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The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS **PRESIDENT'S MINUTE**

So much is happening this time of year. We have been blessed with a safe, successful, and exciting riding season. We have an exciting outlook for activities in 2013, we have our elections for 2013 next month and, it all adds up to a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

This year we have been the beneficiaries of the time and effort of many of our TC brothers and sisters in planning an incredible 41 +/- activities for us to enjoy. Our riding activities have taken on the aura of adventurous and informative theme rides, indicative of our Cantigny, Wake the Dead, and Fer-miLab rides.



Over the next two months we will experience the results of elections for our community and national leaders. We'll also have the opportunity to elect our Top Cat leadership for 2013. All of these opportunities to vote should be viewed as obligations to our community, our Nation, and our Club. With each, we have the solemn duty to elect the people who we believe are dedicated, passionate, experienced, and capable of performing the duties of the office for which elected. Informed and concerned American citizens have a legacy of upholding the democratic process. Let's all proudly continue that legacy....



And, I'm proud of the accomplishments of our four new road captains this year and the many who, on short notice with good weather, planned and conducted great rides for all of us. Even more exciting is the events calendar for 2013!!! When finalized it will, no doubt, be one of the most ambitious and exciting schedule of events we have ever had.



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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 6 General Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting
- 17 NISRA Holiday Party

DECEMBER

- 2 35th Annual Toys for Tots
- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting

Put your Winter Activity Here!

Contact Larry Scalzitti with your ideas

KAUTION KORNER

Search and Ye Shall Find!

By: Larry Scalzitti
Senior Road Captain



Whenever I teach a motorcycle class, there are a few key things that I want my students to remember for a very long time. When I first started teaching, I just assumed that everything I said was forever etched in stone in each student's memory. Since getting acquainted with reality, I now realize that no matter how often I say things or how energetically I teach, there will always be some concepts that students don't retain. The best I can expect is that each new rider walks away with some knowledge. More importantly, I hope that I've also instilled in my students the need to continue to learn and improve their skills. If these riders stay true to that wish, they will become not just lifelong learners, but they will treat each ride as an opportunity to become better riders. That continued reflection on skill development can serve as the basis for constantly improving their ability to ride safely.

In my mind there are three big things that every rider should be well versed in. The first item is awareness and visibility. A rider needs to be visible to others and be able to see and be aware of everything around them. Next, the rider needs to understand how their bike turns, both at slow speeds and higher speeds. Dennis Dougherty covered higher speed turning in June's Kaution Korner. And finally all riders must master the two main collision avoidance techniques: Swerving and quick stops. This article addresses the first item.

Too many times you hear about a rider who has had a crash or a near miss. Generally the focus of their anger is on the other person or thing that put them in a place outside their comfort zone.

We've all heard these comments before:

"That idiot pulled out in front of me . . ."

"I couldn't believe they stopped in the middle of the intersection . . ."

"The turn didn't look that sharp . . ."

"Where did that car come from . . ."

All of these and more can probably be avoided if we take a hard look at the incident without our egos leading the discussion. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) espouses an excellent strategy for all riders:

SEE – Search – Evaluate – Execute.

No magic here, the concept is pure common sense. It's just that easy to think through the road that lies ahead.

The first part of the visibility equation is the S in SEE. Courses that I've taught over the years have the rider searching anywhere from 12 to 20 seconds ahead. Well, just how far down the road is 20 seconds? Rather than struggle with speed related calculations, I think what everyone is trying to say is look down your path of travel as far as you can see and search for things that may cause you harm. If you can do that and continue to look down the road aggressively, you won't be surprised.

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Kaution Korner, Continued...

In order to effectively search ahead you will need to place your bike in a position that allows you to see. Sometimes your vision of the road ahead may be blocked by a large vehicle. If you're on a multi-lane road, then change lanes and move past that vehicle to allow you to see ahead and regain your ability to search the entire area coming into view.

If you have but one lane to travel down, then increase your following distance, in order to open up space between you and the larger vehicle ahead. This will give you a better view of what lies before you. You should also change your position within the lane. Ride in the left track for awhile and then the right track. Vary your time in each track, scanning down the road ahead and try to build a complete picture, even though that large vehicle in front of you may be blocking the middle of the road. The more information you can gather and piece together about what's ahead, the better able you be able to spot and avoid trouble before it becomes a problem.

By changing tracks you also give the traffic that lays ahead of you a better chance of seeing you. As you ride in the left, then right track, and fall back from the vehicle in front, the oncoming traffic will be more likely spot you, especially those vehicles entering the roadway from any cross streets or driveways ahead.

Bottom line – Remember to choose your position on the road based on both your ability to see and your ability to be seen by others.

You can also choose to make you and your ride easier to see. Since we're harder to see than cars, it becomes our duty to increase our visibility to others:

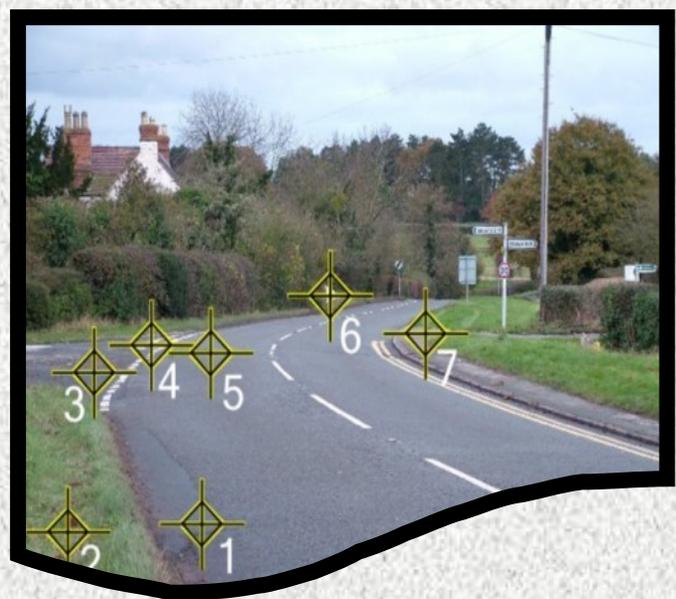
Wear brightly colored clothing. Lots of manufacturers have brightly colored gear for all kinds of riding conditions. You can also add a high visibility vest over your leather jacket to get more attention. Don't forget helmets, black look cool, but other colors will make you stand out rather than blend into the scenery. In the rain wear gear that has retro reflective materials. This is a great time of year to buy clothing. Last year's gear is still good and the

prices are slashed to clear remaining inventory. Check out one of my favorite places for deals – www.motorcyclegear.com

Ride with your high beam on during the day. It will help you stand out from the crowd of day time running lights. If you're riding a cruiser with a single headlight, you'll increase the life of your low beam filament. Also, I highly recommend adding additional lighting both fore and aft. The more visible you are, the more likely you'll be seen and the safer you'll be.

Brake lights. Remember that a flashing light attracts more attention than a steady one. If you're the last vehicle in line at a stoplight or stop sign, remember to be in first gear, keep an eye on your mirrors for fast approaching vehicles, have an escape path and pulse your brake lights as a vehicle approaches.

In the final analysis, when you're on your bike there is no one to blame but yourself. We need to be constantly looking for potential problems and we need to take action before those problems develop in order to eliminate or minimize them. The only way to do that is to be aware of everything coming towards you and to let everyone know you are there. Stay visible and remember to put yourself in the best possible position to see and to be seen. Ride safe!



Oil Spots

By: Traveler

Oil Spots

By Traveler

DEER TAKE DEADLY TOLL ON MOTORCYCLISTS!!!!

Research by AAA that found that nationwide, about 70% of deer-crash fatalities involve motorcycles.



The deer mortality rate becomes most evident this time of year, (Nov – Dec) as the mating season has more deer on the move. Their carcasses by the roadside attest to the danger that the lure of romance poses for them and for drivers.

In 2010, the latest year for which there are national statistics, 403 people were killed in accidents involving deer.

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) reported that in 2011, motorcycle thefts in the United States were down 6 percent from their 2010 total. There were 46,667 motorcycles reported stolen in 2011 compared with 49,791 in 2010.

The theft rate averages out to one every 11 minutes. All data is from theft reports contained in the National Crime Information Center.

The top five makes stolen last year were:

- Honda, 11,014
- Yamaha, 8,880
- Suzuki, 7,281
- Kawasaki, 5,009 and

Harley-Davidson, 3,120

Combined, these five brands accounted for 35,304 thefts in 2011, or 75.6 percent of the total.



For 2011, the top five states with the most motorcycle thefts were:

- California, 5,927
- Texas, 3,950
- Florida, 3,927
- North Carolina, 2,466 and
- Indiana, 2,114

These five states accounted for 18,384 thefts, or 39.3 percent of the total.

Of some significance is the fact that thefts were down in 2011 while motorcycle sales increased slightly from 2010. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, motorcycle sales increased in 2011 to 440,899 units — up 0.3 percent from 439,678 units sold in 2010.

The complete motorcycle theft report is at www.nicb.org.

More than 500 motorcycle makes were among those stolen last year, but the highest percentage of bikes stolen were of the Honda brand, at 24%. Yamaha was next (19%), followed by Suzuki (16%), Kawasaki (11%) and Harley-Davidson (7%).

LEGAL BATTLES CONTINUE OVER MONGOLS CLUB COLORS

An unprecedented federal government effort to seize the Mongols Motorcycle Club's trademark has quietly become a quarter-of-a-million-dollar headache for the Justice Department, reports McClatchy Newspapers. Four years after prosecutors grabbed national headlines by seizing the Mongols' logo, an appellate court must now sort out what the federal government might owe the club's attorneys.

It could be a lot, in a free-speech case that's also a cautionary tale about aggressive federal use of forfeiture to seize private property.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

“What they did was an outrageous violation of the First Amendment, and an absolute abuse of forfeiture and trademark laws,” American Civil Liberties Union attorney David Loy told the paper. Rebuking prosecutorial overreach, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered the Justice Department to pay \$253,206 to Loy and Alan Mansfield, an attorney with Consumer Law Group of California, who successfully challenged the prosecutors’ attempt to seize the Mongols’ trademark.



Los Angeles-based prosecutors claimed a huge haul in October 2008 when they announced mass indictments of Mongols MC members, and in addition to physical assets such as motorcycles, firearms and other property, prosecutors sought to claim the Mongols’ trademarked name and logo. “If any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang

member and literally take the jacket right off his back,” then-U.S. Attorney Thomas P. O’Brien declared at the time. But a judge in Los Angeles ruled last year that prosecutors had gone too far. The judge reasoned that the trademark belonged to the organization, not to individuals, and therefore unindicted club members should still enjoy the right to use it.

Last February, another federal judge added that the Justice Department had to pay for the trademark fight because the government “violated settled First Amendment and trademark law.” “The novelty of the government’s position did not make it substantially justified,” U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled.

The Justice Department is appealing the judge’s order to pay, however, with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals likely to hear the case next year.

PALESTINIANS CRACK DOWN ON MOTORCYCLES

Lawmakers in Gaza have continued their draconian campaign against motorcycle usage, taking the bold step of banning the import of spare parts for motorcycles into the ancient Palestinian city.

Interior Ministry official Hassan Akashed has admitted that the move aims to directly reduce the number of motorcycles, which he claims are a main cause of car accidents.



According to visor-down.com, motorcyclists in the city have been subject to an ongoing crack down, banning them from riding after midnight, and restricting women from riding. The Interior Ministry recently announced that it was banning women from riding bikes or being pillion passengers, to limit accidents and “protect community values.”

Israel’s blockade of Gaza has meant that parts for cars have been

impossible to get hold of and the cost of maintaining them has become unsustainable for most.

As a result, motorcycles have seen a huge surge in popularity. Just five years ago there were only about a dozen or so motorcycles in the city, but the number of motorcycles in Gaza had grown to around 15,000 by 2010.

EUROPEAN BIKERS PROTEST VEHICLE-INSPECTION PLAN

Thousands of motorcyclists rolled into Belgium to protest an EU proposal for regular mandatory bike inspections. The law would be “expensive and useless,” said representatives from the Federation of European Motorcyclists’ Association (FEMA) who met with European Union officials EU headquarters in Brussels as more than 4,500 motorcycles roared through the city’s streets, protesting the proposed law that would introduce mandatory EU-wide road-worthiness tests for motorcycles.

Members of Belgium’s Federation of Angry Bikers (FBMC) turned out in large numbers for the protest. “Only 0.3 percent of motorcycle accidents in Belgium and 0.6 percent in Europe are due to technical problems,” FBMC head Joe Verrecke told the Belgian news agency Belga.

FIRE DAMAGES CHICAGO MOTORCYCLE SHOP

Authorities are investigating the cause of a Oct. 4 fire that caused an estimated \$110,000 in damages to a motorcycle shop in this town, roughly 40 miles west of Chicago. **Diesel’s Service & Repair** sustained about \$50,000 in damages to 10 to 15 motorcycles, \$40,000 in losses of tools and equipment, and about \$20,000 in damage to the building. Acting Battalion Chief Scott Hogan told the Bellingham Herald.

(Sources: Dealer News Alert, Motorcycle Powersport News, Iron Works News and Information, National Coalition of Motorcyclists {NCOM})

Qualifications, Nominations, Voting and Elections

By Traveler

Over the past 18 years, our Club has had the good fortune of being led by a group of dedicated and skilled Board members. They have initiated new programs and activities, established innovative processes, always tried to please as many as possible, kept our Club evolving and, on occasion, put in long hours, struggled with sensitive issues, and made tough, and thankless, decisions.



As we approach our elections this December, we have an *obligation*, as members, to continue that legacy of competence through our electoral process. By now, all members should be aware of our requirements for voting, our eligibility requirements for running for office, and our open Board positions and term lengths.

Now, in the very unlikely event that you forgot, here is a summary of our process and our policies.....

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

This year, we will be voting on a new President, Vice President, and two directors. Each will start a new, two – year term on 1 Jan 2013.

OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for President, Vice President, must have three years as a Full member in good standing in the Club and have served as a committee chair or in a Board position, for one year.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for director must have a minimum of one year as a Full member in good standing and have served on a committee or in a Board position for one year.

TERM LENGTHS:

Officer and director terms are two – year terms, not to exceed three two – year terms.

ELECTION CYCLES:

The President, Vice President, and two directors will be elected this year to serve until elections for the 2015 term. In 2013, we will have elections for our Secretary, Treasurer, and two directors who will serve until elections for the 2016 term.

NOMINATING PROCESS:

Full Members, in good standing, may nominate any of the eligible individuals listed above for an open position. The names of nominees must be submitted to any Board member; (President: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Vice President: Gary Brandt, Secretary: Mary Walters, Treasurer: Stewart Johnson, Past President: Mike Bradbury, or directors: Larry Johnson, Ric Case, Ric Case, or Greg Smith) before 15 Nov 12. Members who nominate an individual should assure that the individual will accept that nomination. Candidates may be nominated anytime prior to 15 Nov 12 by email, telephone, or in person to the serving Board members. Nominees will then be verified as Full Members in good standing who accept the nomination and added to the ballot.

VOTING:

Ballot voting will be held at the 4 Dec 12 General Meeting. To be eligible to vote members must be Full Members in good standing i.e. attend three Top Cats events during 2012, and 2013 dues paid.



Elections Continued...

ELIGIBLE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR:

Full Members who are eligible to run for a directors' position, subject to timely receipt of 2013 dues, are:

- ◇ Boand, Bard
- ◇ Bradbury, Michael
- ◇ Brandt, Gary
- ◇ Brandt, Muriel
- ◇ Braun, Randy
- ◇ Case, Richard
- ◇ Dougherty, Dennis P.
- ◇ Freudenberger, Ronald
- ◇ Johnson, Larry
- ◇ Johnson, Stewart
- ◇ Kirkpatrick, Wayne
- ◇ Kornecki, Emil
- ◇ Levy, Stefan
- ◇ Loden, Terri
- ◇ Loden, Tony
- ◇ Malia, Thomas
- ◇ Marcyan, Carlton
- ◇ Michaud, Pat
- ◇ Peiffer, Russ
- ◇ Peiffer, Theresa
- ◇ Rigsby, Gene
- ◇ Rigsby, Noelle
- ◇ Scalzitti, Judy
- ◇ Scalzitti, Larry
- ◇ Smith, Greg
- ◇ Smith, Jane
- ◇ Tietz, Jeffrey
- ◇ Walters, Mary
- ◇ Yates, William



ELIGIBLE NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, OR DIRECTOR:

Full Members who are eligible to run for either President, Vice President, or director, subject to timely receipt of 2013 dues, are:

- ◇ Boand, Bard
- ◇ Bradbury, Michael
- ◇ Brandt, Gary
- ◇ Brandt, Muriel
- ◇ Case, Richard
- ◇ Dougherty, Dennis P.
- ◇ Johnson, Larry
- ◇ Johnson, Stewart
- ◇ Kirkpatrick, Wayne
- ◇ Loden, Terri
- ◇ Loden, Tony
- ◇ Malia, Thomas
- ◇ Marcyan, Carlton
- ◇ Scalzitti, Larry
- ◇ Smith, Greg
- ◇ Tietz, Jeffrey
- ◇ Walters, Mary



CAMPAIGNING:

Simply put, we do not believe it is in the Club's best interest to campaign. A candidate's history of contributing to the Club as well as their demonstrated leadership, committee performance and experience will speak to that candidate's qualifications for office. We do not allow unsolicited mass emails, mass letters, social networking or telephone solicitation of our members by nominees or their supporters.

You will recall that, at the beginning of this article, I mentioned our *obligation*, as Full Members, to elect a strong Board. One that is reliable, capable, trusted, skilled, and experienced. Let's all start that process now and complete it on 4 Dec 2012. Our Club is worth it, our members are worth it, and our future deserves it.....

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2012

ESCAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick
Members were asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance
There were no guests tonight.



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne highlighted the past months' rides and discussed the fun that was had by the members as well as the Road Captains leading each ride.
- Cantigny, Milwaukee and back-roads to Harvard, are all events that should be re-ridden with more of our members!
- Insurance policies and their details need to be KNOWN by the insured. Randy Braun will be giving us some details about what to look for in our policies at tonight's meeting.
- The nomination process will be started tonight.
- The question was posed: How can you know when you run out of invisible ink?

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

There is nothing to report tonight as Mike is out of town.

Vice President's Report: Gary Brandt

Nothing to report for this month.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- In looking at old ROAR articles, there were many great articles from members on solo rides, bike maintenance, vacations, and other motorcycle related events.... Writing about the things that you see or experience is easy. Contact Mary if you would like to submit an article or if you would like to have assistance developing an article.

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Johnson

- Membership Invoices were mailed out and payment is due on the 30th of October so that membership for 2013 can be established and eligible voters identified for the elections in December.

Awards / Membership: Gary Smith

- New Trifold was presented to the membership and handed out to members to keep and pass out to potential members.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Safety

- Next GRASS class will be held on October 21, 2012.
- Greg Smith summarized his Kaution Korner article. With the leaves changing and falling, they may sometimes hide hazards in the road. They also cause the roads to be more slippery. So be careful as you ride this fall, and see the ROAR for more details!

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Charity

October 8th will be the first meeting to begin planning for the 2013 Charity Ride. Contact Noelle Rigby for more information on the Charity Committee.

Road Captains: Gary Brandt

Rich Flynn was recognized as a new Top Cats Road Captain and given his RC rocker.

Website: Larry Scalzitti

Activities:

- October events were previewed and details can be found on Calendar on the Website: WWW.TopCats.org
- November is open for events of all kinds!
- December is the Toys for Tots Ride.
- Anyone interested in getting involved in planning, please talk to Larry Scalzitti or Tony Loden.

Website:

- The website is being transitioned from Dennis Dougherty to Rich Flynn at this time.
- Addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are being updated. Please contact Greg Smith with any changes in your information!

History / Products: Larry Johnson

- Larry is out of town, but Joy Johnson gave a great sales pitch and had all of the products displayed at the meeting.
- No History report tonight.

Insurance Presentation by Randy Braun

- Check the Declaration Page on your motorcycle insurance policy. **Make sure that the limits will cover YOU and your rider!**
- Your homeowners insurance also needs to be reviewed. Be sure that the coverage you are paying for will cover **complete** restoration of your dwelling. There are extra expenses that can cause the restoration to go over and above the actual dollar value of the home. Market Value is NOT the replacement cost of your home.
- Call Randy for a personal review of your insurance coverage for your motorcycles, home or other insurance. Randy will give advice, review, or write a policy for you!

Elections and Nominations for the Top Cats 2013 Board Elections: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Nominations are open as of tonight and will be open until November 4th.
- Qualifications for President / VP = 3 years of full membership and one year of work as a director.
- Qualifications for Director = 1 year of full membership and one year of work as a Committee Head or Director.
- All positions are two year terms.
- Campaigning is discouraged because it allows members to run on their record only – rather than outside influences.
- A review of all of the present members has been done by the Board. The names of those who are eligible to run for the open offices were presented and can be found in the October and November editions of ROAR.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2012

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

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

Excused: Stewart Johnson

Call to Order by Wayne Kirkpatrick at 7:30.

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Two members have asked for absentee votes: Jerry Dederich and Bard Board.

The board unanimously agreed to give these two absentee ballots

Nominees

Larry Scalzitti will be running for Vice President

Two director positions are open. Discussion was held on possible people to ask for their service in these positions.

Committee Chiefs for 2013 will include:

Gary Brandt – Safety

Rich Flynn – Website

Mary Walters – ROAR

Committee Chiefs needed for 2013

Membership

Activities

Wayne THANKED the Board and the Committee Leads for the work that they did this year to keep the club moving forward and for all of the moments we have been able to enjoy as a club.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ROAR still needs ideas and content for each month!
- Master Roster has been updated with the changes in personal information made at the October general meeting.

Treasurer: Stewart Johnson, absent

Wayne reported that:

- Financial Status update will be done by Stewart next month with all quarterly reports completed at that time as well.
- Stewart sent the names of the members who haven't sent in their dues for the 2013 year.
- A Mass Blast will be sent to those who have not yet paid to remind them that October 30th, 2012.
- Nick's Breakfast Ride was discussed.
- When is paying for food a good investment of the club's money?
- Should the club do this on special occasions or not at all?
- What protocol should the board use on this topic?
- The board agreed that there should be some options to do this. EX: For challenging rides that may include rain, heat, or some other situation that requires perseverance.
- A motion was made to not reimburse for this ride. There was 1 vote for not reimbursing, 5 in favor, and two abstentions. The money for this particular ride will be reimbursed, but no future rides will include reimbursements, until the new board can discuss this issue and create a policy for the 2013 year.
- Financial Report is available on the web site.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

Past President has no updates at this time.

**Director:** Larry Scalzitti

Activities

- Hot dog nights? Should they be continued?
- The consensus was YES....
- But, maybe on a different night?
- First Aid/CPR
- The certificates will expire for anyone who took the original class 3 years ago.
- The board agreed that it is an important event to repeat.
- Other rides were previewed and reviewed.
- Other winter events were discussed and ideas will be developed.
- The NISRA Holiday event is scheduled for 17 November, 2012. The board discussed subsidizing the event. This idea will be voted on by e-mail as the details become more known.
- A Top Cats shooting event was suggested as a good idea to pursue.

Web Updates

- Transition is in place
- Purge of the membership will occur in early November after the due date for membership renewal has passed.

Director: Greg Smith

Membership

- No new members at this time.
- Cost of the new tri fold was \$108.00 for 300 copies and this bill has been paid.
- Membership information on the website needs to be updated. The new application, as well as the new membership levels, need to be changed on the website. Greg will send this information to Dennis, Rich, and Larry Scalzitti.

Awards

- 2012 Awards Banquet Date will be on 26 January, 2013.
- Details of the Hall, food, and payments were discussed.
- Ideas for Award Titles can be submitted to Greg Smith.
IE: Most Rides Led, Best Grass Presentation, Absentee of the year

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- Committee Changes
 - Road Captain Committee will be led by Gary Brandt
 - GRASS will continue to be led by Ric Case
- Gary Brandt has updated the Road Captain list and identified the Road Captains that may not re-qualify for next year. And at this time, there are no Road Captains that will qualify for recognition for this year.
- Safety Tip and Kaution Korner authors and presenters were identified and the new schedule for 2013 should mimic the 2012 schedule.
- GRASS Instructors for the next event, October 21st were discussed.

Charity Committee

- Next Meeting Dates at 7:00pm:
 - Wednesday, November 14 at Peiffer's home
 - Monday, January 7th at Brandts
 - Monday, February 11th, TBA
- Next year's event will be held on 21 July, 2013 at Woodstock. They have been very supportive in the past and are easy to work with.
- Sponsors are being courted and a donation letter is being developed so that we can begin to collect items for the raffle. No big ticket item will be used for the event this year.
- Ticket sale venues are being identified and established.

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As we approach our traditional Thanksgiving holiday, let us take the opportunity to realize and appreciate how fortunate we have been over this last year as Americans, as family members, and as Top Cats. We should all appreciate the contributions of our fellow Top Cats in making our 2012 season exciting, interesting, informative and, above all, safe.



Please keep your thoughts and prayers with Jerry Dederich and Rich Flynn and their families, as they both recuperate. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to spending many more days with them over our 2013 season.

Let's roll,

Traveler
President
Top Cats - Illinois

Board Meeting Continued...

Director: Larry Johnson

New Products Status

The presentation at the new meeting made the products look great. It was good to see what was available. Questions were reviewed about past prices and product by members of the past Product Committee. The website will be updated with new prices and product.

History

No report for history at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mike Bradbury
5th



Judy and Larry Scalzitti
20th
Carl and Anne Marcyan
29th

Let us know your important dates so that we can celebrate with you!!



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

Gary Brandt
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E-Mail: gbrandt@kw.com

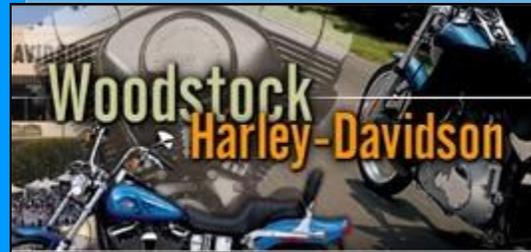


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Top Cats Get 20% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at Woodstock and McHenry Harley-Davidson

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

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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 6th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 13th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 17th	NISRA Holiday Party	Holiday Inn	Crystal Lake	10:00 am	TBD
Sunday, December 2nd	35th Toys for Tots	Dan Ryan Woods	Chicago	6:00 am	
Tuesday, December 4th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 11h	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, January 8th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, January 15th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick

Save the Date! January 26, 2013
 Top Cat's Awards Banquet... Watch for Details!

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

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