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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mike Bradbury



Greetings Top Cats!

Welcome to 2011 and the 16th year of the Top Cats of Illinois. I am Mike Bradbury, and I am extremely excited as your new president to serve well and continue our traditions and practices for the New Year. I believe the Top Cats of Illinois is the premier motorcycle club in Chicagoland and I hope you think so to. We consist of business owners and executives that constitute a brotherhood that LOVE to ride our motorcycles together in

interesting ways and as safely as possible. It's as simple as that!

Our Group Riding and Safety Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) is one of the many assets that are admired by other clubs as a "standard" and benchmark for group riding safety. This is a testament to a lot of hard work and is something we all should be proud of. Let's all be a part and do our share to continue this tradition as we promote safe group riding.

Our 2010 charity ride for Northern the Illinois Special Recreation Association (N.I.S.R.A.) achieved a donation of \$17,000 this year. This brought our total to almost \$250,000 donated by the Top Cats to this worthy local charity. Congratulation to all those on the Charity Committee for a job well done. Now we have our 2011, Ride For Dreams to start planning for.

Your 2010 Top Cats Board members did a pretty terrific job in providing their support and time to help guide the club. Your Directors; Wayne Kirkpatrick, Larry Scalzitti, Dennis Dougherty and Stewart Johnson and

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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Topcats Banquet
- 13 Motorcycle Show

MARCH

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting
- 20 GRASS Class



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KAUTION KORNER

Cool Weather Riding

By Ric case

Take a virtual ride with me. It is a warm (in the high 30s) January morning. The roads are dry and salt free. You and a few of your Top Cat riders decide to meet for a late lunch. But you decide you can get more riding in if you leave shortly. You pull your motorcycle out of its hiding place and do a pre-ride check, including tire pressure adjustments because you know tires lose pressure during prolonged exposure to cold weather. Everything checks out properly. You go to the storage closet and pull out some layers of extra clothes and store them on the bike. As you leave you remember about cold tire and cold road surfaces having a lot less traction so you take it easy for the first 15-20 minutes and several miles. You head for some of your favorite twisties, and crank up the fun factor. As you exit the first curve a couple of chipmunks start to run across the road. (Probably Simon, Theodore, and Alvin heading home from their last sing session). You swerve, miss the singers and think, "Good, but maybe I should have practiced that before I needed it".

Next curve comes up and right at the exit is a raccoon sitting between two really deep potholes eating lunch. The critter is not moving and not leaving its lunch behind so you decide it is better to surmount (run over) it than ruin a tire or wheel. You slow as much as you can, go at it on a 90 degree angle, rise off the seat as your front tire touches it, you blip (roll on and then off) the throttle to first lighten the front end and then conversely lighten the back end, then sit back down to enjoy the ride. Now you remember the last time you saw that speed bump at the local strip mall and think that instead of avoiding it you should have practiced running over that obstacle.

Safe and comfortable again, you are cruising at about 50 mph. Right out of the next turn in the middle of the road are 3 deer just looking at your approach. You immediately go into quick stop mode initially using front and rear brakes simultaneously. Then, squeezing the front brake progressively, you lessen the rear brake pressure as you get closer and closer. You are heading straight for them and waiting for them to com

mit to a direction when leaving the highway. At the last nanosecond, they turn in the direction opposite of what you anticipated, and because you slowed to almost a walking speed you swerve again - missing them. You are thinking, "Man, I just better get more quick stop and swerving practice. I better sign up for the experienced riders class this spring." You arrive at the restaurant where you meet your fellow Top Cat riders.

Everyone sits down, eats and tells those lies and war stories about the ride today. When you finish eating and come outside, you find that it has cooled substantially and the sun is setting. You pull out all of those stored layers and start suiting up. It's at this point that you realize you missed a layer when packing. Oh well, you just put on what you have, and ride. You're not going to wimp out in front of these Top Cats. As you begin to ride, you notice you are shivering a little, you notice your reactions are slowing and you think "I can make it". You start to question, though, "Am I experiencing hypothermia?" On second thought, "Why risk it?" So you point to your gas tank to request an unexpected stop. They oblige. You go inside to get warmed up only to find out some of them were feeling the same effects. So you and the group continue the warm up process until they are warm enough to safely ride home. You get there - just a little later than expected but safe.

Hey it really doesn't hurt to ride safe. And these are just some of the experiences you might encounter when riding in the cooler weather



Tech Talk

Technology That Can Impact Your Life

Motorcycle Shipping Tips: Understanding Motorcycle Transport

From shipvehicles.com

Scheduling: Having Realistic Expectations

The most important issue for people to understand about the process of motorcycle shipping is that this industry is not like UPS, Fed-Ex or even the Postal Service. Pick-up and delivery dates are estimates, typically not guarantees of pick-up or delivery dates. Unforeseen problems from mechanical break downs, traffic, and weather all contribute to delays. Ironically, the biggest delays for vehicle shipping companies are typically caused by their own customers. Customers fail to show up on time, try to change pick-up or drop off locations at the last minute etc. Patience is required, and most companies want to get your motorcycle to you as soon as you do. Make sure you have realistic expectations about when your motorcycle will be picked up and delivered.

Selecting a Motorcycle Shipping Method: Open or Enclosed?

The vast majority of motorcycle shipping is done using enclosed trailers. This is done for several reasons. Motorcycle shippers can fit dozens and dozens of bikes in an enclosed trailer that may only hold eight autos. Motorcycles are also a little more sensitive to the elements, many people don't want their brand new Harley or Ducati getting snowed on. Finally, motorcycles are more of a security risk on open trailers. For this reason, ShipVehicles strongly suggests using open motorcycle shipping only for shorter distances (under 500 miles) or if you are not concerned about the exposure and security risks associated with the open trailer over longer distances.

Door-to-door Motorcycle Shipping: What it Means

All of the quotes provided by ShipVehicles are for door-to-door motorcycle shipping. Door-to-door should have an asterisk after it, as it does not always mean a truck will be able to pull up to your front door. Door-to-door means that the truck driver will get as close to your specified pick-up or delivery spot as he can legally and safely get. Large towns and cities often restrict large trucks and prohibit them from entering into some residential areas. Motorcycle shipping trucks can be up to 75 foot long, and drivers will need lots of room to maneuver and turn around. When access to your residence is restricted by narrow streets, low-hanging trees, speed bumps or tight turns, the driver may ask that you meet the truck at a large parking lot nearby, such as a grocery store, school, or shopping mall.

Payment Methods: Be Ready

While some motorcycle shipping companies may not require payment in advance, others require a deposit (10-25% of the total cost) prior to shipping. If a deposit is given, the balance remaining is always required at time of delivery. You will need to have a CASHIERS CHECK or CASH ready when the truck arrives. Some motorcycle transport companies may allow you to pay with a credit card upon delivery, but this is not common.

Make Sure You Are Properly Insured

Your motorcycle should be insured against damage and theft by your *motorcycle shipping company*. Make sure you request a copy of the mo-

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TOPCATS ACTIVITIES

YOUR SOURCE FOR UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

BY TONY LODEN

Hello Everyone,

My name is Tony Loden and I recently was wrangled uh, volunteered to fill the Chair position of the Activities Committee. My wife Terri and I have been TopCats since the end of 2009 but have participated in many of our club rides and activities in 2010, which we both have thoroughly enjoyed. In the spirit of being involved, I have reached Road Captain status as well.

As the new Activities Committee Chairman, I will be working with Larry Scalzetti, to advise the membership in this new ROAR column and at the General Membership Meetings each month of future rides and events and see my new position as an opportunity to become more involved in helping our club continue to grow and be the riding club we all want it to be. I will also be attending the monthly Board Meetings where I hope to not only offer my own input and suggestions, but also those of any member who would care to share their thoughts and ideas with me.

As part of my responsibilities, I will also be talking over the TCATSRSPV email box and updating the TopCats website events calendar. As I get accustomed to this new position, planning for the 2011 season is well underway even without me. Here is a summary of some of the upcoming events from the Calendar... Please make a point of marking yours so you do not miss the action!!

Friday, January 15th

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Movie Night by Larry Scalzitti – At this printing, Carl,

our outgoing Prez, has graciously opened his home to the TopCats to watch the movie pilot for the TV series Then Came Bronson starring Michael Parks. The movie starts at 8:00 p.m. and is 98 minutes long. There will be an intermission about half way through.

Sunday, February 6th

3:00 p.m. – Game Over

Super Bowl Sunday at eSkape Entertainment Center

located at 350 McHenry Road in, Buffalo Grove, IL. Kick-off is still undetermined by the NFL but come on out and enjoy your fellow TopCats Football Fans!

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Saturday, February 12th

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Annual Awards Banquet at the Millrose

Restaurant located at 45 South Barrington Road (Barrington RD near I-90) in South Barrington. Tickets for this event will go on sale in January.

Sunday, February 13th

8:00 a.m.

2011 International Motorcycle Show in Rosemont

All interested TopCats will meet for breakfast at the Egg'lectic Café located at 2905 Algonquin Road in Rolling Meadows, IL and then ride or drive to the show. *Use the promo code "TOPCATS" online to knock \$4 off the 1-day adult ticket price.*

Sunday, February 27th

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bocce Ball with Lenny at the Highwood Bocce Courts

located at 440 Bank Lane in Highwood, Illinois. Enjoy an afternoon with your fellow TopCats and get a lesson or two on Bocce from Lenny.

Also don't forget the monthly General Meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. now at our new home, eSkape Entertainment Center, located at 350 McHenry Road in, Buffalo Grove, IL.

Have a ride or place you'd like the club to go to? If you know of a special event that you'd like to ride to, let us know the date, we'll do our best to work it into the calendar. For more information, please contact me or contact one of the other officers or senior road captains.

Tony



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motorcycle shipping company's insurance coverage before you finalize shipping and check to see if there is any deductible you will be required to pay if damage should occur. Everything pertaining to the motorcycle shipment should be in writing. It is likely that your personal motorcycle insurance policy may cover your vehicle in transit; and we recommend that you contact your insurance company to verify this coverage.

Before Pick-up

Steps to Prepare your Motorcycle for Shipping

As ShipVehicles provides quotes only for door-to-door motorcycle shipping, you WILL NOT have to drain your gas tank, remove your battery or crate your motorcycle.

Wash your motorcycle thoroughly even if it will be shipped on an open trailer. You want to be able to note any chips, dings, nicks or other cosmetic damage accurately.

Some motorcycles have alarms, please disable the alarm for shipping. It is impossible to be well versed in all of the alarm systems available today, make it easy on the company and disable it. Please make sure to secure or remove any loose parts or specialty items from your motorcycle such as exhaust, saddle bags, tank bags, hard luggage, fairings etc. Fold your mirrors back if you can as space is always a premium.

Make sure the battery is charged, that the tires have proper inflation and top off all of the fluids on the vehicle and let the driver know if there are ANY leaks. Motorcycles leaking oil and especially brake or fluid should NEVER be on the top of a two deck open trailer. This is to prevent leaks onto the paint of vehicles below.

Prepare a careful list of any operational problems with moving the motorcycle such as brakes not working or clutch not disengaging.

Do a Thorough Vehicle Inspection: Document Its Condition

In order to ensure any claims of vehicle damage are accurate and enforceable, make a complete

report of any pre-existing damage your motorcycle may have. You may want to go as far as taking pictures (and dating them) of the vehicle prior to shipping it.

Motorcycle Pick-up

Meeting The Truck: Be On Time

Make sure you are on time to meet the driver and that your meeting spot is clearly defined and easy to get to for both parties. Remember the size and maneuvering restrictions for the truck. Not meeting the truck can delay delivery for not only your motorcycle, but also all of the other customers whose motorcycles or cars are sitting on the trailer.

Releasing Your Motorcycle: Do the Paperwork

Prior to leaving your motorcycle with the motorcycle shipping company, be sure you receive an original inspection report. This report provides pick-up and delivery information, the motorcycle's current mileage, and most importantly documents the condition of your motorcycle at time of pick-up - pre-existing scratches and dents, cracked fairings, general paint condition, etc. Keep this report and use it when you receive your vehicle. If you will not be receiving the motorcycle, you should send a copy of this report to the person who will be.

Motorcycle Delivery

Meeting The Truck: Be On Time

Make sure you are on time to meet the driver and that your meeting spot is clearly defined and easy to get to for both parties. Remember the size and maneuvering restrictions for the truck. Not meeting the truck can delay delivery for not only your vehicle, but also all of the other customers whose motorcycles are sitting on the trailer.

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Accepting The Motorcycle: What to Look For On Delivery

When your motorcycle arrives, make sure that you do a slow, methodical inspection of the motorcycle with a copy of the original inspection report in hand. Look for any cosmetic or discernable mechanical damage that was not noted in the original report. If there is any damage not on the original inspection report, note each incident of damage as exceptions and be sure the driver signs it. ShipVehicles suggests never accepting a vehicle if you cannot clearly inspect it. Avoid accepting your motorcycle at night, unless you can view it under good lights.

Should Damage Occur: Steps to Take

Motorcycle shipping is typically worry free, and the vast majority of vehicles are shipped with out incident or damage. However, damage does sometimes occur and it is important to understand that process of receiving compensation for the damage. If damage occurs, and you feel it is directly attributable to the motorcycle transport process, note all damage on your inspection report (see item above), obtain the driver's signature, and contact your motorcycle shipping company. The motorcycle shipping company should then work with you to reimburse you for verifiable damage done to your motorcycle.

Dealing With Disputes: Who to Contact, What to Do

If for some reason you feel that you were not treated properly by your motorcycle shipping company, ShipVehicles recommends that you first try to work it out with the company directly. Most companies should work quickly to help resolve any issues. State your case politely, yet firmly as they will likely respond much more quickly if they feel you are reasonable and would like to resolve the issue with minimal fuss. If this tactic does not produce results, you may opt to file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau. You may also wish to contact The U.S. Dept. of Transportation (<http://www.dot.gov>). The DOT is

the regulatory body that governs auto transport companies, but will rarely get involved unless you have a court ruling against the company in question. ShipVehicles is not responsible for, nor do we get involved in disputes between our customers (consumers, vehicle dealers, and vehicle shippers). However, please make sure you rate the shipper using our ShipVehicles rankings and explain what happened in the comments box.





2010 Awards Ballot

Greetings Top Cats and...Happy Holidays

We are approaching the 2011 season with great excitement for another great season of adventure ahead of us.

As we enter 2011, we look back at closing out our fantastic 2010 riding season by recognizing the memorable rides and fellow Top Cats who made it all so safe, enjoyable, hilarious, grueling and challenging.

An Awards Ballot was sent to each member via email reflecting the categories of recognition for 2010. Please make sure that you fill it out with your nominees and return it to Wayne Kirkpatrick at the 4 January 2011 meeting or electronically at wkirkpa177@aol.com, by 14 Jan 2011.

We will recognize the category winners at our annual Awards Banquet on 12 Feb 2011 at the Millrose Restaurant again this year. We will need your ballot returned by 14 Jan 2011.

Thank you for your participation, and for contributing to a safe and great 2010 riding season.

We look forward to seeing you at the Top Cats Awards Banquet!!!

*Board of Directors
Top Cats - Illinois*



the World According to Andy

2010 DARWIN AWARDS

You've been waiting for them with baited breath, so without further ado here are the 2010 Darwin awards.

8th Place

In Detroit, a 41-year-old man got stuck and drowned in two feet of water after squeezing head first through an 18-inch-wide sewer grate to retrieve his car keys.

7th Place

A 49-year-old San Francisco stockbroker, who "totally zoned when he ran", accidentally, jogged off a 100-foot high cliff on his daily run.

6th Place

While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8 foot hole for protection from the wind and had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom, when it collapsed, burying him beneath 5 feet of sand. People on the beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him out but could not reach him. It took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. Jones was pronounced dead at a hospital.

5th Place

Santiago Alvarado, 24, was killed as he fell through the ceiling of a bicycle shop he was robbing. Death was caused when the long flashlight he had placed in his mouth to keep his hands free, rammed into the base of his skull as he hit the floor.

4th Place

Sylvester Briddell, Jr., 26, was killed as he won a bet with friends who said he would not put a revolver loaded with four bullets into his mouth and pull the trigger.

3rd Place

After walking around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent

autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

HONOURABLE MENTION

Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie were bored just driving around at 2 a.m. So they lit a stick of dynamite to toss out the window to see what would happen. Apparently they failed to notice the window was closed

RUNNER UP

Kerry Bingham had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more heated and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other (!) to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt (Paderborn , Germany) fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded. The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves.... 'shit happens'.

IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPORTANT TO THANK THESE PEOPLE FOR REMOVING THEMSELVES FROM THE GENE POOL!



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Officers; Gary and Muriel Brandt, Tom Nichols and especially Carlton Marcyan as President all deserve your thanks and recognition for helping to keep the club operating and running well. They contributed their time, passion, hearts and souls in guiding the Top Cats, which is a time consuming affair. But at its core, is our confidence that we are all a part of the best motorcycle club in the area with a strong desire to see that continue on and on into the future.

With the holidays behind us and the aftermath of the holidays upon us (aspirin anyone?), now is a great time to begin looking forward to 2011. We need members to step up and help. This is everyone's chance to become more involved by contributing. This helps us all bond together more as a group and to accomplish good and sometimes great things. Some Top Cats already put in a lot of work to make things happen but we need others to step up and help. We need people to help on the Ride For Dreams Charity Committee. We also need a Sergeant of Arms and Club Historian. We also need people to help on committees. For anyone who is interested in giving more support to our club and helping, contact me at bradbundy@comcast.net.

Lastly, I want to thank the club for your confidences in electing me as your president. I will do my best to lead the group to a great year in 2011 and to prove your trust in me is not misplaced. All of us should look forward and be proud of the future and great traditions we are building on together as Top Cats of Illinois. Here's to a great year on and off the bikes!

Ride Proud!

Mike Bradbury

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 meets 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 DECEMBER 7TH, 2010

ESCAPE ENTERTAINMENT 350 MCHENRY RD BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

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

Opening

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

Carl mentioned some articles that he had sent to the membership regarding the governments renewed efforts to have more helmet laws.

Carl asked members if they were interested in purchasing Top Cat belt buckles at a discounted price of \$85 each.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

No Report

Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

Larry asked if anyone was interested in riding with him during the winter months and let him know if you are up for it.

Larry also asked for ideas for winter activities.

Greg suggested getting dates reserved on the calendar for 2011 rides. He mentioned the upcoming events.

Mike Bradbury talked about the Top Cat ban-

quet which will be held on February 12, 2011. He will be sending out invitations and food choices. Wayne Kirkpatrick added that ballots for awards will be sent out and need to be returned by January 22, 2011.

Gary Brandt talked about his ride to Davenport, IA next June and recommended making hotel reservations. Details are on the website.

Secretary's Report-Muriel Brandt

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report-Tom Nichols

Nothing to report

Membership-Stewart Johnson and Eileen Perry

Stewart introduced new member, Ned Meisner

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

Carl asked members for more articles for Roar

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

Wayne thanked everyone for a year of safe riding. He reminded members to check their bikes over even in winter months.

Wayne mentioned that there were Top Cat coins, key chains and 15th anniversary patches still available.

Gary spoke about the upcoming meeting/class for road captains which will be held on January 23, 2011. He mentioned all regular G.R.A.S.S. classes are on web-site.

Tom Malia gave this month's safety tip. He gave a scenario of a rider in trouble and asked members what they thought the rider should do in the situation. Without knowing the best answer it brought good discussion among the group. Tom suggested making a commitment in the spring to take a class which might help your riding skills in difficult situations.

Larry Scalzitti suggested reading books during the winter months to help you learn new ideas.

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary announced the uncontested slate. A motion for approval of the slate was made by Chuck Prettyman and seconded by Mike Bradbury and approved by the membership.

The 2011 board members will be:

President:	Mike Bradbury
Vice President:	Wayne Kirkpatrick
Treasurer:	Stewart Johnson
Secretary:	Muriel Brandt
Director:	Mary Walters
Returning Director	Larry Scalzitti

New Business:

Wayne represented the Top Cats at a meeting of Barrington area organizations at the Barrington Library. They have received a community grant and will be using some of the money to create historical, electronic, information files. They are willing to have all of our printed ROARS scanned into the database.

50/50 Raffle

This month's winner was Joan DeRango

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 14TH , 2010

D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

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

Guest: Tony Loden

Absent: Dennis Dougherty, Tom Nichols

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

Carl welcomed everyone to the last board meeting of the year and thanked the board members for their participation for 2010.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

Mike spoke about some issues with board and committee assignments for 2011 due to some changes in membership.

Mike went over the specifics of the contract from Millrose restaurant for the banquet scheduled for 2/12/11. A proposed back-up budget of \$1,000.00 was motioned by Gary Brandt, seconded by Larry Scalzitti and approved. This will cover any room charges, postage, invitations and other expenses.

Treasurer- Tom Nichols (absent)

No report.

Membership-Stewart Johnson

No new member applications this month.

Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick

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Gary reported that all road captains have been notified about the road captain class which will be held on 1/23/11.

Also all regular G.R.A.S.S. classes are scheduled and on the website.

Wayne will be sending out the ballots to membership for the awards banquet. Wayne read off the awards to the board for their approval. There also will be service and road captain awards given.

Wayne moved to have the Barrington Library scan our past ROARs. The library will then be able to display them on their website. Motion was approved.

Wayne reported that 5 Top Cat coin and 2 Top Cat key rings were still available.

Past President-Gary Brandt

Nothing to report

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

A movie night is being planned for Jan. 15th. Larry is looking into a place and time.

Larry is going to try and have a ride a month in the winter months for anyone interested and is working on the 2011 calendar. He hopes to have more information at the January board meeting

Secretary-Muriel Brandt

Nothing to report

Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty (absent)

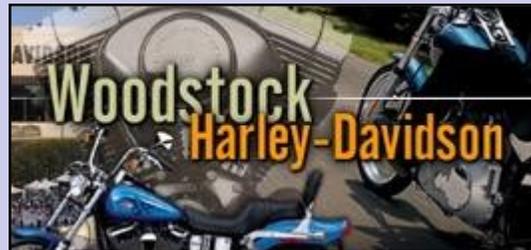
No report

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:35pm

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Top Cats Get 20% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at Woodstock and McHenry Harley-Davidson

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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, January 04	General Meeting	Eskape	Buffalo Grove	7:30pm	Mike Bradbury
Tuesday, January 11	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Mike Bradbury
Sunday, January 23	Road Captain Mtg	Keller Williams Of- fice	Palatine	8:30am	Ric Case
Tuesday, February 01	General Meeting	Eskape	Buffalo Grove	7:30pm	Mike Bradbury
Tuesday, February 08	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30pm	Mike Bradbury
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