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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



November has been a busy month with election day and holidays like Veterans

Day, Thanksgiving Day, end of Daylight Savings Time a Top Cats meeting, Posse meeting, Board meeting and many members sadly turning in their bikes for winter storage. But, it is also the month where our momentum picks up and our excitement level increases over our forthcoming 2014 season.

Already we have **Gene Rigsby** and **Tony Loden** and their Activities



committee members meeting to plan our 2014 activities, **Ric Case** and **Noelle Rigsby** and their committee have the Charity Ride planning in full swing, **Noelle** and **Gene Rigsby** and **Mike Bradbury** have the annual Awards Banquet scheduled for 22



February and we have our annual elections taking place at our 3 December 2014 meeting.

We expanded our activities this year to include many new activities like; some marksmanship practice and competition, a ride on a fairy boat, a ride to dedicate a memorial to a fallen Top Cat, and an adventure ride to CA. And...we closed the year with 100% membership renewal for 2014, less a member moving to AZ.

Couple all of this with the exciting slate of directors for the 2014 – 2015 term, our Secretary and Treasurer accepting nominations for another term, and some exciting twists to activities, awards, and....it's looking like a great year ahead, gang.

With our year end closing on us, I offer my personal and sincere thank you to each of you who has helped make, and keep, Top Cats as one of the most prestigious and respected business related – motorcycle enthusiasts' organizations in the Chicagoland area.



Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a great New Year!

Let's roll,
Traveler
President
Top Cats – Illinois

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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 3 General Meeting
- 10 Board Meeting



JANUARY

- 7 General Meeting
- 14 Board Meeting
- 26 Road Capt Meeting



Winter Events are in the works too... Put your idea on the calendar for December, January, February, and March
Riding Season will be back soon!



KAUTION KORNER

Winter Hibernation

By Dennis Dougherty, Senior Road Captain



. As the 2013 riding season comes to a close it's time to find a comfy spot for your iron steed as it hunkers down for a long winter's nap. But before you extend your farewell with a heartfelt, "See you next Spring", there are a few things you should do to help it weather the winter and be ready to go when you first push the start button or give it its first kick start when the road first beckons you to hop on board next year.

Give Your Bike a Thorough Cleaning

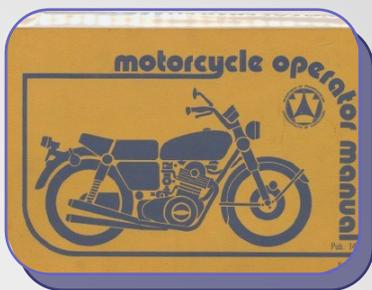
Remove road grime and insects. Clean and polish all the shiny stuff. And while you're at it, finish it up with a good coat of quality wax. If you have a chain, clean and lube it.

Add Fuel Stabilizer to Your Gas Tank

Fill the tank to the top and run the bike to make sure the gas and stabilizer mix. Shut off the fuel valve, if you have one, and let the bike run dry.

Drain the Carburetor, (if you have one)

Shut off the gas and follow MOM on how to do it. Don't let gas pool in the carburetor over the winter.



Change the Oil and Filter

Once the engine is warm, drain the crankcase and change the filter. Don't leave old or high mileage oil in the bike over the winter. The suspended particulates condensate out and end up as sludge at the bottom of your crankcase. Changing your oil and filter is probably the best 'mechanical' insurance you can buy for your bike.

Lubricate the Slidey Parts and Seals and Lube any Cables and Pivot Points

Bounce the bike up and down to work the front suspension. Lubricate the exposed tubes and rubber seals. Do the same for other 'friction' points and all cables on your steed.

Add a Teaspoon of Oil to each Cylinder

Remove the wires and plugs carefully. Add the oil and spin the motor a few revs to spread the oil around in the cylinder. It helps to keep moisture from clinging to your cylinder walls and can help keep all the parts moving freely. Clean and gap the plugs and put them back in. Reinstall the plug wires.

Tend to the Battery

Remove the battery and bring it inside, (if in cold storage) and put it on a Battery Tender designed for your type of battery. If you leave it in the bike, put a thin film of lubricant (e.g. Vaseline) on the terminals to help thwart corrosion.

Check the Coolant Levels

If your bike has a liquid cooling system, check the level of anti-freeze and top it off as necessary. Drain and refresh the anti-freeze as MOM recommends.

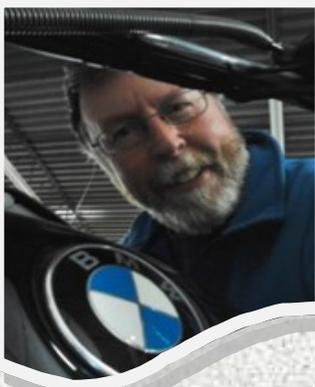
Replace any Dirty Filters

Check the air cleaner and any fuel filters. Take a look at the brakes while you're at it. Give the bike a good once over. Fix anything you can before you park it for the winter. Make note of those items you'll need to repair before you take your first ride next year.

Clean and Treat All Leather with a High Quality Dressing

Animal hide, like your skin, likes a good moisturizer to keep it supple and moisture tolerant. Use one that is specifically designed for your type of covers.

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What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! That'll be the sound ringing through the land in just a few short weeks. And yet it seems so far away, as we're now trying to find the last few relatively mild days of the year for riding. But now is the time to mentally gear up for

Guy Scalzitti



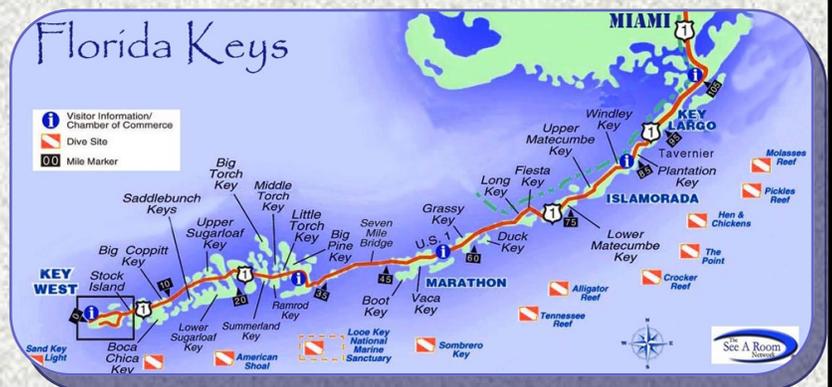
those cold and snowy months around the corner and now is also the time to make plans for the spring thaw and the next riding season. The Activities committee is planning a great "Adventure Ride" out west, so take a look at including in it your ride plans for 2014. Ask Gene and Tony about getting involved with the planning and let them know sooner than later about throwing your hat in the ring for being a part of this awesome event.

Judy and I are trying to forecast out plans for the coming year. We have the wedding of our eldest child, Patrick, in May. The wedding and all of the events tied to it will be the focus of our lives

for this spring. We had planned to make 2014 our year for a trip to Alaska, but family plans always take priority. Looks like that will be shelved for at least another year.

Every year I have an annual tax conference and every other year there is an additional financial and retirement planning conference that I attend. I never drive or fly, because it's a great excuse to spend time on the bike. Judy and I try to arrange our joint vacation time to coincide with the return leg of that summer business trip. Since we'll be "wedding poor" this year, it'll be a challenge to decide where to go and how to see a new part of the world in a new way.

The tax meeting this year is in Orlando, but we've lived there and have done the Disney thing a lot in our lives, so that obvious choice is out. Judy has never been to the Florida Keys, so that's the top option now. We almost did this trip a few years ago, but things just didn't work out. As it stands now, Judy would fly into Miami and I'd just ride down from Orlando. Right now we're looking at renting a Jeep and spending time slowly working our way to Key West. Right – no bike – you've got to be kidding! No really, not kidding, we thought using a different way to travel in the sun and the sand might be a good option. Although it's just a three hour trip, we plan on taking days to get there and do all of the things that fall under the heading "fun and different."



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VP's Mind Cont.

If you've done a slow trip like that, please let me know. I'd be thrilled to learn from your travels as we begin to plan. I've been to Key West a few times, but have never had the time to really explore and enjoy the area. We'd like to try some fishing snorkeling and diving while there. We'll also do our share of sunning and beach combing. I'd like to do some camping, but that may be a hard sell.

The goal would also be to spend a number of days in Key West and have a chance to explore that city in depth. I was almost stationed there in the mid 80s, but ended up in San Diego instead. I know poor baby! Another option on the table is for me to ride north and make it a riding vacation. The logic for that ride is to go north when the weather is hot. Judy could fly into Montreal and I'd meet her there. Then we could head up the north shore of the St Lawrence Seaway until the pavement ends in Kegaska, Quebec. I've been there on my big dual sport bike before and it is both extremely beautiful and very remote. I rode from Southway, New York to Manic Cinq, Quebec as part of an endurance rally in 2004. That round trip ride took less than 48 hours and I've always wanted to back and ride it at a much more leisurely pace.

The next leg of the journey would be on a ferry, crossing the St Lawrence Seaway to the Gaspé Peninsula. We'd have choice of riding inland or along the southern shore of the seaway to get back to Montreal. If time permits we might even be able to explore Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In a perfect world, free of time and dollar constraints, we would get the ferry to Newfoundland and see St Johns before taking another ferry to Halifax. Unfortunately, Judy couldn't get the extra time off and I believe that it would be



Where will you find
YOUR
treasure this year?

better to plan a separate trip for St Johns and Newfoundland. Did someone say, "What about Goose Bay, Labrador?" Who knows? Part of the fun of taking a trip like this is planning the options to see what you want to do as well as what you can do given the constraints that define our journeys.

The big thing is to think about what you want to see and then come up with a plan to see it. During the short days of winter, you'll have plenty of time to work on your next trip. Start now!

Ride safe and ride often,
Larry



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Store Bike on Its Center Stand

Remove the weight from the wheels if possible. Keep the bike away from ozone-emitting devices like motors, freezers, furnaces, electric heaters, etc. The gasses can deteriorate rubber parts. If you're storing the bike on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood underneath to insulate the bike from the damp ground.

Cover the Bike with a Quality Cover that Breathes

It not only keeps the dust off, but it helps to manage the moisture that is naturally attracted to cold metal surfaces.

Pat your Favorite Summertime Friend on the Headlight and Bid it Adieu Until Spring

As much as you may want to wake it from its winter hibernation just to hear its reassuring purr and throaty roar, avoid doing so until you're ready to ride in the Spring. Short engine runs can lead to condensation from engine and combustion byproducts in the oil.

Have a Happy Winter and Always Ride Safe!

Wombat

(Note: The preceding article was compiled from a variety of sources).

Top Cats' Top Gun.... By Traveler



With the Club interest growing in marksmanship and weapons firing, we held an informal little competition at On-Target Range Facility during our third Top cats' Shootout on 27 Oct 13.

The requirement was to fire 10 rounds with any handgun at 7 meters then turn in your target to be scored at the Nov meeting.

With help from Judy Scalzitti, who sorted through scoring some targets with more than ten holes, we determined that our current Top Cat Top Gun is....

Bard Boand.

However, the close (one point) runner up was....

Judy Scalzitti!

Congratulations to Bard and Judy!!!!!!





ELECTIONS

2014...

By Traveler



Excitement builds as we approach our 3 December 2013 election date for two directors, a Treasurer and a Secretary to serve during 2014 and 2015.

Our nomination window closed on 15 November 2013 with a solid list of experienced candidates for our 2014 Board.

As a quick review, here is a summary of our process and our policies.....

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

On Tuesday, 3 Dec, we will be voting on a Treasurer, Secretary, and two directors. Each will start a new, two – year term on 1 Jan 2014 and serve through the end of 2015.

OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for Treasurer and Secretary, must have one year as a Full member in good standing in the Club and served on a committee or in a Board position, for one year.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for director have a minimum of one year as a Full member in good standing and 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 were elected last year to serve until elections for the 2015-2016 term. At the end of 2013, we have elections for our Secretary, Treasurer, and two directors who will serve for the 2014-2015 term.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

2014 - 2015:

Full Members who are eligible and have accepted a nomination for a director position are:

Ric Case

Jeff Tietz

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER and SECRETARY

2013 - 2014:

Full Members who are eligible and have accepted a nomination for Treasurer and Secretary, running unopposed, are:

Treasurer: **Stewart Johnson**

Secretary: **Mary Walters**

VOTING:

Voting will be held at the 3 Dec 2013 General Meeting. To be eligible to vote members must be Full Members in good standing i.e. attended five Top Cats events during 2013, and 2014 dues paid.

Members will vote upon validation of voting eligibility at the 3 December 2013 meeting.. Results will be

announced during that meeting



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CAMPAIGNING:

As is our tradition, 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.



All members who participate, support, and contribute so much to our Club realize, and accept, their **obligation** to elect a strong Board. One that is reliable, capable, trusted, skilled, and experienced.

Our Club is worth it, our members are worth it, and our future deserves it.....



Top Cats Awards Banquet... Celebrating 2013!

As we go through the process of selecting our leadership for next year, Let's also start the process of selecting the Best Top Cat Memories of 2013! Celebration... or Roast?



What was the most scenic ride?
Who was the most agile rider?
The best weather ride?
The longest ride?
Memories.... What will make it into the Top of the books for the Top Cat's 2013 Celebration?

Member & Sponsor Expectations

By Traveler

As Top Cats, each of us contributes to maintaining the great reputation we have developed over the years. We are proud of our reputation and encourage you to help maintain it by abiding by, and participating in, our traditions.



Safety: Our sport is a risky one and, as such, demands an aggressive safety program. Quarterly, we conduct a Group Riding and Safety Seminar for our members. Attending one of these seminars is a prerequisite to renewing your membership. The course is a few hours long. We do not teach you how to ride. We teach you how we ride. Subjects include group riding protocol, formations, hand signals, general safety, road captain duties, and accident scene management. Typically, each course provides the opportunity to exchange experiences and learn from each other. During our rides, please ride conservatively. Do not ride so aggressively or recklessly that it endangers or intimidates other riders. We recognize that the use of alcohol is legal and the abuse of alcohol is not. We encourage every member to drink responsibly and not jeopardize the welfare of other riders.

Road Captains. The safety of our members is paramount. Each of our official rides are organized and lead by an experienced road captain. To become a road captain, a member must attend our



safety seminar, demonstrate safe riding skills, display good judgment, and plan and conduct a ride under the supervision of a qualified road captain. Once a member successfully conducts a ride, they are eligible for the black and white Road Captain recognition rocker. Our most experienced road captains are an elite group of riders recognized by their black and gold Road Captain rocker.

Rides & Events.

The majority of our activities are open to spouses and guests. Some of our events, such as our annual Progressive Dinner ride and our block



of hotel rooms at Sturgis are limited to members, spouses, girl/boy friends or family. When guests attend riding events, as riders, it is the member's responsibility to thoroughly brief them on our riding protocol.

Charity. Over the years we have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable organizations by participating in other club's charity rides and conducting our own annual charity ride. Members are expected to help with our Charity Ride by volunteering to help on a committee, and by selling raffle tickets for the Harley-Davidson we raffle annually.

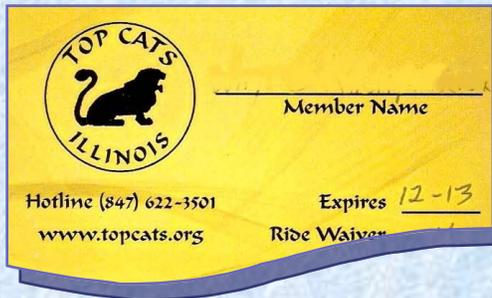


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Member/Sponsor Continued...

Membership. Membership expires in December of each year. Dues are due prior to the end of December. All new members require a sponsor who is their point of contact within the Club for introductions and explanations of how and why we do things, etc.

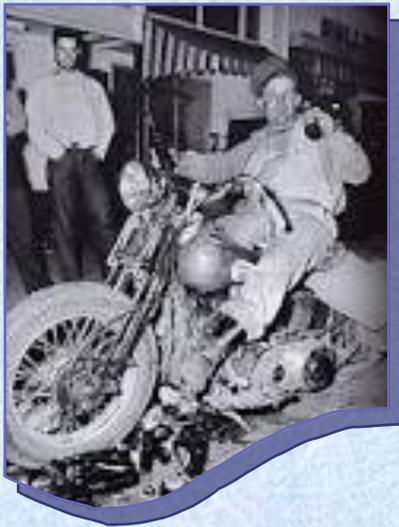


Sponsors are appointed by the Board or, new members may select a sponsor.

Club. Your sponsor will mentor you when needed, assist you when required, encourage you as necessary, and provide constructive feedback to keep your Top Cat experience a positive one. There is no time period for being a sponsor. They are your resource for as long as you need them.



Conduct. We are a unique and elite group of professionals who enjoy riding motorcycles. We are proud of our sterling reputation in the region and we actively work to maintain it. While we don't "enforce" rules of good conduct, we do expect that personal behavior, conduct, riding style, etc be consistent with good taste and social expectations.



Patch. Our logo is displayed on our patch, on our pin, and on some of our products. This symbol reflects our organization and not individuals. As such, we are guarded about the use of our logo to infer endorsement of any product or service, or the modification or personalization of the logo by any member. You will notice some variations to our Club patch. The circular black and white patch is the traditional Top Cats' logo. The black and gold patch is our leaders patch worn by past and present Board members with the office currently held displayed by a flash on top of the patch and past offices held displayed on a rocker below the patch.

Sponsorship. The Top Cats' Sponsorship program is a simple one founded on the basic ingredient of our Club....camaraderie. When you joined Top Cats, you had a member sponsor you. This was either an acquaintance or a member appointed as your sponsor by the Board. The duties of your sponsor are to act as your immediate and single point of contact for questions, guidance, direction and expectations in the



'Twas the Night Before Christmas....

A Biker's Tale

Submitted for your review by: Wombat



'Twas the night before Christmas, And
not until Spring,
Would an engine be running, not even a
Wing.
The Top Cats were sleeping, their bikes
inside and warm,
Batteries were tended, nylon covered
their form.

The Cats were all nestled snug in their
beds,
While visions of great rides danced in
their heads.

And I in my leathers all dew-eyed and
misty,
Out shoveling snow, dreaming of roads
twisty.

Then from the horizon there came such a
clatter,
My shovel I dropped, what could be the
matter?

Away up the hill, I slogged through the
snow,

Looked up at the sky...where'd all that
noise go?

A throb from the heavens like straight
pipes so hearty,
Caused thoughts of next summer, a Top
Cats ride party!

When, what
to my won-
dering eyes
should ap-
pear,
But a super
red cruiser,
red trailer in
rear.

With a little old rider, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than crotchies his cruiser
came on,
And he whistled, and shouted, and sang
out this song;

"Now, Harley! Now, Beamer! On Honda
and Zuki!

Now Vulcan! Now Injun! On Vict'ry and
Guzzi!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the
wall!

Now RIDE away! RIDE away! RIDE away
all!"

As small bikes that from the semis do fly,
When they meet the air blast, mount to
the sky.

So up to the house-top that cruiser it flew,
With a trailer of goodies, and ole' St. Nick
too.

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And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the
roof,

The rumble and thunder of pipes that
gave proof.

I ran to the house, boots thumping
around,

And in came St. Nick all bearded and
round.

Dressed all in black leather, from do-rag
to boot,

His chaps were all tarnished with road
grime and soot.

A T-bag of goodies he'd flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening
his pack.

His shades -- how they twinkled! his do-
rag how cherry!

With chains intertwined, through skulls
that were scary!

His twisted little mouth had seen many a
row,

So the beard on his chin was as white as
the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his
teeth,

The smoke had a strange odor; it gave
him relief!

He had a broad face and a large fat beer
belly,

That shook, when he laughed like a bowl-
ful of jelly.

All tattooed and plump, a right jolly old
rider,

So I offered a cold Bud...thought what
could be righter?

A wink of his eye as he downed that cold
beer,

Let me know all was right, I had nothing
to fear.

He spoke not a word, and went straight to
my ride,

And fixed it with Chrome, Horsepower
and Pride!

And giving the peace sign with a bikers'
good cheer,

Took off for his red cruiser rumbling so
near.

He sprang onto the saddle, his gloves on
the bars,

A wheelie he threw then off towards the
stars!

I heard him exclaim, as my chest swelled
with pride...

Merry Christmas to all Top Cats and to all
a good ride!

Happy Holidays!

Wombat

(The preceding is a compilation of several
verses with original content by Wombat)

Oil Spots

By Traveler

WINDY CITY CYCLES ADDS VESPA, PIAGGIO, APRILLIA

Windy City Motorcycles has added Vespa, Piaggio and Aprilia motorcycles to its lineup of Harley and Triumph vehicles.

The Fox River complex in St. Charles, Ill., about an hour west of Chicago, already houses Fox River Harley-Davidson and Windy City Triumph, making this the first of the Windy City Motorcycle Group to provide both American and metric power sports two-wheeled vehicles in the same complex.

Windy City has grown to five dealerships in the past 10 years in the greater Chicago area.

HARLEY TARGETS YOUNG RIDERS WITH STREET 500, 750



Harley-Davidson is targeting the young urban market with the Street 750 and Street 500. The two new models are part of the Dark Custom line.

The Street 750 and Street 500 represent the first new platform from Harley-Davidson in thirteen years. The new liquid-cooled Revolution X V-twin engine powers the motorcycles.

The Street models have a narrow chassis for agility paired with a low seat height. The wide-set handle-

bars offer easy maneuverability. The black, minimalist style is, Harley says, the perfect blank canvas for customizing.

Both the Street 750 and Street 500 were designed with input from young adults in cities around the world. This input guided the attitude and capabilities of these motorcycles.

The Street 750 and Street 500 will be limited to dealers in select markets, and are scheduled to arrive on showroom floors beginning in 2014. The MSRP will range from \$6,700 to \$7,500.

Media images courtesy of Harley-Davidson.

INVESTMENT GROUP SEEKS TO FORECLOSE ON LAKE SHORE HARLEY-DAVIDSON

A Colorado investment firm is pursuing a \$6.4 million foreclosure lawsuit against the owners of Lake Shore Harley-Davidson.

The dealership has been operating since 1967 and moved to its present 80,000 sq. ft. showroom and service center in 2002. The property is owned by a trust with ties to dealer principal Russell Snider, according to the complaint filed by Summit Investment Management LLC in Lake County Circuit Court.

Denver-based Summit filed a separate lawsuit May 7 against three ventures managed by Snider and partner Frank Blazeovich, alleging they owe \$8.9 million on loans made in 2008 and 2010. That includes the \$6.4 million sought in the foreclosure suit filed Oct. 10.

Snider is named as a defendant in the first suit because he allegedly personally guaranteed the loans. Although Blazeovich also guaranteed repayment of the debt, he is not named as a defendant because he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection last year, according to *Chicago Real Estate Daily*. The real estate is held in a trust whose beneficiary is a venture managed by the two partners. NOTE: At press time, we have been informed that Lake Shore HD has been sold and will remain open and in the current location.

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NORTON MOTORCYCLES ENTERS US MARKET WITH SHIPMENT OF COMMANDO 961



Norton announced the first shipment of Commando 961 bikes to dealers in the U.S., marking the first time in 30+ years that the U.K.-based company has shipped product to the U.S.

“We are very pleased to announce we have shipped the first batch of Norton Commando 961 bikes to the U.S.A. [It’s] a huge and historic step for Norton as the U.S.A. is a large and important market for Norton. The shipment is the first delivery of new Norton bikes for some 30-plus years. Norton Motorcycles U.S.A. CEO Dan Van Epps has assembled many of the best U.S. dealers to represent Norton,” said the company in its statement.

Norton has posted U.S. dealer contact details on its website at NortonMotorcycles.com.

BIG DOGS TO BE MUZZLED?

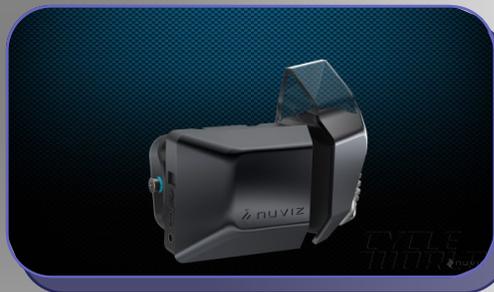


It looks like Big Dog is headed for the pound as Intrust Bank has filed suit seeking to foreclose on Shel-

don Coleman Jr. and several of his corporate entities because of debts to the bank of nearly \$20 million on 6 different loans. Name as defendants in the suit are: Sheldon Coleman Jr.; the Sheldon Coleman Living Trust; Waterview Holdings; Waterview Realty; CD Investment Partnership; Big Dog Motorcycles; Motorcycle Enterprises; BDM SC; and Wichita Motorcycles. In an effort to recoup some of its money the bank seeks to foreclose on most of the Big Dog Motorcycles property.

Coleman started selling custom motorcycles that he built in his garage in 1994 and then began producing the Big Dog line of bikes. In 2005 the company had over 300 workers and more than \$120 million in revenue. In 2006, Big Dog sales started slipping and the first layoffs came in 2007. Coleman kept borrowing in an effort to keep the operation running, but in 2011 he closed down production. That’s when BDM Performance Products was started in one of the warehouses.

NUVIZ MOTORCYCLE HEAD-UP DISPLAY



In today’s world, we are constantly bombarded with electronic information.

Smartphones

and computers are common for most people, but when you hop onto a modern motorcycle the informational data can explode: In addition to GPS and music menus, motorcycles can have traction control, electronic-suspension settings, ride modes, ABS settings, heated-grip levels, all sorts of things that need to be set or monitored. As we all know, riding a motorcycle requires far more of our attention than driving an automobile, so when distractions are piled onto our bikes, safety can be compromised. But what if a large chunk of that information could be displayed on a see-through, head-up microdisplay navigated via a simple handlebar-mounted controller, one that allows you to never take your eyes off the road?

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 5TH, 2013

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

Submitted by Mary Walters

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President

Membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance
There were no guests tonight.

President's Report

- Wayne started the meeting with a survey of events that were very unlikely when Top Cats was founded.... The passage of Same Sex Marriages in Illinois, the Bears beating the Packers IN Green Bay and Mike Bradbury celebrating another year closer to 50... or is it after 50???
- A survey was done on the membership's choice of meeting place The results will be given at the December meeting.
- Election Nominations were opened to the members and those eligible to run were identified. The incumbents for the four open positions have all agreed to run again.
- Eligibility requirements needed to vote in December were also reviewed and the information will be available in the December issue of ROAR.
- The idea of an annual adventure ride is being developed. Tony Loden is beginning to plan a March event out west. Watch for details!
- The Toys for Tots Ride will be held on Sunday, November 24th. Mike Bradbury has agreed to lead the ride and details will be on the website.
- A question was posed to the members as to the interest in a CPR class at this time. There were many hands that indicated they were interested. The CPR Class with AED (automated external defibrillator) will be scheduled for January or February. Ric Case will schedule this and the information will be made available at the next meeting.
- Another question was posed as to the interest in a concealed carry weapons class. David Whiteside will be able to teach the class after February. He would be willing to give the class to the Club for free. This would help to minimize the costs, which will add up to approximately five hundred dollars. Aside from the class, the costs would include:
 - ⇒ Fingerprints done electronically
 - ⇒ Application
 - ⇒ 16 hours of range time
 - ⇒ a credit of 4 hours will be given to those who have taken the Utah Class
 - ⇒ A credit of 8 hours will be given to anyone with prior military service
 - ⇒ An NRA instructor will also be given 8 hours of credit
- And a final question was posed as to whether or not the club should begin to organize events strictly for the ladies in the club. Discussion from the members included:
 - ⇒ The idea that there would be some things that women would be interested in developing,
 - ⇒ But, creating a separate auxiliary group was not seen as a possibility. It would open up the possibilities for creating conflicting events.
 - ⇒ The idea was not seen as necessary at this time.
- MSF now has a refresher e-course that can be taken for twenty dollars. It is worthwhile to keep skills tuned and important information in proximate recall.



Past President: Mike Bradbury

No comments at this time.

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Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

- The last ride of the season, led by Gene Rigsby was a good time although there were not many members ready to brave the weather that day!
- At this time of the year, we need to begin the process of reflection and to build on the successes as well as develop new ideas. The Activity Committee is willing to help get your ideas on the books.

Secretary: Mary Walters

ROAR

- All is well, but new ideas are always welcome.

Membership Roster

- Roster changes will be completed to reflect all information needed to validate membership, ability to be nominated, and ability to vote in the elections.

Treasurer: Stewart Johnson

- Stewart is out of town at this time, but he asked that Wayne report to the club:
- He is needing to update the software he is using to keep records
- All members have paid for the next year with the exception of one who has moved to Arizona.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- No new members at this time
- There are only a few products left to be sold. Emil brought them to sell tonight.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

- Bard Board gave an update on the Safety Article he submitted for the September ROAR
- ⇒ He mentioned Fall riding and the necessity to be aware of leaves as well as fall drivers who are on scenic tours and may not be aware of others on the road.
- ⇒ He also mentioned the need to dress in layers so that you can lighten up clothing as the temperature rises, and add clothes toward the end of the day.
- ⇒ He also discussed the need to be aware of tire pressure. As temperature drops, so does the pressure in the tires.
- ⇒ Ric Case and others added in the idea of Cold weather riding.
- ⇒ Double pane visors, chemical hand warmers are good ways to protect face and hands.
- Ric stated that all of the issues that apply to motorcycles for Fall riding are also a part of cold weather riding.
- ⇒ Snowmobile clothing can be worn for cold-weather riding too. Ric has a variety of sizes and would be willing to loan them out for anyone who would like to give cold-weather riding a try
- JANUARY 26, 2014 will be Road Captain meeting at Keller-Williams from 8 am to 2 pm. Ric will focus on the following ideas:
 - ⇒ Educate rather than Regulate
 - ⇒ Motivate rather than Dictate
- The Charity Committee has begun to meet for the 2014 *Ride For Dreams*. Anyone interested in getting involved should talk to Noelle Rigsby.
- The NISRA Banquet is on November 23rd and there are 4 seats left as of tonight.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- The International MC Show is scheduled for February 7th-9th. There will be a Club activity to the event and information will be upcoming on the website and updates given at the December and January general meetings.
- The Awards Banquet is being organized and information will be given at the December meeting. Ballots for the Awards will also be handed out at the December meeting.
- Gene thanked everyone for a great October schedule!

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- All is well at this time.

Final Announcement: Judy Scalzitti scored the targets that were submitted from the last 'Top Cat Shoot-Out' and...
Bard Board was identified as the TOP GUN in the Club!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2013

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

Submitted by Mary Walters

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

Excused: Jeff Tietz

President Call to Order by Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Meeting Location needs to be decided by January. The parameters agreed on by the board include:
 - Room for 30 to 50 people
 - Electrical power available for presentations
 - Good food with good prices
 - No cost for the room
- Options for the meetings:
 - eSkape has requested a \$100/hour since the remodeling.
 - J&D's is noisy but Jose has been asked if he can add doors.
 - Stef Levy looked for alternatives and came up with Alley64.
 - A decision will be made with the input from the new board in December.
- Elections
 - ⇒ Incumbents have all agreed to run and as of tonight, there have been no other nominations.
 - ⇒ The positions open for next year are now held by:
 - ⇒ Treasurer: Stewart Johnson
 - ⇒ Secretary: Mary Walters
 - ⇒ Director: Jeff Tietz
 - ⇒ Director: Ric Case
 - ⇒ Eligible candidates have been identified for nominations and must be done by November 15th.
- Vendor Discounts finalization are being addressed. 15% is now the standard discount within the motorcycle community. Mike Bradbury is working on this and will contact some of the various brands dealerships
- Conceal Carry Weapons Class will be slotted with a March Date for the club members.
- There are other options for the CCWC:
 - ⇒ David Whiteside is certified to teach instructors, not students at this time. This may change by March.
 - ⇒ David will teach and we can use any proceeds for adding to NISRA. The discussion will be handed over to the Charity Committee.
- An Annual Adventure Ride is being developed by Tony Loden. It will be an additional long distance ride to the schedule alongside Sturgis each year.
- Developing a *Women's Group* within the Club was discussed. It was decided that developing events for 'women only' would be left for the women to address. There is no need to formalize this group at this time.

Vice President, Larry Scalzitti

- No updates at this time.

Secretary, Mary Walters

ROAR

- The December issue of ROAR will be published early so that it will be out for Thanksgiving. Dennis Dougherty has already submitted the KK and another article.
- January's issue will also be published early so that it will be out for the Holidays.
- Ric Case will let the Safety Committee know that they will have to be sure submissions are in on time.

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Master Roster

- Updates for this month will be done to reflect membership renewals.

Treasurer, Stewart Johnson

- The need for new Software was addressed with a discussion that ended with the motion by Mike Bradbury to approve a \$200 budget for buying the 2014 update for Quick Books. The motion received a second from Larry Scalzitti and was approved unanimously by the board.

Past President, Mike Bradbury

- There were no updates at this time.

Director, Gene Rigsby

- Toys for tots will be led by Mike Bradbury. The start will be at 12 and Lake Cook for this satellite ride on the 24th of November.
- Dec & Jan have no events on the calendar yet, but there are many things that are in the works. Some of the possible events are:
 - ⇒ First Aid Class
 - ⇒ Football or Movie night
 - ⇒ A bowling tournament
 - ⇒ A murder-mystery dinner
 - ⇒ A holiday party
 - ⇒ Hockey games
 - ⇒ The International Motorcycle Show will be held on February 7th, 8th, and 9th. The club will do the annual breakfast and ride to the Stephens pavilion in Rosemont.
- The Progressive Dinner blast was reviewed and the error that was made in sending out the information was determined to be a human error. It was suggested that we have some kind of duplicity that would eliminate the possibilities for future errors. Gene Rigsby felt that 'trust and verify' is a good process for now.
- The Awards Banquet will be held on February 22nd and at this time the Millrose has been targeted for the event. Gene will check prices and availability and begin preparing for the evening.

Director, Emil Kornecki

Membership

- No new members at this time
- There was a question about the President's Welcome Letter. As of now, Emil stated that Greg had verified that it was in the new member packet.
- Whiteside / Adonis membership packet mix-up was discussed and the membership cards are now in the correct hands.

Products for 2014 are being researched.

Director, Ric Case

Safety

- GRASS Schedule 2014 will be added to the website.
- Road Captain Meeting is scheduled for January 26th, 2014.
- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule 2014 is in place and will be discussed at the RCM in January.

Charity Committee

- The first meeting was productive and the survey that was developed at that meeting was handed out at the last general meeting. It did not develop any new ideas, though.
- Next meeting is on November 20th.

Director, Jeff Tietz

- Jeff was unable to attend, but all is well with the website and the online Club History at the Barrington Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25.

Oil Spots Continued

That's exactly what NUVIZ's forthcoming chinbar-mounted accessory offers. The device, which will use Bluetooth 4.0 to pair smartphones with the company's Ride: CLOUD app, will provide navigation, weather, and be able to display customizable information from the motorcycle's dash. What's more, it offers voice communications and music playback functions while also featuring a built-in camera with 1080p video and 8-megapixel still capability.



Similar in size to a slim GPS unit, the weatherproof NUVIZ uses a liquid-crystal on silicon (LCoS) microdisplay-based engine to project images onto a transparent combiner (a miniature windshield) mounted on the top of the unit, and is what the wearer actually looks through to see the projection. The screen will appear in the lower corner of the helmet eyeport. As with other HUDs, the image "focused" at infinity so the rider doesn't need to refocus from the road to view information.

A Quad-core 1.2 GHz ARM processor provides computing power, while 8GB of flash memory (expandable via micro SD cards) is built into the WiFi-enabled unit. A 9-axis motion sensor, altimeter, temperature and ambient light sensors are used, too. Power is provided by a rechargeable battery (expected to offer 3 to 4

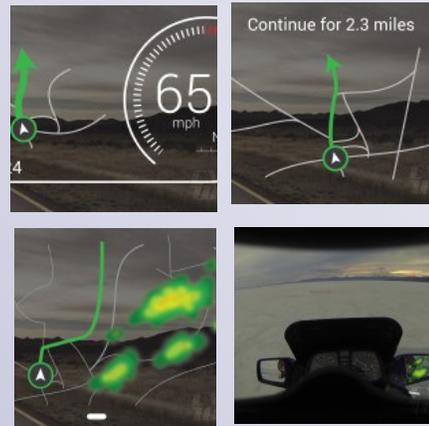
hours of life) that is easily swappable for a spare on longer road trips.

Voice-communication functions can be accessed via the Ride: CLOUD app. The user will be able to scroll through contacts via the bar-mounted controller buttons and make and accept calls, while also accessing music stored on a smartphone.

Another feature that NUVIZ is developing is displaying a motorcycle's critical dash information such as speed, rpm, gear position, and even lap times. The NUVIZ will tap into the bike's ECU for the stream of information, and the possibilities seem endless.

The NUVIZ unit attaches to a helmet's chinbar via a mount with a heavy-duty adhesive pad similar to that used by GoPro and various point-of-view cameras. A wide variety of mounts will be available to accommodate the full gamut of shapes and brands in the helmet market. The mounting baseplate and the unit itself offer adjustability so that the combiner screen can be positioned for an ideal view.

The NUVIZ motorcycle head-up display remains in development and will enter beta testing this spring. Target sale date: Summer 2014. Stay tuned.



- 17th Emil Kornecki**
- 20th Faye Braun and Theresa Peiffer**
- 30th Dennis Dougherty**

December Celebrations

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



2013....

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Take pictures... Write Stories....
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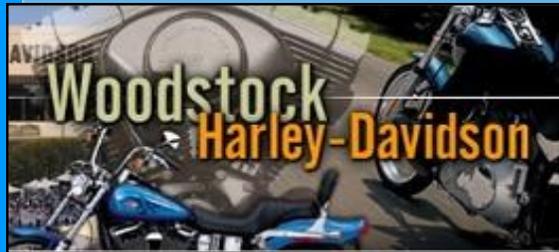
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For more information contact any board member or

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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, December 3th	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 10th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, January 7th	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, January 14th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Sunday , January 26th	Road Captain Meeting	Keller—Williams	Palatine	8:00	Case

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



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