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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



Most social clubs are founded on common interests. Ours happens to be the adventures of

motorcycling. Most clubs have a mixture of experienced members and new members. Ours has that same mixture. In most clubs, you will see old members helping new members. Our Club members are proud to do the same. Experience is simply something that members are proud to share with each other. If asked.....

Some years ago....and we've all seen it....we had riders who had been riding for all of 1 to 5 years, had 10,000 miles of saddle time, never rode in inclement weather yet decide to ship their bikes to a great destination for an enjoyable

two-week ride. They had it all planned and didn't need any "advice" or....did they? I think the conversation between the new guy (NG) and the old road - worn road captain (RC) went something like this....

(RC): So, who's hauling your bikes for you?" (NG): Oh, we got a great deal from HyJack Haulers." (RC): Super. They're bonded and insured like a major carrier right?"(NG): Well, no."



(RC): They have experience and good references right?"

(NG): Well, no."

(RC): You have recourse if your bikes

don't get there on time, right?"(NG): Well, no."(RC): You know how to find them if they run off with your bikes, right?"(NG): Well, no." (RC): Hmmmmm."

(RC): So, have you checked the vehicle laws in the 7 different states you're riding through?"(NG): Well, no"(RC): Do you know that State XX requires eye protection in addition to a wind screen?"(NG): Well, no." (RC): Are you aware that your handlebars are too high for XX State?" (NG): Well, no."(RC): Do you know that XX State requires proof of medical insurance?" (NG): Well, no." (RC): Hmmmmm."



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Put your Activity Here!

Contact Gene Rigsby with your ideas



KAUTION KORNER

Packing Your 'Just-in-Case' Kit

By Senior Road Captain, Bard Board



What's the best use for your saddle bags? For packing things you never want to be without when on the road 30 minutes from home or 300 miles from nowhere? Clothes? Food, Beer? Although all of these things are needed when 300 miles from home, you can divide them into two categories:

1. Things you need to access quickly, while riding and....
2. Things you will need, but can wait until you're off the road for the day and settling in for the evening.

For category #2, use your tour pack or waterproof duffel bag, or strap on luggage. That's easy... now for the rest:

Category #1: Let's look at what you should put in your saddle bags. As you look at what you are packing, saddle bags should be packed with the critical items you'll need on the road, to get you going again quickly, or to tend to your personal needs when necessary as you ride. You may also want to include your tool kit, your rain gears, gloves and a "just in case" kit. This kit can be assembled into one zippered soft bag and can include any or all of the following:

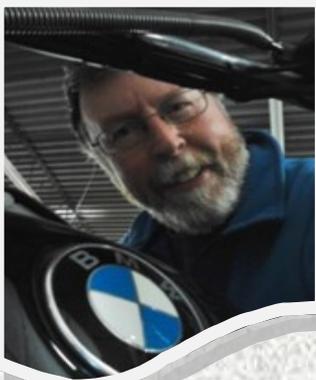
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| Swiss style pocketknife or multi tool | Bike lock |
| Tire pressure gage | X-tra sun glasses |
| Energy food bar | Water |
| First aid kit | Duct tape |
| Cell phone charger | Utility light |
| Emergency contact numbers | A complete detailed Next of Kin info |
| List of medical conditions and medications | HOG Touring Handbook |
| Bike Registration, insurance info, etc. | Motorcycle owner's manual |
| Side stand board | Sunscreen+lip balm |
| Bathroom tissue | Tire repair kit and CO2 inflation cartridges |
| x-tra credit card and emergency cash
(only if you have locking saddle bags). | |

If you still have room left, a few handy bonus items may include motorcycle jumper cables (much smaller than those used for a car), *A syphon tube with squeeze bulb pump, * Small portable air pump. * X-tra quart M/C oil.

*Note: Keep all paperwork items in a waterproof ziplock bag, ie: registration, insurance and contact info, etc. Still have room left? Ask your spouse or significant other what they need..

LOL....

Best Regards... Bard



What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Gear! Not the transmission related word, but rather the word that describes what we wear to protect ourselves when we ride. There are many opinions about what to wear and when to wear it, but in this column all you read will be mine. As many of you know I'm an ardent advocate of rider safety and I'd be remiss if I didn't share some of those views with my riding friends.

ATGATT – This is the philosophy that every rider should embrace - All The Gear All The Time. When it comes to protection, no one can afford to take a day off. An accident doesn't wait to happen until you've got all of your protection in place. Don't put yourself in a situation where the first comments are – “Too bad you weren't wearing your gear.” Let's review what makes up AGATT by taking a look at ourselves from head to toe.

Helmets – We can't say enough about protecting your brain. You should want to guard against all kinds of head trauma and helmets greatly reduce your risk in a get off. Not only will a helmet protect you from impact injuries, it will also guard against road debris, insects and rain. Look for a helmet that has SNELL and DOT approval.

Expect to pay more for a helmet that is lighter, has more ventilation and one that is better made. The place to skimp is not here. Many people complain that their helmet has poor airflow, when in fact they just bought a poorly designed helmet. A quality product from a well known manufacturer like Arai, Shoei or Schubreth will cost a few more dollars, but it will be more comfortable and that alone increase the likelihood that you will wear it. I've worn mine in the desert when the temperatures topped 120 degrees and it kept me cool by shielding my noggin from the unrelenting rays of the sun and wicking the moisture from my head.



- ♦ Remember to replace your helmets about every 5 years. The impact absorbing layer will degrade over time, so keep your skid lid fresh!

Jackets – Lots of choices, but look for jackets that offer both impact resistance and abrasion protection. There are lots of excellent manufacturers, and you get what you pay for, so do your research and buy a product that will serve your needs. I usually have two jackets. One is a three season jacket that will work from very cold temperatures up to about 85 degrees. When it gets much warmer than that, I'll shift to a ventilated jacket that allows for great airflow. When coupled with a wicking undershirt, you create your own swamp cooler. Just like a helmet, if you can keep the sun off your skin, you'll feel cooler. Also look for Gore-Tex material in your three season jacket - not having to stop to put on rain gear is a nice plus.



Gloves – Don't forget protection for your digits. There's not a lot of skin covering your hands, so you'll want to wear gloves. I have a bunch of gloves for cold, hot, warm and dry and that way I always have a pair that fits the weather. I really like the increased control that a good pair of gloves gives me when I ride. I also appreciate that my hands are not out there getting struck by insects and road debris. It's always a good idea to carry a spare pair with you on a trip. Gore-Tex or Hypora membranes will keep your fingers dry.

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President's Minute Continued

(RC): "So, have you checked the 10 – day weather forecast for where you're riding?" (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Have you planned on carrying extra water through the arid regions?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Have you identified safe areas out in the remote areas in case you hit bad weather?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Do you have tires that are safe in the rain?"** (NG): "Well, not sure."
(RC): "HmMMM."



(RC): "So, what's your daily pace?" (NG): "Well, about 450 miles per day." **(RC): "Can your slowest rider do that?"** (NG): "Well, not sure." **(RC): "Will you have time to stop and see anything at that pace?"** (NG): "Well, we hope so." **(RC): "Do you have a back-up plan for weather delays or if anyone gets sick or breaks down?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Have you checked for cell phone coverage?"** (NG): "Well, no."
(RC): "HmMMM."



(RC): "So, are the bikes all prepared and loaded?" (NG): "Yes!" **(RC): "Great. Got your roadside assistance plan good in all states?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Did you get a can of octane boost for that tractor gas that you'll encounter?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Will your tires and oil change last for the entire trip or will you have to spend time in a shop getting maintenance?"** (NG): "Well, not sure." **(RC): "Have you divided up who carries which tools so you're not all carrying the same thing?"** (NG): "Well, no."

(RC): "HmMMM."



(RC): "So, have you checked your insurance for coverage out of state or in places like Indian Reservations?" (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Did you get insurance riders for Mexico, Canada, or wherever you're headed out of country?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Did you get an International Driver's License?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Do you have two kinds of picture ID per person?"** (NG): "Well, no." **(RC): "Have you left your itinerary with someone...just in case?"** (NG): "Well, no."
(RC): "HmMMM."



One of the greatest resources that we have in our Club is the vast local and international riding experience found in our road captains like; Malia, Scalzitti, Bo-and, Brandt, G. Smith, Case, Dougherty, Loden, Bradbury, Johnson, Rigsby, Flynn, Tietz, and Peiffer. This group has been there, done that, got the t-shirt and is an open bank vault of lessons learned.

So, the next time you plan an adventurous journey to far - away places, pull the drain plug on your ego and ask one of your Club brothers or sisters for any advice. Remember, great leaders and safe riders, NEVER stop learning.....



Let's roll,

Traveler

President

Top Cats - Illinois



V.P.'s Mind Continues...

Pants – This is an area that for some reason, many riders consider optional. Jeans are no substitute for a true abrasion resistant pant – either Codura or leather will do. Just ask anyone who's had the misfortune of sliding down the road on a pair of jeans. It doesn't take long for the asphalt to chew a hole in those jeans and then start to shred your now exposed skin. Road rash is something to read about rather than experience. Can you say wound debridement? Ouch!!!

Just like jackets the same rules apply – look for impact resistance and abrasion protection. And just like jackets, you will want a pair of ventilated pants for the dog days of summer. You'll also want to look for Gore-Tex material in your three season pants.

Boots – No riding gear is complete without a nice pair of boots. Good leather boots keep your feet protected. When you wear a pair of wicking socks and have a boot with a waterproof membrane, you'll have dry feet – and dry feet are happy feet. Look for a sturdy boot that has ankle protection. Make sure you try it on and walk around in the boot before you buy it to verify that the fit is right, both for your foot and for your calf.

Layers – Don't forget your base layer. Even in the summer a wicking shirt, short and socks will pull sweat away from your body. By keeping skin dry in the summer you will feel cooler and in the winter you will feel warmer.

Now is the time to do a check on your riding gear. Replace the worn out items and add what you don't have. If you ever have any questions about gear manufacturers or specific details on clothing types, drop me a line or chat me up at our next gathering.

Ride safe and ride often, Larry



OIL SPOTS EXTRA!

One, Two, Three....Go!

Typically, that's what we do when we ride for the first time the weather allows us at the start of our motorcycling season. What that should mean is...one, two, three....go check your bike over. Here is a simple checklist, compliments of Motorsport Cruiser for that pre – ride inspection that you do before every adventure...

MOTOSPORT CRUISER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- Start with a clean bike
- Change radiator fluid
- Change motor oil
- Clean or replace oil filter
- Clean or replace air filter
- Check light bulbs / LED's functioning
- Check battery charge
- Check brake fluid
- Check for brake pad wear
- Check chain/drive belt slack
- Check for sprocket or pulley wear
- Check rotors and wheels are straight
- Check for tire wear
- Clean & lube bearings (wheels, steering, swingarm, linkage)
- Check throttle and clutch cable operation & wear
- Check for fluid leaks (FI or carburetor, radiator, engine cases, fill caps, drain bolts)
- Check for exhaust header leaks
- Check nuts & bolts (top to bottom, front to back)
- Look for damage (bent or broken)
- Odometer for maintenance interval reminders

FIRST CALL????

By Traveler



When we hear "First Call" it typically indicates the first chance to get in on something. When we hear "Last Call" it typically indicates the pending loss of an opportunity to do something that we enjoy. It's no different when it's applied to our annual trek to the Black Hills and Sturgis Bike Week. This is...First Call and Last Call is right around the corner!



If you have the interest and you can afford the time and the cost of the trip, then you'd better make your hotel reservations for Sturgis ASAP for what might be the best, long – distance Top Cats' ride to the Black Hills Rally yet....

This year is the 72nd Anniversary of the legendary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and, possibly one of the most exciting Top Cats' group rides to Sturgis.



As we do every year, we will take a leisurely, three – day ride to Rapid City, SD staying in Mankato, MN the first night, Pierre, SD the second night, and Rapid City the third and remaining nights.

The increasing interest of our members in this iconic Black Hills Rally, combined with better negotiated travel and rally expenses appears to be generating the excitement we traditionally experienced as a club over our annual rides to Sturgis.





As this edition goes to publication, we are close to 60 days away from our cut - off date of 3 July for making or cancelling hotel reservations at the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City, SD.



As most riders realize, it is difficult to plan a ride if you have no idea of how many riders will participate. Once we have an idea of how many Top Cats are going to Sturgis, this year, we will publish our group departure times and location and, canvas our riders for interest in returning home via, Santa Fe Trail, Kansas back roads, or Canada.



So, if you are "on the fence" about this year's Sturgis trip, or you just haven't gotten around to making hotel reservations, better saddle up and make them now. Remember, you can always cancel reservations but you can't renegotiate our contract room rates after the cut – off dates.



Here's the info for hotel reservations...

Wed. 31 July

City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN.

Rates: \$75.00 / night

Phone: (507) 345-1234 / (877)345-5577.

Cut-off Date: **10 July 2013**

Thurs Aug 1

River Lodge, Pierre, SD.

Rates: \$Dbl 69.00, Sgl \$59.00 / night

Phone: (605) 224-4140

Cut-Off Date: **25 July 2013**

Fri, Aug 2 – 10 (?)

Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD.

Rates: Negotiated Contract @ \$199.00 + \$10/ Additional Person

Phone: 800-888-ALEX (2539) Lynzie Montaque

Cut-Off Date: **10 June 2013**

NOTE: Cancellation within 44 days prior will result in a one nights rooms charge

Please let Wayne; wkirkpa177@aol.com, Cell: (847) 915-8428, or Bard; bard.boand@att.net, Cell: (847)721-7470, know when you make your hotel reservations so we can finalize our departure times and start to develop our return trip route / plans.



Remember, life is like one tank of gas....it eventually runs out and it's up to us to decide how to use it. We can burn fuel idling or we can ride through life with a wide – open throttle... First Call.



Oil Spots

By Travelor

Best Western Partners with Harley-Davidson

Best Western International and Harley-Davidson Motor Co. have extended their partnership for three years, the companies reported. Best Western announced expanding its rider programs beyond North America.

Best Western is serving as the official lodging partner of Harley-Davidson's 110th Anniversary in 2013. Best Western is now the preferred lodging partner of Harley-Davidson's rentals and tours division, including the hotel chain's properties on multi-night itineraries.

Best Western has more than 1,200 rider-friendly hotels in North America, offering a free wipe-down motorcycle towel and access to a washing station upon check-in. The hotel chain also offers motorcycle enthusiasts Best Western Ride Rewards, a special segment of its Best Western Rewards loyalty program. Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) members receive additional benefits, including an automatic upgrade to platinum status and 15 percent bonus points.

Posted by Holly Wagner

Congress Introduces Bill That Would Halt Use of E15 Fuel

A bill requiring the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to stop the use of E15 fuel until the gasoline-ethanol blend is studied further has been introduced in Congress, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced the bill on Feb. 28. The measure would repeal the EPA's decision approving the use of E15 and bar the agency from granting further decisions until they obtain an independent scientific analysis of the E15 blend.

E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume, and the EPA hasn't approved its use in motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The EPA has approved its use in 2001-and-newer vehicles.

The AMA has expressed concerns to government officials and lawmakers about damage to motorcycle engines caused by E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available. The AMA wants motorcycles to be part of any study on the effects of E15.

Sensenbrenner said there have been several tests highlighting E15's harmful effects on engines, all have been dismissed by the EPA.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that Americans using gas-powered machinery — whether it be cars and boats or chainsaws and lawnmowers — are not put at risk due to faulty fuel that has not been adequately vetted," Sensenbrenner concluded.

Google Glass for Motorcycles

Are these forthcoming "digital glasses" the ultimate navigation and heads-up display for motorcycle riders or just another threat to traffic safety?

"Google Glass" heads-up-display glasses have hit the tech world with a bang. A promotional video



(www.google.com/glass/start/what-it-does/) shows lots of different applications for these "wearable computers," from video recording to picture taking and more. Now, everyone is thinking about practical applications. As motorcyclists, we were immediately concerned about an increase in distracted driving, already a huge threat to traffic safety. At the same time, we also wonder what it would be like to use Google Glass while riding.

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Oil Spots Continued...

Naturally, the most obvious application would be heads-up mapping. Imagine seeing your next turn without having to look away from the road, or knowing where traffic congestion is building and choosing a faster, safer route.

Beyond basic navigation, there is much more that could be done. Many already use helmet cameras to record and share their rides, but what if those cameras could be activated by voice? You could begin filming without taking your hands off the handlebars. You could also get environmental information about your surroundings, or obtain history on a building or park you just passed.

With GPS, heads-up speed and weather information would also be available. Eventually, you might even be able to customize your bike and ditch its physical gauges, as road speed, engine rpm and gear choice could be embedded in your heads-up display.

Google Glass probably won't be available until the middle of 2014. There is certainly some promise to the technology, but these new displays might also present significant problems. Having too much information in front of you while riding could be dangerous, and there is no doubt distracted driving in cars is already a huge issue. Still, it sure is fun to imagine the possibilities by integrating this technology into the face shields of our helmets.

Harley-Davidson reveals Breakout chopper at Daytona



Harley-Davidson recently revealed its new Breakout motorcycle to enthusiasts gathered in Florida for Daytona Bike Week. The Motor Co. is marketing the Breakout Softail as a premium model in its segment, with finishes and components not available on other Harley-Davidson bikes. Like the 2013 Custom Vehicle Operations Breakout model that precedes it, the Breakout features styling that's smooth, tight, and intended to showcase the engine and the tires.

Long and low-slung, the Breakout features a 240 mm

rear tire visually balanced with thick forks and chopped fenders, while a shaved tank console and a drag handlebar keep the profile low. A Twin Cam 103B powertrain and other components are trimmed in chrome and gloss-black paint. New 10-spoke cast-aluminum Gasser wheels are finished in gloss-black powdercoat. A gloss-black finish is applied to the new cast-aluminum oil tank, as well as the fork lowers, muffler shields and the wide, drag-style handlebar. The side-mounted license plate and combination stop/turn/tail lights leave the wide rear fender uncluttered.

The Breakout is available with ABS and the Harley-Davidson security system as a factory-installed option. The Breakout MSRP is \$17,899 in Vivid Black, and \$18,299 in either Big Blue Pearl or Ember Red Sunglo.

Honda's new F6B Goldwing gets Motor Trike makeover



Motor Trike is jumping behind Honda's new Goldwing F6B with the Raptor, an independent rear suspension trike conversion for the new generation Wing.

The company says it stylistically matched the new conversion to the motorcycle itself. According to Motor Trike, the custom body design respects and accentuates the original styling features of the motorcycle, with detailed body lines that flow seamlessly from the front of the motorcycle to the back of the trike.

This conversion sits on Motor Trike's independent rear suspension. Motor Trike said it expects the kits to start delivering in April.

Standard features include:

- IRS (Independent rear suspension) with more than 4 inches of Suspension Travel;
- On-board air compressor with fingertip LED digital readout and voltmeter;
- Chrome steel wheels;
- Disc brake system;
- 12 volt power source in trunk



Oil Spots Continued...

- Trunk door hidden external hinges that do not occupy interior space;
- Light mounted on the trunk door to shine onto cargo; and

A three-year, 60,000-mile warranty
 And for the special Top Cats edition:

- Geritol Drink Holder
- Chrome Walking Cane
- On – board defibrillator

Available options include front and rear wheel upgrades, a rear spoiler with lighting, trunk carpet and embroidered trunk mat, Aqua Shield running boards with optional fog lights, and a parking brake kit.

New Lightweight Bike in the mix for Harley-Davidson?

Remember the Buell Blast? These 500cc singles are still valued as great street bikes by seasoned commuters and daily riders, who mourned it's passing when H-D decided to let Buell go in 2009. The Blast filled an important role in the Harley market strategy, since it's low displacement allowed it to be used for the Riders Edge classes, an MSF certified riding course that's offered through Harley dealerships around the country.

But with the Blast fleet out of production and the current ranks thinning what might Rider's Edge students be riding a year from now? How about a single cylinder Blast-like model to fill this gap? While details are hazy, something is in the works.



Buell Blast

Perhaps the Blast will return with new tooling and updates? Maybe a sporty 500cc single in a more classic guise will be in our future. Or maybe, just maybe, the Motor Company will blast us with something we haven't even imagined. One can only wonder...

Source: Boyer Uduumm
 Posted by Sam Kanish

Indian Motorcycle Unveils New Thunder Stroke 111 Engine

Indian Motorcycle unveiled its engine of the future which resembles the engines of its past. The Thunder

Stroke 111 (TS111) engine is designed to look like the iconic Flathead Indian engines of the late 1940s. But this 49 degree V-Twin that Indian built in its Osceola, Wisconsin plant is as up to date as you can get. The TS111 comes with a forged single pin crankshaft, three cams, a 9.5 compression ratio and EFI which allows it to put out 115 ft/lbs of torque to it's six speed transmission.

The TS111 is destined to be the engine which powers future Indian motorcycles but it makes its debut in a special tribute to the past. The first motorcycle it appears in is the



“Spirit of Munro” that pays tribute to the “World’s Fastest Indian” bike that Burt Munro rode at Bonneville.



Using aircraft inspired and traditional custom techniques, the Spirit of Munro is a striking tribute to the past, and an irrepressible inspiration for the future of America's first motorcycle company. Adorning

the tail of the machine is the logo of another iconic American brand, Jack Daniel's Whiskey who is helping sponsor the motorcycle through their “Bottles and Throttles Don't Mix” responsibility campaign

The Spirit of Munro will be on display at the Daytona International Speedway every day of Daytona Bike Week, and will take part in the Indian Motorcycle Spring Dash lap of the Daytona 200 on March 16, 2013. For more information, visit



www.indianmotorcycle.com



Oil Spots Continued...

Harley Davidson Eat Your Heart Out! Ferrari Launches Motor Bike

Conceptual?

Fantasy?

Idle designer
time?

Whatever it is, or
is not, it does
catch your eye.



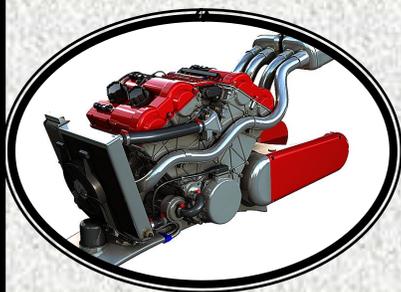
Remember when
Chrysler came
out with their
V10 Tomahawk?

Could this be
Ferrari's answer
to the Toma-
hawk?

Sadly, this, is in an-
other league: it's only
the brainchild of a tal-
ented 3D computer
designer.

Unfortunately Ferrari
S.p.A. didn't appreci-
ate it, nor sanction it
and the images have

disappeared from the web site and been replaced by a disclaimer: *This project has not been authorized neither sponsored by Ferrari and any past use of the trademark was not authorized and for this reason was stopped. Please accept our apologies*



Ahhhh what could have
been.....



Doughty family buys second Harley dealership in Wisconsin

Terry and Josh Doughty, the father and son who own Harley-Davidson of Appleton in Appleton, Wis., have now purchased their second dealership in the state.

The Doughtys are the new owners of the 48,000-square-foot Capital City Harley-Davidson in Madison, which they will rename Badger Harley-Davidson, according to the *Wisconsin State Journal*. Terry Doughty has owned the Appleton store since 1980, and Josh has worked there for about 20 years. Josh will become the operations manager at the Madison store.

The family purchased Capital City Harley-Davidson from Bob Oyler, who is retiring after owning the dealership for 11 years.

Wow, Really?

The Missouri House committee considers 'Helmet Holiday' bill for Sturgis attendees. A Missouri state representative has proposed a "Helmet Holiday" bill that would allow adults to go helmet-free during the month of August, encouraging those riding to Sturgis to stop in the state.

Rep. Delus Johnson (R-St. Joseph) argues that the state's current law, requiring riders to wear helmets at all times, prevents some Sturgis attendees from riding through Missouri, according to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. His bill and another, which would lift the helmet law for anyone over age 21, were discussed at a House General Laws committee meeting last week.





**2013 Preview....
Start Getting Your Gear Ready!**

Presidents Ride

When: Sat, June 29, 8am – Sun, June 30, 5pm

Where: This event is still in the development stage... But with the bar set very high last year in Indianapolis, (look at the smiles) you can be sure that this one will be memorable!!!



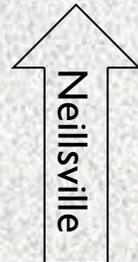
You Come Across Some Great Scenes on the way to STURGIS!
JOIN US and find out!
Wed, July 31, 2013, 7am
Thu, August 1, 2013, 5pm

Loop the Lake

When:
Thu, July 4, 2013, 8am –
Sun, July 7, 2013, 5pm

Watch the Website for Details

If you have ride ideas
Contact the Activities Team





SOMETHING TO WATCH!!!!

By Traveler

It appears that someone talked Illinois Rep. Ken Dunkin into sponsoring a bill to provide for motorcycle road guards. While it might seem like a good idea, there are soooo many problems with this bill like; how do you handle drivers who fail to yield, what is the road guard's liability, when and where can you block, what is the required training, if motorcycles can do this, why not bicyclists, car clubs, what is the number of bikes to constitute a group, what will the State charge to certify road guards, etc?

Anyway, it's worth watching...

Short Description: MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARDS

House Sponsors

Rep. [Kenneth Dunkin](#)

2/19/13 House. Assigned to Transportation; Vehicles & Safety Committee

625 ILCS 5/11-203.5 new **Synopsis As Introduced**



Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds a provision allowing the Secretary of State to certify individuals as Motorcycle Road Guards. Provides that Motorcycle Road Guards are empowered to stop and direct traffic for the purpose of protecting and facilitating a motorcycle group ride. Provides minimum qualifications for certification as a Motorcycle Road Guard. Empowers the Secretary of State to adopt additional requirements and regulations for the implementation and enforcement of this Section. Amends the provision on obedience to traffic control officers to include Motorcycle Road Guards as an authority that vehicular traffic must obey. Effective July 1, 2013.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 28, 2013

RIDE FOR DREAMS!

Wondering What You Can Do NOW To Ensure A Successful Ride?

- ⇒ Talk to friends... Put the date on THEIR calendars too!
- ⇒ Make a list of places that would support us with donations or poster displays... Tell Noelle Rigsby!
- ⇒ Gather donations from your local haunts and give them to Noelle Rigsby!
- ⇒ Get your bike ready... And tell Noelle Rigsby! I guess that's not really needed...



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Rescheduled from 5 Feb due to weather

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

Guests: Doug Jackson and Ken Weinstein from Woodstock
Harley Davidson



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ CPR Class was a success on Sunday, March 10th. 9 participants from Top Cats were in attendance and will be good sources for assistance and security on our rides this year.
- ◆ Cantigny will be revisited this year and we are looking forward to the new and old events in the 2013 riding season.
- ◆ Guest speakers for the next months include Kelly's Leather's, a local Law Group who will talk to the club about minimum insurance coverage, and the IL State Patrol representatives, Liz Diaz and Ben Chikaraishi?. Also, Ted Makarewicz will talk to the group about tax assessment at a future date.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

Mike had no updates for this month.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

Larry was unable to attend tonight.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ◆ ROAR is always in need of new ideas, content, and reflections. Please contact Mary with any things that you would like to see in the Publication. Due date for articles is the 20th of the month.
- ◆ Roster changes will be updated regularly. Please forward any changes to Mwalters57@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

Stewart was unable to attend tonight.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ◆ New members, Gil and Laura Semmens, were identified, but were not in attendance. They will receive their new member packet at the next event when they are in attendance.
- ◆ Products were available for sale at the meeting and will be in the future as well. Contact Emil for things that you will need to complete your spring wardrobe.

Guest Speaker: Ken Weinstein

- ◆ The Woodstock Dealership has added Triumph to their stock. Ken is the manager for the Triumph/KTM brand.
- ◆ Ken discussed the feel of the Woodstock Dealership. Doug Jackson encourages each of the employees to develop ideas and work in the areas that they enjoy. All of this creates a great atmosphere that allows visitors and customers to feel like they want to come back.

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- ◆ All styles of bikes are available to test ride or use as a rental for a few days. Street bikes, dirt bikes, and a variety of others.
- ◆ Customized bikes are available. Bring in your ideas, your wants or 'have to haves' and the dealership will help you build the bike that you are dreaming about.
- ◆ *Team Woodstock* is a racing team that has been developed at this dealership to create interest in the sport.
- ◆ Club 57 is a training company that teaches Enduro, Motocross, and all styles of off road riding to people of all ages.
- ◆ Woodstock/Triumph/KTM website is growing, but business has exploded and demanded a great deal of attention and time. The website will be developed more thoroughly in time, but in the meantime, contact the dealership with any questions.
- ◆ Woodstock is working with the local fairgrounds to develop some vintage racing events. Check with WS for the racing schedule. This is a chance to see "Longterm" racers trying out their 'seasoned' skills again!

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Charity

- ◆ July 28th, 2013~ Put the Date on your Calendar NOW!!
- ◆ The membership was asked to help put up Posters and hand out flyers for the event
- ◆ Events at Woodstock this week-end and also at City Limits Harley Davidson on May 18th.
- ◆ "Boxes" will be made for raffle.... Please bring donations and ideas to meetings each month.
- ◆ The NISRA Awards dinner will be held on April 4th in Elgin. Please reply to the e-mail when it comes out so that plans can be finalized. Cost is \$35. The Club will subsidize tickets at \$10.00 each.

Safety

- ◆ Safety Tip was given by Greg Smith. He began with a reminder to all the members to refrain from eating yellow snow.
- ◆ The T-CLOCK method was detailed by Greg as a **beginning** routine for checking out the bike. There are more details that can be used at http://msfusa.org/index_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library
- ◆ Wayne reminded the members that preparation for the riding season includes getting ourselves in mental shape as well.
- ◆ Next GRASS class will be held on March 24th.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

Activities: Check the website for the details on the rides coming up.

- ◆ Our April kick-off ride will be to Baraboo and will be a memorial ride for Jerry Deiderick.
- ◆ Contact Gene with ideas for rides and start planning!

History/WebSite: Jeff Tietz

- ◆ Jeff was unable to attend tonight.
- ◆ Rich Flynn was also unable to make it tonight, but he is working on tweaking the website.

50 / 50 was drawn by Ron Freudenberger and the winner was Jane Smith.... \$25

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 and members remained for a while discussing information with Doug and Ken from Woodstock.

Membership Cards!



Remember....your 2013 Top Cats membership cards will be available for pick up at each general meeting and most of our events. See Emil or Greg.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Rescheduled from 12 Feb due to weather,
ESCAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Larry Scalzitti, Gene Rigsby, Ric Case, Emil Kornicki, Mike Bradbury, Mary Walters, Excused: Stewart Johnson and Jeff Tietz

Call to Order by Wayne Kirkpatrick at 7:35PM.

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Alternate Meeting Places have been investigated. Ric Case and Gene Rigsby discussed their visit at JJ Twiggs last month. It has possibilities if needed. Wayne Kirkpatrick talked to D & J's in Lake Zurich and the Board decided that we would hold our **Board** meeting next month at that location to do a more thorough visit and to establish our club with the management/ownership of the restaurant.
- ◆ Guest Speakers for March, April, and May were discussed. A number of options were presented to the group and each member of the board will investigate some of these directions. Nolan, Neilson's, dealerships and the 'radio girl' were mentioned.
- ◆ Web site updates need to be completed with the information from the new by-laws. Other areas of the website will also be reviewed and any changes need to be sent to Rich Flynn.
- ◆ Picnic catering quotes will be looked into for the Cantigny Ride. We will start by talking to the management of the Cantigny grounds to see what their parameters are for picnics.
- ◆ Coins are being held by Noelle and we will see how many are left and if a new order is needed to be arranged.
- ◆

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

Larry was unable to attend tonight. No updates at this time.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ◆ ROAR updates, columns, and information should be sent by the 20th of each month in order to be added to the next month's edition.
- ◆ The Master Roster will be sent again with the minutes of this month's meetings.

Treasurer: Stewart Johnson

Stewart sent word that our club is solid and solvent.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

All is well, nothing to report.

Director: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ No changes to the activities information since last night.
- ◆ Plans and reservations for the 4 April NISRA Awards Banquet will need to be finalized by next Tuesday.
- ◆ Gene Rigsby proposed that we subsidize a small portion of the ticket.
- ◆ Ric Case motioned a \$10 subsidy per ticket with a \$200 cap. Emil Kornecki was the second and the board agreed unanimously.

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- ◆ Ric Case will finalize the information for a MASS Blast that will go out tomorrow.
- ◆ The Awards Banquet final costs have been completed. Final numbers will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- ◆ No new members at this time.
- ◆ Bill Yates was sent his membership card by Emil.
- ◆ Membership info on web needs to be updated
- ◆ Members will be reminded in the June ROAR, that there is a five activity requirement for the renewal of membership.

Products Update

- ◆ People seem to be interested in the mock turtle neck.
- ◆ Emil will check into how the process of ordering would best serve the members.
- ◆ The new member, Gil Semmen, is a printer and will be asked about printing costs.
- ◆

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- ◆ Bike maintenance tips were discussed as an important part of developing bike awareness among club members. A variety of venues were evaluated:
 - ◆ Kick-off Ride
 - ◆ Ride for Dreams
 - ◆ Pre-Ride meetings
 - ◆ Have a general meeting at a dealership – Woodstock was suggested.
 - ◆ Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule was reviewed

- ◆ BikeSafe is a program that is being developed by the IL State Police. Liz Diaz is in charge of this program and Ric is looking into having her come to one of our meetings. .



Charity

- ◆ Last night's general meeting, 3-12-13, was the most recent summary of the Charity Committee activity. Donations are critical at this time.

Director: Jeff Tietz

History

- ◆ Jeff was unable to attend tonight and there were no History updates at this time.

Web Site

- ◆ Rich Flynn has been very responsive when uploading new data and maintaining the site.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.



Kick Off Ride.... April 21, 2013

Or, for this year...

THE JERRY DEDERICH MEMORIAL RIDE

The Club will Honor

Jerry Dederich

on April 21st,

by cruising to some of Jerry's favorite places...

Be sure to add the date to your calendar so that you can be a part of our tribute to a great rider, thinker, friend, Top Cat....

And, an all around Great Guy!



April Celebrations



14th—Tony Loden

22nd—Russ Peiffer

15th - Russ and Theresa Peiffer



Let us know your important dates so 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.

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Check them out... and see how things used to be..

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 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

Richard Flynn
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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, April 2nd	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, April 9th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, April 16	Franks and Fries	TBD	TBD	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Sunday, April 21	Dederich Memorial Ride	TBD	TBD	9:30 am	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, April 28	Breakfast Ride	Juicy O Pancake House	TBD	9:30 am	TBD
Tuesday, May 7th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, May 11th	GRASS Class	Palatine	Harris Bank Bldg.	8:30 am	Case
Tuesday, May 14th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, May 19th	Little Angels Satellite Ride	Shell Station 12 and Lake Cook	Woodstock HD	8:30 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, May 21st	Franks and Fries	TBD	TBD	6:30 pm	Scalzitti

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

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