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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Carlton R. 'Top Cat' Marcyan



Looking at the end of the 2010 season

We approach the end of another riding season. The experience of short pick-up rides, planned day rides and long road trips fall behind us like memories that tend to fade away as each day passes. The details of those rides may escape us but the spirit of the highway remains, along with the camaraderie of our fellow Topcats sewn into our being like the patches adorning our leather vests. This is not the end of the journey but yet another route we have taken that we will cherish.

For those of us who can better deal with the cold weather, there remain some good rides before our bikes are put away for the season. Our sister clubs like Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 have upcoming events in which we can participate and at the same time we can do good and show respect to our injured service men and women. Joining in that recognition honors them and validates what is good about our Country. Patriotism binds us together, whether we be Republican, Democrat, Independent, Tea Party or another stripe.

Time to take stock of what we have

Please realize the uniqueness of the club we have: great riders, solid members and vision. We command the respect of the community of bikers and the community at large for our structure, organization and the good works we accomplish. We are an active club with substance; we

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The October meeting will be held at a new location



Flatlander's Restaurant and Brewery

200 Village Green, Lincolnshire, IL.

Located in the heart of the **Village Green of Lincolnshire Shopping Center** at the corner of Route 45 (Olde Half Day Road) and Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue). This intersection is North of Route 22 (Half Day Road).

Check out the Top Cats Events Calendar for more info and a map to the location.

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 3 G.R.A.S.S.
- 5 General Meeting
- 12 Board Meeting
- 19 Franks & Fries

NOVEMBER

- 2 General Meeting
- 9 Board Meeting



KAUTION KORNER

How to Handle Common Road Hazards on Your Motorcycle

By Mike Bradbury

There are many types of road hazards we encounter on our motorcycles. This article does not intend to address how to handle mother-in-laws crossing the street, dead ends, getting stuck in a parade for no apparent reason, soon-to-be road kill and gravel roads. I leave those road issues to your judgments. I will explain here a simple principal I follow to deal with the most common road hazards I encounter on my motorcycle. If you follow this common motorcycling principal, you will better handle what the road dishes out to you on your many bike rides and trips.

The basic principal I follow is known as the SIPDE strategy. I did not make this up; this is a common strategy in riding your bike. The acronym SIPDE stands for Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide and Execute. It is a simple strategy that is fairly easy to understand and employ. The main element is scanning. The quicker you can identify a problem, the easier it is to avoid.

Sometimes, though things may get past you. Yes I'm talking to all you bikers - from veterans with years of experience to beginners. It happens to everyone. If you utilize this system to the best of your ability, you will ride in a safer manner. It is as simple as that.

Here is a brief explanation of what the different sections stand for.

Scanning

This process doesn't just involve looking ahead. You should be sweeping your field of view from left to right, near and far and from time to time including your gauges as well. This includes your side view mirrors as hazards can come from behind too. This is essential as noted before. The quicker you identify a problem, the more time you have to react and react as safely as possible.

Identify

What is the issue ahead that concerns you? Identification is key in predicting your best course of action and deciding to do it. Should you swerve, stay the course, slow down, speed up, honk, signal, etc. What you need to do is dependent on identifying the hazard you are about to encounter. This will help you decide exactly what you believe your proper course of action is.

Predict

This one is a little tricky. You sometimes need to predict the rates of speed you're traveling and other moving objects about to cross your path. Is the road ahead slick or not? Is there a future obstacle in your path? What is the angle of attack toward your bike from that future obstacle which is in the pathway you will follow? Etc... All these things are judgments you must make in microseconds to properly handle the pending road hazards you will find. This is analytical but is one of the contributing factors to why riding your bike can be so thrilling. You constantly are doing this whether you realize it or not.

Decide

This is just like it sounds. After predicting a future outcome, you *decide* what you are going to do to deal with the road hazard you identified coming upon you while you scanned ahead. This is where motorcycle training can play a big part. If you attend Top Cat's G.R.A.S.S. classes and learn from other sources about driving your motorcycle safely, you will act more automatically. Training helps reinforce safe riding ideas and ingrain them in your head so when you encounter an unsafe situation

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the World According to Andy

The Senility Prayer

God, grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and all bran.

I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded....

All reports are in; Life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.

I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

Accidents in the back seat cause...kids.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after.



FARMERS, LEAVES AND DEER – OH MY!

By Larry Scalzetti



Much like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, I love traveling that lonesome road with my friends that often leads to interesting and exciting places. And like Dorothy, I'm also keenly aware that

there are some inherent dangers when the season changes that present us with worries that should concern us all. There are a lot of potential hazards to watch for as we enter the fall season.

The University of Illinois Motorcycle Rider Program Coordinator, John Sudlow recently wrote his instructors a note warning about farmers during the harvest season. John spent a few hours on rural roads with his family recently and noticed a lot of farmers harvesting crops. It brought to mind the seasonal challenges that riders outside of our normal urban environment may probably encounter. Here's what he had to say.

Combines and tractors with wide tillage equipment need to swing wide around mailboxes, sign posts, culvert reflectors, and other obstacles close to the roadway. Look well ahead for these obstacles along the right shoulder before passing and anticipate that the farmer may need to occupy more than one lane to steer out around one of these obstacles, or stop in the roadway to let oncoming traffic past. If you are approaching a combine or tractor, look ahead of their vehicle for those same obstacles that may clue you early before they cross over into your on-coming lane.

If you are following farm equipment, be watchful on the left side of the road for farm lanes and field access points that the tractor, grain truck or combine might turn into. While most modern tractors and combines incorporate turn signals into their warning flashers, they are often difficult to see or are not used at all. Pass with care, and only where there are no farm lanes or field ac-

cess points on the left.

Most farmers will be working long hours, including after dark. The extremities of wide machinery on the roadway are often difficult or impossible to see after dark, even when the tractor is lit and

the implement is equipped with reflectors. There is NOTHING motorcycle friendly about a disc, chisel plow, combine or anhydrous applicator.

Keep your eyes open for spilled grain on the roadway, especially at intersections. Many farmers overload their trucks or unintentionally load them off-center in the field, so grain easily spills over the sideboards, especially when the truck rounds corners. Of course this is exactly where motorcyclists need good traction! Soy beans are the worst and are like ball bearings under your motorcycle tires!



And if these things weren't enough, deer are on the move now, too. While they have enjoyed the food and cover provided by the crops, they are being evicted from their summer homes. Adding to the complication, bucks

are going into rut which means they have completely turned off their brains to everything on the highway including you! The following article ranks deer as the most dangerous animal to humans in the United States, far surpassing bears and mountain lions. Illinois is on the short list of especially dangerous states involving deer strikes.

<http://www.earthfacts.net/animals/most-dangerous-animal-in-america/>



Infinity

By Numbersman - Don Schaffer

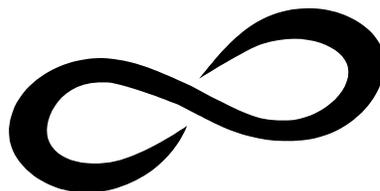
The double thick cloud layer hanging low over the road stretches as far as you can see. Right out to Infinity. Beside the road is a wide double track rail line that merges into one pencil thin line and disappears into Infinity. Power lines spider along and away from the road to unseen destinations hiding beyond Infinity. The sea of crops ripples a bit in the wind until it disappears into Infinity. The early morning sun cracks a thin line of light on the horizon revealing the diminishing road ahead that disappears as though it will swallow you up when you reach Infinity.

Then the disruption. Something breaks up the never ending slit of light on the horizon and you realize that you are not isolated on a planet desolate but for you and your fellow travelers. Right there, where the road disappears, is a structure reaching from the road to the clouds. Too far away to identify, but growing ever so slightly as the minutes pass. Slowly it takes form. Then you can see it. A grain elevator. This is western Kansas.

Perhaps it takes a warped mind to ride 3500 miles through ten states, enjoy the wonders of the Black Hills, cross the Rocky Mountains, and then look back and think that the most impressive hour of the trip was riding through the nothingness east of Dodge City. I thought it was amazing. The cloud formation hanging like a flatiron over the vast open area is like being in the middle of the ocean where the curvature of the earth eventually takes away your view as the sea drops away. But on the ocean there are no frames of reference with which you can measure size and space and distance.

And you can think, and hear, and smell. Nothing competes with your senses. Each bike ahead or behind is separate and distinguished by its exhaust note. You think about people who live out here where a trip to the grocery store is a 2 hour drive, or two days when travel was by horse and wagon. Every visual clue that breaks the landscape is the subject of intense curiosity as it grows minute by minute. What are those little twigs sticking up above the crops. What a wonder as an immense field of windmills grows to dwarf everything else you can see, but at the same time their imprint barely disturbs the fields growing below the rotating blades.

If you ride faster than the weather, you eventually run out from under the clouds. A breakfast stop can extend the magic a bit but eventually there is the sun. The hot sun. The magic is gone and you are back to riding on a long road without much changing from hour to hour, but you can still think about the dawn ride. Marvelous country we live in, every part of it.



Top Cats Honor Soldier Killed in Afghanistan

by Larry Scalzitti

Early in the morning on Thursday, August 27th, Chuck Prettyman, Larry Johnson and I assembled at the Mobil Station in Lake Zurich. After a quick discussion about the events of the day and the best route to take, we headed toward Wheeling with Larry Johnson leading the way. We later met up with fellow Top Cat, Fred Creed and the four of us were a team for the remainder of the day.

We met so we could ride to pay tribute to United States Marine Corporal Christopher J Boyd. He was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan on August 19th while supporting combat operations in the Helmand province. Cpl Boyd was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Pendleton, California.

The 22-year-old graduated in 2006 from Palatine High School. He anchored the offensive line and started as the center his senior year, leaving a legacy of diligence and toughness with the football program. He married his high school sweetheart, Danielle Harden Boyd. The couple lived in California and had twin sons, 18 month old boys, Evan and Jack.



If you have never ridden with the Patriot Guard Riders, I highly recommend that you do. Visit their web site to learn more about what they do and why they do it. (www.patriotguard.org) or just talk to anyone mentioned in this article about their experience. I've been able to participate in both the sad and the glad parts of riding with the Patriot Guard. Thankfully there are more homecomings than there are burials. You don't need to be a veteran or ride your bike to these events. Take a day off or spend a weekend day honoring the men and women who have made great sacrifices for our freedom. Believe me at the end of a mission you will appreciate just how important your presence was for the families of the service members. It is truly an amazing experience that will make you a better person by the end of the day. It can also be the kind of moving and mournful experience where tears are shed as you watch the families say their goodbyes for the last time.

Normally the Patriot Guard rides that honor fallen service members are conducted over a number of days. The first event is escorting the warrior from the airport to the funeral home. The second event is participating in a flag line during the wake and that can be conducted over several days. A flag line consists of Patriot Guard Riders, each holding a large American flag, lined up to welcome and shield the mourners as they arrive. The last event is the funeral. On this day there were flag lines at the funeral and the burial as well as a ride escorting the funeral procession to the burial site.

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This memorial would be very different because all three phases of the mission would be conducted on the same day. We began by forming a flag line at the Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling. There were over 130 bikes and riders present. We initially set up a flag line as the body was transported from the hanger to the hearse outside. We then returned our flags to the chase vehicles, mounted our bikes and formed up to serve as an escort down Milwaukee Avenue. Most of the bikes were sporting large American flags. We were an amazing site as bike after bike preceded the hearse and the family's limousine to the Kolssak Funeral Home. Villagers lined the streets as police from several communities blocked traffic as the large procession slowly rode down Milwaukee Avenue.

The assembled members of the guard took turns holding flags on the flag line for the next several hours on this very warm and sunny day. Only close family and the Marines of his unit attended the wake. Next we headed back to our bikes and lined up to serve as escorts for the funeral procession



from the wake All Saints Cemetery for the grave site service.

For me the burial is the most poignant event of the process. It is often the time when a tear or two will creep down the weathered faces of the bikers lined up with their flags flapping in the breeze. A time when the warrior's loved ones say their goodbyes. A time when a chaplain speaks the last words that attempt to make sense of this death. A time when his comrades in arms say a few words about the kind of man he was. A time when a wife places the last rose on the coffin and turns a tear-filled eye skyward. A time when parents toss a handful of dirt upon the casket and bury a child they thought would bury them. A time to hear a twenty one gun salute. A time to pray. A time to mourn. A time to say goodbye.

You Have Got To Ride This Motorcycle!!!

by Larry Scalzitti

If you've never seen this bike – you need to see it! If you've never ridden this bike you need to ride it! Zero Motorcycle Midwest Rep, Mike Mastrangelo, will be letting every Top Cat with an M license and a helmet have some big fun before the general meeting on October 5th. Arrive by 6:30 pm at Flatlander's Restaurant and Brewery, which is located in the heart of the Village Green of Lincolnshire Shopping Center at the corner of Route 45 (Olde Half Day Road) and Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue). This intersection is North of Route 22 (Half Day Road).



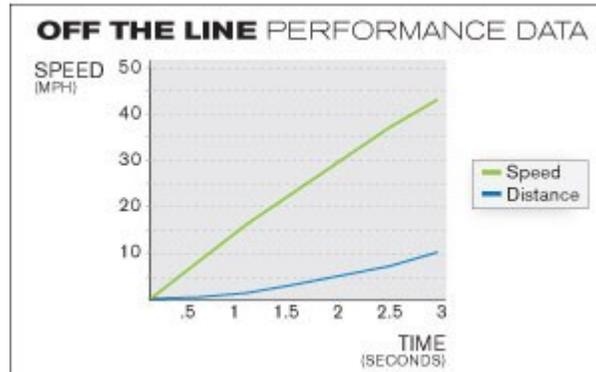
Mike drove his Zero to the LRN2RYD training range at the Westfield Mall a few weeks ago and surprised me by letting me ride it for as long as I wanted! Well almost – I really wanted to ride it home. The bike is a blast to ride – instant power – and much more than I expected. The bike handles very well and it is a real joy to ride. But don't take my word for it. Try it yourself!

Zero Electric Motorcycles is located near Santa Cruz, California, an area that was one of the hotbeds of the mountain bike revolution in the '80s and just over the coastal hills from Silicon Valley. Appropriately, Zero tapped into both cultures, combining ultra-lightweight design and components from the bicycle industry with sophisticated software and high-tech engineering that maximizes battery life. It's the first electric vehicle—with two- or four-wheels—with a performance envelope that meaningfully threatens its gas-powered rivals.

Among the most significant advances of our 2010 product line is the revolutionary Z-Force™ Air In-



duction System. A platform for performance, this system allows us to produce more horsepower from lighter and more compact motors by increasing the airflow through the heart of the motor. Our new throttle technology modulates the increased power to provide riders with exacting control over the acceleration.



The Zero S has characteristic front and rear lights, indicators and mirrors, which all make this a suitable road motorcycle. New disc brakes and sports tires have been included. The 4 Kw lithium ion battery can be recharged anywhere in four hours, thanks to the integrated recharger. The 100% aircraft grade aluminum chassis, which is not only impressive to look at, puts the Zero S squarely in the feather weight class, the Zero S weighs only 18 pounds. Zero Motorcycles' frames are engineered to combine high strength with low weight and were developed using cutting edge computer aided design software. Most of the Zero's frame is made of ultra-thin wall square-section alloy tubing. Take the battery out of it, and it weighs only 50% more than a downhill mountain bike.



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 took 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.





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you are better prepared to react in a natural manner, almost like second nature. Training is an important element in making faster decisions. The act of decision also includes making a plan. Sometimes at 50-60 miles per hour. Piece of cake!

Execute

Finally, now we get to doing something on the bike! Action! This is where the rubber stays on the road (hopefully) and you successfully manage your road hazards. This can mean doing almost anything on the bike but not in a reactionary way if you follow SIPDE. This can include many things; swerving, staying the course, slowing down, speeding up, stopping, etc. Whatever you decided you need to do, you act upon.

The last thing to consider is that you perform the SIPDE principals constantly. You continually are scanning, identifying, predicting, deciding and executing while you are doing the same. This ultimately means that what you scanned, identified and decided is a changing environment and thus, your decisions on a course of action and/or executing of your decisions are constantly changing. This is a continual cycle (pun intended) that you ride over and over while you navigate your motorcycle down the road of life. If you follow SIPDE you will be safer for it.

Happy Anniversary

*Ric and Jacquie Case
October 25 – 13 years!*

*Don and Alice Shaffer
October 30th – 46 Years!*



Happy Birthday

*Ric Case - October 22nd
George Lax – October 31st*



Please send in your Birthday and Anniversary information so that we can all celebrate YOUR big days!

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have a willingness to help each other as well as those outside our club; and we have the desire to constantly improve the club and our individual riding skills. We are not a stagnant club willing to sit on our laurels; rather, we recognize that standing still is just another way to say we are falling behind. This, Top Cats shall never do.

Thank you all for a great season!

To be thanked are not only the Road Captains for organizing rides, but the riders too, for without their desire to ride we would be without reason to continue. May our club enjoy excellent leadership and member commitment in 2011 and beyond.

Ride on,
Carl

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

FREE ADVERTISING in ROAR for TOP CATS Business Owners

Attention all Top Cats business owners!

As part of our ongoing philosophy to support our members and goal to provide a more value-rich publication, we are now offering free advertising space in ROAR for Top Cats business owners.

Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010

ANTHEM GRILL 704 WEST EUCLID AVENUE PALATINE, IL

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Carl Marcyan, Top Cats President

Opening

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

President Carl Marcyan asked members to let him know what their thoughts were on the meeting location. He announced that for October's general meeting, we will be trying out Flatlanders Restaurant & Brewery on Milwaukee Ave. and Rt. 22 in Lincolnshire.

Carl reported that the board met with the Zafkes from the Black Nail Brigade who requested Top Cats involvement in their Epic Ride next year. More discussion will be held at a later board meeting.

Guests

Mike Walsh and John Canger were introduced.

Special Guest Speaker

Carl introduced the guest speaker, Rod Taylor the attorney for Illinois, Indiana, Ohio A.B.A.T.E. He traveled from Indianapolis to speak to us. Rod discussed the different types of people in the world, doers and helpers. He stated that, like troops, over the years, bikers tend to be doers and not look to the government for help or rules to live our lives. Cyclists tend to be more involved in political interests. Helmet laws, police safety checks and DUI issues were also discussed.

Birthday Recognition

The 15th birthday celebrations that started in the spring were concluded with a cake for all attendees and the singing of "Happy Birthday".

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary spoke about the open nomination process. That process will take place between 9/7/10 and 9/14/10. Any regular member in good standing can be nominated for any open office as long as they have one year of membership and have agreed to be nominated. All officers and one director positions are open. He reminded everyone that the details for the election process are in the September ROAR.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

- Mike asked if anyone had interest in a ride, Oct. 2nd to Gault airport, northeast of Woodstock. Several people expressed an interest.
- Mike also reminded everyone if they wanted any Top Cat merchandise to let him know. He had some merchandise available and could also place an order for anything someone was interested in.

Carl Marcyan mentioned that if anyone was interested in ordering a Top Cat belt buckle to let him know.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

- Larry thanked a group of people who rode the Patriot Guard ride with him.
- Larry mentioned that there were many open

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ride dates still on the calendar.

- He talked about the upcoming Franks and Fries ride which will be held at Super Dawg in Wheeling on 9/21. Larry has also added one more Franks and Fries ride for Oct. which will be held on the 19th at Delicious Reds in Lake Zurich. Details are on website.

- **Greg Smith** (activities) then reviewed the calendar and asked the road captains to comment on their upcoming rides.

- Stewart Johnson talked about his ride on Sunday 9/12 to Utica.

- Eric Schertz talked about the Ride for Cheese to Monroe, WI which will be Sept. 19th

Joe Rominski (vice-president of Rolling Thunder) spoke about the annual Rolling Thunder Toys for Tots ride which will be held on October 10th meeting at the North Chicago V.A. Hospital 9am. Cost is \$15 per rider plus the donation of a toy.

Membership-Stewart Johnson and Eileen Perry

Stewart introduced two new members this month. Jerry Diederich and Marc Peters.

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

- Andy reminded members to get articles to him before the deadline which is the 5th of each month.

Carl Marcyan thanked Andy for a great job on ROAR.

Charity-Joan DeRango and Mike Bradbury

The donation from Top Cats charity event will be given to N.I.S.R.A. at the October meeting.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

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

Brandt.

- Wayne talked about the upcoming G.R.A.S.S. class which will be held on Oct. 3rd. Gary encouraged new members to take the October class. It will be the last class of the 2010.

- Wayne's safety tip was to watch for false indicators, and when group riding make sure to clear area in front of you first before looking elsewhere. He gave several examples and mentioned that more detail is contained in the safety tip in the ROAR.

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

Bill Yates reminded people to watch for flying and falling debris on very windy days.

50/50 Raffle

This month's winner was Fred Creed

Meeting adjourned by Carl Marcyan at 9:15pm.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2010

D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

Present: Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Gary Brandt, Muriel Brandt and Larry Scalzitti

Absent: Carl Marcyan, Dennis Dougherty, Stewart Johnson, and Tom Nichols

Guest: Bard Board.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury called meeting to order at 7:35pm.

- Mike asked the board what their thoughts were on the location (Anthem Grill) for our last general meeting. There was positive feedback as far as room size, service, and food.
- The October general meeting will be held at Flatlanders in Lincolnshire. Zero motorcycles will be there to speak and have test drives of their motorcycles in the parking lot. The November meeting location will be determined after we try Flatlanders.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick talked to Eric Hart and let him know that Top Cats need specifics on how we can help on the Epic Memorial Ride. Wayne asked that they work up a proposal. Mike suggested having one Top Cat act as a liaison between the two groups.

Secretary- Muriel Brandt

No report

Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty (absent)

The board talked about scanning all past ROARs into a pdf format. Larry had volunteered to scan the first year's issues to determine how difficult the task would be. He thought he would have the results at the November board meeting.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

- Mike reviewed the email from Director Dennis Dougherty that detailed the tasks that need to be assigned for 2011 as he leaves office. One key item mentioned is getting someone to take over the website. The other duties including his ROAR items will be assigned by the new President in January.

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Top Cats will present a \$17,000.00 check to NISRA at the October general meeting. It was also suggested to do a check presentation the NISRA recognition dinner to give Top Cats more recognition. Gary Brandt suggested submitting a picture of check presentation along with a story of our efforts over the years with NISRA to various motorcycle magazines.

Treasurer- Tom Nichols (absent)

Nothing to report

Membership-Stewart Johnson (absent)

No new member applications

Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne reported that there will be a G.R.A.S.S. class on October 3rd
- Wayne recommended keeping the same design of the Top Cat coin because future orders would be half the rate.

It was discussed how the Top Cats president can give a coins to any deserving person.

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary said the election slate will be presented at the October board meeting and then announced at the November general meeting and in November ROAR. He will be assisting the new president during the transition (role of past president) by Carl's request.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

- Larry talked about the upcoming Franks and Fries rides 9/21 at Super Dawg in Wheeling and 10/19 at Delicious Reds in Lake Zurich.
- The board suggested trying to get a fall colors ride.
- Larry also will be looking into a social event in the off season.

Old business/New business

Bard Board passed out info showing the 2011 rates for the Alex Johnson hotel in Rapid City. There was also discussion about the Top Cats involvement in the Sturgis ride.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:50pm

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Sunday, October 03	G.R.A.S.S. Class	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:30am	Ric Case
Tuesday, October 05	General Meeting	Flatlanders	Lincolnshire	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, October 12	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, October 19	Franks and Fries	Delicious Reds	Lake Zurich	6:30pm	Larry Scaliztti
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
Tuesday, December 07	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, December 14	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Carl Marcyan



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