

"H"appenings



2011 CHICAGO PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW



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Special "H"appenings March



Birthdays



Anniversaries

Dave Glasgow	3rd
Vickie Barber	4th
Steve Roberson	14th
Susan Glasgow	25th

Bev & Les Chapman	16th
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Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM Denny's Rest., Carol Stream IL Thurs., Feb. 24, 2011



Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting called to order
2. In honor of our Veterans and those continuing to server, may we please recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Read and approve of the previous meeting's minute
4. Introduction of guests
5. Birthdays and Anniversaries
6. National Business:
 - ◆ AGWA President Owen Toomey is looking for articles for your WOTR
Send them to Owen:
AGWAPRES@charternet
 - ◆ Gold Classic XVIII announced:
June 20-23, 2011 State College, PA
Ramada Conference Center
814-238-3001
\$85.72 per night up to 4 guests
Book as early as 6/17 and mention AGWA
See your WOTR for additional information
7. State Business:
 - ◆ New State Director is Dave Densmore
8. Old Chapter Business:
 - ◆ Treasury Report
 - ◆ Breakfast Rides/Dinner Runs
9. Break 50/50 sales
10. New Chapter Business:
 - ◆ Suggestions for a Meeting location
 - ◆ Discuss newsletter
 - ◆ Ride Schedule
11. SPEAK UP!
12. 50/50 Drawing
13. Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting of the Memebership will be at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 31, 2011
at Denny's Restaurant, Carol Stream IL.

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2011

- Meeting called to order 7:10pm.
- 11 members and 0 guests in attendance.
- All did the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Birthday announcements.

National Business

- Owen Toomey is looking for articles.
- Gold Classic information.

State Business

- New State Director: Dave Densmore

Chapter - New Business

- Pine Grove Restaurant chosen for Sunday morning before cycle show.
- Thanks to all for helping at the Christmas party.
- Thanks to those who donated money or gifts for the vets.
- Discussed giving waitress Tracy a one time gift for serving us, \$25 vote passes.
- Russ Densmore recovering from second stroke.
- Discussed lunch ride versus breakfast ride.
 - + Destination suggested: Holy Hill
- Newsletter - large print appreciated. The newsletter should be kept to ten pages or need to use lighter weight paper to facilitate mailings. Can it be put on the website?
 - + Motion to mail a newsletter only by request, motion passed. Contact Virginia or Lewis to request newsletter. Discussion heated up.
- Meeting Closed at 8:30pm.

WING NOTES FROM YOUR CHAPTER REP.

By Lewis Hatt

Wow! What a month 20 inches of snow then 50 degree temperatures and now I am sitting here watching it down pour.

We also had an interesting monthly meeting in January where we had 11 people. There was a vote to give the waitress a \$25 late Christmas gift and the vote was 6 to 5, and yes, I say a heated vote. Then 2 weeks after our meeting we were told that the Nest Café will no longer be open for dinner. We needed a place in a hurry so Jim and I went out looking for something with a separate room and settled for Denny's Restaurant in Carol Stream.



Also, another vote was taken and it was not to mail out the monthly newsletter unless otherwise instructed, so if you cannot download it from the website or just don't like your computer let me or Virginia know so we can mail it out to you.

The bike show was this month and we had breakfast at Pine Grove Restaurant. I thought service was very good and the food was good but a little slow coming out of the kitchen but the conversation and company was very good so it didn't matter. A handful of people came to the show, Cary, Virginia, Jim and Dawn worked (Ride for Kids). Larry, Wayne, Mark, Paulette, Les and I attended the show. If you didn't go to the show I personally don't think it's worth the time or the money!!!

Ok just an update, the Daytona bike week is March 4-13 if you are looking for an escape. It's also time for all the leprechauns to come out of hiding as I am looking for a location in March, I'll post it on February 26th, keep an eye open.

Hope to see you soon on 2 wheels, until next month, bye, bye.





Chicago Progressive Motorcycle show highlights

By Larry Greco

One of the highlights of the show for me was at the Chicago Region BMW Owners Association display. A Honda smart trainer was on loan by the BMW Motorcycle Owners Association. It is very much like simulators that pilots use for training, but this one is for motorcycle training; the simulator had a seat and motorcycle controls including shifting, breaking, speedometer & etc. In front of the rider is a computer monitor that had the course that the instructor had selected for you to take. In the lower left corner and the lower right corners are 'picture in picture' that simulates your rear view mirrors. There is also a larger monitor facing the crowd so they can observe the course that you are riding. The instructor takes you to a training portion and then lets you begin riding the simulator.

My first mistake is I forgot to use turn signals during the whole ride. I enter the course and I came within 2.6 feet of being rear-ended. Comments are enter the roadway only after first checking both directions to see if it's safe to proceed. I received a grade of 'C' on this part.

Part 2, A car door of a stopped car opens. Simulator comments said I was able to safely deal with a situation in which someone in a stopped vehicle opened a door, if you are not comfortable in the space besides you and another vehicle, wait until oncoming traffic has passed by before acting. Grade 'A' Now I am getting cocky.

Exercise 3, a vehicle ahead suddenly brakes. I crash due to excessive braking. Remember to reduce your speed and apply brakes smoothly. Grade 'D'.

Exercise 4, A vehicle crosses between vehicles. I crash again due to excessive braking. Another grade of 'D'.

Chicago Progressive Motorcycle show highlights Cont.

Exercise 5, I am approaching a car coming in the opposite direction on a curve. The road is kind of open, so I decide to go through the gears. I safely negotiate the car on the curve and Simulator has a police radar trap and I get a fast driving award for going 38mph in a 25mph. I get a grade of 'B'.

Exercise 6, an oncoming vehicle goes straight when another vehicle is turning. Here I turned to the left and right at 23 mph. Comments are to always anticipate changing traffic conditions and ride cautiously when making turns at intersections. Grade 'B'.

Exercise 7, A taxi is making a 'U' turn. I was within 8.3 feet of a collision with a taxi trying to make a 'U' turn. Comments are to anticipate the actions of other drivers and do not restrict their path of travel.

Exercise 8, A Vehicle from a roadside facility turns. I come within 6.6 feet of colliding with a passenger car that suddenly darted out into the street. Comment is to always keep safety in mind. Don't overreact to aggressive behavior from other drivers.

Constantly monitor the changing traffic situation around you as you are riding. Grade 'C'.

Overall Review: Total score 'C'

You were involved in a crash situation with serious risk of severe or fatal injuries to you or a passenger. Talk to your rider coach about using this trainer to get more practice and complete additional courses. Are you overconfident of your riding skills? Speeding and sudden hard braking in an unanticipated situation is very dangerous. Think ahead, keep your speed within the posted limits and always maintain a margin of safety. If you have not already done so, take the MSF Basic Rider Course, then complete additional SMART training modules to get additional practice on hazard perception and responding. Reduce your speed through intersections; give yourself time to identify potential danger from pedestrians or traffic hidden behind other vehicles.

The 2011 Bike show and Breakfast

By Les Chapman

The day started with warmer weather and melting snow (Thank you Lord). Chapter H was joined by members of Chapter D for a breakfast at the Pine Grove restaurant in Rosemont Il. The members of chapter H were Larry Greco, Mark and Paulette Brenton, Cary Levin and Virginia Curtis, Les Chapman, Jim and Dawn Garner and Lewis Hatt. Wayne Aten and a friend from chapter D were also present.

Everyone was looking forward to this year's bike show. Jim, Dawn, Cary and Virginia were working the RFK's booth this year at Nielsen's.

I arrived at 1pm after working in the morning .I jumped on the bus ready to go when I remembered I left my ticket in my car. I jumped off the bus in time to run back to my car. I paid my \$5.00 for parking but no receipt and no ticket. The show was a lot of chrome and girls. The pictures will follow. I found the company who made my Tow-Pac wheels and talked for quite some time about my rear tire along with Bev's bike font end shaking. He gave me some ideas about what to do to correct the problem.

I missed the Thrill show but thought the show was a lot better this year.



March 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3  Dave Glasgow	4  Vickie Barber	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Steve Roberson	15	16  Bev & Les Chapman	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19  Dinner Run
20	21	22	23	24  Meeting	25  Susan Glasgow	26
27	28	29	30	31		



FOR THE LATEST IN CHAPTER EVENTS, VISIT THE CHAPTER H RIDE & EVENTS SCHEDULE AT WWW.CHRISTMASINJULY.ORG

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

REGISTRATION FORM

SMOKY MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP

September 16-17, 2011

RIDER #1 (Last name)_____ (First)_____

(RIDER #2)/(Passenger) (Last name)_____ (First)_____

(Circle One) (So we can get a bike count)

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

APPROX. TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR MEALS: _____
(\$14.00 per person)

(Cut on dotted line and mail upper portion for registration)

We will have only one tour this year, as usual. We will **not** have a led tour of US 129 ("The Dragon"- 318 curves in 11 miles). You may do this on your own. It is only about an hour's drive from the motel.

\$14.00 per person will cover the hot dogs & chili Friday and the (BBQ) Saturday.

Make checks payable to East Tennessee Wings

Mail registration (with money) to Jo Hitch, 4050 Lowes Ferry Rd, Louisville, TN 37777

LODGING: Valley View Lodge
7726 East Lamar Alexander Parkway
Townsend, TN 37882

Reservations: 1-800-292-4844 or local phone: (865) 448-2237

Mention: American Gold Wing Association

www.valleyviewlodge.com

Room Rate: \$70.00/night, plus tax

Make your own reservations. Rooms held until August 17, 2011.

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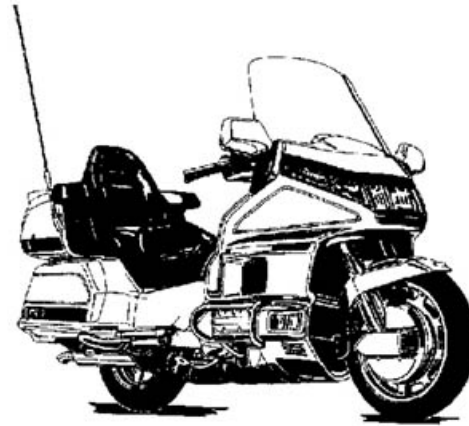
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