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## PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



As some of you know, we have a gathering of local motorcycle organization leaders twice a year. That group, the Posse, is a forum for many issues one of which is bragging about what a great club each president has. Over the last month, my bragging account has skyrocketed thanx to so many of my fellow Top Cats simply doing the right thing. Not only has my reason for bragging about our Club skyrocketed but, yours as well. Read on....



I was honored to ride with 11 fellow Top Cats on a hot, humid, and long ride to Indianapolis for the annual President's Ride to tour the Speedway and see the Steel Ponies exhibit at the Eiteljorg Museum. The evening dinner was open with numerous competing choices but, in typical, old school, Top Cats' fashion, we enjoyed camaraderie together over dinner. It just seemed like the right thing to do...

Stewart Johnson noticed the opportunity to provide us with another one of his well – planned, well – executed

and unique rides on his Fly and Ride ride. Great effort, great ride and one that resulted in one guest applying for membership. When I asked him why the effort and motivation to go to all this effort for his fellow Top Cats, he replied, "I just wanted to step up to the plate. It's just the right thing to do".

Our Charity Committee faced, and overcame, a variety of obstacles and challenges to hold one of our best planned, coordinated, and executed charity rides in recent history. Their motivation? It was the right thing to do.



One of our guests attending Stewart's ride commented that he really felt that he could be himself and not have to act like something he wasn't with our group. A tribute to those who rode with Stewart that day. When he asked for a membership application I asked what made him decide to join? His reply..."I think it's the right thing to do."



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### Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST

#### 31 JULY GENERAL MEETING

- 1 August = Sturgis!
- 12 Board Meeting
- 19 Franks and Fries

#### SEPTEMBER

- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting
- 18 Franks and Fries

YOUR DREAM RIDE HERE!

Let me not live my  
life just to make  
others happy... Let  
me do something to  
help other people  
meet each other!

## KAUTION KORNER

### So it looks like Rain

By: Gary "Storm" Brandt



Over the years legend has it that a Top Cats ride with me as the Road Captain, was an invitation to ride in the rain. It's a tough reputation to overcome since there have been some infamous rides that storms played a major role. There was the **Tornado One**, also known as the Hoosier Run. How about the **Tornado Two**? Also known as the Little Sturgis Run. The Door County ride several years ago included heavy fog and a nice downpour on the way home. Of course a little rain has fallen on many other rides as well.

Every Top Cat has an interesting choice to make. You can sit at home and only ride when you know the sun will always shine or you can learn to deal with the extra demands of riding in wet weather and enjoy many more miles on the road. In this area, rain and storms are normal and most of the time you will not end up with all day rains. On longer rides, we can seldom predict what will happen over the course of many days. You just have to be prepared to deal with it.

It is amazing sometimes to see how many riders do not always carry rain gear. Of all the safety precautions we can take, having the proper gear is right at the top. Aside from cycles of drought, in Northern Illinois it's a safe bet there is always a slight chance of a pop up storm in the afternoons. Rain gear including goggles of some type will enable you to keep riding. Here are some other wet riding tips that were assembled from several internet sources.

**Painted Lines - Crosswalks** can be unsafe for motorcyclists, particularly if you're turning right or left and crossing the lines at an angle. Slow down more than usual and make the turn straight up, rather than in a lean. A few years ago up in Wisconsin Rapids we encountered a "roundabout". The painted lines were 2 feet deep and the traction was minimal. A few of us started to slide, but thankfully no one fell. (Oops I forgot about the rainy Wis-

consin  
Dells  
Ride).

The same can be said about the **diamonds** in other states' HOV lanes. These can be dangerous when you lean into one, especially on the freeway. The diamond is shaped so you just slide across it and continue to slide along it.

Any painted line is a hazard. Until the DOT addresses the issue and comes up with a tackier texture you're the one in control of your destiny.

**Surface Textures** - Many commercial and residential parking areas are paved with very **slick concrete surfaces**. Your wet entry into the local mall or condo complex can put you on the ground in a second. Again, ride slow and straight up and don't let the concrete bite you. This one we don't encounter too often but it's a good idea to keep it in mind.

How about that **rubber they use around railroad tracks** to decrease the sound as cars drive over them? Forget those little circles on the surface, these provide zero traction to you as you cross. Ride slow and straight up. When you add in the extra bump we can expect from our lousy roads here in the Chicago area, extra caution is always needed.

**Steel Manhole covers and railroad tracks** themselves are also a hazard. Making a turn over the surface of them sets you up for trouble. Avoid such, or keep the bike straight up and cross over it slowly. (Cont. Pg 3)







## Kaution Korner... Continued

Railroad tracks have a way of popping up on you just after a turn and you may still be into a lean when you reach them. Look for the crossing signs ahead of time, slow down and stay straight up when crossing.

**Grated bridge crossings and metal plates** are a nasty encounter in the rain. Look at where you want to ride, take it slow and don't try any fancy dancing, particularly a lane change. I think it was another Road Captain's ride one year where we crossed a grated bridge several times as we rode in circles. It wasn't raining, but it could've been.

**Water - Puddles/Pot Holes** - You cruise through a puddle and after it's too late you realize you just went into a pot hole. There was an ex Top Cat who lost control and sustained serious injuries along with totaling his bike. Avoid puddles if you can. Use caution and predict the possibility ahead of time.

**Oil** - It's everywhere and very illusive. Those little red and blue rainbows on the ground mean danger. Ride slow and straight up. If you're caught in the first rain following a few dry days remember the roads are covered with lots of oil and dirt that will be lifted from the surface in the first 30-60 minutes of a new rain. Take a short break if you can. Look for discoloration on the pavement as it may be a sign of a spill. Recently a several mile path of driveway sealer was on a road up north. There was a truck with its valve open just driving along oblivious to the death stream he was dropping on the road.

**Lightning:** There are many falsehoods about lightning and its danger to motorcycles. Let's clear up a few of them.

While rubber is one of the best insulators, your tires do nothing to protect you. The high voltages and currents will go right through them. Remember that Air is also a great insulator and the lightning goes through it without any trouble.

You are safer in a car, not because of the tires, but due to the metal cage that surrounds you.

Lightning is not attracted to metal, although metal is a great conductor, it's attracted to tall objects.

Lightning is lightning. There is an old wives tale that distant flashes are something called "heat lightning". This is actually normal lightning at a great distance. You are too far away to hear the thunder or see the actual bolt.

It's a sign however that a storm may be coming your way.

So how close is too close? The National Weather service recommends that you use the 5 second rule. For every 5 seconds you count between seeing the lightning and hearing thunder the strike is one mile away. As always we must use our best judgment and do what we feel is right for us.

## Rain or Shine... Ride, Ride, Ride...

### Take your DREAM RIDES to the Road!

Gather your ideas together and contact Larry Scalzitti or your favorite Road Captain for the details on how to make your dream a dream memory for your fellow Top Cats...

[Scalzitti@mindspring.com](mailto:Scalzitti@mindspring.com)



By: Traveler

## ***Progress + Evolution = Change....***

Over the past 7 months, our Club has experienced an evolution of our policies, our procedures, our focus, and our vision, all resulting in the refinement of our Bylaws.

As our membership changed consistent, with societal changes, we realized that we had outgrown our Bylaws and a review, revision, and refinement was necessary. Our Vice President led that effort by composing a committee comprised of old members, new members, regular members, and associate members. Their task was to address / resolve / recommend changes to our old Bylaws. That committee performed a stellar task with the resulting recommendations presented to the Board for review / discussion / modification and approval. The Board approved those changes, and the new Bylaws, on 12 June 12 with immediate implementation.

The new Bylaws are posted on our web site for members to review and refer to. However, the highlights of the major changes reflected in our new bylaws are....

° **Membership Categories** - The old categories of Regular member and Associate member have been changed to Full member and Probationary member. Membership remains open to motorcycle enthusiasts who share business and leadership interests including business owners, executives, and certified professionals. All current members, as of 12 June 2012, are grandfathered as Full members.



**CRUISER BIKE**

**SPORTS BIKE**



**Membership Process** – Any qualified individual can apply for membership. Candidates will serve up to two years in Probationary status, and be able to progress to Full member, within one year, by participating in Club activities as specified in the Bylaws.

° **Dues Payment** – Dues will be payable before the election cycle, as specified in an annual dues invoice. No grace period. The election cycle has been moved to assure that dues are paid prior to voting.



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° **Officer / Director terms** – Terms have been extended to provide for better continuity and stability while providing reasonable opportunity for election / re election with minimal turnover turbulence.

**Election Cycle** – Offsetting terms will provide alternate election cycles for; 1) President, Vice President and two Directors and, 2) Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors.



° **Voting Requirements** – Only Full members in good standing may vote. Good standing includes participation requirements met and dues paid for coming year.

° **Candidate Qualifications** – Candidates for President and Vice President must be Full members in good standing for three consecutive years, have successfully served as a committee chair or in a Board position for one year. Secretary and Treasurer must have served one year as a Full member in good standing. Directors must have served one year as a Full member in good standing and have served on a committee or in a Board position for one year.



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° **Member Participation** – Probationary members must attend at least 5 Top Cats events a year and, up to 10 Top Cat events over a two – year period, serve on a committee, attend GRASS, and be current in dues to be considered for Full membership. Full members must attend 5 Top Cats' events annually. Events will be specified by the Board annually i.e. attend three general membership meetings and two rides / events.

° **Member Standards of Conduct** – To protect our members from unsafe situations, unwanted and unwarranted disruptions, email harassment, and conduct that has an adverse impact on the reputation and image of Top Cats – Illinois, the Bylaws now contain a short section on conduct and drug and alcohol abuse.



As with any organizational change, most members will recognize the benefits to our Club in our refined Bylaws and embrace the improvements. Intelligent and reasonable members will read the new Bylaws and realize that they will result in better qualified Board members, more continuity and stability of the Board, better qualified candidates for all Board positions, a clear and specific path to Board positions for all members, a more informed, experienced, and knowledgeable membership base, and a comfortable forum for enjoying our sport, our professions, and the camaraderie of being a Top Cat.



## *The Laws of Motorcycling*

By Traveler



**Law of Motorcycle Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability**- The probability of being seen dropping your motorcycle is 100% regardless of where it happens.

**Dealer Checkout Law** - As soon as you get in the smallest line at the dealership, the cashier will have to call for help.

**Highway Lane Law** - If you change lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a motorcycle part won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is proportionally greater to the speed that you are traveling.

**Law of Motorclothes** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

**Law of Fuel** - Your chances of running out of fuel are directly related to the number of riders in your group. High number = higher chance.

**Law of After Market Accessories** -As soon as you find a motorcycle product that you really like, they will stop making it.

**Repair Law**- If your bike isn't running well, make a service appointment with your dealer. By the time you get there your bike will run perfect.

Don't make an appointment, and your bike will continue to run poorly.

**Parts Costs** - The cost of any part is directly related to how quickly you need it.

**Law of Breakdowns** - The farther you are from home, the greater your chance of breaking down.

**Law of Octane** - The farther west you ride, the lower the octane rating for fuel.

**Law of Group Rides** - The length of a group ride is proportionate to how badly you need a rest stop.

**Law of Storms** - The more severe the storm, the less likely it is to find cover.

**Law of Leather** - Leather will always be hotter than you'd like or not warm enough and is only waterproof when it's still on a cow's ass.

**Law of the Road Captain** - The larger your group, the greater the chances of making that wrong turn.

**Camera Law** - There is a 100% chance that, when you drop your bike, someone will have a perfect, in focus, color, high resolution, close up of you.



# SURFING 101

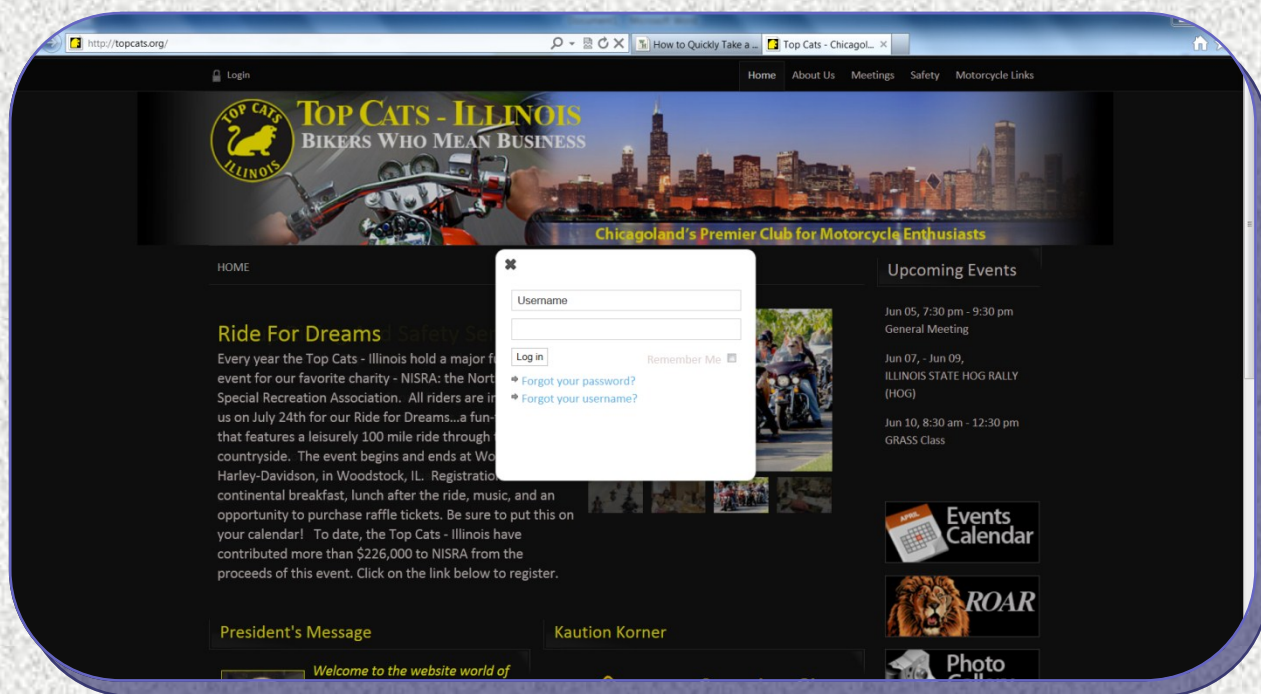
By Larry Scalzitti

When's the last time you visited the Top Cats website? Remember that [www.topcats.org](http://www.topcats.org) is available to you 24/7 – just a click of your mouse away.

When you go to the website, do you log on and look at the member only places? Thanks to Dennis Dougherty – our webmaster – we have a terrific website to use and explore. Please take some time to find out what you like about the site and what we can do better.

Send your recommendations via email to me at [scalzitti@mindspring.com](mailto:scalzitti@mindspring.com).

It's easy to log in. Once you've opened the website, look in the upper left hand portion of the screen. You'll see the word, login next to a lock icon. Click on either and you'll see this screen.



Your username is just your first name, a period and your last name (first name.last name). Your password is \_\_\_\_\_. If you ever forget your username or password you can easily retrieve one or both. You can also change your password whenever you want. The information you request will be sent to the email address that you provided when you became a Top Cat. You can change your preferred email address anytime. Just remember to notify the membership and the web site committees.

Once you log in, you'll see a whole bunch of new information appear on the right hand side of the web site. Look for the Member's Menu and then you'll see a number of choices below it. (Continued on page 9)





website for Motorcycle Links Listing - Windows Internet Explorer

http://topcats.org/suggest-a-web-link

Search Safe Web Identity Safe

Submit a Website for Motorcycle Links Listing

Do you know of an interesting web site you want to share with the Top Cats and the motorcycle community?

Fill out the form below to add to our growing list of websites that may be of particular interest to Top Cats members and the general motorcycling community. We encourage your suggestions. Your suggestion will be forwarded to the website administrator for review and posting on the site.

Please note that form field names that are preceded by an asterisk are required fields.

\* Your Name: Larry Scalzitti

\* Web Link Title: [Redacted]

\* Website URL: [Redacted]

\* Place link in this Category: Select a Category - [Dropdown]

\* Description: In 30 words or less why will others enjoy this website. [Redacted]

Optional Note: [Redacted]

Submit Your Weblink Suggestion Pause

Board Menu

- \* Board of Directors

Members' Menu

- \* Top Cats - Illinois By-Laws
- \* Membership Roster
- \* Road Captain Qualifications
- \* Ride Waiver
- \* Membership Application
- \* Top Cats Mall
- \* Member Deals & Discounts
- \* Ride Routes & Maps
- \* Member's Business Directory
- \* Suggest a Web Link
- \* Change Your Password

Take some time and explore the Members Only areas. Let me know what you think. We welcome and encourage suggestions. This is your web site. Send your recommendations via email to me at [scalzitti@mindspring.com](mailto:scalzitti@mindspring.com).

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries



**Jane Smith**  
**16th**

**Greg Smith**  
**24th**



*28th Gene and Noelle Rigsby*

*30th Tony and Terri Loden*

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

### JULY 3, 2012

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

**Meeting called to order 7:30 PM by President, Wayne Kirkpatrick**  
Pledge of Allegiance was said on the eve of the 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



#### **President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick**

- Wayne reported that the recent rides have been some very interesting and successful events. The rides to Davenport and Indianapolis were highlighted. SEE THE PICTURES ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE RIDES.
  - Charity Ride comments included the fact that we need more hands and help to make sure that the event is successful!
  - Wayne reminded all of the members that the ROAR is for motorcycle and Club news and motorcycle related stories. Personal issues should not be presented in the ROAR
- Bylaws Project has been finished and will be addressed tonight with the membership.

#### **Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury**

No Report at this time

#### **Vice President's Report: Gary Brandt**

No Report at this time

#### **Secretary's Report: Mary Walters**

- Rosters have been updated with new members and Road names
- Stories of Sturgis will be the topic for the August edition of ROAR. Please submit your stories!

#### **Treasurer's Report: Stuart Johnson**

Financial information is current and available upon request

#### **Awards / Membership: Greg Smith**

New members, Patrick and Rene Callahan, were given their Top Cats induction information.

#### **Safety / Charity: Ric Case /Don Schaffer**

Charity Ride Status was given by Ric Case

- Work assignments:
  - ◇ Lists will be distributed so that jobs can be covered for the event.
  - ◇ Pre Registration is in progress
  - ◇ Raffle ticket status: Please turn in the tickets that you have taken and sold. If you need more, see Ric or Tony for more! We need to get these sold to cover the costs of the event and to make This ride a success for NISRA!

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## Safety Tip

Bard Boand presented ideas on the way to pack for a Road Trip. See the ROAR for a very practical and complete article with informative details.

## Activities / Website: *Larry Scalzitti*

- Tony reported that the Franks and Fries ride will be at Franks for the Memories in Mundelein.
- The Illinois State Patrol Ride, honoring fallen officers, will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. See the Illinois State Patrol Ride site if you want to go to this event. It is worth the time.

Bard suggested that everyone check out the ROAR for details on the Sturgis ride. It promises to be a great ride with good memories by the end of the week.

## History / Products: *Larry Johnson*

- The website is having an issue with uploading some pictures – so keep an eye out for some of the new ride photos. Dennis will have them up as soon as he is able to settle the issues.
- The six month update is underway on the library website.

Noelle is keeping the stock for anyone who is interested in purchasing Top Cat wear. The new logo will be embroidered and will be very durable.

## New Business: *Wayne Kirkpatrick / Gary Brandt*

- Wayne and Gary presented the highlights of the changes to the new by-laws:
  - ⇒ The committee was made up of old, new, associate, and regular members whose input would allow for changes that would address the perspectives of all members.
  - ⇒ Wayne stated that there were eight areas of concern and identified those with Gary explaining the changes that have been made to address those concerns. See the By-Law article in the August ROAR for details on these changes.
  - ⇒ All By-Laws need to be in line with the requirements of the National and Illinois Standards. They will be reviewed for accuracy in order to maintain our not-for-profit status.

See Pages  
4, 5, and 6  
for the details of  
the new  
***Top Cat***  
***By-Laws***

50/50 was pulled by Ron Freudenburger and Don Schaffer was the winner. He donated the \$31 winnings to the NISRA Ride for Dreams Charity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 with a reminder that our next meeting will be on July 31, so that members can get to Sturgis without missing a meeting.

## Publication Content

Some years ago, the Club refined and implemented our publication policy for ROAR regarding content. Over the past 12 - 15 years we have followed that policy and will continue to follow it in the future. So everyone is aware, our publication policy limits articles submitted by members to motorcycle - related subjects or business networking related topics. Any questions regarding topics or content can be clarified by contacting our editor, Mary Walters at [mawalters57@gmail.com](mailto:mawalters57@gmail.com).



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### JULY 10, 2012

ESCAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

Call to Order at 7:30: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Gary Brandt, Stewart Johnson, Mary Walters, Mike Bradbury, Greg Smith, Larry Johnson, and Ric Case

Excused: Larry Scalzitti

**President:** Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne let the board know that there was some confusion about airtime for our *Ride For Dreams* at a local station.
- Copies of our 'Non-Profit' status will be provided to Stewart so that he can answer questions when they come up.
- A review of the past two rides identified the strengths of the Club and the Road Captains when things don't go as planned.
- One lesson learned from the rides was the need to be careful even when the group agrees to do something impromptu. The example given was the situation that occurred while riding through a small stream. One rider and bike slipped on the moss. Both the rider and bike were o.k., but it shows the need to think all things through clearly before proceeding with any changes in routes or ride events.
- The Activities Committee will be asked to be more pro-active with planning rides.
- The Charity Committee needs volunteers to help with setup and raffles on the day of the ride.
- The August General Meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> – so that all things are covered before Board Members leave for Sturgis.

**Vice President:** Gary Brandt

- Wayne and Gary will develop a summary of the new by-laws for the ROAR. Also, If members would like to see the full document, it will be available at the meetings or upon request.

**Secretary:** Mary Walters

- The next ROAR will clarify the policy of what type of articles are suitable for publication. IE: Motorcycle news, Club news, or business news.
- The master Roster will be updated and will be sent out to Board Members with changes.

**Treasurer:** Stewart Johnson

- We have come to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and Stewart has reconciled the books.
- The 501c renewal has been completed with the new By-Laws in place.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report was reviewed and Gary Brandt made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Greg Smith, and unanimously accepted by the Board.

**Past President:** Mike Bradbury

Nothing to report at this time

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**Director of Activities and Website:** Larry Scalzitti

- Larry Johnson gave report for Larry Scalzitti. At this time, there are open dates in the Calendar. Road Captains will be contacted to create rides for the next few months.
- Larry Scalzitti will send in an article for ROAR detailing how to access the Website information for membership. This will be a regular feature in the ROAR for the next few months.

**Director of Membership and Awards:** Greg Smith

- No new members at this time.
- One oil change has been used and the payment will be made by Stewart Johnson to the recipient.
- Gene Rigsby is beginning to plan for the 2012 Awards Banquet. He is looking for a date and location and Greg will meet with him next week to continue with development of the event.

**Director of Safety and Charity:** Ric Case

- The Road Captain Incentives are under discussion and development. Many options were discussed, including buying lunch/dinner for the RC on each of their rides.
- The Safety Tip and Kaution Korner schedule for next year is being developed now.
- The Ticket sales for the Charity Ride are low.

Stephan Levy has sent the information on how to buy tickets to a Triumph Group that he knows. We need to do more of this type of networking in the future to increase raffle ticket sales for any items in our raffle.

**Director of New Products and History:** Larry Johnson

- Noelle Rigsby has done very well with developing the product line and completing the order and sales of the products.
- Rose, at the Barrington Library, has been very busy but will complete the semi-annual archiving of Top Cat pictures and ROAR publications as soon as she is able. She will contact Larry Johnson when that is completed.

**New Business:**

- By Laws: Wayne and Gary will develop a summary for the ROAR
- Elections: A discussion was held to determine the election details for the 2012 year
  - ⇒ When will the election take place?
  - ⇒ The date will be determined with the completion date for 2013 dues.
  - ⇒ What positions will be up for election?
  - ⇒ Greg Smith made a motion that the elections for 2012 will include the President/Vice President and 2 directors (Larry Scalzitti/Activities and Website; and Ric Case/Safety and Charity). Gary Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - ⇒ Wayne will do the leg-work to begin the development of candidates for the elections.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:02pm.**

**Update...**

Remember *Spokes Bar and Grill*, the biker bar in Sturtevant, WI? We stopped there on the Leather Ride a few years ago. Surprisingly...it isn't there anymore. Owner Larry sold it and it is now called the RT 20 Outhouse. Stopped in after Stewart's Fly – In Ride and...it is appropriately named.

Traveler

**K** For our Charity Ride, most of our road captains took time to pre ride the route and volunteer to lead a group. Bard Boand, in particular, struggled with a stubborn GPS and made six trips just to be able to pre ride the course once. The reason our road captains put in the effort that they did was simple...supporting NISRA, in whatever fashion, is just the right thing to do.



**K** And, our most worthy bragging story involves two of our members, known for their generosity, kindness, and history of simply doing the right thing. We should all be very proud of Andy Hay and Dennis Dougherty.

Dennis won the Ride 4 Dreams bike raffle and decided to take the cash prize instead of the higher valued 1970 Triumph Bonneville so there would be more money to donate to NISRA. I know how much he loved that bike but, NISRA came first.



*Dennis Dougherty & Jan Wilcox*



Andy Hay stepped up and did the same thing by returning half of his cash winnings to the Club for NISRA. I know how excited Andy is with the anticipated arrival of his new Norton Commando yet, NISRA came first.

*Andy Hay*

I know that we are all humbled by Dennis and Andy's generosity and, I would bet, if we were to thank them publically, they would simply respond, in typical Top Cats' fashion that..."It was just the right thing to do."

The lesson here is simple...when you are faced with decisions ranging from going on a ride in threatening weather, to running for a future Board position, supporting our community and our charity NISRA, or even renewing your membership in the Club, take a lesson from the folks mentioned above and simply, do the right thing....

Let's roll,

*Traveler*

President

Top Cats - Illinois





## 2012....

Record our Top Cat History!  
Take pictures... Write Stories....  
And Submit them to the ROAR!

The Barrington Area library has finished archiving about **150** 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..

## TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

*BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS*

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## 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](mailto:wombat@dpdougherty.com)





## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, July 31st	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Thursday, August 1st	Sturgis/ Sturgis Lite	Lake Zurich	South Dakota	7:00 am	Boand
Tuesday, August 14th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, August 21th	Franks and Fries	Slots Hots	Libertyville	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Tuesday, September 4th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, September 11th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, September 18h	Franks and Fries	Papa Gus	Lake Zurich	6:30 pm	Scalzitti

All ride information along with the Photo Gallery  
can be found at  
[www.TopCats.org](http://www.TopCats.org).

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