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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



Some times you just can't thank people enough...

We have an incredibly hard working Board of Directors who possess some of the highest, most ethical and mature leadership qualities that I have had the opportunity to work with. We have all benefited so much from them and their efforts.



Greg Ludwig stepped right up, without hesitation,

to replace an officer who resigned and took on a major challenge.

Noelle and Gene Rigsby, Ric Case, Jane and Greg Smith, the Purcells and Russ Pfeiffer, persevered

through last minute

road blocks to put on the best possible charity ride for NISRA.

Gene Rigsby, Mike Bradbury, Ric Case, et al, stepped up and rallied our members to recommend and lead some great rides and events for

the 4Q 2014.

Our Senior RC's and RC's never hesitated to reconstruct our Road Captain database to preserve the accomplishments of our dedicated road captains.

As members, many of you displayed your high standards when you reported obscene emails, incorrect and unprofessional invoices, erroneous information, and harass-



ing messages that were totally inconsistent with Club values let alone good taste.

It just goes to support the benefits of having a mature, ethical, honest and dedicated membership base and....assuring that our membership remains on that course.

Elections are forthcoming and, we enjoy a wealth of talent and experience, as well as a high degree of ethics and dedication, in the pool of eligible members we have to nominate for office. See the Elections article further on in this issue.

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

4 GENERAL MEETING

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DECEMBER

- 2 GENERAL MEETING**
- 6 MOTORCYCLE TECH SESSION**
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Summer has come to a close, but good friends will continue to find ways to enjoy the days...

What Ideas do you have to get everyone together? Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on the Calendar!





KAUTION KORNER

Oh Deer! Ride Carefully!

By: Ric Case, Senior Road Captain

To start this month's Kaution Korner discussion, I would like to add a couple of additional comments to last months KK article on ABS Breaking Systems. First, to obtain maximum stopping power using your ABS system, in the shortest distance possible as quickly as possible, apply both brakes to the point just before your ABS kicks in. To find this engagement point you will have practice. Next, newer Harley's may have linked brakes. Where pressure on either brake will pressure on the opposite brake. The feature can be adjusted so that it does not engage below a predetermined speed. This makes sense to me, because at low speed you may want to apply the rear brake to help stabilize the motorcycle without using the front brake. See your Motorcycle Owners' Manual for specifics (MOM). Or talk to your dealer.

Now for this month's KK.

It is the time of year when animals are very active, as they are looking for or creating winter residence. It is my observation that there are more animals both small and large than ever before and they are not following previous year's protocol. I

saw a car hit the last of four deer at 3:30 in the afternoon

on my pre- aim, then speed past the animal. Whatever you do, ride Saturday do not kick at the dog it can bite you or even get day October your pant leg and take you down.

11th. It is very unusual to see so many deer out early in the afternoon, but the population has grown and they are on the move any time of the night or day.

Small animals, as cruel as it sounds, can be run over. Better to injure them than you or your mo-

Larger animals particularly those that herd should be avoided at all cost and you should slow to a walking speed when approaching them. Remember if you see one there are probably more of them.



Dogs can do geometry. When they see a motorcycle they calculate an angle of intercept. If you slow down they recalculate that angle. If and when you speed up they recalculate again but cannot run fast enough to catch you. So the best thing to do is slow down, let the dog take aim, then speed past the animal. Whatever you do, ride Saturday do not kick at the dog it can bite you or even get your pant leg and take you down.

As I sit here writing this article it is snowing, the leaves are almost all off of the trees, so be careful and cautious of frost, and/or wet leaves that is if you have not ended your riding season. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Merry Holidays, and a wonderful 2015.

Remember, as Top Cats, We Ride Safely!



Oil Spots

By Traveler

Tiered licensing: Utah has it, Illinois considers it, but will it affect sales?

Rumors that Illinois may institute tiered licensing for motorcycles are raising concerns about the impact it could have on sales in a still-fragile recovery. But would creating a new license class for more powerful engines really hurt?

Under current Illinois law, two-wheelers fall into two categories based on engine size, with the dividing line being

150cc. The state offers advanced rider training, but just 234 riders have taken advantage of it this year.

Secretary of State Jesse White raised the specter of adding a third category for vehicles with engines 600cc and above as a way to reduce traffic fatalities. The concern is that riders aren't training and testing for their skills on bigger, more powerful bikes. The interest is safety-driven but, dealers say, potentially misguided.

But it's difficult to tell, since the only state to tier licensing by bike size in the last decade, Utah, split licensing in 2008. That makes sales comparisons difficult at best, since the economy tanked immediately afterward.

Any proposal for Illinois wouldn't happen until next year at the earliest. Right now it's just in the idea



stage.

Dealers don't believe tiered licensing will do as much to improve safety as it will to harm sales. But that doesn't mean they oppose vigorous training.

"Any time we have restrictions or mandates imposed on our business, we are opposed to it," said Illinois Motorcycle Dealer Association president Jay Hall, owner of **Hall's Cycles** in Springfield. "Any time you make it more difficult to do something; people are less likely to do it. If it is harder to achieve what they want, it is not good for business."

"There's no tiered licensing on cars. A 16-year-old, if he has the money, can buy a Porsche with a lot of horsepower. I think we are being singled out," he said.



At **Woodstock Harley-Davidson**, co-owner and general manager Doug Jackson mostly agrees. He believes the law shouldn't require special training for higher-powered motorcycles but that riders should do it if they plan on operating bigger bikes.



"I think it's a travesty. I think there should be a better training program. The reality of it is, out of 50,000 people on our mailing list, not a lot of people are getting that training," Jackson said. "I am opposed to having the [tiered license] change because I think that wouldn't be good for dealers."

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***Oil Spots, Continued...***

Jackson believes in thorough and appropriate training; he just thinks the state doesn't do it well. "The state has a lot to learn about putting together a riding test. I don't think that whoever put it together made it for these bigger bikes," he said.

More OEM support for larger-displacement training bikes would help, he said. Many OEMs don't provide enough 600cc and higher trainers, although Harley-Davidson has recently begun offering dealers a 500cc trainer.

"We have a riding school that is a little different than many riding schools. We train people on full-sized motorcycles. We can get them on bikes that fit them ergonomically, correctly," Jackson said. "If they are going to ride a Road King or a bagger, you end up training them on a Road King or a bagger."

The Utah experience

Under the Utah system, if a rider tests on a 90cc or smaller motorcycle or scooter, they are restricted to that size machine. The same applies with steps at 249cc and 649cc. Riders who test on a motorcycle larger than 650cc may ride any size motorcycle or scooter. Riders who pass a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider course are not required to take a riding test to get a motorcycle license.



"Many of the dealers have not seen much change because of the tiered license requirement. The bad economy changes that happened in 2009 and 2010 hurt the dealers, but they have since come back strong," said Daniel Terry, coordinator for the rider training program for Salt Lake Community College since 1994 and an MSF-certified rider coach since 2008. "I think it's foolish. I don't think cc's is a good measure, period. If you are going to do a tiered licensing, you need to make people test for the different tiers and base it off of skills, not cc's," he said. "You can put two 900cc bikes side

by side, and one is way too powerful and the other is a dog."

The law hasn't made anyone safer and may actually have had the opposite effect, Terry said. He advocates a system that gives all riders a limited license until they demonstrate advanced skills.



"The number of riders going through our training in 2008 was 1,400 students in my program alone," Terry said. "In 2009 it was cut in half. In 2010 it was down to 500. Even the economy did not account for the reduction. The number of people testing for motorcycle endorsements tripled.

"The skills test that most of the states are using is the one MSF put out a few years ago. It's a baseline. Anyone can pass the test if they have any physical abilities at all. Now we have people that haven't been taught the skills or any of the mental strategies that keep people safe on the highways."

Whether or not the law has improved safety, it may not have impacted sales, contended Gavin Hicken, general manager of **Plaza Cycle Motorsports** in Salt Lake City.

"I don't think it discouraged anyone [from buying] because a lot of the new buyers didn't know what the law was until they were looking for a motorcycle. It didn't bother them because they didn't know what the law was before," Hicken said. "The people that aren't going to get their motorcycle license and ride legally don't care what the law is."

Harley recalls: 105,000 Touring bikes, 1,400 Street models

Harley-Davidson is recalling more than 105,000 Touring motorcycles from the 2014 model year and 1,400 Street motorcycles from the 2015 model year for unrelated repair issues.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

According to NHTSA, 105,746 Touring models from the 2014 year are being recalled because a component in the clutch master cylinder may fail, reducing the pressure available to keep the clutch disengaged. Vehicles affected by this recall include:

Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU)
Ultra Limited (FLHTK)
Police Electra Glide (FLHTP)
Street Glide Special (FLHXS)
Street Glide (FLHX)
Tri Glide Ultra (FLHTCUTG)
CVO Limited (FLHTKSE)
CVO Road King (FLHRSE)
CVO Breakout (FXSBSE)
Electra Glide Ultra Classic Twin
Cooled (FLHTCUTC)
Ultra Limited Shrine (FLHTK SHRINE)
Street Glide Shrine (FLHX SHRINE)
CVO Softail Deluxe (FLSTNSE)

The Motor Co. estimates that about 10 percent of the recalled bikes have the defect.

Harley-Davidson told NHTSA it had received about 632 warranty claims and 266 customer contacts related to clutch functionality issues as of Aug. 19. "There were a total of 19 crashes (low speed tip over) with three minor injuries reported. There was also one report of an incident where there was non actual crash but a reported minor injury," the OEM stated.



Dealers will remedy the issue with a master cylinder rebuilt kit, which includes a plastic retaining ring that decreases the stress in the primary cup seal, the company stated.

Harley-Davidson separately is **recalling XG500 and XG750 Street motorcycles from the 2015 model year**, because the fuel tank filler neck may be "insufficiently flat," which prevents the fuel cap from sealing properly. Dealers are asked to inspect the motorcycle and test to determine whether fuel can leak from under the fuel cap. If a leak persists then the fuel tank has to be replaced, the Motor Co. indicated. About 1,400 vehicles are involved in this recall.

'Captain America' Chopper Sells for \$1.35 Million



A star-spangled chopper reportedly ridden by Peter Fonda in the classic film "Easy Rider" sold for \$1.35 million, making it one of the most expensive motorcycles ever sold.

Profiles in History sold the bike for far above the reserve price of \$1 million. The chopper, known as "Captain America" for the name of Fonda's character in the 1969 film, was owned by collector Michael Eisenberg.

The price came despite media reports that cast doubt on the authenticity of the bike. An earlier "Captain America" chopper had been sold that also claimed to be the last remaining of its kind from the film.

Fonda said before the sale: "There's a big rat stinking someplace in this."

Perhaps we haven't heard the end of this story. But for now, some reports say the bike -- the real deal or not -- is the most expensive ever sold at auction.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

AMA launches 'Vote Like a Motorcyclist' information campaign



The American Motorcyclist Association's 2014 "Vote Like a Motorcyclist" campaign provides members with exclusive access to an online voter guide, tips for getting a message across to candidates and resources for getting involved in a political campaign.



The '14 [AMA Voter Guide](#) includes candidate biographies, links to their campaign websites and candidates' stances on motorcycle-only checkpoints, public land grabs, increasing levels of ethanol in gasoline, health insurance discrimination and a variety of other motorcycle rights issues on Capitol Hill.

"If anti-motorcycling candidates win elected of-

fice, they can initiate legislation to take away opportunities to ride, cut back or eliminate funding for rider safety training, or wipe out programs that motorcyclists have spent years working to implement," said Wayne Allard, AMA's vice president for government relations.

"The AMA is a non-partisan organization and doesn't make political endorsements. But it does provide tools to help its members make informed choices on Election Day," said Allard.

A key component of the 2014 AMA Voter Guide is the candidate questionnaires and their "fuel-gauge" rating, indicating how supportive they are of motorcyclist-related issues. A full tank indicates a candidate is 100 percent in agreement with the priorities of the AMA and its members.

AMA members may post comments, videos or photos on each candidate profile page.

Happy Thanksgiving





ELECTIONS 2015....

By Traveler

Annually we have the opportunity

to either vote to confirm a slate or to chose candidates for our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for the coming year. Annually, we verify our members who are eligible to vote and who are eligible to run for office based on Club participation, dues, GRASS attendance, committee service, etc, consistent with our Bylaws.

As we approach this key, and critical, Club event all of us should be reminded of the impact of our vote....

Ideally, with our vote we are continuing the great legacy of Top Cats – Illinois and selecting the best possible candidates to run our Club consistent with our By Laws. Ideally, each of us will cast our vote to select or confirm candidates based on their proven performance, dedication, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.

When you find yourself faced with a selection decision, simply look at your choices and determine 1.) Who has the best interest of the Club at heart, 2.)Who has a proven record of dedication to the Club, 3.) Who has the experience for that particular position and, 4.) If all else is a tie, ask yourself who you see at every ride, every meeting, every committee activity, every Club event, and every charity ride. That should help you decide.

NOMINATIONS. We have a wealth of eligible candidates this year and we are very fortunate to have some of our incumbents accept a nomination for another term. The positions up for election / reelection this year and the nominated incumbents are:



President –
Vice president -
Director – Gene Rigsby
Director – Emil Kornecki

Eligibility for nomination includes; attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, successful service on the Board or on a committee. In addition to the incumbents, members eligible for nomination to run for President, Vice President, or director, subject to their acceptance of that nomination, include:

Board, Bard	Bradbury, Kathie
Bradbury, Mike	Case, Ric
Creed, Fred	Dougherty, Dennis
Flynn, Rich	Kirkpatrick, Mary
Kornecki, Emil	Levy, Stefan
Ludwig, Greg	Makarewicz, Ted
Malia, Tom	Purcell, Jim
Purcell, Lisa	Rigsby, Noelle
Rigsby, Gene	Scalzitti, Judy
Scalzitti, Larry	Smith, Greg
Smith, Jane	Tietz, Jeff

NOTE: Nominations must be received by a serving Board member by 15 November 2014.

Please be cautious of candidates who violate Club policy of no campaigning or who try to influence voting. That kind of lack of integrity will only result in a negative impact on one of the finest Clubs in this area....Top Cats – Illinois.

VOTING. To be eligible to vote...by 30 November each year each Top Cat must have been a member in good standing for one year, attend GRASS within the first year of membership and within the past three years thereafter, and attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year.



STURGIS... FIRST CALL???

BY:
TRAVELER



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



This year is the 75th Anniversary of the legendary Stur-

gis Motorcycle Rally and, possibly one of the most exciting Top Cats' group rides to Sturgis. It is also projected to be one of the highest attended rallies ever. Higher attendance equals higher costs so...we are preparing early to hold down the cost to our members. Hotel rates for Bike Week have already been negotiated at \$100 / night less than the public will pay, dates have shifted by one day to take advantage of hotel discounts and, we are booking rooms early to lock in discounted rates. Reservations for next year must be made by 30 Jan 2015 to take advantage of our discounts.



The increasing interest of our members in this iconic Black Hills Rally, combined with better negotiated travel and rally expenses appears to be generating

the excitement we traditionally experienced as a club over our annual rides to Sturgis.

if you have the interest and you can afford the time and the cost of the trip, then you'd better make your hotel reservations for Sturgis ASAP for what might be the best, long – dis-



tance Top Cats' ride to the Black Hills Rally yet....



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



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STURGIS.. continued

As this edition goes to publication, we are close to 90 days away from our cut - off date of 30 January 2015 for making or cancelling hotel reservations at the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City, SD.

As most riders realize, it is difficult to plan a ride if you have no idea of how many riders will participate.

Once we have an idea of how many Top Cats are going to Sturgis, this year, we will publish our group departure times and location and, canvas our riders for interest in returning home via, Santa Fe Trail, Pikes Peak, Angle Fire, Dodge City, Kansas back roads, or a direct return home.



So, if you are "on the fence" about this year's Sturgis trip, or you just haven't gotten around to making hotel reservations, better saddle up and make them now. Remember, you can always cancel reservations but you can't re-negotiate

our contract room rates after the cut – off dates.

The next Black Hills Bike Week will be the 75th Anniversary and, hotel rates will increase from between \$300 / night to \$700 / night. We have negotiated our annual contract with the Hotel Alex Johnson for a special rate ranging from \$159 / night to \$259 / night. The following year, our rates will revert to this year's rate of \$204 / night.



Here's the info for hotel reservations.

Tue, 28 July

City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN.

Rates: \$77.00 / night

Phone: Megan (877) 345-5577

Cut-off Date: **10 July 2015**

Wed, 29 July

River Lodge, Pierre, SD.

Rates: \$Dbl 69.00, Sgl \$62.00 / night

Phone: Ron (605) 224-4140

Cut-Off Date: **29 June 2015**

Thur, 30 July – (?)

Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD.

Rates: Negotiated Contract @ \$159.00 Thurs, \$199.00 Fri, \$259.00 Sat - on

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

Cut-Off Date: **30 Jan 2015**

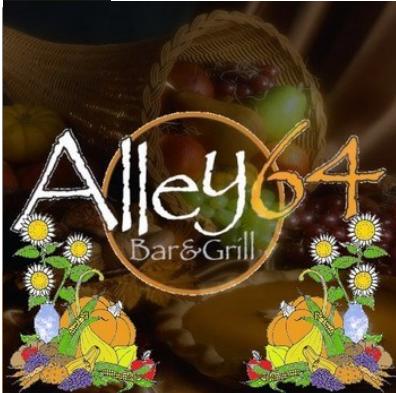
NOTE: Cancellation within 44 days prior to your stay will result in a one night's room charge

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





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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7TH, 2014

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters



7:30 PM – Meeting called to order by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President of Top Cats, Illinois

Guest for tonight: Doug Jackson, Owner of Woodstock/McHenry/Lake Geneva Harley Davidson

The membership was asked to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ The Election Process was reviewed by Wayne Kirkpatrick and will be identified again in the next edition of the ROAR.
- ◆ The 20th Year Anniversary Patches came in, but they were printed with a double Illinois on the patch. There will be corrected patches sent out from the manufacturer. All members whose dues are paid by October 30th will receive a patch. It will be used as your ‘receipt’ for the year, 2015.
- ◆ The State of Illinois is looking into a tiered motorcycle license. Watch the news and ABATE for details!

President's Comments : Mike Bradbury

Mike is on a business trip at this time.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- ◆ Larry stated that a club is only as good as the members and as good as the work that the members do to keep things going. The elections are a time for thinking about the direction that you would like the club to take. Get involved in a committee or support the club by bringing ideas for events that can be a part of the 20th anniversary year!

Secretary's Report: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ ROAR is always in need of new ideas.
- ◆ Roster changes have all been updated and all members should be getting their mass blast!
- ◆ Please keep your information current with the club by contacting Mary Kirkpatrick with any changes in phone number or address! This will ensure that you will receive the most current information from the club.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Ludwig

- ◆ Wayne introduced the new Treasurer for Top Cats, Illinois, Greg Ludwig.
- ◆ Dues due 30 Oct.
- ◆ All of the books are current and will be transferred to Greg this month.
- ◆ Thanks to Stewart for keeping the records organized and easy to pass on to the next treasurer.

Guest Speaker: Doug Jackson

- ◆ WSHD Future Plans include many events and opportunities to develop friendships and motorcycle relationships!
- ◆ March will be the move in/ open up date for the new Woodstock Dealership Home. For many reasons, the move has become a good thing for the dealership and in turn for the clients, friends, and hog members associated with the dealership.
- ◆ Doug stated that the winter storage and service plans that people make use of will help to keep the 24 mechanics and service staff to maintain their jobs through the winter month.

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- ♦ The main floor will have a dyno unit on the main floor so that People can get to know the technical aspects of the bikes.
- ♦ Doug mentioned that he has been racing for many years and has always loved the 'bike club' feel and would like the dealership to develop that feel. He would love for clubs to meet at the dealership, stop by and have something to drink, play cards, or maybe have a movie night. Doug is open to ideas, so just stop by and talk to him with your ideas.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

Activities

- ♦ Activities next 2 months were reviewed by Gene Rigsby. Check the website for details.
- ♦ Future 2015 activity ideas include:
 - ♦ Sturgis is coming up quickly. If you are interested, make reservations NOW! The Alex Johnson has given Top Cats a very reasonable deal for the 75th Anniversary in Sturgis for 2015. All reservations need to be made by January!
 - ♦ Mississippi River Boat Cruise in Davenport, IA (\$139/per person for the day) Possible overnight trip.
 - ♦ Conceal and Carry Class in Illinois with David Whiteside will be available to the members of Top Cats for a very reasonable price. 16 hours instruction time required. Two of those hours would be on the range.
 - ♦ Movie Night / Afternoon at the new Woodstock Harley Dealership.
 - ♦ Lunch Ride to Bunker, Waterford, Wisconsin
 - ♦ Women's Tech Session,
 - ♦ World of MC Museum, Judson, IN
 - ♦ Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive
 - ♦ Day one: Columbus Ohio and the AMA Museum
 - ♦ Day two: Elkins, West Virginia
 - ♦ Day three: Blue Ridge and Skyline Drive
 - ♦ And many other comments included enough for a 5-6 day ride!
- ♦ Top Cats' 20th Anniversary 2015

Awards

- ♦ No updates right now for the Awards Committee.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Safety

- ♦ Oct 26th is the next GRASS Class.
- ♦ RC Meeting will be planned and the date will be announced when it is set.
- ♦ The safety Tip was reviewed by Ric Case, because Russ Peiffer, the author for October, was unable to be present at the meeting.

Charity

- ♦ NISRA Nov Fashion Show will be held on November 22. We will get a table for 10 and represent Top Cats at the event.
- ♦ Noelle Rigsby has agreed to be the Chair person again for 2015.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

No new members at this time.

Products Update: Lisa Purcell

Lisa spoke of the available products and suggested that we look into the jackets that have been a part of past products. Members were interested!

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

Jeff Tietz was unable to attend this evening.

Web Site Update: Rich Flynn was also unable to attend this evening.

50 / 50 was won by Dennis Dougherty. Ron Freudenberg won a T-shirt Stephan Levy won car washes.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:10



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 14TH, 2014

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

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Larry Scalzitti, Gene Rigsby
Emil Kornecki, Mary Walters, Greg Ludwig
Absent: Mike Bradbury and Jeff Tietz,

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President of Top Cats, Illinois.

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Elections
 - ⇒ Eligible election candidates will be identified after 30 October deadline for dues payment.
 - ⇒ President, Vice President, two directors are open for this election cycle.
 - ⇒ Emil Kornecki and Gene Rigsby are willing to remain as directors.
 - ⇒ Wayne Kirkpatrick and Larry Scalzitti will not be running in this election, so the President and Vice President positions are open.
- ◆ 20 year patch status
 - ⇒ The new patches are on their way. The manufacturer has agreed to remake the patches as ordered and wondered if we would like to buy the incorrect ones they made. Board: No
- ◆ Treasury
 - ⇒ On 1 October, 2014, by way of an 8 to 0 e-mail vote, Greg Ludwig was unanimously accepted as our new Treasurer. Stewart Johnson resigned at the beginning of September, 2014. Greg will serve the remaining 2014 – 2015 term.

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

- ◆ Larry made a motion that we offer an honorary membership to Doug Jackson. Ric Case was the second and the board unanimously approved this motion! Doug has been a great supporter of the Top Cats over the years. This is a great way to honor him and his kindnesses that have benefitted our club.

Secretary: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ The attendance roster is complete and ready to be used for identifying qualified candidates and voter eligibility for this year's elections.
- ◆ The Rosters are current with the information from all new members entered.
- ◆ The ROAR is always open to new ideas.

Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

- ◆ Balances
 - ⇒ General Fund balance: \$9,365.39
 - ⇒ Charity Account: \$5,092.47
 - ⇒ Present total: \$14,457.86
- ◆ A motion was made by Larry Scalzitti to donate \$200.00 to the Illinois State Police Memorial Park Benefit. Gene Rigsby was the second and the board approved this unanimously.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Mike was unable to attend the meeting tonight

Director: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ Activities Update was given by Gene Rigsby. There are week-ends open for activities.

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Board Meeting, Continued

Activities (continued)

- ◆ Other things planned were:
 - ⇒ Movie Afternoon, 15 November at 12:30 PM. *Why We Ride* will be shown at McHenry Harley Davidson.
 - ⇒ A tech day will be looked into for 6 December, 2014 at Woodstock Harley.
 - ⇒ 13-14 December will be set aside for a conceal/carry class.
 - ⇒ There was a discussion about a Spring Blue Ridge Week, 21-29 March, 2015. More details to come.
 - ⇒ Another possibility would be a ride to Louisville, Kentucky to see Churchill Downs, The Louisville Slugger Museum, a Lunch Boat Tour on the Belle of Louisville.

Awards

- ◆ To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Top Cats, the board discussed the idea of giving a belt buckle or another item of value to the award winners.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- ◆ No new members at this time.

Products

- ◆ For 2015 the committee will work toward making the products available through a web based program.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- ◆ The GRASS Class will be held on 26 October.
- ◆ Roster Updates will be reviewed at the RC meeting.
- ◆ RC Meeting date will be established and published at the GRASS Class. Ric will also pursue an update to the presentation materials at this time as well.
- ◆ Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Update will also be done at the RC meeting.

Charity Committee

- ◆ The NISRA Fashion Show will be held on 22 November. We have enough attendees at this time for one table, but there are possibilities for a second table. Ric made the motion that we subsidize \$30 per person for two tables, for a total of \$600 to be paid for by the board and the last \$15/person to be collected from the attendees. The total needed now is \$900.00. Mary Kirkpatrick was the second. And the board agreed unanimously.
- ◆ Noelle Rigsby has agreed to be the chairperson for the *Ride For Dreams, 2015*. Noelle is looking for an alternate date for the ride for a variety of reasons. Also, a later start time to possibly get a larger number of riders.
- ◆ The committee will meet and begin researching and developing recommendations to present to the board,

Director: Jeff Tietz

- ◆ Jeff was unable to make the meeting this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm



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President's Minute., Continued

Finally, this time of year finds most clubs winterizing bikes and preparing for the non – riding season. Not us. Our Board and Committees are busy laying out the 2015 season and...

we all feel like...

Let's roll...safely.....

Traveler
President
Top Cats – Illinois



Sweet
Dreams...



November Celebrations!

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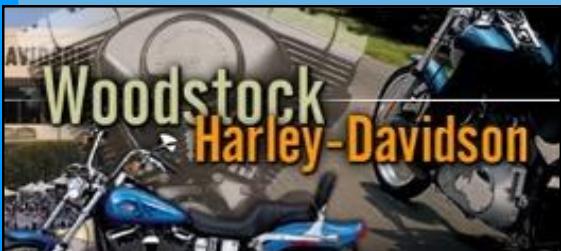


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The Top Cats Board of Directors is looking for an enterprising and creative individual to assume responsibility for coordinating the content on our soon-to-be upgraded website. No 'technical' website experience is required.

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

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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 wombatt@dpdougherty.com



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 15th	Why We Ride Thanks Gathering	McHenry	Harley Davidson	12:30 pm	M Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 22nd	NISRA Holiday Fashion Show	Crystal Lake	Holiday Inn	10:30	Case N. Rigsby
Tuesday, November 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, December 6th	Motorcycle Tech Session	Woodstock	Harley Davidson	10:00 am	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at
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