough.se/download/movies/retriever-07.mpg

Discovery Channel Story: www.exn.ca/video/?video=exn20040414-towbike.asx

Technical data - Retriever

Motorcycle Honda GL 1800

Gold Wing

Engine 1832cc liquid-cooled
opposed six-cylinder

Power 118 hp at 5 500 rpm

Torque 163 Nm at 4 000 rpm

Gearbox 5 gears + reverse

Width 0,95 m

Max. towing weight 2 500 kg

Max. lifting weight 1 000 kg

Max. towing speed* 30 km/h

*Recommended speed

This Month's Web Chuckle

Let's spread the stupidity today folks!

Only in Americado drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Americado people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in Americado banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America!do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in Americado we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in Americado we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Only in Americado they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

EVER WONDER?

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin ?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

A NEW LOOK TO THE OLD RAG

by Jim Garner

Well, as you may have noticed, the Chapter-H newsletter has taken on a new look this month. After our last meeting, I saw that Les could use a little help in this department due to the amount of time it takes to put a newsletter together. When I was Rep., Mike Thomas, Dale Stewart and Joyce McNeely had the challenge of transcribing my notes and thoughts. Please understand that I have no experience in publishing a newsletter, but I will do the best to my ability. We have been pretty

fortunate as a chapter, to have some great prior newsletter editors. I plan to take a closer look at some previous formats and put something together using a bit of the best from each. You can expect to see some archive pieces printed periodically and hopefully some NEW tales from the trails. The latter I will need help from you, the chapter member. If you have an interesting ride that you've taken, perhaps a mechanical tip or even a new toy you've found for your two-wheel ride, please e-mail it along and I'll be apprecia-

tive in adding it to our newsletter. One of the first things you may notice is the Volume #, Issue #. This is our 15th year 3rd month as a chapter, so I thought I would make that change on top of the newsletter to reflect that. I'll also try to look around the web for some articles or wing toys or improvements to share with you. Please remember though, I will greatly need you help in adding interest to our newsletter. Please send me your comments at wcwinger@aol.com. Thanks in advance!

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Kitty Levin
Chris Irwin

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The Line Forms Behind Kitty!

2008 RIDE SUGGESTIONS

In the next few Months, we will be discussing rides and events for the 2008 riding season. Many of you have expressed that you would like to have a specific destination in mind for the days ride. Please take note of any destinations, whether they be day rides or overnight trips, that we, as a chapter, can participate in 2008. Also, we may

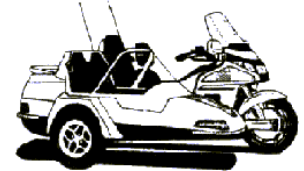
want to attend a few other Illinois AGWA chapter breakfast/Dinner rides.

The following are a few suggestions:

- Arena Football
- Cougars Baseball
- February eagle watching @
- Starved Rock
- Volo Car Museum
- Arlington race track
- Wisconsin Dog track
- New Glarus Wis.

- Blue Mound Wis.
- House on the Rock
- Wisconsin Dells
- Chestnut Mt
- Amish Country
- Boat ride Oregon
- Great America
- Rock Cut State park
- Krappe Park in Freeport
- Magic Waters Water Park
- Route 66 ride
- Casino in Clinton, IA.
- Milwaukee Zoo
- Brookfield Zoo Please use

the space provided below and let us know where you would like to go. You may email your suggestions to: treke1@aol.com



Let's Ride In 2008!

GOOD LUCK TO TOM & JOANN LEITH WHO HAVE RETIRED OUT WEST TO DAVIS, IL. THEY HAVE ALSO TRANSFERED TO THEIR CLOSEST AGWA CHAPTER WHICH IS IL. CHAPTER-D. ENJOY THE WIDE-OPEN SPACES!

Breakfast Ride Suggestion:

Breakfast Ride Destination:

Dinner Ride Suggestions:

Overnighter Suggestions:

CHAPTER-H MEMBER HAS PUBLISHED A NEW BOOK !

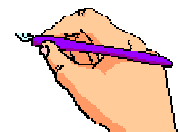


Chris Irwin's "Nightmare of Shadows" is now available

AGWA IL. Chapter-H member, Chris Irwin, has published a new children's book! The fictional "Nightmare of Shadows" was inspired by the real life kidnapping and discovery story of a young boy who went missing for a few weeks and when found alive, was with another boy who was being

held for several years. You can read about Chris' heart felt inspiration as how and why she began writing in an interview conducted in the 11/26/07 edition of the West Chicago Press, or by using the following web link: <http://www.chicagosuburbannews.com/westchicago/homepage/x852317090>. You may also

contact Chris to purchase a signed copy of her book by visiting her web page at: <http://users.ameritech.net/chrisi/index.html>. Good luck Chris and we hope we continue to see future publications!





Season's Greetings



DECEMBER 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Toys for Tots Breakfast Ride	3	4	5  Chanukah	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day. 1941 Soup Run	8
9 Breakfast Ride	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Fritz Goins!	15 Dinner Run (CANCELED)
16 Chapter Christ- mas Breakfast/ Meeting 	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Begins
23 Breakfast Ride	24	25  Christmas	26	27	28 Happy Anniver- sary Russ & Carol Prichard!	29
30 Breakfast Ride	31	Jan 1, 2008 New Year's Breakfast				

MAKE IT A GREAT 2008!



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