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We enter 2014 with high expectations and exciting possibilities for our new riding and activity season. With members like this... how can we not have an exciting season....

This year is starting out just like previous years and that is....the **Lodens** jumped right in to initiate the Top Cats



Now, add to that the efforts of members like **Brandts, Bradburys, Boand, Case, Dougherty, Flynn, Johnson, Scalzittis, Tietz, Malia, Walters,** and **Smiths** who all put together a ride or event for us last year and....you'll see the potential we have for success that is equaled by no other Club in the area.



Mar-Apr 2014 California Trek. Preceding that was Terri's work at putting together an off-season comedy club night.

The **Rigsbys** continue to make our Club what it is with Gene's work as a Director and already, a movie night, another Shootout, breakfast and a trip to the International MC Show, and our Annual Awards Banquet.



Add to that all that

And, finally, for the old timers in the Club, we received sad news that Ray "Ray Ray" Petersen passed away on January 19 in Wauconda at age 76. Ray Ray was an original member of Top Cats and hosted the first Top Cats' Charity Ride at his bar, RSVP, in Barrington. Ray also owned Petersen & Son Plumbing, Ten Pin Bowl, and the Barrington Fitness Center. His contribution to our Club will always be the great memories he left with us.

Let's roll... Safely...

Traveler

President, Top Cats – Illinois

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 4 General Meeting
- 8 International Bike Show
- 11 Board Meeting
- 22 Top Cats Award Banquet

MARCH

- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting
- 16 GRASS Class
- 29 to April 6 CA Adventure Ride

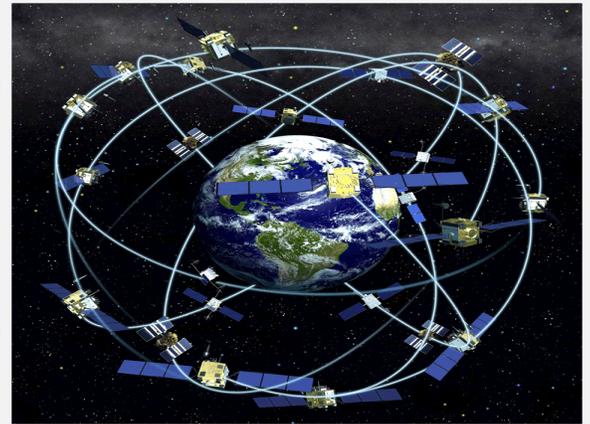
Winter Events are in the works too... Put your idea on the calendar for February, and March, and April... Riding Season will be back soon!



KAUTION KORNER

GPS: Making Travel Better, Easier, and Safer!

By Tony Loden, Road Captain



Just think how different history and everyday life would have been if devices like the GPS had existed, even in the past hundred years; just for starters, where Amelia Earhart crashed might never have been a mystery. The '60s TV show *Gilligan's Island* might never have been produced because it would have been rejected as an unlikely scenario. And perhaps more relevantly: that time your motorcycle broke down in the middle of nowhere and you had no means to communicate your location may never have become the epic – or harrowing – adventure it was.

Originally designed for the US military in the early 1970's GPS or the Global Positioning System is a satellite navigational system, predominantly designed for navigation. Twenty-four satellites, eight in each of three orbital planes spaced 120-degrees apart, and their ground stations, formed the "man-made stars" as reference points to calculate geographical positions, now accurate to a matter of yards became fully operational to the general public in 1995.

Today GPS receivers have been miniaturized to just a few integrated circuits and have become very economical, finding their way into the aviation, marine, railway, automotive and even cellphone industries. These units work solely by storing all the maps on the device and using the GPS signal to pinpoint your location and then tell you what route and direction to take to reach a specific destination. They have now become the security blanket while travelling thru the skies, crossing the oceans or cruising down the highway! It was only a matter of time before someone strapped a receiving unit onto a motorcycle.

Now most of us are wise enough to know that safety comes first when we are out on our prized possessions. That means helmets, leathers, reflective gear, TCLOCK, the whole nine yards. But this little technological advancement has meant that we riders now need to keep ourselves safe in a totally different way. If you are in a car, that glowing map and the voice of your choosing every now and then barking back at you is pretty cool. Translate all of this into the world of the motorcycle rider, though, and GPS is a potential distraction, and "distracted driving"

as the safety experts call it, is a common cause of accidents.

There is one big issue with the entire motorcycle GPS "distracted driving" debate, and that is that a lot of people who proclaim that it is dangerous are not actually riders themselves. One of the key assumptions that proponents of this argument make is that glancing at a GPS screen while cruising down the road is more dangerous than it is in a car. This is based on no research whatsoever, and as such is an unfounded claim to make. If you have ever used a GPS while riding you should know it is almost exactly the same amount of effort (and therefore distraction) as in a car. A quick glance to see what's coming your way and then eyes back on the road; simple.

So to clear up the whole "distracted driver" safety debate,, before you think about using a GPS unit on your bike, you need to consider where to mount it. Whether your mount is on your handlebars, your faring or a third party



mount, the location of the GPS unit should be in a comfortable location to monitor the ever changing information and it should not consume a lot of focus from your visual scanning of the road to glance at occasionally. The location should also be easy to reach with one hand if route adjustments or

information is needed. Once mounted, adjust the unit for these conditions and verify the unit is reactive with gloves before you begin to roll as most touch screens need the heat of the finger to activate. The unit should also have a fairly bright screen in the final location so it does not wash out badly in the sun.

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Configure the unit before you ride; this means putting in all the standard defaults, such as your “home” location, your time zone, any warning tones such as a signal for exceeding the speed limit, the layout of the information that you want to see on the screen, what voice you want to hear, all the typical things that go with the GPS. If your unit requires internet connectivity, make sure it can operate without advising you that it has lost its connectivity. Some units want to advise you that it has lost it, blanking out the main screen; this is a major distraction and potentially a hazard if you are relying on your turn-by-turn directions to get from point A to point B.

Now that the unit is mounted in a non-distracting location and fully configured, you may want to hear that voice of your choosing bark out those turn-by-turn directions as you cruise down the road with the wind in your face. If so, then a GPS with a phone jack for remote speakers or better yet Bluetooth technology is the answer. This also solves the key issue that doubters have about riders’ taking their eyes off the road to monitor the GPS. By doing this, you can hear those instructions right from the GPS blasted with your music or thru Bluetooth in your ear so you will never actually have to glance at the screen if you do not need to.

Here are some of the reasons why you're safer with GPS:

You know where you're going. Set up and upload pre-planned routes and waypoints from your computer where planning and location of services can be searched for and reviewed. Being lost and/or being distracted as you try to see street signs and get oriented in unfamiliar places a significant and dangerous distraction. You are rarely lost with a GPS in use, and even if you miss a turn, the GPS will recalculate the route automatically and get you where you need to go with minimal stress and distraction.

You don't need to deal with maps. Handling and reading maps while riding is a feat we have all attempted, but it's a significant distraction. Even with a passenger doing the map reading and providing directions (this doesn't always go smoothly, does it?), you are better off with GPS.



The GPS improves night driving safety. Not often dis-

cussed, but in my opinion, one of the best features of the GPS is the fact that it gives you better road awareness at night and in low-visibility conditions. At night a GPS will tell you about, and show you an upcoming turn, ramp, etc. long before you can see it. On dark back roads, the GPS map will give you a preview of what's ahead.

You know which lane to be in. One of the challenges of riding unfamiliar and busy multi-lane highways is knowing which lane you'll need for an upcoming exit. On the higher end units using “Lane-Assist” will tell you the correct lane well in advance.

Safety features, such as special "help" buttons by touching the vehicle display show you your nearest coordinates, the nearest address, the nearest police, hospital, and more.

And a couple of things to avoid:

If you are a beginner, be extra-careful to avoid being distracted by the GPS. That cool new touchscreen, all of those menu options – don't let them take your eyes and attention away from the road. Beginners tend to look at the screen much more than they should. Be especially conscious of your surroundings as you learn how to use your GPS.

Don't program the GPS while riding!!! You will see this rule in all of the GPS safety manuals and start-up screen text, for good reason. Enter your destination before you ride. If you need to cancel or change a destination, pull over in a safe area and stop, or wait until you are stopped at a traffic light, and re-program. I have tried programming while moving, and found it dangerously distracting. Don't do it.

Just remember, first you ride and then you navigate as a second priority. It's a reminder worth repeating to yourself to use your GPS in a way that enhances, rather than detracts from a safe ride. Your first and most important job is staying aware of your environment and keeping your bike where it belongs.

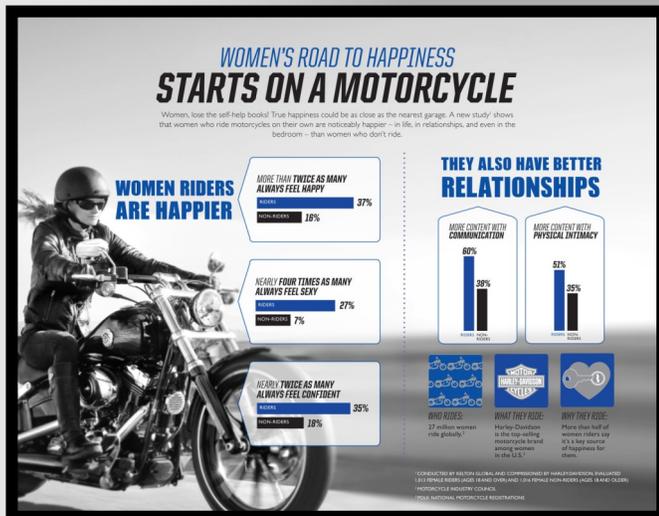


Oil Spots

By Traveler

WOMEN RIDERS ARE HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY....

A study commissioned by Harley-Davidson says that women who ride their own motorcycles are happier than women who don't ride.



The study interviewed 1,013 adult female riders and 1,016 adult female non-riders. "The findings make it clear that riding a motorcycle greatly improves a woman's feelings of overall self-worth," The Motor Co. announced.

More than half of the respondents cited their motorcycle as a key source of happiness, and 74 percent said their lives have improved since they started riding. In addition, they stated that:

- ✦ They always feel happy (37 percent of rider respondents vs. 16 percent of non-riders);
- ✦ They always feel sexy (27 percent of rider respondents vs. 7 percent of non-riders); and
- ✦ They always feel confident (35 percent of rider respondents vs. 18 percent of non-riders).

Women riders reported better communication with their "significant Other" (60 percent of riders vs. 38

percent of non-riders) and better physical intimacy (51 percent of riders vs. 35 percent of non-riders). The Harley-Davidson Female Riders Survey was conducted by Kelton, a global insights firm, from May 20 to May 28, 2013,

Harley-Davidson encourages women to visit the Women Riders section of its website at www.harley-davidson.com/women. The site includes testimonials, overviews of motorcycles and gear, and news about special Harley-Davidson Garage Party events.

BOSCH BOOSTS ABS SYSTEMS

Conventional ABS has improved steadily since the first systems of the 1980s. The latest versions are very impressive, but even the best are triggered only by wheel speed—they can't anticipate variations in grip through lean angle or vehicle attitude, which means they can't cope with more than a fairly modest angle of lean.



That's set to change. Bosch's new system, called **Motorcycle Stability Control** and debuting on the new **KTM 1190 Adventure**, adds a fresh wrinkle to ABS: the lean-angle sensor. This device is about the size and weight of a wristwatch that consumes less than a tenth of an amp of power and can relay information about a bike's pitch and lean angles 200 times per second.

For the MSC development, Bosch's team combined the lean-angle sensor with the firm's latest ABS 9M unit. This team spent 18 months developing algorithms and testing.

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MSC uses an array of sensors in addition to lean-angle. Wheel sensors measure the rotational speed of front and rear wheels, and the lean-angle sensor computes lean and pitch every five milliseconds. Based on this information, plus known parameters including tire size, tire shape, and sensor location, the ABS control unit calculates the physical limits of brake force on the basis of lean angle.



A control module (left) and lean-angle sensor (right) combine forces to create Bosch's Motorcycle Stability Control (MSC), the first ABS system informed by lean angle.

If the MSC recognizes that a wheel is starting to lock, the ABS control unit activates the pressure modulator in the brake circuit. This lowers the brake pressure and builds it up again within a fraction of a second, with the result that the correct amount of brake pressure is applied to prevent each wheel from locking. The system links front and rear brakes and is also designed to give an ideal distribution of front/rear braking. The addition of the lean-angle sensor means the system knows in advance how much brake force the tires are likely to tolerate before an actual lockup occurs. As such, when a lockup does happen, it's much closer to threshold braking than a full-on panic stop. And as a result of that, the ABS can react less aggressively to eliminate lockup.



The key to never crashing on the brakes again? It's all right here under the seat, where the Bosch 9M ABS control module is located on the KTM 1190 Adventure.

One bonus of MSC is that it doesn't require hardware in addition to that used by the KTM's ABS and traction control. It does, however, need a considerable amount of testing and fine-tuning, which is why KTM is rolling out the technology gradually, starting with the Adventure and Adventure R models—it's standard on all 2014 models and available as a software upgrade to Adventures sold in Europe as 2013s. The 1290 Super Duke R will eventually get the technology as well.

VOLO LIGHTS ROLLOUT FOR SAFETY LEDs

Using compact accelerometers, the Volo Lights license plate frame detects when a motorcycle is decelerating, such as during a downshift, and automatically flashes its red LEDs to serve as a clear warning for vehicles approaching from behind.



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Oil Spots, Continued...

Thanks to a motorcycle's ability to rapidly slow down to engine braking alone, this auxiliary brake light significantly improves a rider's safety — all without a thought from the rider or complicated integration into the bike's existing brake system.

Vectolabs LLC, the creator of Volo Lights, recently debuted the new product at the [Progressive International Motorcycle Show](#) last month in Long Beach, Calif.

50,000+ BMWs IN FUEL PUMP RECALL

BMW is recalling more than 50,000 motorcycles encompassing 18 different model types over seven model years for a potential leak in the fuel pump.



Affected are 2005-2011 R-model motorcycles, 2005-2012 K-model motorcycles, 2010-11 S1000 RR model motorcycles, and 2006-2010 HP2 motorcycles. According to NHTSA, the fuel pump flange, and the auxiliary fuel pump flange if equipped, could develop cracks and leak fuel.

A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may result in a fire, the organization stated. The NHTSA campaign number is 13V617000.

According to BMW, the recall affects "approximately 50,184" vehicles. The NHTSA recall follows a similar recall in Canada affecting more than 6,000 bikes.

BMW told NHTSA that "ductile cracks may develop in the plastic flange. Excessive loads can be gener-

ated during improper removal and insertion of the quick connector, or by removing the fuel tank prior to disconnecting the fuel line. Further damage can be caused by corrosive material/fluids. Over time, this could affect the seal between the flange and the flange housing. Eventually, a small fuel leak could occur during engine operation. After the engine is shut off, the fuel leak stops."

BMW said it will notify owners. The recall is expected to begin in February.

BMW Dealers will reinforce the fuel pump flange or replace the pump as necessary, free of charge, according to the recall.

MOTORCYCLE - ONLY CHECK- POINT BILL

The U.S. Senate will introduce the Senate version of [H.R. 1861](#), the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act, to a bipartisan bill to ban federal funding for motorcycle only checkpoints over the next few months.

The bill will prevent the Secretary of Transportation from issuing grants intended to support the creation of "checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle."



Currently, New Hampshire, Illinois, California, Missouri and Virginia have restrictions on motorcycle only checkpoints. This has allowed other states to employ this practice during rallies and other large motorcycle events, such as Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C. and the Daytona Bike Week in Daytona, Fla.

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Oil Spots Continued...

MECUM LAS VEGAS MOTORCYCLE AUCTION

George Pardos Collection: 1911 Harley-Davidson 7D Twin

MidAmerica's 23rd annual Las Vegas Vintage Motorcycle Auction hosted by Mecum Auctions was held 18-19 January at the South Point Hotel. The auction made history as it was the highest grossing auc-



tion on record with total sales for the event reaching \$7,475,155. A total of 537 motorcycles went under the gavel with 441 selling for a sell-through rate of 82 percent.

The auction drew more than 1,100 bidders and spectators from 48 states and more than 30 different countries to form the largest group of registered bidders and enthusiasts that the auction has seen in its 23-year run.

The George Pardos Collection – dubbed “The Evolution of the Harley-Davidson” – saw 18 of the 20 motorcycles sold with five of them landing in the top 10 sales. Pardos' 1911 Harley-Davidson 7D Twin gaveled at \$260,000 claiming its predicted spot as the highest dollar sale of the three-day auction. His 1936 Harley-Davidson EL “Knucklehead” came in as the third top sale with an unprecedented \$165,000 hammer price.

The auction's second-highest sale went to a 1925 BMW R37 racer that grabbed a \$200,000 bid as one of the rarest BMW Production Racing bikes in existence. The top 10 was rounded out with a 1955 Vincent Black Prince that hammered for \$125,000 and a 1972 Triumph/BSA TRX 7502 that brought \$97,000.

The complete top 10 sales list from the Las Vegas auction includes (all individual sales reflect hammer prices):

- 1911 Harley-Davidson 7D Twin at \$260,000
- 1925 BMW R37 at \$200,000
- 1936 Harley-Davidson EL at \$165,000
- 1955 Vincent Black Prince at \$125,000
- 1914 Harley-Davidson 10F Twin at \$105,000
- 1928 Harley-Davidson JDH Twin at \$100,000
- 1972 Triumph/BSA TRX 7502 at \$97,000
- 1909 Harley-Davidson 5 C Single at \$95,000
- 1938 Brough Superior SS80 at \$95,000
- 1915 Harley-Davidson 11F Twin at \$91,000

AUCTIONING OFF THE POPE BIKE

Signed "Francesco" on its tank, a 1,585 cc Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide will be auctioned for charity in Paris on February 6. However, this Harley-Davidson didn't belong to your typical owner. It was owned by Pope Francis.



The pope will sell his Harley-Davidson to raise funds for Caritas Roma, a charity working on behalf of the church, according to auctioneer Bonhams.

The motorcycle was presented to Pope Francis in June 2013 to mark the motorcycle brand's 110th anniversary.

The Harley-Davidson will be auctioned at the Grand Palais in Paris as part of Bonham's Les Grandes Marques du Monde sale.

With an estimated worth of around 12,000-15,000 euros (\$16,400-\$20,500), the motorcycle was signed on the tank by the pope at a ceremony at the Vatican in November. A Harley-Davidson leather jacket, also signed by the pope, will be sold immediately after the motorcycle.

MOTORCYCLE BLACK BOX RECORDERS

On Jan. 14th U.S. Sens. John Hoeven (R.-N.D.) and Amy Klobuchar (D.-Minn.) introduced S. 1925, the Driver Privacy Act. The bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder – commonly referred to as a black box – would be the legal property of the owner or lessee of a passenger motor vehicle.

However, as currently written, S. 1925 only provides privacy protections to vehicles that are specifically mentioned in CFR 49, section 563. This section does not include any reference to motorcycles!

As a result, **the privacy protections offered to passenger motor vehicles would not extend to motorcyclists.** In fact, all information collected from motorcyclists would remain unprotected.

Please contact your senators today and urge them to protect motorcyclists' rights.

Let us know your important dates
so we can celebrate with you!!
Meanwhile... Have a Doggone
Wonderful
Valentine's Day!





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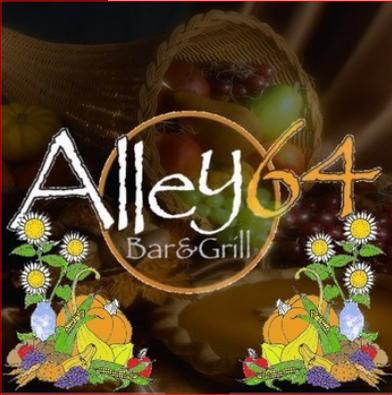
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7TH, 2014

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters



Meeting called to order 7:30 PM

by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President, Top Cats Illinois

Membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance

Guests tonight were Bob and Jenie Stevenson



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Meeting Place
 - ⇒ Other than the heat, the members enjoyed the site, the food, and the company!
- 2014 New Positions needed are:
 - ⇒ Sergeant at Arms
- New 2014 Illinois Traffic Laws and how they apply to the motorcycle community were reviewed:
 - ⇒ Passing on the right: There must be at least 8 feet of pavement on the right in order to pass on the right.
 - ⇒ 70 MPH Speed Limit: Interstates and Illinois roads with 4+ lanes and a separation from traffic moving in the opposite direction. 65mph for all other highways, roads, and streets can be identified by the Counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will.
 - ⇒ Road Guards: Must be authorized by the local authority to direct traffic.
- Ric Case will be giving periodic presentations on the History of Top Cats this year for all of the newer members.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

No comments for tonight.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

Larry was unable to attend this evening.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ROAR has been uploaded to the website and the Mass Blast was sent out as a reminder for all to read the newest submissions. Thanks to Tony Loden for the great Blast!
Roster changes have been updated and the most recent information will be uploaded on the website in the next week.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

Stewart was unable to attend this evening.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- New members are being talked to and were expected this evening, but the weather may have kept them away.
- Membership cards for 2014 will be given out at February's meeting.

No Products update for tonight.

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Safety / Charity: Ric Case

- The Charity Committee is rolling along and will be meeting again on January 21st.



- The Safety Tip was given by Gary Brandt.
⇒ He summarized the importance and necessity of having and/or upgrading your Motorcycle First Aid Kit. Read the January ROAR to get all the details! Tony Loden was identified as having a GOOD First Aid Kit. Check with him if you need some tips.

- ⇒ The second tip was identifying the importance of checking your Carbon Monoxide Detector. As the story goes.... Someone went home to find the CM detector going off. After checking batteries and resetting the detector, an inspection of the furnace was made – only to find the flu

had rusted through. So, check and inspect all inside mechanical items regularly. If you need more details, check with Gary Brandt – and he'll tell you the story about that 'someone'.



- Road Captain Meeting Topics

- ⇒ The next meeting will be on January 26th. If you can't make the meeting, contact Ric Case so that he can get your feed-back on the topics that will be discussed!
- ⇒ The RC's will identify members that would qualify and would like to become Senior Road Captains.

Activities / Award: Gene Rigsby

- Gene Rigsby is planning a group event going to the International MC Show on February 8th. He will send all information in a blast, since the breakfast site is being changed.
- Awards Banquet has been scheduled for February 22nd. A response is needed by January 27th to Mike Bradbury.
- The Adventure Ride has been cemented. 7 bikes will be transported and another 4 will be riding out and meeting the group in Phoenix. There are a few slots left... But let Toni know ASAP!
- Wayne has scheduled January 25th will be the date for the next Shootout.
- Terri Loden is also planning an evening at the Woodfield Comedy Improv Club for January 25th as well. Let Terri know by January 18th.

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- Jeff was unable to attend this evening.
- Rich Flynn was also unable to attend and is working on updating the information. He is being challenged by the browser access which does not interact well with JOOMLA.

50 / 50 was pulled by... no—one!
We need a Sergeant at Arms!
If you would be willing to serve:
See Wayne Kirkpatrick at the end of
the next
General Meeting!





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 14TH, 2014

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois
Submitted by Mary Walters

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

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick called the meeting called to order at 7:30.

- The new location was reviewed and Wayne discussed the responses that he collected.
 - ⇒ Overall the feedback included that Alley 64 had good food, it was quieter, but it needed heat.
 - ⇒ It was noted that there is no affiliation of Top Cats with any dealership and there is no precedent to indicate that we are following any Hog Chapter either.
 - ⇒ J&D City Limits can always be used as a back-up if needed
- Ben C, of the Illinois State Police has been contacted to be the guest speaker at the February meeting. Ric Case is also ready to step in if Ben is unable to attend. Ric will occasionally be the speaker and will cover Top Cat History to update newer members.
- There is talk of creating a Fall adventure ride as well for the 2014 year. Southern U.S., possibly Missouri or Arkansas will be the destination. Jeff Tietz offered some input on great places to see around Bull Shoals.
- The 2014 Board duties were also reviewed beginning with the assignment of the insurance review which will be done by Jeff Tietz.
 - ⇒ Jeff has a great deal of experience in looking for gaps in coverage and situations that are not usually addressed in general policies. He will be searching to ensure the best coverage for the best price. At this time we have:
 - ⇒ A policy dated 2005.
 - ⇒ Tom Malia conducted a review of the existing insurance policy and found it to be in order in 2009. This appears to be the last full review.
 - ⇒ Larry Scalzitti contacted Randy Braun to get new copies to Stewart Johnson and Jeff Tietz.
 - ⇒ Three other companies are submitting bids to Top Cats at this time.
- A Sergeant at Arms is needed for the general meeting

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti
No comments tonight.

Secretary: Mary Walters
The rosters have been reviewed by all board members and a final copy for January will be sent with this month's minutes.

Treasurer: Stewart Johnson
Stewart was unavailable for this meeting, but sent information to Wayne stating that:
All of our information has been updated and Top Cats is solvent as of this date.
Tax documents have been identified for 2013 and Stewart will file them by April 15th.

Past President: Mike Bradbury
Mike expressed his readiness to research and report on anything that the board would see important for improving the club and moving forward, as well as getting all members to work in this direction!

Director: Gene Rigsby
Activities:

- Gene reviewed all activities for January and February. The schedule is very full and all activities have all been placed on the Top Cats calendar. The information is available to all members when they access the website.

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- A suggestion was made by Jeff Tietz to begin a 'Final Friday' event or something that would allow the membership to gather monthly on a week-end evening at a destination.

Awards:

- The Banquet has been scheduled for February 22, 2014 at the Millrose. Invitations have gone out, Thanks to the Bradburys and the Rigsbys!
 - Gene presented the idea of using small trophies rather than the paper awards of the past.
- ⇒ It was decided that the Committee should make that decision.
- ⇒ Because the cost fell in the already appropriated funds, the trophies will be used for 2014.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- Bob and Jenie Stevenson have been sent a membership application, but there has been no word back from them at this time.
- Emil has made some other contacts as well, but winter and this time of year especially, proves to be difficult to contact people as well as make any new contacts.
- Membership cards have been completed by Greg Smith. A Mass Blast will be sent out to let the membership know to expect the card at the February meeting.

Products

- Greg Ludwig is going to help Emil with the products. They will be looking at changing the stock and incorporating new ideas to address suggestions and develop interest from the membership.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- The agenda for the *GRASS Class and Road Captain Meeting* for the 26th includes:
 - ⇒ Road Captain Topics
 - ◆ Retention: A discussion will be held on what can be done to support and retain our Road Captains.
 - ◆ Advancement to Senior Road Captain:
 - ◆ Identify the requirements that have already been met for present Road Captains who are looking to advance.
 - ◆ Plan for opportunities to complete requirements for present Road Captains.
 - ◆ Plan for supporting and preparing the advancement of those who are ready.
 - ◆ Review/Plan the 2014 Rides
 - ◆ Discuss the possibility of the Road Captains taking on the writing of KK articles to assist the Seniors in completing the schedule for 2014.
 - ⇒ Senior Road Captain Topics
 - ◆ KK topics will be clarified and a monthly process developed to eliminate any redundancy from the articles
 - ◆ Retention: A discussion will be held on what can be done to support and retain our Senior Road Captains. A process will be identified and established.
- A review is being done to see whether an ASM or a CPR class will address the membership need. It was noted that there are multiple levels in the ASM courses.

Charity Committee 2014 Update

- The Charity Committee will be meeting on the 21st at J and D's in Lake Zurich.
- Ric asked the Banquet Committee to be sure that Brian Shahinian and Jillian Giese are on the guest list and will be sent an invitation.

Director: Jeff Tietz

Website

- The website is under review. There seem to be some changes that are not populating into all of the areas of the website. These changes are not able to be viewed by all members.

History

- No changes to report at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.



The Top Cats 18th Annual Awards Banquet! ...Official Ballot...

Here are ideas to get your ballot engines started...
Vote for these, or add your own ideas and send them to Gene Rigsby at Gene.Rigsby@gmail.com

1. Quietest Bike
2. Most Often Late to Ride
3. Most Accessorized Bike
4. Most Scenic Ride
5. Safest Rider
6. Unique ride
7. Best ride execution
8. Safest Ride
9. Dirtiest Bike
10. Cleanest Bike
11. Loudest Pipes
12. Most Helpful Top Cat
13. Most Dedicated Co Rider
14. Favorite Top Cat Ride
15. Most Active Top Cat
16. Best pre-ride
17. Best theme ride
18. Best Prepared Rider
19. Best Dressed Rider
20. Wettest ride
21. Longest Day ride
22. Best Multi-Day ride
23. Most fun ride
24. Most Grueling Ride

Use the column
to your left to
begin voting...

Use the column
to your right to
'jog your
memory"

Riding Events to assist in making your choices:

1. Kickoff ride, brunch at Crandalls; RC: Kirkpatrick
2. Jerry Dederich Memorial Ride up to Baraboo, Wisc
RC: Kirkpatrick
3. Ride to Somewhere, Kettle Moraine; RC: Scalzitti
4. NISRA fishing Replacement Ride, Lindy's Landing
RC: Malia
5. Charity flyer ride Lunch at Red Cabin; RC: Brandt
6. Kegel's HD and Museum in Roscoe; RC: Flynn
7. Fly-in & Ride up to East Troy; RC: Johnson
8. Ride for Dreams route ride; RC: Daugherty
9. Mendota Sweet Corn Festival; RC: Johnson
10. Galena Day Ride; RC: Smith
11. Progressive Dinner Ride to Octagon House;
RC: Tietz
12. Wake the Dead; RC: Loden
13. Fall Colors Ride; RC: Loden
14. Illinois RR Museum; RC: Case
15. Last Ride of the Season; RC: Rigsby
16. Turkey Run, Father's Day wknd;
RC: Rigsby & Brandt
17. Trempealeau, Wisc 4th of July wknd; RC: Bradbury
18. Sturgis Bike week; RC: Boand
19. Annual President's Ride. Dodgeville, Wisc;
RC: Kirkpatrick
20. Highground Memorial Ride to Neilsville, Wisc;
RC: Walters

Non Riding Events:

1. G.R.A.S.S. classes (Case)
2. Awards Banquet (Rigsby)
3. International Motorcycle Show (Kirkpatrick)
4. Retro Bowling (Rigsby)
5. CPR/First Aid class (Rigsby)
6. Movie Night (Rigsby)
7. Franks and Fries (RC: Scalzitti)



2013....

Record our Top Cat History!
Take pictures... Write Stories....
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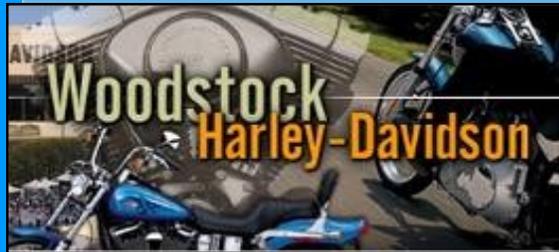
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For more information contact any board member or

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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, February 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, February 8th	International Bike Show	Steven's Convention Center	Rosemont	8:30 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, February 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, February 22nd	Top Cats Award Banquet	Millrose	Barrington	6:30	Rigsby
Tuesday, March 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, March 10th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, March 16th	GRASS Class	Palatine	Harris Bank	8:00 am	Case
Saturday, March 29th-April 6th	California Adventure Ride	Phoenix, AZ to start then off to....	Sunny California!	Individual Flight Arrivals	T 'n T Loden

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