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President's Corner...

Greetings Top Cats

The next several months will be filled with many rides and events for us to enjoy. There is no doubt that we have a great schedule and great people to lead the rides. It is also nice to see the many new ride locations and routes that many of you are coming up with. Sometimes we think we have seen it all, ridden all the good roads, but there is much more exploring for us to do.

At this month's general meeting we will begin to see activity increase for the Ride for Dreams. No other club puts on an event as diverse and

first class as this one. In order for us to be successful we need everyone to pitch in a little. How do we define success for this event? There are several goals that we have. How we meet those goals will tell us how successful we were.

Goal 1: Have a safe and fun ride that people of all skill levels can enjoy.
Goal 2: Mix in the auto museum experience with our ride to make attendees get the most for their money, and want to return in future years.
Goal 3: Demonstrate to the motorcycle community that the Top Cats put on an event second

to none.

Goal 4: Get the majority of our members involved. Have at least 80% of our members attend the event.

Goal 5: Contribute to our community, as is customary in the motorcycle world, by raising funds for the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. We all are quite blessed to be able to participate in this sport. Let's make sure we help those in need.

There are several ways we accomplish these goals. Help us make the event special by volunteering. Help us obtain raffle prizes.

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THE BIKERS WHO MEAN BUSINESS

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President's Corner Continued...

Not some junk no one wants or can't sell, but good stuff.

Many of us know business owners. Lets get some flat screen TV's for example that can drive raffle sales or make the silent auction worthwhile.

When we ask you to sell tickets, do your best to sell or buy yourself the minimum of 10. Don't shrug it off, or pretend not to know we need you to do this. It's not that hard or that big a deal. Is this a requirement to be a Top Cat? Of course not! We are an organization of riders that focus on safe rides and a solid social environment. But in this day and age where so many people struggle, we can make a difference for others. Are there good reasons not to do this? Highly doubtful!

Remember to proudly fly your Top Cats flag on your bike. We are the areas premier motorcycle organization, let's demonstrate it.

Gary Brandt



General Meeting Minutes...

April 1, 2008

Gary Brandt, (President) called the meeting to order at 07:30PM.

The following guests were present and recognized. Robert who rides a Harley, Joe Fielder, the president of the Jersey pines Cruisers motorcycle club and Kathie Show (sp?). All were welcomed and encouraged to keep coming.

Gary announced that the ROAR is delayed but Brian Rainey (Web Site Committee Chair) cited some technical difficulty which will be resolved soon. Look for the posting on our website soon. Ongoing updates to the web site are being made. Soon we will be able to log on with our membership id's and password. Members only will be able to access current ROAR editions while all past issues will be accessible to anyone. More web site changes are coming.

Mike Bradbury, (Secretary) talked about the Ride for Dreams. The first couple of years he was a member, he did not get involved with our charity ride. One year it conflicted with something else and another year it was wet and cold. After helping lead a group in last year's ride, he got more involved with the club by becoming a road captain, running for office and becoming a board member. The Ride for Dreams taught him that the more involved he was, the more he got out of the club. He urged all to participate and get more involved with the Ride for Dreams.

Tom Nichols, (Ride for Dreams

Committee Chair) asks for all members to mark July 27th on their calendar for the Ride for Dreams. It will be a premier event with a great ride, lunch, silent auction and the Volo Auto Museum for everyone to enjoy. All benefits go to N.I.S.R.A. (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association). Event tickets will soon be ready for sale. Don Shaffer declared to all that he was ready to be dethroned as past leader of the most donations collected.

We need your support and assistance with the Ride for Dreams. Contact Tom Nichols and volunteer to help.

Greg Smith, (Director of Activities) presented future club activities. The Kick-Off ride will be the first ride of the season on April 13th. Check the web for the new start time. More rides coming in April. Larry's All Day Ride is on April 19th and the Sunrise Ride on the 27th. We have 18 total rides on the calendar 4 of which are overnight rides. The Hoosier Run ride is May 30th to June 1st. Little Sturgis is June 13th - 15th. All rooms are booked for the Little Sturgis ride at the Radisson in Davenport. It is recommended that you book hotel rooms now for any or all of the overnight rides. You can always cancel later.

The meeting was opened to a few words from Guests about other rides. Our first guest was Carol from the Chicagoland Ride for Kids. The Ride for Kids, on July 20th, raised \$400,000 in 2007 and has a new start location at Elgin College. It is a 60 mile ride with lunch and police escort. It bene-

fits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Walt presented information about the 4th Annual F.A.S.T. ride for August 17th. This is a 150 mile ride that benefits sufferers of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. They are raffling a 2008 Harley Super Glide

The Top Cats Ladies "Brunch at the Garage" is 10:00 am on April 20th at City Limits Harley Davidson in Palatine. It is \$15 fashion show with Top Cats and riders sporting all the latest Harley Davidson gear. See the web site or Sandra Vernon for more details.

Randy Braun announces that this is the time of year to look at your motorcycle insurance coverage. Check your liability limits. Some insurance coverage is now including full value for replacement of accessories and parts.

The Board meeting location has changed to Gino's East in Lake Zurich for the rest of the year. Our previous location, Mexico Lindo appears to be out of business.

Don Shaffer, spoke about inviting guests to our rides. Encourage your biker friends and others to be a guest on a Top Cat ride. Guests are encouraged to attend G.R.A.S.S. and to learn more about us. They may even want to go on to become members.

Ric Case announced that the next G.R.A.S.S. class is May 4th.

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It starts at 9:00 am and goes for 3 to 3-1/2 hours with continental brunch.

Tom Malia provided the safety tip. He was in slow traffic in downtown Barrington recently when an accident happened behind him. The same type of accident happened to a friend of his a few years ago. Someone had allowed a car to turn into his lane through a gap in a line of opposing traffic. The driver pulled out in front of Tom's friend giving him no visibility with the time to react. He slid underneath the car and long story short is okay today. Be careful by slowing, improving your sight lines and

being aware to avoid these situations.

Tom Malia then presented the first of a 2 part course on electronic navigational aides. The second session will be on global positioning systems. The presentation was on Mapping Software. They can be used to develop routes, test options, communicate with others and input to GPS systems. Tom demonstrated building a map on a projected laptop with Microsoft Streets and Maps software.

While pre-rides are always required for a Top Cat ride, map-

ping software can assist greatly. You can verify timing, note hazards, locations and explore interesting diversions. Rest/gas stops, destination review and route refinement can all be done on your computer. You also can produce copies of route overview and turn-by-turn instructions all on Maps and Streets.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20PM. The 50/50 raffle was won by a guest.

Submitted by Mike Bradbury

Larry's All Day Ride

By Gary Brandt

Once again our favorite Iron Butt has come through with another excellent ride. Larry Scalzitti took those few of us willing to brave the possibility of a few springtime raindrops on a fun day of adventure and fine dining. We left the Costco lot under some pretty dark clouds, prepared for the worst with full rain gear.

We arrived in Peoria for lunch never seeing a drop and quickly took it all off. Lunch was at an authentic German restaurant, and the bratwurst was some of the best. After lunch we headed Northwest up to Prophetstown and then up the Rock River to Rockford. Approximately 430 miles later we were all back home. At a pace that we all could enjoy the sites, and take advantage of a pretty nice day.



Motorcycle Momma

By Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty

I was doing work on some Top Cats images the other day when I ran across two of my favorite motorcycle photos from my personal archives. They were taken 31 years apart. Each brought back memories of my earlier days of motorcycling, but most of all they reminded me that I have always been fortunate to have one *cool* mom.

Picture #1: Flashback 37 years ago to St. Louis, Missouri. The year is 1971. That dapper dude is me at 18. The cute little number next to me is not my girlfriend. It is my mother. A little over a year prior to this picture, my father died suddenly, leaving my mom, not only to deal with her own grief, but with the added responsibility to raise three teenage sons and a daughter already in college. Being the good Irish Catholic she was, she immediately set her



sights on giving her kids the very best life she could. Maybe with a little bit (a lot?) of luck and some help from above, she would succeed in raising them to be productive, responsible adults.

The motorcycle in the picture is my first bike; a 1968, 350 cc., two-cycle, oil-injected, Kawasaki. I don't remember the model, but it sounded like a bag full of bees going down the street, and it left a trail of smoke that would make the Blue Angels proud. Mom was none too pleased when I came home with my pride and joy. Reluctantly she accepted my re-

solve to own my first set of wheels which gave me the personal freedom to get around, go to work, and attend classes in college on my own terms. It was a right of passage. (The fact that I had never ridden a motorcycle before and had to teach myself to ride added another dimension to my adventurous ownership, but that is a tale for another day).

Our 'portrait' was taken one summer evening approaching dinner time. Mom decided to treat the family to a rare indulgence... take-out from Steak & Shake. Back in those days there were only a few Steak & Shakes around and it was quite a thrill to cruise the local hamburger stand. Always looking for an opportunity to look cool, I offered to go retrieve our meal on my bike. I was sure there would be plenty of customers to gawk and drool with envy as I smoothly guided my iron steed into the parking lot. Always wanting to convince my mother I was a safe rider, and to exhibit self-confidence, I casually asked her, "Why don't you come along for the ride?" To my utter amazement she said, "Cool, let's go." Well, before you knew it, the helmets were on (Missouri Law and Mom's Law), my mom's tiny frame was firmly planted on the rear pillion with my Boy Scout knapsack on her back to carry home the burgers, and we were off in a cloud of blue smoke.

I'm not sure who was more nervous, me or Mom. I had ridden plenty on my own, but only a few times with a passenger. A lot was at stake besides dinner... my reputation as a good, safe, rider... but most of all not wanting to turn my brothers and sister into orphans.

We made it without incident to the restaurant. I'd like to say our entrance was glorious and graceful, but there was a bit of a line and it was start and stop. At that point I became most aware of my slow speed skills (or lack thereof) and uttered a few silent urgent requests to the powers above, "Please don't let me dump the bike with my Mom on it!"

Once in the lot, I managed to find a parking space near the front of the restaurant so the most customers possible could stare in envy at me, my Kawasaki, and, oh yeah, Mom. The helmets came off and the burgers were retrieved. As we were packing the burgers in the knapsack for the ride home, one of the patrons leaned out of their car and asked, "*Is she your Mom?!*" "Yeah" I answered, somewhat

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sheepishly. Then they gave me one of the greatest compliments I ever received, *"Cool, that's really cool!"* It's hard to say who was more proud, me or Mom.

Picture #2: Fast forward 31 years to Barrington, Illinois. The year is now 2002. All Mom's kids had long since finished college and went on to have successful careers and families. Mom had done her job. That year she turned 78. The family got together to celebrate in Chicago. One afternoon we gathered at my house for a BBQ. By then, I had graduated to my Harley Road King Classic. Still wanting to be 'cool', especially in the eyes of my young niece and nephew, I offered them (with prior parental approval) a ride. After much ceremony, and a few worried looks from the parents, I gave each of them their first motorcycle ride.

When the last ride was over, we were all standing on my driveway next to my Harley chatting. I glanced over at 'Grandma' as she was listening to her grandchildren describe their recent adventure. With a bit of nostalgia tugging at me, I walked over to her and said, "You know Mom, it's been a few years. Wanna go for a spin?" She got that twinkle in her eye again, broke into a telling grin, and quickly replied, "Cool man, let's go!"

While the fashion police would certainly agree she wasn't wearing the latest in motorcycle haute couture, to the family's delight, we found her a helmet (Mom's Law is still in effect), did a safety briefing, and she climbed aboard.

We started down my street slowly. *Very* slowly. My neighbor, who saw the whole event, later remarked, he didn't think a Harley could go that slow without falling over. I kept checking with Mom to see if she was okay and told her she could call it off at any time when she had enough. She said she was fine. So we headed out onto the main roads. I fully expected to take a 5 minute ride that she could talk about with her friends and family. Little was I to know.

As we headed down the road, I kept checking with her. She was enjoying herself and wanted to keep going. Finally, after about 30 minutes, I pulled over in a park to give us a chance to stretch our legs and

make sure Mom was still in 'having fun' mode. She was gung ho and wanted to carry on. She said she really liked leaning in the turns and riding on the curvy roads. Well, naturally, I had to oblige. She is Mom, after all! After a short break, we mounted up again and headed out in search of some twisties. What I originally expected to be a 5 minute tour around the neighborhood quickly turned into a leisurely cruise around the northern Illinois countryside.



We eventually made it back safe and sound. Soon my mother was exchanging 'tales of the road' with her grandchildren. For her it was an adventure. For me, our ride was a chance to take a grateful look back over my shoulder to a time when many things in my life were uncertain and at times seemed quite daunting. Through it all Mom was always there cheering me on.

A chance 'bonding' experience with my mother on a motorcycle gave me a lifelong memory. Who would have guessed that 31 years later I'd be able to share that special bond with her on the road once again.

Mom turns 84 this year and is still going strong.... she always has been, and still is, cool.

We have many mothers in the Top Cats. To you and everyone else's, I wish you --

Happy Mother's Day!

SAFETY...

Kaution Korner by Sandra Vernon



Sitting here on a rainy afternoon, looking for inspiration, I thought I would look back thru old ROAR issues. A couple of hours later and a great trip down memory lane.... did you know there has been a Caution Corner/Kaution Korner in the ROAR for over ten years? In the early issues, articles were written each month by Wayne Kirkpatrick and then Ric Case. The first "Road Captain/Group Riding Seminar" was held on July 31, 1999. This course later evolved into our G.R.A.S.S. class.

Most articles written for the Kaution Korner over the years have dealt with the motorcycle itself. How to "fine tune" this wonderful machine to our own personal specifications. They told us about engines that

roar, chrome that gleams, and above all, maintenance information that helps us keep our motorcycle in top performing order.

Now there is one more thing that needs to be "fine tuned" YOU!

After our long winter, we need to take stock of ourselves before we head out to the open road. Think about things that have occurred over the last months. Did you get new glasses? Did you have health issues that now require new medications? Do they affect your reaction time? Did you "break" something that is now healing but might affect your riding capabilities? We all like to think we are still 25, but reality sets in pretty quick when you climb on your bike for the

first ride of the season.

A little preparation can make that first ride much more enjoyable. Hands, there are small exercise balls you can purchase to use to strengthen your hands. Use them when you are sitting and relaxing, you will be surprised how easy that clutch and hand brake work on the next ride. Stretching is very important before, during and after your ride. There are many simple stretches you can do, begin today before riding season. Start at your head and shoulders then work down, arms, back, legs and ankles. Stretch slowly, don't jerk. Think about how you walk around your motorcycle before you ride, checking to make sure everything is in good order. Now, apply that to yourself. Ride Safe.....

Traditions by Gary Brandt

A couple of months ago we started our series on traditions with an explanation of our patch/flag colors. This month the series continues with another important tradition. One that is not very common, yet extremely valuable.

With the relatively short terms of office for our major officers it is not uncommon to see member's move around into various positions as they demonstrate their passion for our organi-

zation. One tradition that we have in the Top Cats is the non-elected position of Past President. This is a very important role. When a president leaves office, he or she takes with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. By remaining on the board during the term(s) of the next president, we insure the ability to keep that knowledge at the fingertips of a new board. One byproduct of this tradition is the continued passing down of; you guessed it, traditions.



Larry's Annual All Day Ride (Version 2008)

by Larry Scalzitti

The weather forecast for the day was bleak. There was one front pressing in from the west and another front coming down from the north. The local and national stations called for rain in the morning and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Yuck!

When I went out to get the paper, at 5:30 in the morning, it was raining in Lake Zurich and I was getting mentally prepared for an all day drenching. But what the heck, it would still be a day of riding! After all, anytime on two wheels is time well spent!

As I traveled from my house to the Lake Zurich Costco, I noticed that the rain had stopped, but the skies looked ominous. Not a good sign, but I was still expecting a decent crowd. We usually end up with 10 to 20 riders each year, some Top Cats, some from the Chicago Region BMW club and some of my friends from various motorcycle forums that I participate in.

This year the threat of a rainy day kept most of those folks away. Seems like every year we get a little rain on this ride. Part of that has to do with it being April and part of that has to do with the ride lasting about twelve hours. The constant is that there are always a bunch of folks that don't mind the weather and come out to get their first big day of the riding season in.

In year's past I've created a route that features one of my favorite Wisconsin roads, SR78. For me it's a terrific road, most of it features rustic scenery with a number of excellent sweepers and a

few stretches of exciting twisty roads. We've crafted rides that initially head west or north, using a number of different routes to get there and back. This year I wanted to head further south, so including SR78 was out of the question.

Tom Nichols volunteered to motivate me this year. He served as tail gunner for this year's ride and was along for the pre-ride earlier in the week. As many of you know, I operate two small businesses - a tax preparation and financial planning operation as well as my LRN2RYD motorcycle school. Mid April is a very hectic time for me, with the April 15th filing deadline and the start up of the motorcycle training season. I had thought about giving this ride a rest, but Tom convinced me to continue and that's when he offered his help. Tom was kind enough to say he'd enjoyed the previous all day rides and thought that this ride was an important part of the Top Cat season. If it were not for Tom spurring me on, I don't think I would have organized the ride this year.

The pre-ride was an epic tale. Tom and I met at the local McDonalds to work on the route. I had sketched out a number of options for the ride, but because of my work load this year I was unable to do the detailed planning like I usually do. This year's goal was to get down to SR100 that runs south of Peoria along the west side of the Illinois River. Last year for the first time I threw some interstate riding into the equation, allowing us to get to some nice segments of the Mississippi River Road. I intended to do the same for this year's event.

For the pre-ride we ended up going

as far south as Beardstown and then cut west until we crossed into Missouri. From there we followed the mighty Mississippi up to Burlington Iowa. It rained almost the entire time that we trekked upriver. To make matters worse it was getting dark and we were a long way from the finish line. Tom and I had explored a number of small roads and we had used a lot of time trying to find just the right mix. It didn't take us too long to realize that this route was going to be too long for Saturday's ride. We headed for the barn and at ride's end we had traveled over 700 miles in about 15 hours. That proved to be more ambitious than planned and a bit beyond the original constraints of this all day ride, so it was back to the drawing board. I decided to keep the first part of the ride the same but to modify the second half.

The final route used the interstate strategy to sprint south. We took 53-355-55 to Plainfield exiting at SR126. From there we rode SR71 to Starved Rock State Park. After that the route followed a few county roads that took us closer to the swollen banks of the Illinois River, before we returned to SR71 and then ran south on SR26. The riders crossed the river over the McClugage Bridge and we arrived in Peoria around noon. The crew had a wonderful meal at the famous Hofbrau House. It was a tough call with all of the great food on the menu, but I recall prime rib sandwiches and German sausage platters with generous sides of German potato salad. There was plenty of the locally prepared blend of spicy brown mustard and horseradish sauce that immediately cleared our sinuses and added just the right tang to the meal.

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The second half of the ride found us reversing our course and traveling up the other side of the Illinois River. We left the waterway in Bureau Junction taking SR26 into Princeton where we moved over to the Iowa Interstate – a two lane road labeled US6. Not sure why they call it the Iowa Interstate, but I'm sure there's a story there somewhere. We then turned north onto SR78, crossing over the Rock River in Prophetstown. The riders traveled along Moline Road before ending up on SR2 and running along the Rock River. I love this road because it's so close to the river and that complements the beautiful scenery along the way.

During the gas stop a few of us were recalling some of the earlier

all day rides. Gary Brandt has been on every one of these rides and Catalin Hategan (from the BMW club) has been on the last four. All of our memories had some rain in them. Gary remembered a ride a few years back where a good portion of the riders stopped after only a few miles when the rain started and decided they were getting too wet. Thirty minutes later the skies cleared up and we had perfect weather the rest of the day. Catalin remembered the ride three years ago when the rain seldom stopped and that a good portion of the 500 mile ride was in heavy rain. The weather Gods smiled on us this year. The clouds looked bad most of the day, but we were never rained on. In fact at every gas stop we were greeted with sunny skies

and we were able to bask in the sunlight and warm our wind chilled bones.

We turned back east outside of Rockford returning on US20 and SR176. John LaMonica was our fifth rider. As the ride wound down, one rider at a time peeled off and headed to the warmth of their own home. It turned out that John was the last man riding at day's end. We covered 430 miles and the ride lasted ten and a half hours. Not bad for an All Day Ride. Good roads, good friends, good eats and plenty of miles – it doesn't get any better than this! Hope to see more of you join us for the 2009 version of Larry's All Day Ride.



Board Meeting Minutes...

April 8, 2008

Attendees; Mike Bradbury, Gary Brandt, Bob Carmody, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Tom Malia, Eileen Perry, Chuck Prettyman, Greg Smith and guests, Dennis Dougherty and Tom Nichols.

The meeting started at 7:33pm at Gino's East in Lake Zurich.

A motion was passed and seconded to accept the March board meeting minutes.

Gary announced that Joe Fiedler, president of JerseyPines Cruisers, was thankful for being received and welcomed as a guest at the recent April general meeting. He wants to work more with area clubs such as the Top Cats. Gary extended an open invitation to Joe to have his members attend G.R.A.S.S. classes as well as possibly some ride sharing

The last general meeting was crisp, organized and went well. Congratulations to Tom Malia for the Navigation Aides presentation. Tom did a good job, the presentation was well received and a lot of positive response was generated.

The 2008 budget was discussed with details about final membership receipts. A consensus was met to email soon a request for form of repayment or donation to the club for a \$5 refund due for people who came to the Tommy Guns dinner in March.

We need to add a third authorized signee for Top Cats checks. Currently our president and treasurer are authorized. A motion was

passed and accepted to authorize the Secretary. An initial proposal to add the Vice President was not accepted due to distance and availability.

Tom Nichols gave the Board an update on developments and preparations for the Ride for Dreams. The ride will follow last years outline. The ride is about 1-1/2 hours and 60 miles long. We will have a cash raffle. Tom has gotten a sponsor to make a corporate donation that will cover the costs for the continental breakfast and lunch.

Tom urged the Board to start the process for a committee chair earlier next year. This would give more time to plan and help with the ride being more effective. The Board needs to search for and recruit a candidate now to chair next year's charity ride committee. A suggestion was made to search for a deputy or co-chair for this year's ride to assist in grooming a candidate for next year. Gary asked all board members to assist with one tasks to support the ride and Tom.

Gary was looking for board volunteers to talk about the ride in May and June's general meetings. Wayne volunteered for May and Bob in June. Something special will be developed for July's meeting.

The Ride for Dreams brochures, tickets and registration forms should all be available by May's general meeting. Registration forms will also be emailed to members. A registration cost was agreed to for \$25 per bike and

\$15 for extra rider. No Pre-ride registration discount will be offered. A \$20 discount per club member was approved. The discount was discussed as an early sign up incentive. An 11x17" size poster was okayed. Other sponsor's such as Allstate are being sought. Ideas and other donations were discussed such as raffle sponsors for flat screen TV's, or dealers giving a donation for bike maintenance. The Ride for Dreams is primarily a great event and should be promoted that way too.

The Posse meeting between local area club representatives was held on April 5th. Mike attend substituting for Gary. He reported that the meeting was very useful in co-coordinating our charity rides between local clubs to avoid interference and scheduling duplications. George Barrington, an American Motorcyclist Association representative attended. Also attending for the first time was JerseyPines Cruisers. Some discussion ensued on AMA sanctioning of events and whether any benefits exists for that. Mike also told of how he was approached at the meeting by a father whose son is in NISRA and was thanked for the club's donations and support.

Wayne is looking for a supplier for a die stamp for the leather recruiting patch. Mike, who is in Tool and Die will help and will contact Kelly's leather for assistance in supplying.

Greg spoke about future activi-

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ties. We discussed some of the logistics of a new ride on the calendar. Also discussed was the Trempealeau overnight ride. Wayne offered brochures about biker friendly lodgings in Hillsboro, Wisconsin.

Wayne is not leaving town as planned. His trip is cancelled and he back at work on awards with the committee. Wayne is seeking a source for teaching a lesson on C.P.R. The portion on performing mouth-to-mouth has changed and the club could use an update. He also suggests we consider informally arranging amongst ourselves a board

member presence at all club rides.

About 20 people have R.S.V.P.'d already for the Kickoff Ride.

Bob related a recent riding experience where a car pulled out from a blind spot and caused him to swerve. He attested that, from this experience, his reaction times are rusty and recommends all of us to consider this in starting the new riding season.

The Board was asked by Gary previously to submit new ideas for our club in 2008. A list of ideas was discussed and generated.

The secretary will submit this list for the board to consider and prioritize in the May meeting.

Bob is still looking for a list of past ROAR advertisers. Rates for advertisements need to be defined. Some inquiries exist for placing member generated classified ads on the web site. This is free to the members and should be somewhat motorcycle related.

The meeting was closed at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Bradbury.

Sturgis 2005



Wisdom from the Ole' Saddle Sage

**As told to
Chuck P'man**

"A good long ride
can clear your
mind, restore
your faith, and
use up
a lot of fuel."



**Bob Carmody's
Mother-In-Law on
the Harley he
bought for her a
couple years ago.**

Activities Calendar



Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Sunday, May 04, 2008	G.R.A.S.S. Class	Village Tavern and Grill	Buffalo Grove	8:30am	R. Case
Tuesday, May 06, 2008	General Meeting	Village Tavern & Grill	Buffalo Grove	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Tuesday, May 13, 2008	Board Meeting	Ginos East	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Saturday, May 17, 2008	Galena Ride	Carribou coffee rt.72 & Sutton	Galena	8:00am	T. Nichols
Sunday, May 18th 2008	Little Angels	Woodstock Harley Davidson	Woodstock	TBD	J. Lunde
Sunday, May 25, 2008	New Glarus Brewery Ride	Mcdonalds, RT12 and Rt120	New Glarus	8:30am	B. Rainey
Friday, May 30, 2008	Hoosier Run	Rt 14 & 176	Southern Indiana	8:30am	G. Brandt
Tuesday, June 03, 2008	General Meeting	Village Tavern & Grill	Buffalo Grove	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Saturday June 07, 2008	Rustic Road Motorcycle tour	Southeast Wisc	Wisconsin	TBD	M. Bradbury
Sunday, June 08, 2008	G.R.A.S.S. Class	Village Tavern and Grill	Buffalo Grove	8:30am	R. Case
Tuesday, June 10, 2008	Board Meeting	Ginos East	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Friday, June 13, 2008	Little Sturgis	McDonalds-rts 14/176	Davenport Iowa	9:00am	G. Brandt
Sunday, June 22, 2008	Milk Run	Watch Web Site for Details	TBD	TBD	E. Schertz
Tuesday, July 01, 2008	General Meeting	Village Tavern & Grill	Buffalo Grove	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Friday, July 04, 2008	Mississippi River Run	TBD	Trempealeau. WI	TBD	Multiple RC's
Tuesday, July 08, 2008	Board Meeting	Ginos East	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	G. Brandt
Sunday, July 13, 2008	Progressive Dinner	Top Cats Members Homes	TBD	TBD	TC Board
Sunday, July 27, 2008	Ride For Dreams	Volo Auto Museum	Volo, IL	8:00am	All members

