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By Carlton R. 'Top Cat' Marcyan



POST STURGIS WITHDRAWAL

Another year at the Sturgis Rally! This was my 7th consecutive and each one gets better. As best put by one of our newer members, Larry Johnson, the trip to Sturgis is a fully organized, planned and led ride to the United States' oldest motorcycle rally, for

only the cost of accommodation and food. Touring to Sturgis with a professional tour group would undoubtedly cost quite a few dollars. The annual trip to the Rally has become a signature event of Topcats-Illinois. Clubs throughout Chicagoland are mightily aware we have been attending this event for the past 15 years and *actually ride our bikes not trailer them there.*

What made this years' ride more interesting yet was the "after-ride" to Pike's Peak and home via the Santa Fe Trail. Riding up the Peak was a thrill only to be outdone by riding back down! The hour or so we were on the summit, 14,144 feet high, was cloudless; we could see for hundreds and hundreds of miles in each direction. The inscribed legend on the peak said that each inch on the horizon was the equivalent of 35 miles; unbelievable.

Returning, we rode through New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and finally Illinois. How are pioneer ancestors were able to make this trek going west on the Santa Fe trail is a compliment to their

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 7 General Meeting
- 14 Board Meeting
- 19 Ride For Cheese
- 21 Frank N Fries

OCTOBER

- 5 General Meeting
- 12 Board Meeting
- 24 Grass Class



The September meeting will be held at a new location at the following.....

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FALSE INDICATORS

By Ric "Clutch" Case

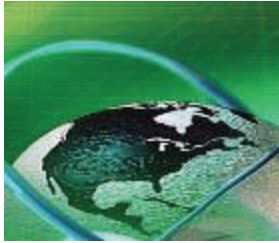
What is a false Indicator? I was riding down a four (4) lane "strip mall" Highway with a center turning lane, trying to be as safe as possible. So I put on my left turn signal, used a left turn hand signal, and moved into the center turn lane about five (5) or six (6) driveways ahead of where I wanted to turn. A car pulled into the center lane and headed right for me. The car, I discovered, expected me to make my approach and turn much sooner than I was preparing to make the turn. False Indicator. Solution: Don't be too quick in this case into the center lane. I should have waited until I was very close or directly in front of the driveway I wanted to enter, making sure there are no other driveways in between where you are and where you want to turn.

I was riding in the left track of the left lane (usually my favorite place to be seen), and I wanted to turn right turn into a residential side street. So I put my turn signal on and held my hand signal as I was making my track and lane changes to get into position to make the right turn onto the side street. The car behind me thought I was just still switching lanes and tracks. As I was about to make my right turn, the car came up on my tail very quickly, not realizing I was about to make a right turn into the side street. Another False Indicator. Solution: Turn your turn signal on and then off as you make each maneuver and separate your hand signals so that there is no mistaking your intentions.

The point is - think about how the other people around you are interpreting your intentions. Take a moment to put yourself in their place and ask , "what would I think of my intentions. How are they perceiving what I am about to do?"

How does all this relate or apply to group riding? Road Captains must execute their signals in a timely manner. As part of a group ride you must think of how the folks around you would evaluate your intentions before you execute them. This is especially important to the other bikers around or near you during your group ride. It pays big dividends for all the people around you when you think before you signal and move. Ask yourself, "how will they read my intentions?" and do this with each and every move. And you just might earn their respect.





Tech Talk

Technology That Can Impact Your Life

ATM SKIMMER SCAM FROM THE CLARK HOWARD WEBSITE

Jul 27, 2010 -- ATM skimmer scam back with increased sophistication

The ATM skimmer scam is making a comeback with some new technology being employed by criminals.

In years past, skimmer scams involved criminals attaching a rudimentary plexiglass device over the space where you put your card. That device contained a reader designed to capture your account info off the magnetic strip on the back of your card. The crooks would also use video cameras or binoculars to record the secret code you punched in.

Once they had both pieces of information, they could duplicate a blank ATM card and start emptying your account.

But the crime has now grown more sophisticated. A WUSA-TV reporter ran down a story explaining how criminals can now remotely harvest *both* your secret code and magnetic strip info from anywhere in the world.

Among the new developments are wireless readers and the use of a clear plastic overlay atop of the PIN pad. With those in place, they never have to return to ATM and put themselves at risk of being caught.

Clark has been extreme about ATM safety for years now. **He always feels the slot to see if a skimmer may be there before inserting his**

card. In general, any slot with too much wiggle action is suspect.

Thankfully, Clark has never found an ATM that seemed to have a skimmer and has experienced no security breaches.

The last time he tried checking for a skimmer, though, a store employee stopped him. The man thought Clark was vandalizing the machine! The consumer champ simply explained what he was doing and why he was doing it and was then allowed to proceed!

This is a one-second process you can use to safeguard yourself. If you suspect a skimmer may be in place, report it to the bank and don't use that machine.

The good news is that if someone *does* loot your account, you're *not* on hook for the money under the law. But getting the money back can be a lengthy process and you'll be bouncing checks all over town in the meantime.



2011 ELECTION PROCESS

By Gary Brandt

Greetings Top Cats, It's that time of year again where we start the process of identifying candidates for next year's board of directors. The election committee is made up of active past presidents and will have the responsibility of putting together a slate of qualified candidates.

This year the open nomination process will take place between September 7th and September 14th. Any regular member can be nominated for any open office as long as they have one year of membership and have agreed to be nominated. The committee will also be looking for potential candidates. All officer positions and 1 director position are open.

The slate will be presented to the board at the October board meeting. Candidates will be introduced at the November general meeting and the elections held at the December general meeting.

There will also be many key committee leadership openings. This is a great way for newer members to become involved and get more familiar with how the club operates. It's a great way to prepare you for future board positions.

There are several key points regarding this year's process:

- There will not be any write in or proxy votes.
- You must be present at the December meeting to participate in the process.
- Only regular members can vote.
- Voice voting will be used when there are no opposing candidates.
- A written ballot will otherwise be used.



Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and is not that difficult. The future of the Top Cats is dependent on having volunteers willing to step up and use their talents for the benefit of others.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the job descriptions for the office you are interested in, please contact me directly.





FASTER HORSES, YOUNGER WOMEN, OLDER WHISKEY AND... MORE MONEY!

By Chuck Prettyman

That was the message on the backside of a 31 year old International truck, the only remaining and one of a very few ever made with a Caterpillar engine at the factory. The engine has 1,300,000 miles, yes one million three hundred thousand and is owned by Ron Naber in East



Troy, Wisconsin.

We met Ron while he was putting the finishing touches on his First Place winning truck. It was parked next to his other First Place black semi that was entered in another class; it had only 1,150,000 miles. Both trucks are retired and taken out only for truck shows with both garnering first place in shows since (at least) 1996.

So, you ask, what does this have to do with motorcycles? After following Mike Bradbury on the first leg of his Sate Fair Ride, Maureen & I split off to explore the alpha and double alpha (i.e. N & NN) roads in nearby Wisconsin. We saw Ron and a partner polishing the extensive chrome bumpers on two magnificent beasts. They had just returned from Waupun, Wisconsin where 500+ custom trucks were entered in a Custom Rigs competition be judged for their originality, condition, beauty, and power.

to the area by several hundred motorcycles. Let's see, more chrome, custom paint jobs and flashy accessories; sport bikes were probably nowhere to be seen.

The second weekend in August each year truckers and bikers congregate for the annual show. Meeting Ron was a high point in the day. He was gracious, helpful, and spent time away from his final clean-up before putting the trucks away until next season's show to give us a tour and inside look at his operation. He still drives full time and shows his trucks as a family activity including wife sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

We also stopped at the Elegant Farmer, Electric Railroad, visited a custom auto builder, Adrains for ice cream and a stop at Broken Oar for the tunes and refreshments. Did I fail to mention the black custom truck had Live to Ride painted on



the backside with great artwork and Willy G was there when it was being painted.

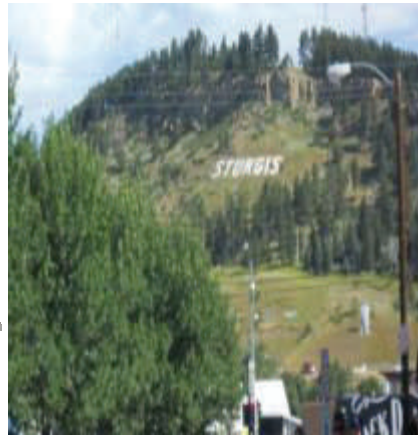
The proceeds from the show are donated to "Make-A-Wish Foundation".

\$10 per bike donation includes the ride, the show, and live entertainment. Camping on site is \$25 a night. Topcats are invited to join them next year. It's worth it to meet Ron Naber.



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the World According to Andy

Here are some new slang words so that all Topcats may appear to be “with it”.

Yahtzee to Nazi

When a person goes from jovial and friendly to furious and belligerent at the flip of a switch.

Bragplaining

When you complain about something for the sole purpose of brining it up in conversation to brag about it.

Mental Masturbation

Intellectual activity that serves no practical purpose.

Meeting Affective Disorder

A form of boredom that occurs in relation to mandatory meetings, most commonly those centered around a presentation. Symptoms include difficulty in staying awake, and delirious hallucinations more commonly referred to as daydreams.

TV Face

A condition in which a person's face becomes too relaxed from starting the same thing too long (watching TV). Symptoms are: open mouth, dropped jaw, eyes glazed over and occasional drooling.

A Crapella

Singing out loud while listening to music with your headphones on. Whereas the singer gets the benefit of the music, those unfortunate to be standing nearby are subjected to an unaccompanied (and invariably crappy) rendition of the song.

Fake Bakery

A tanning salon

Tab o' War

The fight over the check at the dinner table over who will pay.

Peegret

The regret you experience when you leave the bar hastily at the end of the night without relieving yourself.

Social Fruitfly

Like a social butterfly, without any charm or beauty. An unwanted pest.

Inflight Refueler

A man in a pub that takes his beer with him when he goes to the gents and drinks it while having a pee.

Double-Chipping

When a house guest reaches into a bag of chips and eats some. Then licks all over their hands, then reaches into the bag and eats some more chips, Double-Chipping.

Wallet Threat

Is the reluctant act of pulling one's wallet out as a sign of willingness to pay for a meal you assumed was a treat.

Store d'Oeuvres

Snacks and food samples that a grocery store will serve at various locations in order to tempt the patrons into buying something they weren't planning on (pizza, chips and dip, sausage, etc.). Usually happens on the weekend.

Aluminum Digger

A younger version of a gold digger.

Brodak Moment

The perfect time for a picture with only the guys

Child Supervision

When an older person, especially a parent, needs a tech-savvy kid to help him/her with computers or other electronic devices.

Sea Kittens

An attempt by PETA to convince the general public to call fish by a name too cute to eat.

A Top Cat You Should Know... Coming to America

By Andy Hay

Who would have thought I would end up in the Chicago Suburbs? Not me that's for certain. I grew up in a small town outside of Liverpool in the Northwest of England. I had no idea where America was, never mind what it was like.

Even as a kid, motorbikes were part of my life. My first memory of transportation was a Watsonian Double Adult Sidecar with my mum and our dog, attached, probably not that well, to a 1950's Ariel Square Four.



If only we had kept it, it would be worth a small fortune now, but no, in 1964 it gave way to one of Sir Alec Issigonis finest designs, a shiny new 850cc Austin Mini.



As a young teenager the outdoor life beckoned. We were fortunate enough to live near the only mountains in England and climbing, canoeing and hiking became my passion. I joined scouts to pursue these pastimes and actually, through scouting met my wife in 75. (Long story). During this time we all rode motorbikes. On the farm fields on an old BSA Bantam, and then at 16 a range of mopeds from Suzuki's to Italian jobs like Bennelli's and even Vespa's. At 17, I took my motorbike test on a Honda C90 Passport, which, by

a strange loophole in the law, entitled you to go out immediately and by a 1000cc superbike – I never did figure that out, and quite how we all survived, I don't know.

Then came college and careers, and I found myself working in a local hospital in the Pathology Lab, as a Junior Technician earning the princely sum of 1900 pounds a year. Fantastic, I was so well off I ran out and bought a 250cc Honda and a Land Rover.

We were definitely living the high life.....



Over the years a core group of friends and myself tried our hands at a number of different forms of motorbike racing, from scrambling to road racing, with brief forays into trials but it was the sport of enduro racing that appealed to us the most, and indeed it stuck with us for many years. We competed at a number of levels up to National Championship and although I was never very good, it was great fun. Typical races would be anywhere from 80 to 200 miles and often over several days and the usual bikes were Honda XR200, Suzuki RM250's and the incredible Kawasaki KDX200 (The world's most bullet-proof bike.)



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We did venture out and try exotics like Montessa's, Ossa's and Bultaco's.



I even tried a MotoGori with a 400 Rotax two stroke single engine for a while (Bonus points for anyone who ever heard of that beast), it was a total animal and only got about 30 miles to a tank full of gas which was a serious problem when the checkpoints were 40 miles apart.....



Then came houses and quickly kids and the bikes got a bit older as it was all we could afford. About the same time, in the mid eighties, I left the steady secure job I had in the hospital. I had graduated by then and become a lab manager but frankly I was bored. The big money and company car beckoned and I became a sales rep for a lab equipment company. Well, to the amazement of my wife, friends, family and even myself, it turned out that this suited me well and indeed I could make some serious money and still have time to ride. What a blast. Shortly after that, work sent me to an international conference, my first long haul flight through San Francisco to Reno and then by shuttle to Lake Tahoe. What a paradise, fabulous hotel, casino, skiing, cheap booze and mountains. I decided there and then that I liked America and maybe one day would move here. By the way, my next trip was to Orlando, that burst the bubble.....

In the early 90's I was also introduced to the sport of off road sidecar competition and teamed

up with an old expert called Jack, who had formerly been European Champion on a Goldie and wanted to get back into competition. We started a season in British Championship endures, with a factory sponsored Kawasaki WASP outfit, a mean flying machine and we had some great results.



Unfortunately we also had some big accidents and after breaking my ankle, collar bone, ribs and jaw in the first season we decided to try something tamer. We turned our hand to the gentleman's sport of Pre 65 sidecar trials and did pretty well. Starting on a 500 Triumph twin, we tried our hand with a lightweight DOT outfit (Anyone know what DOT stood for? Devoid Of Trouble, what a load of rubbish, we couldn't finish a race) and eventually found a 1966 BSA Victor 441 and had two good seasons on that, with Jack applying his considerable experience as the driver and myself as the "Monkey".



Unfortunately Jack was killed in a vehicle accident at work and after a period of not knowing what to do, I persuaded one of my childhood

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friends, who was always a much better rider than I was, to try his hand as the driver with me trying to teach him from the sidecar. It made for an interesting first year but we got steadily better and finished our career in 1999 with a second place in the British Championship, not too shabby.

Over the years I got to make many trips both with work and for pleasure and then in 1999 my company asked if I was interested in maybe moving over to the US to help set up the company and after a family conference, we decided to pack up and move. The wife, myself and our two young sons watched as all of our worldly goods get loaded into a 40 foot container and literally sailed away. Well not quite all of our goods, it turns out US customs don't take kindly to people putting motorbikes in containers with their clothes and furniture and at the last minute I had to sell my beloved Honda V4 400 crotch rocket and my KDX200. I could not bear to be parted with my half share in the BSA Victor outfit, so that stayed in my friend's garage and to this day it is still under a tarp awaiting our return.

Ten years in the US has flown by. We started in Indiana, and then in 03 moved up to Barrington. We put down roots, with my eldest graduating from Barrington High and now at U of I and the youngest following in his footsteps to High School this year. My motor biking took second place to working but I still found time to buy another Victor, a couple of Japanese bikes and even recently a good old Honda



Passport (I quickly realized that the memory was much better than the reality and sold that again.)



During this time we navigated the complex maze of the US Immigration system first with Visa's then green cards and just last month becoming US Citizens. What's that I hear- there goes the neighborhood..... We were fortunate enough to have a lawyer help us through the process and it was still complex enough, and made more so post 9-11. My hat comes off to anyone who manages to get through that process on their own.

So here we are, full blown card carrying US citizens, waiting for the next election to exercise our constitutional rights.

The days of motorbike competition are over, but my love of bikes remains. I have fulfilled a childhood dream in that I now ride a Ducati.



But my wife put her foot down recently when I tried to buy a 1972 MV Agusta. Personally I don't see the problem in not being able to get the car in the garage.....but apparently I am missing the point J

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I joined TopCats this year and was immediately impressed by the lively spirit and shared love of bikes. I am looking forward to some great rides with all of you and thanks for letting the guy with the funny accent tag along.





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tenacity, strength and determination.

Many thanks to Bard Boand and Wayne Kirkpatrick for organizing this wonderful journey. Thanks to Greg Smith for leading a group out to Sturgis on Thursday for those like me who could not leave on the traditional Wednesday departure date. Greg did a great job keeping us in line.

Trying Some New Locations

Our Villa Sofia experience in Wauconda has come to an end. Prior to the restaurant's closure we had already identified a new place to try out in September, Anthem Grill in Palatine. See our website for address and further details. In October we will visit Flatlander's in Lincolnshire.

Still More Riding Ahead

The weather for the fall season is shaping up to be quite good; please join us for organized rides through the rest of the riding year. If you have any ideas for a ride, please contact Larry Scalzitti or any of our Road Captains for assistance.

In the Meantime

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

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3RD, 2010

VILLA SOFIA RESTAURANT - WAUCONDA, IL

26400 N. RAND RD., WAUCONDA, IL 60084

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Carl Marcyan, Top Cats President

Opening

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

Guests

Jerry Diederich

- Carl thanked Chuck and Maureen Prettyman for hosting the Top Cats 15th anniversary party at their home.
- Carl also thanked the past presidents for all their work putting the anniversary celebration together.
- Carl reported that 10 Top Cats attended the Illinois State Trooper Run to Springfield and thanked them for their participation.

Carl reminded the membership that the next general meeting would be held at a different location. (Anthem Grill, Palatine).

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary recapped the Top Cat weekend and also thanked Chuck and Maureen Prettyman for their hospitality, Chuck for putting the door to door ride together and Wayne Kirkpatrick for organizing and leading the Sunday ride to Eagle, WI. We will celebrate the actual birthday at the September general meeting.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

- Mike Bradbury talked about his upcoming

Wisconsin state fair ride on August 15th.

- Mike also reminded everyone about the September Ride for Cheese in Monroe, WI.
- Larry announced an additional ride for the calendar for Sat. August 21st that he will be leading up north. The ride will start at the Olde World Bakery on 64 N. Old Rand Rd in Lake Zurich at 9am returning around 5pm.

Tom Malia asked anyone if they had any interest in going to Laconia, NH in June 2011. Tom would be willing to organize the ride if there are people wanting to attend.. It would be about a 3,000 mile trip over several days (yet to be determined).

Mike added that the fall is a great time to lead a fall colors ride and to talk to Larry if interested in doing so. If you are not yet a Road Captain it doesn't prohibit you from putting together a ride.

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

Mary thanked Wayne Kirkpatrick for his article in Roar and suggested Road Captains write articles about their ride either prior to or after the ride so that they can become a part of the Roar historical documentation of the club. Mary also reminded members that articles were due the 5th of every month. She asked members for their birthday or anniversary so that they can be published in Roar.

Carl complimented Andy for his job well done publishing Roar.

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Membership

No new members this month

Charity-Joan DeRango and Mike Bradbury

Mike spoke about the donation that will be given to NISRA which will be approximately \$16,000.00. The bills and receipts are still be added up. Mike thanked everyone for their combined effort at the charity event.

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

- Don reported that July was a good month for Road Captains leading rides. Those who led rides were Tony Loden, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Chuck Prettyman, Tom Malia and Carl Marcyan.
- The Safety Tip was given by Gary Brandt who talked about intersection roundabouts. In a previous ride in the rain when people rode through a roundabout the white paint was very slippery. Gary said to take caution for that and also watch for cars in roundabouts. New roundabouts are popping up in different locations throughout the Chicago area.

Gary also suggested for safety to buy a pair of goggles for rain to keep the water from getting under your regular glasses. Another safety tip was to pull over to the side of the road in a rain storm instead of driving at a dangerous slow speed while cars and trucks are passing you without regard for your safety.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

Carl reminded the Board that the next Board Meeting would be August 17th, because of Sturgis.

50/50 Raffle

This month's winner was Don Schaffer. Don donated ½ of his winnings to the Charity Ride fund!

Meeting adjourned by Carl Marcyan at 8:20pm.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 17TH, 2010

D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

Present: Carl Marcyan, Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Gary Brandt, Muriel Brandt, Stewart Johnson, Larry Scalzitti and Tom Nichols

Absent: Dennis Dougherty

President- Carl Marcyan called meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Top Cat guests: Tony Loden, Terri Loden, and Bard Board.

Other guests: Greg Zafke Sr. Greg Zafke Jr from the Black Nail Brigade and Eric Hart from Palatine HOG.

The Zafkes gave a talk about the 2011 Black Nail Brigades "Epic Memorial Ride, with a focus on how to improve the ride/event. The ride will be held on May 7th 2011. They are looking for more expertise with conducting the ride from the Top Cat Road Captains. They were also asking for Top Cat volunteers to help with registration. The board requested a more specific request with details describing exactly what they are looking for.

Action was deferred to a future meeting.

Greg Jr. also talked about building an interactive exhibit that demonstrates how drivers are distracted and the impact on cyclists and pedestrians. They are looking at funding options for the exhibit.

President-Carl Marcyan

Carl announced that Villa Sophia is no longer in business. September's general meeting will be held at the Anthem Grill in Palatine. A long term location has not been selected. Carl gave each attendee a list of member's names and asked them to contact each person and remind them of the new meeting location. Rod Taylor from ABATE will be speaking at September's general meeting.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

Larry reported that he sent an email to road captains letting them know that there are still available dates on the calendar for them to lead a ride. Larry mentioned the ride he was leading Sat. Aug. 21st, meeting at Olde World Bakery in Lake Zurich. He also spoke about this month's hot dog ride which will be Aug. 24th. Mike Bradbury mentioned Eric Schertz is working out the details for his Sept ride.

Secretary- Muriel Brandt

No report

Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty

- Carl deferred website hard drive issues to the next board meeting.

The board talked about scanning all past Roars into a pdf format. Larry volunteered to scan the first year's issues to determine how difficult the task will be before we determine to do it ourselves or hire

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Kinkos.

Membership-Stewart Johnson

Stewart presented the board with two applications for membership. A motion to approve Jerry Dederich, as a regular member was made by Larry Scalzitti and seconded by Mike Bradbury. A second motion to approve Marc Peter, as a regular member was made by Gary Brandt and seconded by Tom Nichols.

ice President-Mike Bradbury

- Mike is waiting for names of donors to send thank you letters. He is also waiting for final bank statements before the exact donation to NISRA can be calculated. Mike mentioned that he talked with Brian from NISRA to let him know Top Cats would present the check to NISRA at the October general meeting. It was also suggested to do a check presentation at a NISRA event this fall. Mike will look into that idea.

Carl mentioned the successful raffle ticket sales by Tony Loden and Don Schaffer.

Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne reported that safety was good in Sturgis with no accidents involving Top Cats.
- Wayne added that there will be one more G.R.A.S.S. class later in October.

Wayne reminded everyone that Top Cat coins and key rings were still available for purchase.

Treasurer- Tom Nichols

Tom Nichols went over the financial report.

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary commented on the successful 15th birthday events and reminded the board that we will celebrate the actual birthday at the September general meeting with a cake.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:15pm

Anniversaries:

Gary and Muriel Brandt
September 11th - 34 years!

Birthdays:

Tom Nichols: September 9th

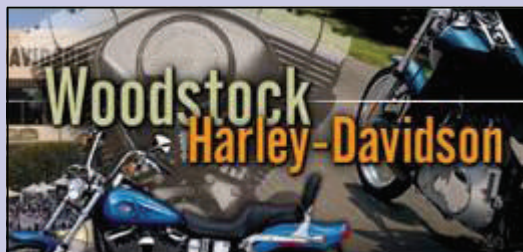
Mary Walters – September 11th

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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, September 07	General Meeting	Anthem Grill	Palatine	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, September 14	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Sunday, September 19, 2010	Ride for Cheese	TBD	Monroe, WI	TBD	Eric Schertz
Tuesday, September 21, 2010	Franks and fries	Superdawg Drive-in	Wheeling	6:30pm	Larry Scalzitti
Tuesday, October 05	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, October 12	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Sunday, October 24	G.R.A.S.S. Class	TBD	TBD	8:30am	Ric Case
Tuesday, November 02	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, November 09	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan

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