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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Carlton R. 'Top Cat' Marcyan



### Do You Have the Itch?

Just a little more than couple of months before riding season begins. Admit it; you suffer from the "got to ride" itch. What would cause this? But of course; we had our Awards Dinner (more about this later), the bike show at the Stephen's Convention Center has been held, and our first GRASS class of the year is ready to happen on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Top Cats get ready for a terrific riding year.

How do you get ready? It's easy; just follow the Top Cats – Illinois' "Getting in Shape" Plan:

1. Attend GRASS CLASS March 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Attend all the monthly membership meetings.
3. Maybe some physical exercise to get the blood flowing?
4. A trip to the eye doctor to check on your prescription.
5. Bring your bike in for a spring tune up.

There you go, just a handful of useful and important to do's before the season starts. Woops! Let me add one more. Think about a ride you

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### 1995 - 2010 15 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

By Gary Brandt

Last year the board of directors decided to investigate the official date that the Top Cats were formed. There was some disagreement and confusion. After reviewing documents from that time period it was determined that officially, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1995 was the correct date. Efforts to form the Top Cats had begun well before then; the original members had already ridden and

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### Upcoming Events

#### MARCH

- 2 General Meeting
- 7 G.R.A.S.S. Class
- 9 Board Meeting

#### APRIL

- 2 General Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting
- 18 Kick Off Ride

#### MAY

- 2 Grass Class
- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting



# **KAUTION KORNER**

## **I'm Ferfectly Pine...**

*By: John Lunde*

We at Top Cats believe in the freedom of choice. As adults we acknowledge the use of alcohol and prescriptive and/or over the counter drugs as legal in today's society but we still urge caution in their use.

Obviously, the levels for a DUI are known to all of us (.008 BAC), but do you know how much it takes to get there? When this topic was presented to me I recalled the general guidelines of 2 drinks/1<sup>st</sup> hour and 1 drink per hour after that. And do you know what? That is fine for a svelte metric rider like me but not for everyone. Example, with that formula a 200# male rider having 4 beers (drinks) in 3 hours would have a .028 BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) level. Not intoxicated but still exhibiting signs of mild euphoria, increased self-confidence and decreased inhibitions. Another male rider weighing in at only 140# and consuming the same amount in the same time frame would have a BAC of .065, though legal; still impaired. A female at the same 140# would be at .079 BAC and is right at the legal limit. Females have a different absorbance rate and therefore their alcohol BAC is typically about 25% higher.

The chart below references some typical scenarios. Please understand that a 12 oz Beer = 5 oz Wine= 1½ oz Hard liquor.

([www.Craigmedical.com/BAC\\_Calculator](http://www.Craigmedical.com/BAC_Calculator))

| # Drinks | 6   | 6    | 4    | 4    | 5    | 5    |
|----------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Weight   | 200 | 200  | 140  | 140  | 140  | 140  |
| Hours    | 4   | 4    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 6    |
| Gender   | M   | F    | M    | F    | M    | F    |
| BAC      | .07 | .092 | .056 | .075 | .055 | .079 |

When ingested, alcohol passes from the stomach into the small intestine, where it is rapidly absorbed into the blood and distributed throughout the body. Because it is distributed so quickly and thoroughly the alcohol can affect the central nervous system even in small concentrations. In low concentrations, alcohol reduces inhibitions. As blood alcohol concentration increases, a person's response to stimuli decreases markedly, speech becomes slurred, and he or she becomes unsteady and has trouble walking.

Now, this is not a class on how much you can get away with, but it's just to inform you how easy it is to get there. We are all adults here and we don't want to get into your personal choices...EXCEPT when it risks ours! As you can see, it doesn't take much to get intoxicated and these are only generalizations but still good guidelines. Many organizations have a zero-tolerance rule (you drink and you don't ride with us), though that rule is difficult to enforce, it's indicative of how organizations are trying to protect themselves both legally and more importantly, physically.

Prescriptive drugs: When used by themselves or when used with alcohol can often increase the effects of both. Understand the side effects before you operate any vehicle or mix with alcohol.



Fatigue: Though not discussed much, fatigue is just as deadly when you fall asleep or are no longer alert to other motorists on the roadway. Police departments can and will write a citation for impaired driving if your fatigue effects the operation of your vehicle. Citations for any of these and your insurance carrier will not be pleased.

If you don't care about yourself, then please care about your family members, your fellow Top Cats or that nice family that you are putting in harm's way just because you're too arrogant to heed caution or act responsibly.

We ask you to act and ride responsibly, not only when you're with the Top Cats, but at all times as well. If a member exhibits signs of altered behavior, their fellow Top Cats will assist them in securing their vehicle and arranging safe alternate transportation for them.





## **Keep the Fire Burning...**

By: Mary Walters

The 2010 Top Cats Banquet and Awards Presentation was a night to recognize the GREAT work of the Top Cats. And not just the work of the past year, but of all work done over the past fifteen years. It was a night to refresh and reinforce the Top Cat History and to take time to motivate members to construct a strong Top Cat future!

The evening began with greetings and conversation. About 35 Top Cat members and their guests were in attendance and the memorable moments at each table, the awards, and the great ambiance made the evening go by quickly. Vice President, Mike Bradbury is to be congratulated for the time and choices he made in putting the event together. The food was well received and the rustic, but tasteful atmosphere of the Millrose Restaurant was a perfect setting for a group of rustic but tasteful cyclists. Even Mike's self-admitted last-minute program was perfect and reflected Top Cat quality! Mike and the other Board Members are to be congratulated as well, for creating the award plaques and developing enlightening summaries of each award winner. The only thing that seemed to be missing was Andy Konsewicz's sense of humor...

The first recognitions were made by President Carl Marcyan. He thanked the entire group for making the Club one of the premier motorcycle groups in the area. He mentioned The Charity Ride Committee which was chaired by Joan DeRango and Eileen Perry last year and will be chaired again by Joan with Mike Bradbury for this year. (*Congrats, by the way to Eileen and John on their recent marriage!*) Carl also recognized Don Schaffer for his work with the Safety Committee. Their articles and the Grass Class, which is under the direction of Ric Case, are one of the pillars of Top Cats. Greg Smith was recognized for his role in keeping the club running – literally – with our monthly activities and Dennis Dougherty was recognized for his endless energy in developing the communications for the club! Under Dennis' direction, the ROAR and its staff, Mary Walters and Andy Konsewicz were thanked for their efforts. Muriel Brandt was also thanked for her ability to QUICKLY pass on Club news and updates! And last...but definitely not least, Carl recognized Eileen Perry, for her continued efforts to develop the membership of the Club. Wayne Kirkpatrick then gave an invocation asking for good roads, soft winds, and gentle rains (for others)!

A very good dinner was then followed by the Award presentations. The Awards Committee developed a great list of possible recipients for this event and they are as follows:

### **Senior Road Captain Awards**

- 5 Rides Carl Marcyan and Don Schaffer
- 6 Rides John Lunde
- 7 Rides Ric Case and Chuck Prettyman
- 8 Rides Dennis Dougherty
- 9 Rides Terry Kumro and Tom Malia
- 10 Rides Greg Smith
- 13 Rides Mike Bradbury and Gary Brandt
- 25 Rides Bard Board
- 35 Rides Wayne Kirkpatrick



### **Road Captain Awards**

- 1 Ride Joan DeRango, Pat Michaud, Joe Rominski, Eric Schertz
- 3 Rides Andy Konsewicz
- 6 Rides Stefan Levy and Tom Nichols
- 9 Rides Larry Scalzitti
- 11 Rides Sandy Vernon
- 19 Rides Mark Heller

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## Top Cat Annual Riding Awards

These awards represent the camaraderie of the club and were presented by the committee of Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Bard Board, and Mike Bradbury. Chris Marcyan was with them in spirit... all the way from Hawaii! The Most Dedicated Rider Award was given by two ladies who understand the significance of this award... Muriel Brandt, and Jane Smith.... Ask them about it!

### THE AWARD IS...

- Most often Late to the Ride:
- Most Accessorized Bike
- Loudest Pipes
- Cleanest Bike
- Quietest Bike
- Longest Ride
- Most Dedicated Passenger
- Safest Rider
- Most Scenic Ride
- Favorite Top Cat Ride

### AND THE WINNER IS...

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Andy Konsewicz  |  |
| Dennis Dougherty  |  |
| Carl Marcyan  |  |
| Gary Brandt (Thanks to Muriel?)                                   |  |
| Don Schaffer  |  |
| Larry Scalzitti with 12, 853 miles in one ride! Ask him about it! |  |
| Pat Ward, with 15, 836 miles logged...Ask her about it!           |  |
| Stewart Johnson   |  |
| Mike Bradbury, Fall Colors Ride                                   |  |
| Bard Board, Sturgis   |  |



## Top Cat Annual Recognition Awards

These awards recognize the work that has been done to bond the members and honor the Club. These awards have significance because the recipients are being recognized for their effort to solidify and uplift the Top Cat mission.



President, Carl Marcyan, honored Mary Walters with the **Volunteer of the Year Award**, for her work on the ROAR. Vice President, Mike Bradbury chose to honor Dennis Dougherty with the **Vice President's Award**, for the work that Dennis has done to improve communications through the Website and ROAR. His time commitment and effort over this year has been substantial as well as crucial to the quality of the Club's future. And the **Founder's Cup Award** went to Gary Brandt, for his continuous work on behalf of the Top Cat Community. This award is given in the name of Carl "Virgo" Bender, Top Cat's founder. It is given to the person who is consistently a focal point of the Top Cat community, and Gary is just that. He can be seen and heard (makes things happen) at any Top Cat activity! There are only three past recipients; Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bard Board, and Ric Case.

This ended the planned activities and the humorous presentations added to the fun of the evening! The fun, though, underscored **the years of commitment to and knowledge of each other and the club**. The MC's took this opportunity to celebrate and honor this commitment and knowledge! The Senior members have worked hard to develop and maintain something that we can all refer to as "the Top Cats Tradition"... and even with all of the transitions and new directions, it is hopefully one that Carl "Virgo" Bender would be glad to see! Thanks to Virgo and all of the Event Committee for these efforts and for making this a very inspiring night... With riding season coming up again, we will **all** have **many** opportunities to do our part to develop, continue, and build upon this Top Cats tradition!



## **Challenge Coins**

Challenge coins are now available for purchase. They will be available at the General Meetings for \$10. Keep them handy and when riding with the club this summer, pull yours out and 'challenge' everyone there to pull theirs out too... The one without their coin will be the buyer for the next round... But Remember: If everyone has their coin – YOU will be purchasing! Let the Challenges begin!



### **15 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE** (Continued from page 1)

spent time together. But the creation of the bylaws and official meetings determine the actual day. The 2009 Board approved this date as the Top Cats birthday.

In any case, we are turning 15 this year. Despite the ups and downs of the economy and the ever changing faces the Top Cats remain a strong and viable organization. You would be hard pressed to find any motorcycle organization that is as active in riding, driven toward safe cycling and committed to bettering the communities in which we live. The strength of the Top Cats comes from the volunteers, the members. Even in tough times we have had fellow members step up and help keep us moving ahead.

Efforts to retain an understanding of our history and the culture that evolved have been ongoing for some time. This year you will see an extra emphasis on the sharing of how we came to be, how our traditions began, and how we move forward. There remain plenty of members with a rich history to share.

During our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we held the first ever founders ride to celebrate not only the creation of the Top Cats, but to recognize Virgo Bender, our founder. Look for special activities to take place throughout 2010 including the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary ride to Sturgis. A committee consisting of Past Presidents will be looking for ideas and planning the activities.



## the World According to Andy

### Older Than Dirt

My niece asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed her. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. My mom cooked every day and when dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, my niece was laughing so hard I was afraid she was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell her the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told her about my childhood if I figured her system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis , set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

Television, of course, was black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 6AM

every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz :

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about

Ratings at the bottom.

1. Candy cigarettes
2. Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
4. Party lines on the telephone
5. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels [if you were fortunate])
7. Peashooters
8. Howdy Doody
9. 45 RPM records
10. Hi-fi's
11. Metal ice trays with lever
12. Blue flashbulb
13. Cork popguns
14. Studebakers
15. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older

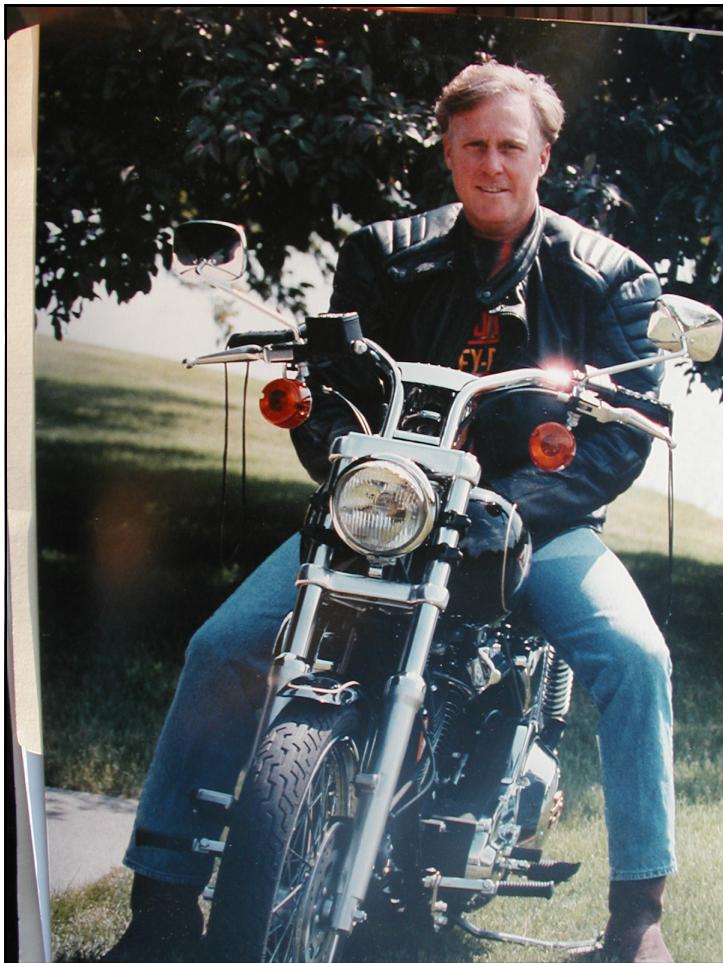
If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age,

If you remembered 11-15 = You're older than dirt!



## A Top Cat You Should KNOW!

### **Mark Sullivan**



Before BMX, FMX, and mountain bikes - there were sting ray bicycles, Rupp mini-bikes, go-karts, and 125CC dirt bikes. That is how I got my start and when the guys started to get street bikes, so did I. At the time, choices for big bikes were to get one of the triad of common British bikes (Norton, BSA, or Triumph) or if you had another grand a Harley or Indian (if you didn't mind hunting around for parts). Since I did not have much money my first street bike was back in 1973 - a 1967 BSA Lightning. I could still do my wheelies and drive down dirt trails (kind of) with it and had a blast. That bike met its end coming back from the beach one day when it threw a piston rod and the lower unit blew open. While I was selling the remains and parts to gather some cash for my next endeavor my younger brother got his first bike, a 1970 Sportster, so I had to matriculate.

I bought a blue '64 Panhead basket case in 1975 for \$400.00 and threw it back together for that season in its original swing arm frame, plunger seat and all. Over the winter I got a rigid frame, 80 inch jugs, some shovel heads, a wide glide front end with drag-bars, and a bunch of other stuff. It turned out to be a nice ride.

The Biker Name: I was a fairly successful baseball player and led the Pony league in home runs for two years in a row, which got me the nickname "slugger" around school, etc. It was some of the guys I went to Jr. and Sr. High School with, who also rode, that converted it to Sluggo after Mr. Bill debuted on SNL. Don't think it had anything to do with my disposition.

In the interest of preserving my current reputation, I won't go into any stories of trips, destinations, or the antics that went on but suffice it to say those first 3 to 5 years were not based on good judgment, restraint, and safety first type thinking.

I sold the Panhead to my roommate and since then, I have had a couple of Low Riders to get a ride in when I can. Really can't see myself not doing it.



## Reunions vs. Rest Stops ...

By Traveler

Our annual ride to the Sturgis Rally is typically so energy charged that our overnight stops are no more than short rest stops to catch our breath, grab a bite to eat, consume mass liquids, shower, get a little bit of sleep, check the oil, then hit the road and do it all over again. However, no one complains, we continue to do it and, by now, our hotels are usually anticipating our arrival with Top Cats Welcome signs, banners and marquees, reunions with hotel staff, and coolers of refreshments. After 15 years, the trek to Sturgis itself is like nothing any other club experiences.



This year is no different than the past 14 other years. Some hotel names have changed, marquees have gone digital, staff personnel have changed or aged but, the ambience is always the same... Welcome Top Cats. Good to see you again! It's more like family reunions than rest stops.



We will have two groups riding to Sturgis this year. Group One will depart Wednesday morning, 28 July, lead by Bard Board, taking three days to ride out. Group Two will depart Thursday morning, 29 July, lead by Gary Brandt, taking two days to ride out.

The dates, locations and contact data for **Group One** reservations this year are...

**Wed. Aug 4**, City Center Hotel (old Holiday Inn Downtown), Mankato, MN. Top Cats Special Rate: \$74.94. Phone: (507) 345-1234 / (877) 345-5577. Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms.

**Thurs Aug 5**, River Lodge (old Kelly Inn), Pierre, SD. \$59.00 single, \$65.00 dbl. Phone: (605) 224-4140 ask for Sonya. Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms.

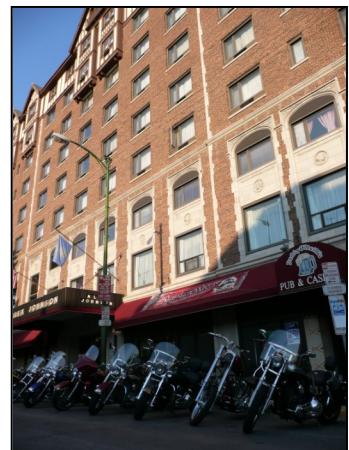
**Fri, Aug 6**, Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD. Price per contract. Phone: 800-888-ALEX (2539) ask for Jasmine Markis, if she is available talk to her directly. Must ask for the Top Cats' block of reservations, then they will send you an agreement to fill out and return.

The dates, locations and contact data for **Group Two** reservations this year are...

**Thurs Aug 5**, Holiday Inn Fairmont, MN. . \$109.99 / night. Phone: (507) 238-4771 Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms.

**Fri, Aug 6**, Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD. Price per contract. Phone: 800-888-ALEX (2539) ask for Jasmine Markis, if she is available talk to her directly. Must ask for the Top Cats' block of reservations, then they will send you an agreement to fill out and return.

Remember, we only have so many rooms blocked and you can cancel a reservation a whole lot easier than you can find a room when they are booked full if you wait. Make your reservations now.





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would like to do this year. Contact one of our senior road captains to help you plan it, map it and ride it. Guaranteed that you will get much satisfaction out of this, and you will add to other members' enjoyment of a new, fun and exciting ride.

### Great Time at the Awards' Dinner

On Valentine's Day Eve we had one terrific party at the Mil Rose Restaurant in South Barrington. Mike Bradbury played host and emcee of a simply wonderful evening of camaraderie, nostalgia, great food and much fun. Wayne Kirkpatrick "rolled out" and presented awards and pins, newly sanctioned by the club and presented certificates of achievement (serious, humorous and dubious) to lots of Top Cats. The Mil Rose gave us exclusive use of the Stockyards Room for the evening; two dedicated servers, very tasty food and a fully stocked bar. The Awards Dinner was a "do not miss" event. Thanks to the dinner and award committees for a really nice time, and thanks to you who attended. Next year make it a priority to attend.

Top Cats, the season is almost upon us!

Ride on,

Carl

**WANTED**



**Top Cats Historian**

The Top Cats Board is looking for a member to become official historian for the club.

Over the next year we want to create a written and oral history of our club that we can share with existing, new, and potential members.

The club turns 15 in 2010. Many of our legacy members have or will be moving on. We want to capture their and others' stories of our humble beginnings as well as favorite tales of the road.

If you have an interest in becoming Top Cats Historian or being a part of this activity please contact Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty at [wombat@dpdougherty.com](mailto:wombat@dpdougherty.com)

**HELP WANTED**

**WEBSITE EDITOR**

The Top Cats Board of Directors is looking for an enterprising and creative individual to assume responsibility for coordinating the content on our soon-to-be upgraded website. No 'technical' website experience is required.

The primary responsibility will be to work with the webmaster and various individuals who 'own' certain areas of the website to ensure our content is fresh and inviting as well as come up with ideas for additional content and enhancements to the site to bring more value to our members.

For more information contact any board member or Dennis P (Wombat) Dougherty at [wombat@dpdougherty.com](mailto:wombat@dpdougherty.com)



# **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

## **FEBRUARY 2ND, 2010**

**VILLA SOPHIA RESTAURANT - WAUCONDA**

**Submitted by Muriel Brandt**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Carl Marcyan, Top Cats President

### **Opening**

The membership was asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **President's Comments –Carl Marcyan**

Carl presented patches to the past (Greg Smith, Eileen Perry, Joan DeRango) and new (Muriel Brandt) board members who were present.

Carl gave a summary of the ABATE 2010 seminar he attended.

### **Sturgis Presentation-Gary Brandt and Wayne Kirkpatrick**

Gary gave a slide presentation for the 2010 Top Cats trip to Sturgis. The intent was to educate members on how the Top Cats organize and execute the trip. Included were many of the major attractions the Top Cats will be seeing while in the Black Hills

Information was given on the two different groups riding out to Sturgis. Group 1 will be leaving on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and group 2 leaving on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. Hotel and other information were also shared.

Wayne presented a detailed plan for an organized trip after Sturgis going south to Colorado Springs, touring through the Garden of the Gods, Cripple Creek, and Pikes Peak, along the Santa Fe Trail toward home.

### **Treasurer's Report-Tom Nichols**

Carl report that Tom is providing information on account balances.

Sixty Top Cats have renewed their membership and we are still looking for quality people to join Top Cats.

### **ROAR -Website- Dennis Dougherty, Andy Konsewicz and Mary Walters**

Carl thanked Andy for getting the Roar finished on time and commented on this past issue being very good. Carl also said Dennis reported that he has found an appropriate person with the correct software knowledge to upgrade the website. It will be discussed more at the Board meeting.

### **Secretary's Report-Muriel Brandt**

No report this month.

### **Safety/GRASS/Road Captains-Wayne Kirkpatrick/Don Schaffer/Ric Case/Gary Brandt**

Ric Case reminded everyone of the March 7<sup>th</sup> G.R.A.S.S. class that will be held at the Keller Williams office building in Palatine. Instructors were listed.

Gary reminded all Top Cats road captains that they need to attend a GRASS class each year and that this would be the perfect one to attend since it is before the riding season.

Wayne demonstrated a portable, breathalyzer device that you could keep in your tour packs. There may be times when you want to test someone you are riding with, who you suspect might have had too much to drink.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

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### Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

The Top Cats will be meeting for breakfast and attending the motorcycle show. Watch for details on the website, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

Greg talked about the Bocce Ball event with Rolling Thunder on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Greg also mentioned our Kick off Ride will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne Kirkpatrick spoke about the men's health awareness booth at Cabellas on March 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> in Hoffman Estates.

Wayne asked if anyone would be interested in riding to the wall in Washington D.C. with Rolling Thunder leaving on May 27 for Memorial Day weekend.

### Membership-Stewart Johnson/Eileen Perry

Eileen asked for everyone to get their dues paid if they haven't done so and also let her know if they haven't received their membership card.

### Charity Ride-Mike Bradbury/Joan DeRango

Mike Bradbury asked membership to bring a buddy to the Charity Ride. Mike thanked Tom Malia for putting together the route for the day of the ride. Mike also said the Charity Committee decided on raffling a scooter again this year. Carl Marcyan added that a few state troopers volunteered to be at the event.

Joan asked for members to blast an email to try and sell raffle tickets.

### Vice President's Report-Mike Bradbury

Mike spoke briefly about the upcoming Top Cats banquet.

Mike said he had order forms available to

order Top Cat merchandise.

Wayne Kirkpatrick thanked everyone who donated to Nick Bender.

Wayne also mentioned the Rolling Thunder meat raffle on Feb. 19 for anyone who would like to attend.

### 50/50 Raffle Sgt at Arms-Chris Marcyan

No 50/50 raffle was held.

Meeting adjourned by Carl Marcyan at 8:58pm



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES****FEBRUARY 9TH, 2010****D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH****Submitted by Muriel Brandt**

**Present:** Carl Marcyan, Gary Brandt, Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Dennis Dougherty, Muriel Brandt, and Stewart Johnson

**Absent:** Tom Nichols & Larry Scalzitti

**Guests:** Tony and Terri Loden

**President-Carl Marcyan** called meeting to order at 7:32pm

Carl continues to look into copyright protection for our club name and logo. Cost would be around \$2,500 to \$3,000. Carl will provide a breakdown of cost at next Board Meeting.

**Vice President-Mike Bradbury**

Mike gave the Awards Dinner update reporting that everything was ready.

Mike asked if Carl would allow time on the agenda every month at the General Meeting for discussion of the Charity Event. The Charity committee decided on a scooter to raffle for the grand prize. A weekend getaway and I pods are also being considered for prizes. The goal is to raise \$10,000 for N.I.S.R.A. Mike also discussed trying to get the motorcycle community involved in our event by going to their club meetings and speaking or attending (as a group) their club functions.

Wayne suggested making flyers for the Charity Ride and passing them out at the International Motorcycle Show.

**Treasurer- Tom Nichols (absent)**

Carl asked Stewart to work with Tom on the financial report.

**Membership- Stewart Johnson**

Board approved Edward Sotor as a new regular member.

Gary Brandt reported there are 62 active members for 2010 as of today. There remain several who have not responded yet.

**Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty**

Dennis passed out information regarding the new development of the website. The developer is Greg Chambers who has 20 years experience in graphic, web and media design. He is the BMW's webmaster. Program environment will be Joomla CMS (content management systems). Phase 1 will have a more professional look and feel with emphasis on:

- Club Communication
- Event Calendar
- Photo Gallery
- Roar

Members only area

Phase 1 will be available by riding season. Cost for Phase 1 will be approximately \$2,500.

**Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick**

Wayne announced the upcoming G.R.A.S.S. class on March 7<sup>th</sup>. He expects a large turnout as several other clubs are sending people.

Wayne updated the Board on the Awards dinner. Thirty awards will be passed out. Gary Brandt and Don Schaffer will present the Road Captain stars. The Top Cat coins will be available for pur-

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chase at the Awards dinner. Wayne is looking into buying some key rings to attach to the coins. Wayne proposed that only the President will give coins to people to be recognized as doing something special.

Wayne also talked about the upcoming Men's Health awareness event at Cabellas in Hoffman Estates on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 200 free PSA tests will be given.

Dennis Dougherty asked for help manning the tables.

### Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary is forming a special committee of past Top Cat Presidents to decide how to celebrate this years Top Cats 15 year anniversary.

### Activities-Larry Scalzitti

Larry was absent. No report given..

Mike Bradbury suggested having the Road Captains designate a person on the ride to take pictures for Roar.

### Secretary- Muriel Brandt

Muriel asked for General Meeting minute approval.

### Old business/New Business

The Board discussed different locations for our General Meeting location. It was determined that we will remain where we are until later in the year so improvements can be looked at.

Dennis asked for someone to take over the photography aspect of the club, collecting photos and categorizing them by year.

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| Date                  | Ride/Event       | Location        | Destination     | Time   | Leader        |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| Tuesday, February 02  | General Meeting  | Villa Sofia     | Wauconda        | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Tuesday, February 09  | Board Meeting    | D & J Bistro    | Lake Zurich     | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Saturday, February 13 | Annual Banquet   | Milrose         | S. Barrington   | 6:00pm | Mike Bradbury |
| Saturday, February 20 | Motorcycle Show  | TBD             | Rolling Meadows | 7:30am | Greg Smith    |
| Tuesday, March 02     | General Meeting  | Villa Sofia     | Wauconda        | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Sunday, March 07      | G.R.A.S.S. Class | Keller Williams | Palatine        | 8:30am | Ric Case      |
| Tuesday, March 09     | Board Meeting    | D & J Bistro    | Lake Zurich     | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Tuesday, April 06     | General Meeting  | Villa Sofia     | Wauconda        | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Tuesday, April 13     | Board Meeting    | D & J Bistro    | Lake Zurich     | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Sunday, April 18      | Kick Off Ride    | TBD             | TBD             | TBD    | TBD           |
| Sunday, May 02        | G.R.A.S.S. Class | Keller Williams | Palatine        | 8:30am | Ric Case      |
| Tuesday, May 04       | General Meeting  | Villa Sofia     | Wauconda        | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |
| Tuesday, May 11       | Board Meeting    | D & J Bistro    | Lake Zurich     | 7:30pm | Carl Marcyan  |

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