



# "H"appenings



CHAPTER H  
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**NEW BEGINNINGS FOR OUR 18TH YEAR  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IL CHAPTER H**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

CHAPTER "H"ONCHOS

## AGWA IL CHAPTER H FALL FESTIVAL

On Sunday September 12, 2010 over 30 riders/co-riders and approximately 75 people attended the first AGWA-IL Chapter H "Fall Festival". The event was co-chaired by Chapter-H members Sue Hanus and Analea Archibald and took place at Johnson's Mound forest preserve in Elburn, IL. Special guests attending the event were AGWA's President Owen Toomey and his wife, Gail. Owen and Gail rode all the way from Rapid City, MI (approx 400 miles) to attend - thanks Owen and Gail!

The weather gods smiled on AGWA Sunday with clear skies and temperatures in the mid to upper 70's. We think Sue and

Analea paid someone off, as the weather on Saturday was rainy, as well as a prediction of rain for Monday - great job ladies! After the group assembled at McDonalds in Carol Stream IL, Chapter - H Representative Les Chapman led the group on a 3 hour, 99 mile ride that meandered through and about the Fox Valley area as well as the Northwest suburbs. Riding sweep and watching the group's "back" were Chapter members Jim Garner, Cary Levin and Virginia Curtis. All riders completed the ride safely and uneventfully with the exception of an unforeseen detour in Burlington IL, due to a parade being held that day (rumor has it that the people on the

sidewalk thought the bikes were part of the parade, so the riders played along by waving and honking their horns!).

After a three hour ride, the group arrived hungry at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve. They were not disappointed; eating their fill of hot dogs, sloppy joe's, chili, chips, various salads and about every type of dessert possible.

To work off this food, there were hula hoop contests, a Baggo game (beanbag toss) and horseshoe competitions.

The hula hoop contest was won by Logan Nespor (grandson of Chapter - H member and event co-chair Analea

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## Special "H"appenings

**Happy Birthday!!**

Randy Barber 10/09  
Virginia Curtis 10/21



**Election Night Edition!**



*Happy Anniversary!!*

None Reported



MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

THE NEST CAFÉ, BARTLETT, IL.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010



## Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. In honor of our Veterans and those continuing to serve, may we please recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*.
3. Read & approve of the previous meeting's minutes.
4. Introduction of guests.
5. Birthdays and Anniversaries
6. National Business:
  - AGWA Pres Owen Toomey is looking for articles for your WOTR. Send them to Owen: AGWAPRES@charter.net
  - Gold Classic XVIII announced: June 20-23, 2011 State College, PA. Book as early as 6/17. Be sure to mention AGWA. Ramada Conference Center. 814-238-3001. \$85.72 per night up to 4 guests. See your WOTR for additional information.
7. State Business:
  - Nominations are being accepted for a near future candidate.
8. Old Chapter Business:
  - Treasury Report
  - Fall Festival Event Re-cap
  - Breakfast Rides/Dinner Run review.
9. Break-50/50 Sales-Les' Joke Corner
10. New Chapter Business:
  - Chapter H Representative Nominations and Election
  - Welcome our new Chapter Representative
  - Appointments of the following positions:
    - Assistant Chapter Representative
    - Secretary-short term
    - Treasurer
    - Newsletter Editor/Publisher
    - Christmas Party Ideas
    - Guest Speaker
    - 10/02 Ice Cream Ride 6 pm from McDonald's
    - 10/03 Breakfast Ride-Big Thunder Ride
    - 10/10 Breakfast Ride
    - 10/16 Chapter H Dinner Ride **TBA**
    - 10/17 Breakfast Ride-Open Date
    - 10/24 Breakfast Ride-Open Date
    - 10/24 Chapter H General Meeting of the Membership 7pm @ The Nest Café
11. SPEAK UP! Open Discussion.
12. 50/50 Drawing
13. Meeting Ad-journed...

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  
October 28, 2010 @ The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett**

## Minutes of the August 26, 2010 Meeting

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE CHANGING POSITIONS OR ARE STEPPING DOWN AND THOSE POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED.

PLEASE CONSIDER STEPPING UP AND HELPING OUR CLUB.....

State Representative: Nancy Schneck has resigned.

Chapter Rep: Les Chapman is not running again. This position needs to be filled.

Newsletter editor: Jim Garner is stepping down and this position needs to be filled.

Jim will remain as our Webmaster.

Recording Secretary: Temp position for 3 or 4 months:

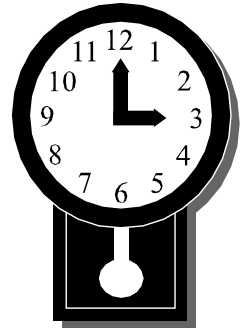
Current nominations:

Lewis H accepted nomination for Chapter Representative

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

22 Members and 1 Guest Wayne Aten

Conducted Pledge of Allegiance



National Business: 2011 Gold Classic will be in State college, Pa. June 20, 2011

State Business: Assuming that due to the state of the economy, several chapter are reporting that they are losing members.

Chapter business: Minutes were read from the July report and approved by the membership.

Rides and Events:

8/29: BW charity Ride

9/04: Ice Cream Ride

9/11: Des Plaines Honda , Auction, Open house, etc

9/12: Sandwich Fair

9/19: Autism Ride in Villa Park

10/3: Rolling Thunder

Thank you for the articles that were submitted by Cary L, Virginia and Dawn G. Keep those stories coming.

Fall Festival: Annalea and Sue have put together food for 150 people. Sue paid an additional \$35.00 for the use of the pavilion.

Bikes out beginning at 9:00am

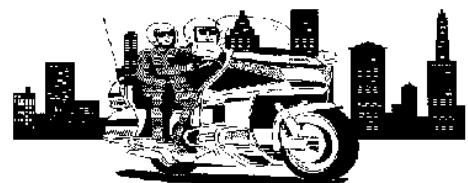
Lunch at Noon

Raffle begins at 2:30pm sharp

Les would like to have a winter movie night in either January or February 50/50 was won by Mark & Paulette.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by: Leona Tatman



## WING NOTES FROM YOUR CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

Hi Folks

Please let me start by saying thank you to all the active members in chapter H for the help and support during my three years as your Chapter Representative. I look forward to a new chapter in our club as we change over to a new representative. AGWA has been on the decline for some years now, due to the lack of jobs and low income. Hopefully with new leadership we can move forward to a younger and stronger club.

I would like to review our rides for 2010 so far. In May, Nancy Schneck stepped in as Illinois State Director and set up a state breakfast to Millie's in Wisconsin. All four chapters took part in this ride, with an ice cream ride after breakfast to Burlington Wisconsin. In June I held a mystery ride

to Roscoe for ice cream and miniature golf.

Unfortunately, the weather had a different idea. We got to ride 50+ miles in the rain all the way home. On June 7 we rode in the *Leaf River Parade* with beautiful blue skies. After the parade Jim took the lead and headed to Oregon for ice cream but the skies turned black and windy, so we turned to Byron and everything broke loose. The temperature dropped 20 degrees and the wind started blowing around 60 miles per hour and rain, rain and rain. Thank God for my training wheels. The last week of June, seven chapter members went to the Gold Classic in Traverse city Michigan. I had a great time as did everyone else. July was the *Ride for Kid's* here in Chicago. Jim also had a few 400 mile rides

during July and August.

In September we held our *Fall Festival* hosted by Analee Archibald and Sue Hanus. What a beautiful day for a ride and picnic. Thank you girls and to all the volunteers who helped.

The year is not over yet and I am looking for sunny skies and dry Sundays to finish out the season.

At our September and October meetings, we will be talking about supporting a family for Christmas. Please come with Ideas and suggestions for a family and our upcoming Chapter H Christmas party. Please remember the November meeting is a week early. Jim will keep



**Les Chapman**  
**Chapter-H**  
**Representative**

the Chapter H web site updated for rides and meeting times.

Please keep Leona in your prayers as she goes thru her cancer treatments and recovery. I will close with a little word of advice.

The heart is the happiest when it beats for others. Ride Safe.  
Les

*Chapter H members would like to express their sincere condolences to the Goins family and relations on the loss of Carol's father, Roger Haynes Sr. (1925-2010), who passed on September 19th.*



## FALL FESTIVAL:CONTINUED

Archibald).

The Baggo contest was also won by Logan Nesor and his teammate Paul (his dad). Is there a pattern here?

The horseshoe contest was won by Dick Scalpone and Chapter - H member Larry Greco. Dick and Larry had to play three games to win the title. We were getting a bit worried, as we did not have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on hand, but thankfully, it was not needed. :0)

After the games, the attendees participated in a silent auction, raffle and 50/50. The \$125 "to the winner" 50/50 was won by Chapter - H member Bruce Hirsch, who immediately had several new found "friends" after they found out he was flush with \$\$\$\$. :0)

The silent auction contained a wide range of offerings too numerous to list, but suffice to say that no items were left at the end of the day (some early Christmas shopping, perhaps?). The raffle also contained a great selection of items, but when the tickets were drawn, it seemed like the only names that we heard were those of Vinnie Lamontagna (son of Chapter - H members Jim and Kelly) and Chapter - H member Paulette Brenton. We may have to look into this.....

To close out the day, Chapter - H Representative Les Chapman thanked all those who attended the event as well as those who worked so hard to make the event successful. During Les' speech, Jeff Matticks and his family presented Les with certificate of appreciation to Chapter H for their support of the "Wheels for a Cure" Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation annual fundraiser.

AGWA-IL Chapter H would like to thank all that attended our 2010 Fall Festival. Thanks to you and all our contributors, we were able to raise over \$1400. This money will be used during the upcoming Christmas holiday season to help local charities and families in need. A list of the contributors to the 2010 Fall Festival can be viewed at our website:<http://www.christmasinjuly.org/>

Pictures from the 2010 Fall Festival can be viewed at:[http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/sharing/shareRedirectSwitchBoard.jsp?token=236936797309%A2025489606&sourceId=533754321803&cm\\_mmc=eMail--Share--Photos--Sharee](http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/sharing/shareRedirectSwitchBoard.jsp?token=236936797309%A2025489606&sourceId=533754321803&cm_mmc=eMail--Share--Photos--Sharee)

Ride Safe!

Sue and Mike Hanus

AGWA-IL Chapter H

P.S. from Chapter Representative Les:

I feel so bad that I forgot to thank Joel for his long day of work at the park. Thank you Joel, and the entire behind the scenes workers that I missed.

Last but not least, I lost in horseshoes to Dick Scalpone AGAIN. I have to hang my head for a whole year. Larry, I thought you were my friend. You were supposed to throw the game. I had a great day and I thank God for the good weather, the safe ride and the wonderful cooks. I am glad that Sue and Analea volunteered for this next year too. (HAHA!)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Luther Miller who is recovering following a serious motorcycle accident





## CHAPTER H FACTOR: DUNHAM CASTLE, WAYNE, IL

Okay, we've passed it numerous times as we head out west on Army Trail Rd, but what do you really know about the "Dunham Castle" located at Army Trail and Dunham Roads? The following excerpt was taken from the [www.stcharleslibrary.org](http://www.stcharleslibrary.org) web page.

This extravagant residence, built in 1883 by Mark Dunham (1842-1899), stands as a monument to the once great horse business that made the Dunham family rich and famous. Mark Dunham was the youngest child of Solomon Dunham. Solomon had moved to Chicago in 1835, and soon claimed land for himself in the St. Charles area. On his newly acquired land, for which he paid \$1.25 per acre, the elder Dunham built a log cabin. Later, this crude home would be replaced by a small brick building.

Upon the death of his father, Mark Dunham inherited Oaklawn Farm. Dunham had a great interest in horses, but especially a breed known as the Percherons. These large draft horses from France proved to be excellent in pulling farm equipment. Dunham began importing and breeding these horses; in fact, he was the first to do so. Not only did the horse breeding earn Dunham vast sums of money, it also brought the gratitude of both French and American people. The size of the farm expanded to 2,000 acres and the breeding business flourished until the early decades of the 20th century. Eventually, the invention of the power tractor and other farm machinery decreased the demand for such animals.

At the height of business, Dunham decided to build a new home. It was to be unlike any other in the area. The Dunhams based the idea for the design of their new home on that of French chateaux. With the assistance of Smith Hoag, an Elgin architect, the home became a reality. The building, of brick and stone, with different colored slate roofing, stood surrounded by woods, gardens, and a gently sloping lawn. The interior sported parquet floors, statues, tapestries, and copies of fine French artwork.

In its heyday, Dunham Castle played host to several famous people. During the 1893 Colombian Exposition, a train from Chicago to Wayne brought guests to see the Percheron horses. Those that made the trip included Cyrus McCormick, George Pullman, and the Duke of Veragua--a direct descendent of Christopher Columbus. In the early 20th century, the residence served as a retreat for such politicians as Adlai Stevenson and Everett Dirksen.

Following the death of Mark Dunham in 1899, his son, Wirth, inherited Dunham Castle. Upon Wirth's death in 1931, Dunham's Incorporated, a real estate firm, was established. The firm sold parcels of land for homes and estates to be built on. The Dunham Woods Riding Club took over the original brick home of Solomon Dunham in 1950. Meanwhile, the Castle fell under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. John Dole. In 1953, the home was converted into four spacious apartments. Fortunately, no alteration



## DUNHAM CASTLE:CONTINUED

to the interior structure compromised the original character of the house.

After changing owners several times following its transformation into apartments, the Griffins of Wayne bought the house in 1976. During their ownership, the Griffins looked into making the grand building into a museum, professional office, or a private dining club. None of these ideas came to fruition. In 1986, the home was again put up for sale. More than a year later, David Armbrust of Glen Ellyn bought the home for \$750,000. The Armbrust family planned to restore the building to its original purpose--a single family home.

One can not conclude a brief history of Dunham Castle without mentioning Jane Dunham. Much of the character of the residence would have been destroyed had it not been for the foresight and historical awareness of this lady. Miss Dunham grew up in the Castle and had great memories of sliding down the banister. When the home was being divided up into apartments, her insistence that the interior configuration be unchanged preserved the home's integrity. Miss Dunham also stored much of the family's furniture on the third floor of the residence. When the Armbrusts bought the home in 1987 Miss Dunham was delighted that her childhood home would again be inhabited by a single family.

During the decade prior to her death in 1995, Miss Dunham established the Dunham-Hunt Museum in downtown St. Charles. It is the existence of both this museum and the Dunham Castle that celebrates the grand history of the Dunham family and its great importance to the history of the area.

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**This one's a mind blower** *submitted by Mark Brenton*

### ALZHEIMERS' EYE TEST

Count every " F " in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RE  
SULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTI  
FIC STUDY COMBINED WITH  
THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...

Now tell someone that number before you read the sideways text

So how  
many did  
you find ?  
Well, there  
are six.  
Count them  
again and  
you'll be  
surprised!  
The brain c  
annot proc-  
ess "OF".  
Incredible or  
what? Go  
back and  
look again!!  
Anyone who  
counts all 6  
"F's" on the  
first go is  
a genius.  
Three is  
normal, four  
is quite rare.

**AGWA-IL Chapter H wishes to thank the following contributors to the 2010 Fall Festival:**

- Bob-Jo Cycle Sycamore, IL
- Boston Market-Geneva, IL
- CiCi's Pizza-Streamwood, IL
- Colonial Café-St Charles, IL
- County Donuts-Schaumburg, IL
- Courtesy Auto & Truck-Schaumburg, IL
- Des Plaines Honda-Des Plaines, IL
- DuPage Honda-West Chicago, IL
- Fitnes 19-South Elgin, IL
- Fuller's Car Wash-Geneva, IL
- Fox Valley Ford-North Aurora, IL
- Garabaldi's-Carpentersville, IL
- Golden Corral-Elgin, IL
- Indian Motorcycle-South Elgin, IL
- Jewel Foods-Streamwoon, IL
- L.A. Fitness-South Elgin, IL
- Mario Tricocci-Geneva, IL
- Meadowview Farms-Harvard, IL
- Merle Norman-Geneva, IL
- Mountain Motorcycle-Silverthorne, CO
- Old Country Buffet-Bloomington, IL
- Olive Garden-St Charles, IL
- Portillo's-Hanover Park, IL
- Reber Foley Automotive-St Charles, IL
- Rivco Products-Burlington, WI
- Sandpiper Restaurant-West Chicago, IL
- Schwarzkopf, Inc-Naperville, IL
- St Charles Nissan-St Charles, IL
- St Charles Toyota-Sty Charles, IL
- Sun Chemical-St Charles, IL
- Ultra Foods-Hanover Park, IL
- Walmart-Woodstock, IL
- Willie & Max-Manitowoc, WI
- Woodstock Harley-Davidson-Woodstock, IL
- X Sport-St Charles, IL
- Zimmerman Ford-St Charles, IL

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# This Month's Chapter "H"appenings



## OCTOBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ice Cream Ride 
3	4	5 Chapter D	6	7	8	9 Randy Barber 
10	11  Columbus Day-observed	12	13	14 Chapter G	15	16 Dinner Ride 
17 Chapter MC Holy Hill	18	19	20	21 Virginia Curtis 	22	23 
24	25	26	27	28 Chapter H	29	30
31 Happy Halloween 						

WE RIDE EACH & EVERY SUNDAY LEAVING AT 9AM FROM MCDONALD'S LOCATED AT COUNTY FARM/ARMY TRAIL ROADS IN CAROL STREAM 2 OR 4 WHEELS, ALL YEAR 'ROUND

FOR THE LATEST IN CHAPTER EVENTS, VISIT THE CHAPTER H RIDE & EVENTS SCHEDULE AT [WWW.CHRISTMASINJULY.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTMASINJULY.ORG)



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Mike & Sue Hanus  
Les Chapman  
Mark Brenton

Since 1983, the American Gold Wing Association has shared the common desire of fun, fellowship, and safety. AGWA is a family orientated, family membership social organization of Gold Wing owners and other brands of touring motorcycles who share the love for the open road and participating in exciting activities, recreation and educational programs, events, and fellowship. AGWA is an AMA chartered organization. All Directors and Officers are volunteers serving without financial compensation. All positions are obtained through a completely democratic process.



**The Next Meeting of the Membership will be  
7pm, Thursday **October 28, 2010** at  
The Nest Café 800 N. Route 59, Bartlett**



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