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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Top Cats,

My apologies for not being able to attend the Top Cat general meetings in September and October. I have had to travel to Europe for business.

On the first trip, I had to visit 6 plants in 4 countries in 9 days. Talk about planes, trains and automobiles! My recent trip was only to Italy but it was so much better to stay in the same place than living out of my suitcase. This time I got to stay at the same hotel for 3 days in a row!

I wish to thank Wayne Kirkpatrick, our Vice President in running those meetings and carrying out one of my duties for the club. It is an important and sometimes thankless job to run the meetings and I am grateful that our Vice President has the experience and leadership qualities to not only substitute for me, but to do it extremely well. And I'm extending a special thanks to Dennis Dougherty for putting in the extra effort to produce a presentation on his safety tip for the October General Meeting, while he was out of town on business.

In October we had some great activities to occupy us both on and off the bikes and to keep us "roaring" forward together. Joan Derango had the *It's Chilli Ride* on October 15th and she also hosted a "chili chow down" afterwards at her house. I am sure everyone was warmed with some flaming good food and camaraderie after their time on the bikes that Saturday. The last *Franks and Fries* event was held on October 18th at Slotts Hots in Libertyville and was hosted by Larry Scalzitti. Throughout the summer, Larry has hosted this event on the third Tuesday of the month. It has always been a good time to talk and socialize off the bikes. And the food is not bad at these places either! Thank you Larry for hosting these gut filling events. And another special thank you to Noelle and Gene Rigsby for making the final Franks and Fries more special with a desert buffet at their home. It extended the warmth of the evening! And another thank you to Larry Scalzitti for being Road Captain for the *Fall Colors Ride* on October 22nd last weekend to Starved Rock. Unfortunately, I did not attend but have heard it was a good time (as always) to commiserate and ride together.

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 6 General Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting

JANUARY

- 14 Awards Banquet

**WE NEED YOU TO
FILL THIS SPACE
WITH WINTER IDEAS!**



Veteran's Day, 2011



**Thank You for the Commitment You Made
and the Service You Gave...
and Continue to Give!**

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



A Veteran's Tears

By Traveler



Veteran's Day is a time of reflection for many and is often defined as a day of remembrance only for those who wore a uniform while serving our country. I'm not so sure they're the only veterans...

Decades ago, as an eleven year old in Southington, Ohio, I watched my first Memorial Day parade with my dad. Soldiers, cars, clowns, motorcycles, and old veterans paraded in front of us in memory of wars and a day that I didn't really understand.

The parade ended at a cemetery that had a monument to fallen heroes. As the roll - call of those killed in battle was read, I watched the old soldiers standing at attention and saluting, gray hair, worn uniforms from some other era, wrinkled faces reflecting the horrors of Omaha Beach, Normandy, Dunkirk, Verdun, and the 38th Parallel in Korea. Wow, these were heroes, I thought.

Almost in unison, as a bugler played Taps, I saw tears well up, roll down weather worn cheeks, and lips tremble on those old warriors. My dad's grip on my shoulder became tighter. I was witnessing a sign of weakness on men I thought were heroes. Or was I...

Many years later, after serving two tours in Vietnam as an infantry company and cavalry troop commander and, subsequently serving, in Grenada and Panama, I had the opportunity to attend many parades and ceremonies honoring our Veterans.

Solemn drum beats, rifle fire from honor guards, and the stillness generated by a lone bugler sounding Taps, brought back flashes of hidden memories of fallen soldiers, Medevac choppers, gunfire, body bags, posthumous awards, and headstones. Lips trembled, tears overflowed, knees weakened, and I finally realized what made those old warriors in Southington, Ohio, become so emotional.

Nowadays, as I attend Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies at such places as Angel Fire, NM during the annual Red River Motorcycle Rally, and Washington, DC during the Rolling Thunder Ride to the

Wall, the emotions are no less intense but, I suppose, just better controlled.

The crowds are the same, black leather, business suites, uniforms, or T-shirts and blue jeans but, through tearing eyes, I see the same respect, the same appreciation and, the same emotions apparent on the faces of those who never wore a uniform, as those who did.

Mothers and fathers who lost a son, brothers and sisters whose relatives sacrificed their lives, children whose fathers never returned and, bikers whose only memory of a friend remains etched on a lonely headstone, only to be brought to life at an annual ceremony.

To me, behind every tear stands a veteran. Perhaps not a veteran of battle, or uniformed service, but a veteran of sacrifice, a veteran of loss, a veteran of the stress of defending democracy through armed conflict, and the impact it has on our families, our friends, our society, and our nation.

Some anonymous writer, during the Vietnam era, penned the phrase "For those who fought for it, freedom has a taste, the protected will never know." I used to believe that only those who fought for it, could possibly understand the hellish sacrifice of defending democracy. Today, I no longer believe that...

On this Veteran's Day, as we remember our servicemen and women who's names are etched in marble, who reside in VA hospitals, who stand beside you at work, who ride next to you in black leather, and who serve today aboard ships and at bases throughout the world, let's not forget their families and friends for their sacrifices as well. I think they'd want it that way...

May God bless each and every American who ever felt their lips tremble and their eyes tear at the sight of our flag, the memory of a fallen serviceman, or the sound of Taps...

KAUTION KORNER

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE BEGIN “BIKESAFE” PROGRAM

Carlton R. Marcyan



During the past several years Top Cats – Illinois has been cultivating a strong relationship with the motor officers of the state police. Sergeant Rich and Troopers Liz and Ben have presented at our general meetings several times with each more interesting than the last. One topic always discussed is the introduction of a motorcycle safety program that doubles as a community outreach to motorcyclists.

BikeSafe is traffic safety initiative to reduce crashes and fatalities for motorcyclists. It is also a partnership between the Illinois State Police and other local police departments. It is a proactive approach to engage motorcyclists before they do something unsafe and to partner them with a motor officer for the purpose of an assessment of their existing skills. The program actually began in the UK and is well received by its biking community. North Carolina brought it over the Atlantic; Illinois and some additional states are now adopting it.

Although there has been some delay commencing the program, it was finally launched with a “dry-run” a few weeks ago at the DesPlaines located Chicago area, state police HQ. Trooper Liz Diaz was the classroom instructor for this all-day program that covered practical tips for better and safer motorcycling. The program is not limited to lectures as it includes shocking videos of motorcycle mishaps and yes, fatalities. These “drive home” why we must ride alertly and aware of surroundings and other vehicles. An additional and major feature of BikeSafe is that it is not limited to the indoors but includes “on the road” segments with troopers. The morning road session is about an hour in duration, and the afternoon about an hour and one-half. Both are followed with critiques by at least two troopers who do not

pull punches.

My biggest “take-away” from the program is that you must make sure, when slowing or stopping, to constantly check the mirrors for vehicles approaching from the rear. A large percentage of motorcycle mishaps are directly due to vehicles plowing into you from behind. Another caveat, make sure, if you participate in the training, that your bike is street legal and properly working, including brake and turn lights. Although not discussed, do not attend if you have any warrants out for your arrest as, I am sure, there is a background check on all participants!



PAY ATTENTION

At 60 miles per hour you are covering over 80 feet of roadway per second. Concentrate on the road in front of you and avoid daydreaming. Road debris is not a motorcyclist's friend and can get you in trouble quickly.



BRAKE...

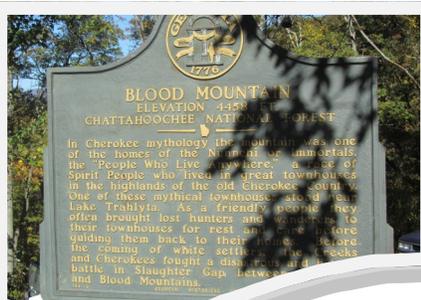
NO SWERVE!!

By: Larry Johnson

.....is all I can think of as a black Toyota pick-up truck comes around the sharp S curve ahead of me, head on, fully in my lane. At 500 feet apart, and a closing speed of approximately 90 mph, not much time is available for a mental discussion. I have to react on impulse from my motorcycle training if I am to survive this encounter. This is not how I want my trip to end up!

A week earlier I left home and headed for Blairsville, Georgia to visit a college buddy of mine and his wife at their mountain cabin located in the Chattahoochee National Forest. I make the first day of travel in bright sunshine and warm weather, and with 350 miles now behind me, I over-night in Evansville, Indiana. The second day I'm not as lucky, and find myself in and out of rain showers as I travel through Kentucky, Tennessee, and northern Georgia for the final 350 miles. I greet my buddy outside his garage, and after a while we head down the mountain to a great little restaurant located in Booger Hollow called *Jim's Smok'n Que*. In rural Georgia they smoke almost everything, and I had the best plate of smoked baby back ribs ever!

Blairsville is a small town located not far from Brasstown Bald, considered the highest natural point in the state of Georgia at 4,784 feet, and Blood Mountain, which is the highest peak on the Georgia section of the Appalachian Hiking Trail with



an elevation of 4,458 feet. Both are located in Union County.

We suit up Saturday morning, and after a country style breakfast at the *Owltown Market* also in Booger Hollow, consisting of eggs, country ham (the salty stuff) and grits made with milk (as smooth as mashed potatoes) we head for Huntsville, Alabama. It's a circuitous route through northern Georgia and Alabama that takes us through a well known National Preserve and sightseers' destination called Little River Canyon. This includes miles of twists, turns, and hills next to the rock sided, slate colored canyon walls and boulder laden riverbed.

Arriving at the Huntsville Marriot located on Tranquility Drive, it was only a short walk the next morning to the NASA sponsored U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Museum, the destination for this part of our trip. The Center features more than 1,500 artifacts representing milestone achievements in U.S. space exploration. The U.S. space program began during the Second World War (WWII) after the Allies invaded Germany and convinced a young German rocket scientist named Werner Von Braun to come to the US and develop rockets for space exploration. Von Braun had started a similar program in Germany before WWII, but was enlisted by the Nazis to build rockets that eventually bombed London, France, and Belgium. Von Braun's first stop in the US was Fort Bliss, Texas, but in 1950 he and his team were moved to Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, where he continued his research on ballistic missiles. Shortly thereafter he and his team of scientists developed the Saturn rockets that provided the foundation of NASA and US space exploration.



We head back toward Blairsville in full afternoon sun, warm temperatures, and mountain leaves beginning to release their autumn color show. This leg includes a stop for lunch at the historic Barnsley Gardens Resort in Adairsville, GA. This was the home to Englishman Godfrey Barnsley (1805-1873) a nineteenth-century American businessman and cotton broker who became one of the wealthiest people in the southeastern United States. This estate withstood the

Civil War as well as a tornado in 1906. In 1988 it was purchased and renovated into a world class resort, complete with gardens, English style cottages, a championship Golf Course, and three restaurants.

Sunday morning after a breakfast at *Cook's Country Kitchen* in Blairsville, we head through the mountains to Helen, GA where we stop at *The Nora Mill Granary* alongside the Chattahoochee River.



Nora Mill is a large four-story building that was built in 1876 complete with 1,500 pound French Burr Mill Stones and a 100 ft. wooden raceway that feeds water to a water turbine - not a vertical water wheel. The mill stone grinds and produces all kinds of corn and wheat based products such as grits, corn meal, pancake & waffle mixes, flours, biscuit & bread mixes, and pioneer's porridge. After some purchases and pictures we head back to the cabin but not before a scenic and twisty ride up to Blood Mountain,



with a stop at Neel Gap in Vogel State Park along the Gainesville Highway. This is primarily a rest stop for hikers on the Appalachian Trail, but is also frequented by the hundreds of bikers circumnavigating the hills and curves up and down one of Georgia's highest elevations.

Monday morning I'm up and out early, ready to begin my ride north as the sun rises over the Appalachians to the east. As I pull away the last thing my buddy says is watch out for the deer! As I carefully wind myself down off



Wilson Mountain a small doe and a six point buck hop across the road in front of me. As I work my way north and west on back country roads I eventually find myself turning north onto state route 294, crossing through the south and western most part of North Carolina, as my GPS directs me toward Knoxville, TN.

With the sun to my back, a cloudless sky, 60 degree air temperature, and a beautiful fall color palate in front of me, I relax a little as I wind my way through Murphy, NC. Moments later in an almost surreal fashion, I'm reacting to something I can't believe is happening. That pick-up truck is in my lane! I initially respond by beginning to apply front and rear brakes, but something tells me (maybe the angel on my shoulder) to SWERVE NOW! I execute a swerve out of my lane clearing the right side white line as the truck tears past me in the opposite direction. It was over as quickly as it began, and I pull back into my lane as my heart catches up to what has just occurred, and begins to pump like I am finishing a marathon. The young driver never looks at me, never swerves away at the last second, and never brakes. It was as strange an occurrence as it was frightening. Was he texting? Was he intoxicated? Was he blinded by the morning sun? I'll never know.

I finish the rest of my 500 mile day on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Since the forecast for Tuesday is showing 45 degrees and rain, I wanted no more than 3 hours exposure to these less than favorable riding conditions for the final 200 mile leg.

Back home on Tuesday it feels really good to pull my scooter into the garage and hug my wife. Without the proper training, and a lot of luck, this scenic, memorable, fairy tale of a trip could have ended as a nightmare.



Party Time!



NISRA ... and the Holidays

By Traveler

Hi Gang,

Each year, we have the privilege of being invited to the annual NISRA Holiday Fashion Show. The show and luncheon will be held at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn on Saturday, 19 November, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is one of NISRA's premier annual events and includes an extensive silent auction, a fashion show, lunch, and theme (Family, Garden, Gourmet, etc) Christmas Tree raffles. Traditionally, Top Cats have reserved a table for 10 or more and attended as a group.

This year we, again, have a table for 10 reserved and we are able to subsidize the cost for our members. Individual tickets are normally \$50.00 each however, we have an incredible rate this year of \$15.00 per person.

To take advantage of this offer and this neat event, and to help NISRA once again, make your reservations before 28 Oct by contacting Wayne Kirkpatrick, wkirkpa177@aol.com. Payment can be made by check or cash on the day of the banquet. If we have more than 10 members and guests sign up, we will try to reserve an additional table at the same price.



If you have never attended this show, you will not only have an enjoyable Saturday afternoon and luncheon but, you will also gain a better understanding of the beneficiaries of our Top Cats' charity work....the kids who participate in NISRA activities.

Hope to see you all there!!!

GIFTS GALORE
The NISRA Foundation Board of Directors invites you to experience the joy of the holiday season at the

16th Annual Holiday Fashion Show
Saturday, November 19
Holiday Inn
Route 31 & Three Oaks Road
Crystal Lake

PROGRAM
10:00 am Cash Bar & Silent Auction
12:00 noon Luncheon
12:30 pm Program
2:00 pm Fashion Show
3:00 pm Raffle Drawings

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE
Purchase raffle tickets at \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Each tree & coordinating gifts is valued at approximately \$2,000 & has a theme:
*Family
*Garden
*Gourmet
*Party
*Winter Wonderland
*Womens

Our Mission:
The NISRA Foundation contributes resources to assist NISRA in enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences. Proceeds from this event benefit NISRA's community recreation programs for local children and adults with disabilities.

Please call NISRA at 815-459-0737 or visit www.nisra.org for more information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Happy Birthday to
Mike Bradbury on the 5th

Happy Anniversary to
Larry and Judy Scalzitti
November 20th

Carl and Ana Marcyan
November 29th

Please let us know your special dates...
so that we can celebrate with you!

The Barrington Area library has finished archiving about 100 pages of our club photos.

They are found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/barringtonhistory/tags/topcats/>.
Check them out... and see how things used to be..



TOPCATS ACTIVITIES

YOUR SOURCE FOR UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

BY TONY LODEN

Well the end of the riding season is upon us; well maybe for most of us because there are members among us who would strap a ski to the front forks of their bikes and add some spikes to the rear tire just to ride; temperature for them doesn't seem to be a factor. You know who you are...

During my tenure this past year as your activities chairman and e-mail coordinator I have assembled and sent 103 blast e-mails covering 39 events. The season started out strong then began to diminish after the Sturgis Rally until some of you stepped up – thank you for a strong close.

The 2012 events season is currently in the pre-planning stages with the scheduling of our annual favorites such as:

- ◆ The 3rd Annual Aunt Millie's Ride to open the season;
- ◆ The NISRA Fishing Derby ride held in early June;
- ◆ The Little Sturgis Davenport Ride held over Father's Day weekend;
- ◆ The Illinois State Police Heritage Run held the last weekend of July
- ◆ Our Annual Trek to Sturgis;
- ◆ The Annual President's Ride, which seems to move around the calendar;
- ◆ The 3rd Annual Burgers, Brats and Bon Fires held in late September;
- ◆ The Fall Colors Ride held in early October
- ◆

and let's not forget our next 17th *Annual Ride for Dreams* that is held on the fourth Sunday in July... Take a moment to circle that date, even if you do not attend any of the other events, this one needs your support as one of our members!!!

Now is also the time that the RC's should look at their calendars and reserve a date. The name of the

ride or the route doesn't need to be determined now as your name would be placed on the events calendar as a placeholder. Don't worry I will nudge and remind you as the date approaches.

I also have a few comments regarding the blast e-mails. As a volunteer in this position, the time I have for design and compilation is limited. The established standard is two e-mails per event, an "Announcing..." and a "Don't Forget..." blast; you most likely have seen a few this season. There may be additional e-mail blasts depending on the event. I do respectfully request to all members that to get the biggest turnout for your event that any information about your ride be submitted at least 10 days before the scheduled ride. I will then do my best to issue the blasts in a timely schedule.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that each year Top Cats has the privilege of being invited to the annual NISRA holiday fashion show. This year the show and luncheon will be held at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn on Saturday, November 19th from 10 AM to 3 PM. This event is one of NISRA's premier annual events and includes an extensive silent auction, a fashion show, lunch, and themed Christmas tree raffle. If you have not already, please take a moment find your email blast and contact Wayne to reserve your space at the Top Cats table.

Remember to check the web site –

www.topcats.org for the latest upcoming activities information. And as always, call me on 847 652-6617 or e-mail me at:

tcatsrsvp@comcast.net with your questions or ideas.

As always... Ride Safe!!!

Tony



And The Winner is....

By Traveler



Greetings Top Cats. Planning for our 14 Jan 2012 Top Cats' Awards Banquet is beginning. Mark your calendar! We need your input this year on award categories. Now, be nice. We want to recognize some of the hard work our members have done as well as have a little fun with some of the awards.

Please take a few seconds to review the 2011 award categories below and send your recommendations for any new categories to Gene Rigsby gene.rigsby@gmail.com or Wayne Kirkpatrick wkirkpa177@aol.com by 15 Nov 2011.

Most Scenic Top Cats' Ride of 2011

Most Grueling (Wet, cold, miserable) Ride of 2011

Favorite Top Cats' Ride of 2011

Most Dedicated Passenger

Most Helpful Top Cat

Quietest Bike

Safest Rider

Most Accessorized Bike

Volunteer of the Year

Loudest Pipes

Cleanest Bike

Dirtiest Bike

Most Often Late to Ride

If we don't get enough input for new awards categories, we are prepared to go with awards for; ugliest Top Cat, Top Cat with the worst teeth, Most gossipy Top Cat, Mr. Obesity 2011, Dumbest Top Cat, etc. So, better get your recommendations in soonest!

Thank you for your input and we'll have more details on our Banquet very soon.



President's Note
Continued

Finally, we are approaching the December elections for choosing club officers and directors for next year. A slate of candidates will be presented at the November meeting. As has been customary for the last 4 years since I have been on the board, candidates have been vetted and recommended by the election committee consisting of past presidents. From this process a list of recommended candidates were given to the Board who voted to create the final slate for 2012. This is an important process intended to review candidates on their past performance, conduct, leadership and past contributions to Top Cats in an effort to offer to the membership the best possible people for managing the club and its future. We do this in the best interest of the club to ensure the club's overall health and vitality going forward. The Board's major responsibility is to manage the club and to maintain its function as a riding club for business enthusiasts who like to ride on organized and interesting rides. Our excellent riding safety program is also one that we can be proud of and is maintained for the benefit of us all. Taking care of these responsibilities is all much easier said than done, but this is the Board's mission. Well that is all for now.

Ride Safely,
Mike



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Wayne Kirkpatrick, Top Cats-Vice President

Opening

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

Gary Brandt went over the election status, and reported the deadline was tonight for Regular members to run for a Board positions. The slate will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting.

The election process was also reviewed.

Vice President-Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne talked about the colors of the Top Cat flags which is black with the white emblem for club members and black with the gold emblem for club officers. Wayne encouraged members to fly their flags on their bikes. The Top Cat flag should be on the left side of the bike if you are also flying an American flag which should be flown on the right side.

Some areas that often need help would be the product committee and helping with activities and communications. Gene Rigsby will be leading the awards committee.

Guest Speaker

Tonight's guest speaker Bill Merriman, from Stop & Go tire repair. He went into detail about the pocket tire plugger, and how it works. He went over the different types of repair kits available, and offered special pricing for this meeting.

Wayne presented him a Top Cat coin for his efforts.

Treasurer-Stewart Johnson

Stewart reported that bank accounts are reconciled through August 2011.

An amount of \$3,100 is the profit for the ride for dreams at this time. The Board will determine the donation at the next Board meeting.





Membership-Jeff Teitz

No new members this month

Safety Don Schaffer

Ric Case reported that the next G.R.A.S.S class will be held on Oct. 16th 2011.

Don reminded new members that they must take a G.R.A.S.S. class within the first year after becoming a member. He also urged members to take classes to improve their riding skills.

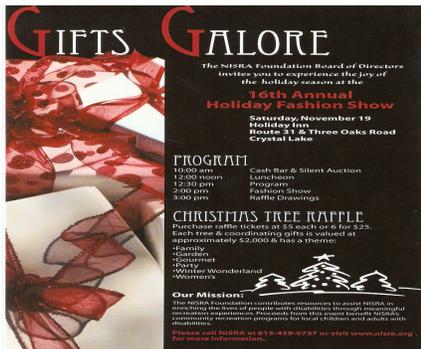
Tonight's safety tip was given by Dennis Dougherty. Dennis was unable to attend the meeting so he sent in a recording of his safety tip which was Ten Things You Should Know When Riding in High Winds. The complete article is in the ROAR under caution corner.

Activities-Tony Loden

Tony Loden talked about some new rides that will be added to October's ride calendar. Details will be on the website.

ROAR- Mary Walters

Mary asked for more articles for ROAR.



Old/New Business

Wayne talked about the NISRA holiday party on November 19th and asked members to try and attend.

Wayne asked for used lap tops which will be sent to Fort Bragg to get refurbished and given to soldiers. He mentioned that Fred Creed has just brought several to be donated.

This month's 50/50 was won by Muriel Brandt

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2011

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

Present: Mary Walters, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Muriel Brandt, Larry Scalzitti, Gary Brandt, Greg Smith and Stewart Johnson

Absent: Carl Marcyan

Guest: Election Committee, Ric Case and Chuck Prettyman

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Mike Bradbury, Top Cats President.

The Board discussed some of the login issues with the website.

Membership Committee will provide our webmaster with names of new members and tell new members how to access our web site. On our web site, we will have an icon for new members to register and request a password. This will be published in ROAR periodically.

Treasurer- Stewart Johnson

- ◇ Stewart presented the Board with the 3rd quarter financial reports. After reviewing, Wayne motioned to accept them, Greg seconded and motion was passed.
- ◇ Wayne asked Stewart to provide a monthly report of reconciled bank statements, in advance, if he was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Membership-Greg Smith

- ◇ There were no new member applications to review this month. Greg contacted by email, a guest from the general meeting.
- ◇ A suggestion was made to send dues statements out in November. The website is set-up for payment on-line.

Safety-Gary Brandt

G.R.A.S.S. class is set for Sunday, Oct. 16th. Road Captain qualifications are being reviewed and were sent to Don Schafer.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

- ◇ Larry talked about some of the remaining rides on the calendar.
- ◇ Wayne proposed a motion for Top Cats to approve \$450 to buy a table at the NISRA Fashion Show/ Benefit. Tickets would then be sold to members at a reduced rate. Mike motioned for approval and Greg seconded it. Motion passed.



ROAR/Website-Mary Walters

Mary along with Terri Loden will be working on ways to get more articles for ROAR. Monthly themes will be worked on as well.

2012 Election Slate

Chuck Prettyman, representing the Election committee, presented the 2012 proposed slate of candidates for Board approval.

The Board went into executive, confidential session, for detailed discussions of the slate.

The slate was not accepted. A motion was made to approve a modified slate. It was seconded and passed. Mike Bradbury (President) will communicate with the election committee chairman.

Mike will present the slate to the membership at the November general meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS

KELLER WILLIAMS
REALTY
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Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

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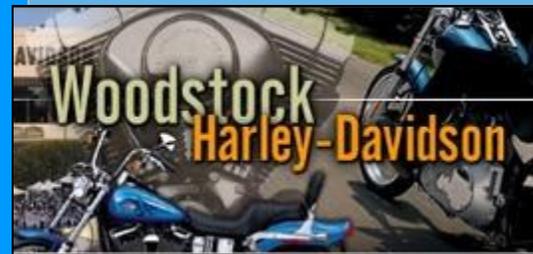
847-438-6588

scalzitti@mindspring.com

Support the TOP CATS Patrons



Top Cats Get 20% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at City Limits Harley-Davidson



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

Membership Has Its Privileges!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

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

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



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 1st	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, November 8th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, December 6th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, December 13th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, January 3rd	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, January 10th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Bradbury
Saturday, January 14th	Awards Banquet	Millrose Brewery	S Barrington	6:00 pm	Bradbury

All ride information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at www.TopCats.org.

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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.

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