



CHAPTER H  
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# “H”appenings



Special Election Night Edition!  
Welcome to our 16th year!



OCTOBER 30, 2008  
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## Chapter Members of the Month for October and November

By Les Chapman

The Chapter H Member of the Month for October is our webmaster Jim Garner. Where do I start? Somewhere before AGWA I think. Jim joined AGWA Chapter E in 1991 and was an active member ‘till he helped with the formation of Chapter H. Jim was our Chapter Rep for three years and lent a hand for several more. He is always involved in our chapter functions and is one of the best lead riders we have. Always bring over night bags for Jim’s rides. Jim and Dawn have been strong supporters for all of chapter H family needs. Jim has two Gold Wing’s and a sidecar and

they are hoping for a bike for Dawn in the future. Jim has been active in Ride for Kids and the Toys for Tot’s Parade. Jim helped put us in touch with our Christmas in July Families. Jim does our newsletter and the chapter website [ChristmasinJuly.org](http://ChristmasinJuly.org). I know I have missed a lot of the jobs and details that Jim does everyday for our club, so please forgive me.



The Member of the Month for November is Beverly Chapman, or Bev-

erly Markward-Chapman. My loving wife has been involved in the club since 1995 with me? But the rules in 1995 didn’t include your significant other and we didn’t get married till 2003, so I still think her membership should start in 1995 with mine. She has been very active in all our Poker Runs and Party’s. She does the apparel and the 50/50 at our meetings. She also helps with the newsletter mailing. Beverly is a great supporter of Chapter H and AGWA. Beverly rides a 1996 Kawasaki Vulcan and has owned a Gold Wing and a Shadow.

Thank you both for being members of Chapter H . :)

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## Special “H”appenings

### Birthday Turkeys!!

- 11/03 Carolyn Gyurnek
- 11/08 Mary Lou McDuffee
- 11/26 Ed Bowser



### Happy Halloween!



Don’t over indulge!

### November 11th



MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

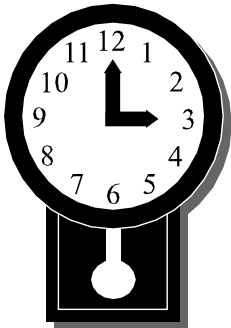
THE NEST CAFÉ, BARTLETT, IL.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008



## Meeting Agenda

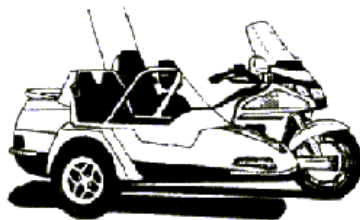
1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Reading of the Minutes from the 09/25/2008 Meeting
3. Introduction of guests:
4. Birthdays and Anniversaries
5. National Business:
  - AGWA Gold Classic XXVI announced for June 22-26, 2009 at the Bellissimo Grande Hotel in North Stonington, Ct. and 2010 will be in Michigan
6. State Business:
  - Welcome AGWA IL Chapter MC from Mc Henry
7. Old Chapter Business:
  - Treasury Report
  - Breakfast Rides-Dinner Run review.
8. New Chapter Business:
  - Chapter H Representative Nominations (election to follow)
  - Chapter H Representative Election
- 11/02 Breakfast Ride
- 11/09 Breakfast Ride
- 11/15 Chapter H Dinner Run—TBA Watch your e-mail and the Chapter web page
- 11/16 Breakfast Ride-McHenry Toys for Tots Parade
- 11/20 Chapter H General Meeting of the Membership.
- 11/23 Breakfast Ride
- 11/30 Breakfast Ride
9. Break-50/50 Sales-Who knows a good joke?
10. SPEAK UP! Open Discussion.
11. 50/50 Drawing
12. Meeting Adjourned...



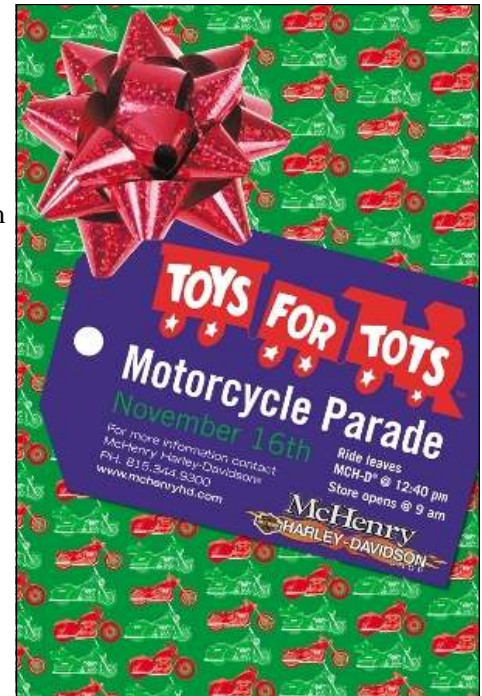
## Minutes of the 09-25-08 Meeting

Meeting Place Nest Café

1. Meeting called to Order approximately at 7:00PM
2. Meeting was promptly adjourned due to lack of membership attendance. No election was held for chapter representative. Election to be postponed until our October 30th meeting. Les Chapman to remain as acting Chapter Representative until the out come of the October election.



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



**The Next Meeting of the Membership will be 7pm, Thursday November 20th, 2008 @ The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett**

## WING NOTES FROM YOUR CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

by Les Chapman

First, let me say I am sorry that we did not have a newsletter for September. With my vacation and work, I was just too busy.

As we come to the end of our riding season, I can look back at the rides Bev and I

**On Saturday 11/01 at 7pm, Les will be turning his clock back one hour before he goes to bed. For the rest of us...**



**at 2am  
Sunday  
11/02**

took; it was a good year.

The weather was under 90 degrees most of the summer and we only had a few rainy Sunday's. We had several new people come on our rides,



along with some former members.

These are some of the rides we did this summer: The Honda Homecoming, J&P Cycle rally in Iowa, The Jelly Belly factory and much of the local area. I would love to have your trips for our newsletter, so please send them to either Jim or me.

Good news! We have a new Chapter in Illinois. It is called Chapter MC based out of McHenry. Most of the members came from GWRRA Il G2. Chapter H welcomes our new members and friends.

Saturday 10/18 was our monthly chapter dinner run. This month we chose the Olive Garden restau-

rant in Bloomingdale.

We had 16 members and friends attend. Among those attending were former H and current chapter G members John and Karen Jalamo. It was great to see them once again . We talked about the presidential election and bikes. Mark I love you anyway, even if you are voting for the wrong candidates.

Please check the newsletter for the dates of our November and December meeting's. I think November is a week early and our December meeting will be at our Christmas Breakfast.

Please keep our brother Lloyd in your prayers. His treatment is not working. Also,



**Chapter-H  
Chief  
Rubmybottom**

Russ is still having problems with his neck and Bob S. is still having good and bad days with his illness.

Please remember these rides coming up in the next two months. The Toys for Tot's in McHenry and Chicagoland Toys for Tot's.

Till next month.  
Be Safe!

Les :)



Get the AGWA Group Riding Pamphlet At:

[www.christmasinjuly.org/GroupRidingchapterH.pdf](http://www.christmasinjuly.org/GroupRidingchapterH.pdf)

**Happy Halloween**

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER RIDES FROM CHICAGO MOTORCYCLE GUIDE.COM

### NOV

- 1-----[FOREST CITY RIDERS M/C](#)-DUAL SPORT RIDE (DIRT BIKES)-LEAF RIVER, IL.-8:30AM  
 1-----[BLUE STEEL M/C](#)-BIKETOBERFEST PARTY-7PM-\$15-2121 N. 15TH. AVE.-MELROSE PK., IL.  
 1-----[AMERICAN KNIGHTS M/C](#)-OPEN HOUSE-9PM-5049 W. LAKE ST.-CHICAGO  
 2-----[OPEN ROAD RADIO](#)-AIRS LIVE WEEKLY-FM 92.5, 92.7, 99.9-11AM TO NOON  
 2-----[CENTRAL STANDARD TIME BEGINS](#) -SET CLOCKS BACK  
 2-----[U.S.M.C. RIDE-AMERICAN FIREFIGHTERS M/C](#)-1700 S. WOLF RD.-DESPLAINES, IL.-9AM-\$20  
 2-----[AVMRA](#)-MANTENO HOME FOR VETS RIDE-FROM OAK LAWN HD-111TH & CICERO AVE.-10AM-708-917-3275  
 2-----[OAK PARK H.O.G.](#)-RIDE TO MANTENO VETS HOME  
 4-----[ELECTION DAY](#)  
 4-----[WINDY CITY H.O.G.](#)-CHAPTER MEETING-2929 PATRIOT BLVD.-GLENVIEW, IL.-7:30PM  
 7-----[CHICAGO H.O.G.](#)-FRIDAY NITE RIDE-JIMMY MACK'S-5581 N. NORTHWEST HWY.-CHICAGO-7:30PM  
 8-----VETERANS PARADE-9AM-24TH. & MAIN ST.-QUINCY, IL.-217-316-5483  
 11-----[VETERANS DAY](#)  
 11-----[CHICAGO H.O.G.](#)-CHAPTER MT. & NOMINATIONS-SIDEKICKS-4424 W. MONTROSE AVE.-CGO.-7:30PM  
 15-----[So. SUB. ABATE](#)-ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BOWL-STRIKE N SPARE-811 NORTHERN-LOCKPORT, IL.  
 16-----[WALNECK'S](#) SWAP MEET-LK. CTY. FAIRGROUNDS-GRAYSLAKE, IL.630-985-2097 **CANCELLED**  
 16-----[CHICAGO ABATE](#) -MBSHP. DRIVE PARTY-PARK RIDGE VFW-10 W. HIGGINS-3 TO 9PM-\$FREE-312-661-9171  
 19-----[CHICAGO ABATE](#) -GEN. MEETING-PARK RIDGE VFW-10 W. HIGGINS-8PM-312-661-9171-ALL WELCOME  
 20-----[OAK PARK H.O.G.](#)-CHAPTER MEETING-7:30PM  
 22-----[CHICAGO H.O.G.](#)-TRAIN RIDE-EDISON PARK STATION-10AM  
 22-----[TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY](#)-10139 S. HARLEM-CHICAGO RIDGE-6PM-FREE W/NEW UNWRAPPED TOY OR \$10  
 23-----LEGENDS OF MTCL. RACING BRUNCH-HILLSIDE HOLIDAY INN-10AM-773-282-2176-\$25-ALL WELCOME  
 23-----[L.A.M.A. M/C](#)-ANNUAL TOY RUN-3519 W. FULLERTON-CGO.-NOON-BRING NEW UNWRAPPED TOY  
 26-----[CHICAGO H.O.G.](#)-ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE RIDE-FROM BO'S-7:30PM  
 27-----THANKSGIVING DAY  
 27-----[RALLY AT THE ROCK](#)-MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY-CHICAGO-9AM TO NOON  
 28-30---[HERITAGE H.D.](#)-AFTER THANKSGIVING SALE-2595 OGDEN AVE.-LISLE, IL.

### DEC

- 1-----[HERITAGE H.D.](#)-PHOTO W/ SANTA-2595 OGDEN AVE.-LISLE, IL.  
 6-----[OAK LAWN H.O.G.](#)-BREAKFAST W/ SANTA-11040 S. CICERO AVE.-9AM TO 11AM-708-423-9005  
 7-----[PEARL HARBOR DAY](#)  
 7-----31st. [TOYS FOR TOTS](#) RIDE-83rd. & WESTERN AVE.-DAN RYAN WOODS-9:30 AM.-BRING NEW TOY  
 7-----[TEAMSTER HORSEMAN M/C](#)-TOY DAY-1072 E. FRANKLIN AVE.-FRANKLIN PK., IL.-6AM-630-707-8989  
 7-----BB & C-TOY RUN PRE-PARTY-CC'S GROVE-82ND. & KEAN-WILLOW SPRINGS, IL.-6AM-FREE W/NEW TOY  
 7-----[OPEN ROAD RADIO](#)-TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY-[ABBEY PUB](#)-ELSTON AVE.-CGO.-NOON TO 2PM  
 7-----[L.A.M.A.](#) -TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY-3519 W. FULLERTON-CGO.-NOON  
 7-----[CHI TOWN H.D.](#)-FREE PICS W/ SANTA-10AM TO 3PM-KIDS WELCOME TOO!  
 9-----[CHICAGO H.O.G.](#) -CHAPTER MT. & ELECTIONS-7:30PM-SIDEKICKS-4424 W. MONTROSE AVE.-CHICAGO  
 9-----[CITY HEAT M/C](#) -ANNUAL MISERICORDIA BENEFIT-CUBBY BEAR BAR-1059 W. ADDISON-8PM-\$10  
 12-----[WGN TV MORNING & NOON NEWS TOY DRIVE](#)-2501 W. BRADLY PL.-CGO.-5AM TO 1PM-773-383-8908  
 13-----[OAK PARK H.O.G.](#)-CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 17-----[CHICAGO ABATE](#) -MEETING-PARK RIDGE VFW-10 W. HIGGINS-8PM-312-661-9171-ALL WELCOME  
 18-----[OAK PARK H.O.G.](#)-CHAPTER MEETING-7:30PM  
 21-----[WINTER SOLSTICE](#)  
 21-----[WALNECK'S](#) SWAP MEET-KANE CO. FAIRGROUNDS-ST. CHARLES, IL.630-985-2097  
 25-----CHRISTMAS DAY  
 31-----NEW YEAR'S EVE

## America's First Automobile Race, 1895

**H**enry Ford receives most of the credit for the development of the car in the US, however, he did not produce the first American automobile. This distinction goes to the Duryea brothers - Charles and Frank - who created their first gasoline-powered "horseless-carriage" in 1893. Like the Wright brothers, the Duryeas were bicycle mechanics with a passion for innovation.

The brothers built their first car in a workshop located in a building in downtown Springfield, MA. Their new invention was rolled onto the city streets for testing in September 1893. It sported a one-cylinder, gasoline engine and a three-speed transmission mounted on a used horse carriage. It could hit a stop speed of 7.5 mph.

The following year, Frank developed a second car with a more powerful two-cylinder engine. It was this car that he drove in America's first automobile race on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1895. The race was sponsored by the *Chicago Times-Herald* and ran a 54-mile course from down-town Chicago to Evanston, Il and back.

There were five entrants in addition to Duryea: 2 electric cars and 3 gasoline-powered Benz machines imported from Germany. The race started in the early morning in snowy conditions. A little over 10 hours later, Frank Duryea was the first to cross the finish line having survived a journey punctured by numerous breakdowns and repairs. He had averaged 7.3 miles per hour and took home a prize of \$2,000 (\$49,500 in today's money).



A Springfield newspaper announces the appearance of the Duryeas' car Sept. 16, 1893

**"After a stop for gasoline, and a four-minute wait for a passing train at a railroad crossing, we continued."**

*Frank Duryea described his experience in his autobiography:*

"I now started with draughtsmen on plans for a new car, of which I had, from time to time, been making rough sketches during the past summer. But my work was interrupted by the necessity of preparing the old car for the race promoted by H. H. Kohlsaas of the Chicago Times-Herald. This race was set for November 2, and as driver, the Company sent me out to Chicago with the car on that date. Only the Mueller Benz and the Duryea cars were ready to start, so the race was postponed to Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1895...

Thanksgiving Day, when it arrived, found me again in Chicago with the car...

A heavy snow had fallen during the night and we experienced hard going as we drove out to Jackson Park from our quarters on Sixteenth Street.

Of nearly a hundred entries, only six cars lined up for the start. Of these six, two were electric vehicles entered by Morris and Salom of Philadelphia, and Sturgis of Chicago. Of the four gasoline-engined vehicles, H. Mueller & Co. of Decatur, Illinois, R. H. Macy & Co. of New York, and The De la Vergne Refrigerating Machine Co. of New York, each came to the start with an imported German Benz. The Duryea Motor Wagon Company's entry was the only American-made gasoline car to start.

The word 'go' was given at 8:55 and the Duryea was the first car away.

With me as umpire was Mr. Arthur W. White. The machine made good going of the soft unpacked snow in Jackson Park, but when we came to the busier part of the city, the street surface consisted of ruts and ice hummocks, in which the car slewed badly from side to side.

While still in the lead, the left front wheel struck a bad rut at such an angle that the steering arm was broken off. This arm had been threaded and screwed firmly to a shoulder, and it was a problem to extract the broken-off threaded part of the arm. When this was finally accomplished, we, fortunately, located a blacksmith shop where we forged down, threaded and replaced the arm.

While thus delayed, the Macy Benz passed us and held the lead as far as Evanston, where we regained it.

Having made the turn at Evanston, elated at being in the lead again, we started on the home trip.

We had not yet come to Humboldt Park when one of the two cylinders ceased firing...

This repair was completed in fifty-five minutes and we got going, feeling that the Macy Benz must surely be ahead of us, but learned later that the Macy did not get that far. Breaking the way through the snow in Humboldt and Garfield Parks furnished heavy work for the motor, but also indicated that all competitors were behind us.

After a stop for gasoline, and a four-minute wait for a passing train at a railroad crossing, we continued on to the finish in Jackson Park, arriving at 7:18 P.M.

The motor had at all times shown ample power, and at no time were we compelled to get out and push.

After receiving congratulations from the small group still remaining at the finish line, among whom were the Duryea Motor Wagon Company party, I turned the car and drove back to its quarters on Sixteenth Street.

The Mueller Benz, the only other machine to finish, was driven across the line at 8:53 by the umpire, Mr. Charles B. King, Mr. Mueller having collapsed from fatigue."

#### References:

Duryea's account appears in Duryea, Frank, *America's First Automobile* (1942); Berkebile, Don H., *The 1893 Duryea Automobile*, Contributions From the Museum of History and Technology vol. 240, Smithsonian Institution (1966). Courtesy: "America's First Automobile Race, 1895" [www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com) (2006).



Charles Duryea in the brothers' first car

## "History Behind The Rock"

Courtesy *Motor Sports Unlimited TV* ([WWW.MSUTV.COM](http://WWW.MSUTV.COM))

Based on the e-mails I'm receiving, it's time to explain "The Rock" again. "The Rock" is a piece of granite featuring a bronze plaque identifying the location of the start and finish of America's first auto race. "The Rock" is located in Jackson Park on Cornell in the shadow of the Museum of Science & Industry. To find it, go to the Museum of Science & Industry, via Lake Shore Drive, turn off of Lake Shore Drive onto 57th (as though you were going into the museum). Do not go into the museum ... 57th becomes Cornell as it curves around behind the museum ... Just follow it and watch on the right.

"The Rock" (piece of granite) is visible from Cornell (about 20 feet in from the curb). America's first auto race was held on Thanksgiving Day 1895. 100 years later (Thanksgiving Day 1995), the piece of granite, we call "The Rock, identifying the location of the start and finish of the race was dedicated. Motorsports Unlimited made a commitment on that day that each year, on Thanksgiving morning from 9:00 am 'til noon, we would be there with our camera and tape anyone who showed up to acknowledge the day ...

This "gathering at "The Rock," if you will, is not an organized event. There are no tickets to buy, no programs to refer to ... no permits applied for ... It is merely those of us, who think this occurrence in history is important, stopping by to acknowledge the folks and what they did, more than 100 years ago.



Don't forget to  for your favorites

**Tuesday November 4th!**



# THIS MONTH'S CHAPTER “H”appenings



## NOVEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3  Carolyn Gyurnek	4 	5	6  Mary Lou McDuffee	7	8
9	10	11 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26  Ed Bowser	27 	28	29
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[www.christmasinjuly.org](http://www.christmasinjuly.org)

For the latest in Chapter event updates

Other Stuff:

11/15 Dinner Ride

11/20 Chapter Meeting

Every Sunday 9am Breakfast Ride



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**The Next Meeting of the Membership will be  
7pm, Thursday, November 20th, 2008 @  
The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett**



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