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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



Welcome to the peak of riding season! By this time each year we are, typically, watching Fall creep up on us

and letting our passion for riding erode somewhat. Typically, that is but...not this year. We are still rolling off of great rides and planning new ones. It's like the excitement and momentum of Spring continues. We just finished a great ride to Dodgeville where success was measured in laughs, jokes, back roads, and simply good fun.

Stewart led his tradition-ally successful Mendota Sweet Corn Ride and we are



looking forward to the Harley 110th Anniversary, Greg Smith's Galena ride, Mary Walters Highground Ride to commemorate Gerry Dederich's Korean War service, our Progressive Dinner ride and, our Fall Colors ride. All great events and worth every ounce of effort that it takes to load the bike and join the group.

One of our most important events of the year is coming soon and that is our annual election. This year's cycle will include electing a secretary, treasurer, and two directors for two – year terms each. The eligibility and nominating process will be explained at our general meeting with membership dues due by 30 Oct

Our annual trek to Sturgis resulted in three new members; Roxray Adonis, and David & Laura Whiteside and added more "war" stories to our treasure chest of memories.



and nominations closed by mid Nov. Members in good standing i.e dues paid, longevity requirements, GRASS, and experience requirements met will be eligible to nominate, vote, and hold office. (Cont. Pg 7)



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Happy 110th
Birthday
Harley-
Davidson

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 3 General Meeting
- 8 Galena Ride
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14-15 Highground Memorial Run
- 17 Franks and Fries
- 21 Progressive Dinner Ride

OCTOBER

- 1 General Meeting
- 5 Fall Colors Ride
- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 Franks and Fries
- 19 Wake the Dead Ride
- 20 GRASS Class
- (Last one for 2013)



KAUTION KORNER



Fall Colors... and Safe Rides

By Bard Board
Senior Road Captain

The fall riding season will be upon us soon. As you know, each season has its own riding peculiarities and things to address in order to ride safe.

Here are a few to remember this fall as you plan your rides:

Leaves on the pavement are very slippery, especially when wet. Not only will your tires slip, but so will your feet when backing up your bike while parking.

Moisture forms on the pavement with rapid temperature change and temperature difference between ground and air. Be especially watchful in the early morning hours. Ever heard of "Black Ice"?

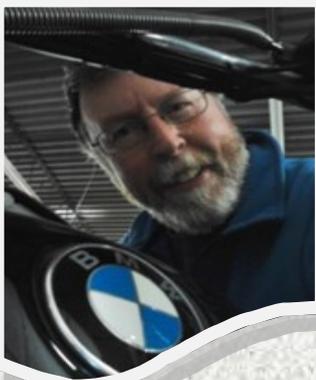
Temperature variation from morning, noon, and evening are usually more dramatic in the fall, so "all seasons and all weather" dress should be considered on your person and / or in your tour pack.

Tire pressure. You all check your tire pressure each and every time you ride, right? Ya, [right....AMAZING...????@#\\$\\$%^&*?*](#) As the fall air and pavement cools, air molecules contract, causing reduced tire pressure as the weather cools. If the last time you checked your tire pressure was mid-July, expect your tires to be near flat come October, if you haven't killed yourself in between.

It gets dark earlier...Road Captains or individuals planning a trip this fall be aware of earlier sun-set times if you wish to avoid riding at night.

The fall air is clean and crisp, the colors are spectacular, to many it's the best time of year for motor vehicle touring, so **be aware of increased weekend traffic and drivers** looking at the fall colors rather than the roadway on other traffic..

So.... Keep these things in mind as you plan your fall rides. If you address these things BEFORE you leave, you will be able to ride confidently and safely into the autumn days!



What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

One of the sure signs of summer is the appearance of local cruise nights. If you're a classic car guy or gal, you've probably been to a few of these events. If you've never attended one, then you owe to yourself to give these cruise nights a try. Last month, Judy and I went to Mundelein's "Park On Park." The next one will be

September 11th and runs

from 5 pm to 9 pm. The epicenter of the event is Park Street and Seymour Avenue in Mundelein. Last month there were over 600 classic cars and trucks displayed. Believe me, you'll find something to love and probably even more to like. In addition to the local eateries, there are food vendors to help ease your hunger and your thirst. On your way home make sure you check out La Luz Bakery on the northwest corner of Main Street (Route 45) and Park Street. It's a real urban bakery that is sure to kill your diet and thrill your taste buds.



If it's true that they save the best for last, then guess what the last Park On Park night for 2013 is centered on? Motorcycles! I'd like to see every Top Cat ride their motorcycle there on October 9th. No cars, just motorcycles. More news will be available about this event on the website and at the general meeting in September. I used to own a 1976 Corvette and like all guys that's one of cars I regret selling. Right now I have a thing for 66 Chevelles, 67 Camaros and 71 Corvettes. Judy does not share my love for all things Chevrolet, she wants a 65 Mustang convertible. If we ever find the cash, what do you think will show up in the warehouse first?!



The final numbers are in for the trip out West this summer - 32 days - 8990 miles - 21 states - lots of National parks, monuments or forests - miles and miles of twisty mountain roads with few cars and great weather. I only had one solid day of rain, another day with a terrible downpour for over an hour and just a few days with light sprinkles that doesn't even count.

Ride safe and ride often,
Larry



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Backstory

Best Ride ever!
But, I've got to get home. I've got a gig tonight...
Gary Brandt...

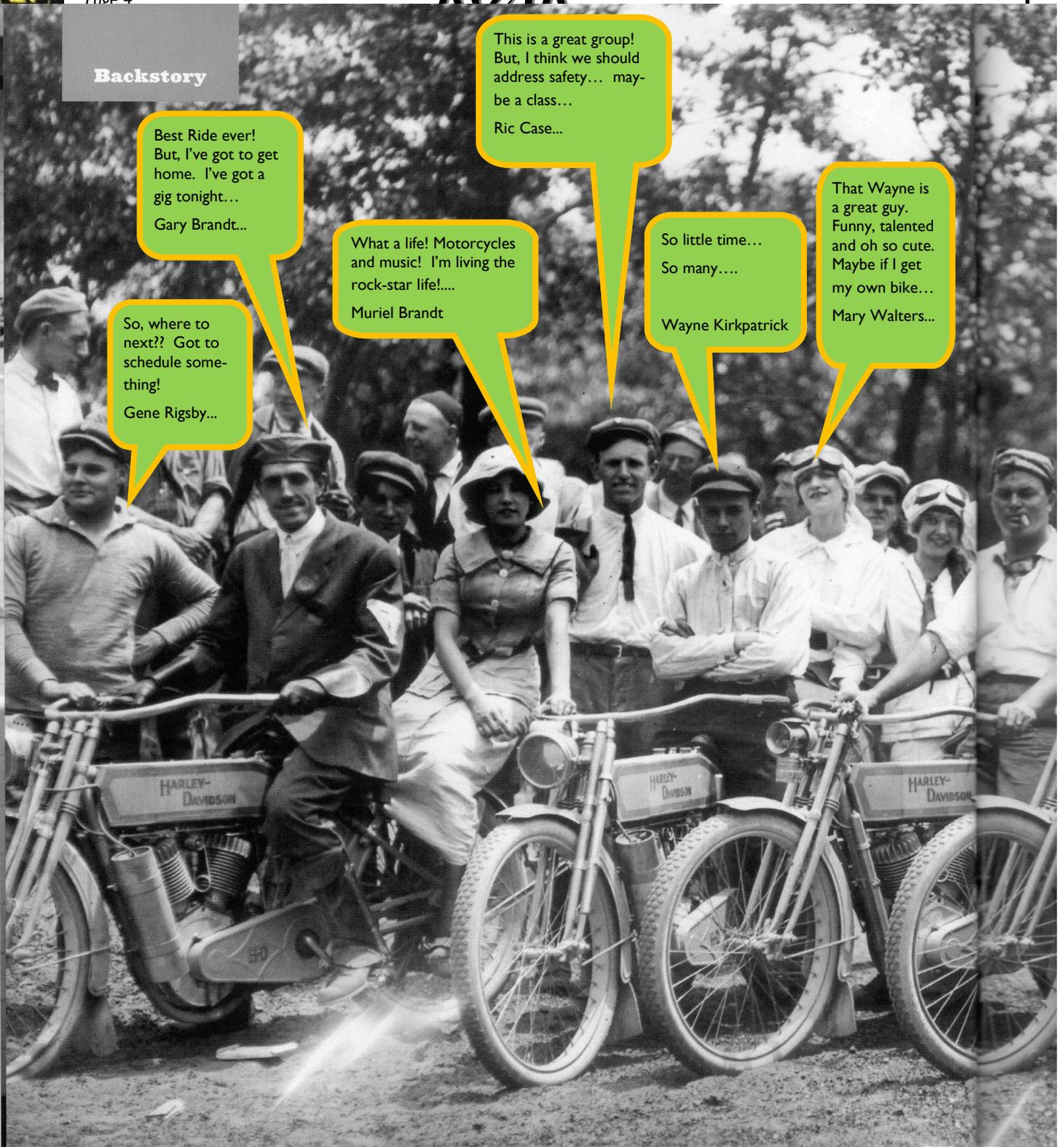
So, where to next?? Got to schedule something!
Gene Rigsby...

What a life! Motorcycles and music! I'm living the rock-star life!...
Muriel Brandt

This is a great group!
But, I think we should address safety... maybe a class...
Ric Case...

So little time...
So many....
Wayne Kirkpatrick

That Wayne is a great guy.
Funny, talented and oh so cute. Maybe if I get my own bike...
Mary Walters...



Top Cats....

We are a great group with timeless wit, wisdom, and commitment to safe and enjoyable adventures together.



Let's Ride

LONG BEFORE HARLEY OWNERS GROUPS BECAME A FORCE IN THE MOTORCYCLE WORLD, Harley-Davidson riders gathered and formed clubs to ride and share their passion. The first club, which originally appeared in *Motorcycle Illustrated*, was the Chicago group.

As described by the magazine, the first annual picnic and fund-raiser, held on June 29, was the interest of the city. Many of them accompanied the club and a few piloted their own machines. Over 100 enthusiasts participated in the program."

To read more about early Harley-Davidson clubs and events, see Archives on Page 64.

I think that this group should head out to Sturgis. Maybe we should do that every year!
Bard Board

That Bard is a cutie... I wonder if he's got a girl...
Kathy Board...

I wonder what will happen if this thing tips over...
Randy Braun...

I've got to get home so that I can see my girls...
Greg Smith...

Hurry, Greg. This was a great day, but the girls are waiting!
Jane Smith....

This is awesome! I'm going to be the best rider yet! Maybe I'll work on the Charity Committee too!
Noelle Rigsby...

Now and into the future....
Top Cats will continue the never-ending search for new roads, new friends, and new adventures!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 2, 2013

J and D's, 24600 N. Rand Rd, Wauconda, IL 60084

Submitted by Mary Walters

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President
The Membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Guests: David Whiteside and Roxray Adonis
- The Presentation on GPS technology was delayed because Tony Loden, the presenter, was called away for an emergency. Ask him about the 'Fire'!
- The alternate presentation, Rich Flynn, was also sidetracked because Rich and his wife Jessica had their daughter, Samantha Alexandria, last Friday.
- Wayne made comments on the Charity events and congratulated the Committee on their hard work and commitment.
- The Shoot-out event was also reviewed. The event was a great time for those in attendance. The story of the missing rifle was talked about and a few jokes were developed. Look out Tony!
- The Sturgis ride was also talked about and discussed. Larry Scalzitti met the group in Pierre, South Dakota for dinner on his return trip from the West Coast.
- While in Sturgis, the new Indian was revealed. The Top Cats ended up, by the fate of traffic lights, in the middle of the Indian 'reveal ride'... Fun and Beautiful!
- Next year's Sturgis Ride is already being planned and the Alex Johnson is providing rooms NEXT year with only a \$5 increase
- The Sweet Corn Ride to Mendota, Illinois was a success again... Great people, great ride, and excellent corn!
- The Elections will be held at the December meeting. The positions and requirements open are:
 - * Secretary. Requirements to be considered for this position are: Be a full member in good standing for one full year and no disciplinary actions.
 - * Treasurer: Requirements to be considered for this position are: Be a full member in good standing or one full year and no disciplinary actions.
 - * Two Directors: Requirements to be considered for this position are: Be a full member for one full year and serve as a committee member or board member for one year..
The members who can vote are full members who have become members for the 2014 year, and have attended GRASS.
 - * Invoices will be sent and need to be returned with payment by 30 October, 2013.
 - * The list of members that are eligible for each position will be given to the club at the November General Meeting. And Nominations will also be finalized at that time.
 - * The elections and polling will be held at the December meeting allowing the old and new Board members to meet in December and begin work for 2014. .

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury
Mike is not able to be in attendance tonight. :

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Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- Larry is beginning to plan an Iron Butt Ride
- There are some car shows that are being held in the area in the next two weeks. Larry is going to put out the information for the club.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- The ROAR needs ideas and new content.
- Send any changes in your contact information to Mary who will make those changes to the Roster.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

- The quarterly report is on the website and can be viewed by any of the Club Members.
- Stewart brought the credit card device for anyone who would like to add a donation to the final tally on the Charity Event.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- There are no new members at this time, but the two guests are interested in becoming members and will talk to Emil.
- Products are available for purchase from Emil.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

- Next GRASS will be October 20th. It will include 5 modules and will allow you to understand the way that Top Cats ride. The focus is on Safety!
- Greg Smith discussed the importance of being diligent in checking your tire pressure. The entire article can be seen in the August ROAR.
- There are some people in the club that are in need of fulfilling the GRASS class requirement of the Club.
- Ric discussed the Charity Event and gave a summary of the good work that was done by the Committee Chair, Noelle Rigsby as well as the rest of the Committee.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- Progressive Dinner date will be moved to the end of September so that Jeff Tietz and Lisa Bowman will be able to have the club for a bonfire at the end of the ride.
- Activities for the next 2 months were reviewed. See the website for the details on the rides that have been planned.
- The President's ride and the Ride to the Highground were discussed.

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- Web Site update will be given next month when Rich Flynn is available.
- The History of Top Cats can be found at the Barrington Library Website.



The 50 / 50 was pulled by Ron Freudenberger and \$23.50 was won by Ric Case. He donated the money to NISRA.

{President's Minute.. Continued

The single most important obligation that each of us has is to assure that we have the best possible leadership team in place to manage the operations of Top Cats-Illinois. We owe that to our Club, to our fellow Top Cats, to future Top Cats and...to ourselves. So as you ponder the nominating process and look at the potential candidates, view it not as an opportunity to put a buddy on the Board but as an opportunity to assure the continued growth and success of our Club. Keep this in mind and choose your leaders wisely. If we all embrace this philosophy we'll enjoy many more years of the safe riding excitement and adventures that is the legacy of Top Cats – Illinois.

Let's roll,

Traveler

President, Top Cats – Illinois



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2013

J and D's, 24600 N. Rand Rd, Wauconda, IL 60084

Submitted by Mary Walters

Top Cats of Illinois

07/09/13 Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35

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

President Call to Order by Wayne Kirkpatrick at 7:40

- Guest Speakers for the next two months:
 - Sep– GPS with Tony Loden
 - Oct – Web with Rich Flynn
- The meeting Location for the fall was discussed. ESkape should be reopening in September, but the location at J and D's seems to be more convenient for the population of the club. Wayne will check with Jose to see if he would add a partition to separate the room.
- Elections will be held in December.
 - The members that are eligible to run for each position will be identified at the September meeting.
 - The invoices will be sent in September with the due date of 30 October and the members who are eligible to be elected and vote will be identified for the November meeting.
 - The November General Meeting will be used for nominations.
- Next Shootout
 - The next shootout will include a challenge / competition.
 - Date would be sometime toward the end of October.
 - Prizes can be discussed.
- The board has to approve the dues for 2014.
 - There is no pressing need to change the dues structure
 - The present dues are \$75 for an individual and \$130 for a family.
 - Ric Case motioned that the dues structure remain the same for 2014. Stewart Johnson was the second. The board agreed unanimously.

Vice President : Larry Scalzitti

Larry talked about a Cruise Night that he and Judy attended. There were around 600 vehicles and it was a good night. He will bring information for their next event which will be on September 11th.

Secretary: Mary Walters

Master Roster updates will be made to reflect any changes and they will be sent out with this month's minutes for the meeting.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

Mike volunteered to create a presentation on the importance of elections to the club at the next general meeting.

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Director: Gene Rigsby

Activities:

- Activities on the website will be color coded to identify Top Cats rides or rides that are part of other clubs.
- “Open” (rather than TBD) will be used to indicate a need for a road captain.
- Progressive Dinner ride will be held on September 22nd. An alternative idea was to take a ride to The Octagon House in Geneva, Wisconsin with a final stop at the Teitz’ house.

Awards

- There was a short discussion on the date for our Awards Banquet. February 22, 2014 was the date chosen. The Committee will begin the planning process.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- There were two membership applications:
David and Laura Whiteside were presented for membership and unanimously approved by the board.
Roxray Adonis was presented for membership and unanimously approved by the board.

Products Update

- The shirts that are left in the products inventory will be used for the raffle at the next general meetings.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- GRASS Scheduled for October 20th, 2014. The presentations were reviewed and Road Captains assigned for each segment.
- Wayne will author a piece for the ROAR on the necessity and benefits of taking the class for the membership.
- All of the attendees at GRASS for the 2013 year will be identified on the roster as well.
- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule was reviewed for the remaining months of 2013.

Charity

- The Committee Financial Status was reviewed and all is in order. \$2400 will be the donation for NISRA this year.

Director: Jeff Tietz

History

There is nothing new for the Barrington Library site.

Web Site

Rich Flynn has assured Jeff and the board that the site is secure and the programs are running smoothly at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50



September Celebrations

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



11th—Mary Walters

16th—Randy Braun

11th—Gary and Muriel

Brandt



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Upcoming Rides... Check the Website for Complete Information!

GERARD JOHN DEDERICH
ARMY SECURITY AGENCY
TOP CATS OF IL



Neillsville, Wisconsin
September 14th & 15th

The
High Ground



The Progressive
Dinner Run
September 22th



REMINDER!!!!!!

To become a Full Member and a member in good standing, you need to attend our Group Riding and Safety Seminar (GRASS) this year. Current Full Members must attend GRASS once every three years. The last scheduled class is on 20 Oct 2013. Check our web site calendar for details.



2013....

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..

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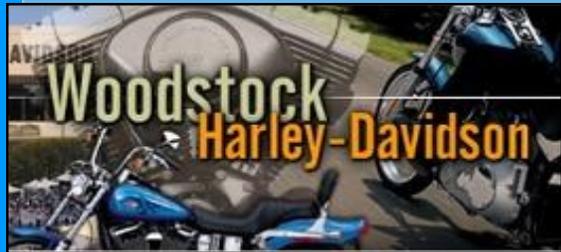
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All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

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

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, September 3rd	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, September 8th	Galena Ride	Citgo / McD's at 14 and 176	Galena	8:00 am	Smith
Tuesday, September 10th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday-Sunday September 14th and 15th	Highground Memorial Run	Citgo / McD's at 14 and 176	Neillsville, WI	7:00 am	Walters
Tuesday, September 17th	Franks and Fries	Lake Zurich	Papa Gus	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Saturday, September 22nd	Progressive Dinner	Emil Kornecki	Teitz' Campfire	11:00 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 1st	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, October 5th	Fall Colors Ride	TBD	TBD	9:30	Open
Tuesday, October 8th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, October 15th	Franks and Fries	Buffalo Grove	Weiners Take All	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Saturday, October 19th	Wake the Dead	Lake Cook / Rt 12	Ghosts and Goblins	10:00 am	Loden
Sunday, October 20th	GRASS	NW Corner of Rt 4 and Rt 53	Harris Bank Bld	8:30 am	Case

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

FREE ADVERTISING in ROAR for TOP CATS Business Owners

Attention all Top Cats business owners!

As part of our ongoing philosophy to support our members and goal to provide a more value-rich publication, we are now offering free advertising space in ROAR for Top Cats business owners.

Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.

Submit your ad along with contact information to the ROAR editors at ROAR@TOPCATS.org



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