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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Thanksgiving is THE time to reflect on our year AND be grateful. I think we all can be grateful for the blessing of seeing another year go by. There are many things that I give thanks for. My family, good fortune and my health all top the list. And right up there too is having a great group of friends to ride motorcycles with, get teased by and share bad jokes. No, I'm not talking about my pals from boarding school, but rather, the Top Cats of Illinois.

Your club is a great resource for friendships, lively banter, organized safe group rides, fun year round things to do and of course, a phenomenal place to share our love of motorcycling. Our members combined have hundreds and hundreds of years of motorcycle riding experiences to share, discuss and benefit from.

We accomplished a lot in 2017. From a well-attended, constructive Road Captain Committee meeting in January, attending the Progressive Motorcycle Show, sharing a terrific Awards Banquet at a new venue called Seasons 52, with time still for a Group Riding and Safety Seminar in February. Lisa Purcell and the Charity Committee and our club did a terrific job building support for and performing the Ride For Dreams in June. It was a phenomenal job directly benefiting our charities. More interesting rides and then Bard Board's Sturgis ride, a tradition going back how long? Still an epic journey! More of our Top

Cats of Illinois type, variety of interesting, organized rides led by a great road captain crew with a lot of motorcycling experience.

I couldn't close without expressing my gratitude and appreciation for the service of our men and women members who fill the 2017 positions as officers and directors of the Top Cats of Illinois. It takes a special breed and for good or bad we all qualify! Wayne Kirkpatrick, Past President a founder and tireless supporter of the club. Ric Case, another founder and experienced veteran serving as Director of Safety. Noelle Rigsby, who is doing a superb job as our treasurer. Welcome to Ron Kostus now serving as Secretary, replacing Mary Kirkpatrick after many years of service - THANKS MARY! Another big supporter, Gene Rigsby, our Vice President and Activities Chief who is positively leading us well into the future. Emil Kornecki, who first told me about Top Cats in 2005 and talked me into joining, aptly is our Director of Membership. It is an honor to help our club when it is with such a great group of people!

So that is what I am grateful for.
How about you?

Mike Bradbury
President,
Top Cats of Illinois

"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings."

- Henry Ward Beecher

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 14—BOARD MEETING
- 18—NISRA FASHION SHOW

DECEMBER

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 SHOOT OUT!
- 12—BOARD MEETING

Talk to Gene Rigsby
and get your ideas on





KAUTION KORNER

Riding Safely Around Trucks and Busses

By: Mike 'Motorcycle' Bradbury,
Senior Road Captain and Club President



We encounter a plethora of challenges while riding our motorcycles. Many of these road challenges seem daunting but usually, when learning simple guidelines, are so much easier to manage. I intend to offer guidelines here to safely ride your motorcycle, alone or with others around trucks and buses. safely

Large trucks and buses (commercial motor vehicles or CMVs) have operating limitations such as large blind spots, long stopping distances, and limited maneuverability that make it essential for other vehicles to put extra focus on safety, including and especially on our motorcycles

Fortunately, motorcycle drivers can take simple actions to avoid experiencing or causing problems involving trucks and buses by following these simple safety guidelines to safely manage driving around these types of vehicles.

1. Blind Spots

Large trucks and buses have huge blind spots around the front, back, and sides of the vehicle. If you can't see the driver in the truck's side mirror, assume that the driver can't see you. Don't drive in a blind spot – slow down or move ahead to stay visible. Be particularly careful when merging near a truck or bus. You may likely be in a blind spot.



2. Passing Safely

Position yourself in the left track by the center yellow line. When leading a group, signal them into single file. Look ahead and estimate enough time to pass unobstructed by oncoming traffic. Include extra sufficient time for others when leading a group. Make sure you can see the driver in the side view mirror before passing. Signal clearly then move into the left lane and immediately accelerate so that you can get past the truck or bus safely and promptly. Don't linger in the blind spot. Keep accelerating as much as possible in the left lane to allow a long enough gap for you and/or your riders to fit in front of the truck. Accelerate and maintain a higher rate of speed to allow yourself and others to pass the vehicle. Make sure the truck or bus and your riders are all visible in your rearview mirror before you pull in front with extra space. Avoid passing trucks and buses on a downgrade where

they tend to pick up speed. Never pass from the right lane. When a bus or truck is passing you, stay to the right and slow down slightly. Giving the driver room to pass safely helps get you out of the blind spot quicker. Remember to give trucks and buses plenty of space to merge in front of you when coming off ramps or changing lanes

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Kaution Korner, Cont

3. Don't Cut It Close

Cutting in too close in front of another vehicle is always dangerous, but it's especially dangerous to "cut off" a commercial bus or truck. If you move in quickly from either side, you're likely to be in a blind spot so the driver may not see you in time. Even if you're visible, the vehicle may not be able to slow quickly enough to avoid a crash because of the amount of time it takes to stop. Trucks and buses may be slow to react so don't cut it close!

4. Stay Back

Tailgating a truck or bus presents added dangers. First, it puts you in a blind spot. Because trucks are so high off the ground, if you fail to stop in time (or get hit from behind) your motorcycle could slide under the truck. Getting too close when stopped is also dangerous—particularly on an upgrade, where a bus or truck might roll back. Allow plenty of room when stopping or traveling behind these trucks, buses and CMVs.

5. Give Them LOTS of Room

Anybody who has ever taken a road trip has seen areas where large chunks of rubber are all over the road. That rubber is from a blown out tire from a big rig. Most loaded trucks can legally weigh 80,000lbs or more. Can you imagine the stress that puts on tires? Semi tires are ticking time bombs. You don't want to get caught next to a big rig when the tire blows and shards of heavy rubber start flying at you. Not to mention there is a good chance the trucker will begin swerving as this happens. Always strive to stay away from trucks as much as possible on the roadway. And if you are riding near them, stay alert for tire blowouts and unpredictable swerving.

Fun Fact: At least 72% of car-truck crashes are caused by car drivers.

5. Anticipate Wide Turns

trucks have a 55 foot turning radius and so they require extra turning room. They swing wide, or may even initiate a turn from a middle (rather than far right) lane. If a truck or bus has its turn signal on, never try to squeeze by it or get between the vehicle and the curb. When you stop at an intersection, never "block the box" or stop in front of the line, as buses and trucks require that space to complete turns safely.

6. Be Patient

Trucks and buses have operating restrictions, and sometimes use technology like speed limiters. Honking, driving aggressively, or weaving through traffic won't make the trip faster, but can cause dangerous distractions and crashes. A truck may be in the left lane to pass another truck and while doing so cannot pass in an aggressively speedy manner due to their speed limiter. Stay safe and be patient!

Fun Fact: Did you know it takes a truck or bus 40% longer to stop than cars so do not cut it close!

Preparation is extremely important in staying safe. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail". Preparation includes learning ways to stay safe, practice them and finally, use them. When you ride your motorcycle, it is always important to ride in ways to keep yourself out of unsafe situations. Remember, you can't control what others do but you can control what you do so keep these guidelines in mind while driving around trucks and you will be safer riding your motorcycle.

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V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigbsby

Thanksgiving for the past year...
And for the year to come!



Hello, Fellow Top Cats!

It looks like the summer of 2017 is coming to an end and we will be turning our clocks back an hour in a few days. Time flies when you are having fun!

In reviewing the year, it seems we had good times and great opportunities to ride! There were many great destinations that included the HD Museum, Little Angels, D.C. – Rolling Thunder, Union Grove BBQ/Car Show, Around the Lake, Holy Hill, The Shed, House on the Rock and the Round Barn, Sturgis and Post Sturgis, Memorial Ride, The Wright Ride, and the latest one...Riding the Edge of Lake Michigan. The variety created mind-expanding experiences with friends and good weather. What more can we ask for as a motorcycle club? More friends to share it with? More Miles? Better food at the end of the ride? More stops? More corn fields? Well, if you agreed with any of these improvements, maybe you will agree to plan and organize a ride for next year! We have so much to be thankful for because of this year, but

there is always room for something new and more! Consider the opportunity... and lead us to your favorite destination in 2018!

We are also moving into time for indoor events too. It's a time to get together and research life on two legs. Concerts? Plays? Antiques? Indoor Flight? So many possibilities to build our connections with one another and to continue with mind-expanding experiences. Let's get to work planning on how to play!

At our meetings we will continue with Club and Motorcycle History so that you can develop an understanding of the American Sub-Culture of Riding... This is our time we can spend to expand our reasons for riding and to become immersed in these traditions that we carry forward.

Looking forward to seeing you over the winter months and get planning on what we will explore next year! Mike... How about that Bourbon Trail Ride for next fall? I hear that there are a few more ready to go this time! Ted? How about a return trip to Shipshewana with an earlier arrival time? Greg? A little more Wright? Mary? Camping on the Mississippi? So much to look forward to... Let's get out there and make a few lefts... so that we can get it RIGHT!

DREAM, DECIDE, DO.... On Two!



Savanna, Illinois—Kick-off Ride!





Oil Spots

By Traveler



Excelsior-Henderson Motorcycle Brand to be Auctioned at Mecum



A unique offering by Mecum Auctions will take place in Las Vegas on Jan. 27, 2018, at the South Point Hotel & Casino. The Excelsior-Henderson motorcycle brand and all its intellectual property will be auctioned at the 27th annual Mecum Las Vegas Motorcycle Auction, which will run Jan. 23-27 and present 1,750 motorcycles for auction.

Included in the purchase will be the ownership of the Excelsior-Henderson brand name, all federally registered trademarks, web domains and includes the previous motorcycle frame and engine designs, as well as the expired patents that can only be effectively exploited by the owner of Excelsior-Henderson.

Excelsior-Henderson was historically one of the "Big 3" among motorcycle manufacturers and saw

its greatest successes under the ownership and direction of Ignaz Schwinn, whose mighty two-wheeled empire in Chicago earned most of its profit from bicycles. From 1911-21, Henderson's were the only 4-cylinder motorcycles produced in the U.S., and by the late 1920s, it was Excelsior-Henderson and Indian that dominated the 45 cubic-inch market with the Super X and Scout models. Their big models – the Henderson Four, as well as the Indian Chief and Four – were admired the world over, and were in many ways the most attractive and technically interesting motorcycles built

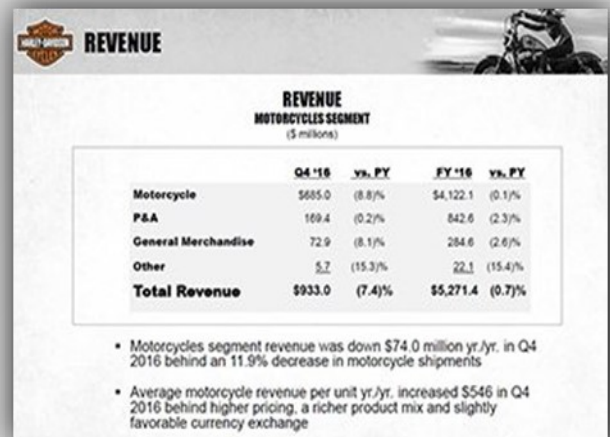
in the U.S.

The vintage Excelsior and Henderson motorcycles still in existence today are highly collectible and celebrated examples



that are among the best early motorcycles ever created. At last year's Mecum Las Vegas auction, examples bearing both names landed among top sales. A 1912 Henderson Four took top sales honors at \$490,000, followed by a 1913 Henderson Four that brought \$150,000. A 1928 Excelsior Big Bertha also fell into the top sales hammering for \$117,500.

Harley-Davidson reports decreased retail sales in Q3



Harley-Davidson reported its third quarter results with worldwide retail motorcycle sales down 6.9 percent in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2016.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

The company's third quarter 2017 diluted EPS decreased to \$0.40 from \$0.64 in the third quarter of 2016. Third quarter net income was \$68.2 million on consolidated revenue of \$1.15 billion versus net income of \$114.1 million on consolidated revenue of \$1.27 billion in the third quarter of 2016.



"The continued weakness in the U.S. motorcycle industry only heightens our resolve and the intensity we are bringing to the quest to build the next generation of Harley-Davidson riders," said Matt Levatich, president and CEO, Harley-Davidson, Inc. "Launching one hundred new high-impact motorcycles is a critical part of our 10-year journey, and the all new Softail line-up is a significant statement of our commitment."

Harley-Davidson U.S. retail motorcycle sales were down 8.1 percent compared to the year-ago quarter, with the overall U.S. industry down 9.2 percent for the same period. Harley-Davidson's U.S. market share for the quarter was 53.1 percent in the 601cc-plus segment, up compared to the same quarter in 2016. Harley-Davidson's international retail motorcycle sales decreased 4.6 percent compared to the third quarter in 2016.

Harley-Davidson continues to expect to ship 241,000



to 246,000 motorcycles to dealers worldwide in 2017, which is down approximately 6 percent to 8 percent from 2016. In the fourth quarter, the company expects to ship 46,700 to 51,700 motorcycles compared to 42,414 motorcycles shipped in the year-ago period. The company continues to expect full-year 2017 op-

erating margin to be down approximately 1 percentage point compared to 2016. The company continues to expect 2017 capital expenditures to be \$200 million to \$220 million.

Sturgis Rally bike mishap at Buffalo Chip leads to lawsuit



An Alaska man who had a motorcycle land on him during a show at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has filed a lawsuit against the rider, the bike manufacturer and the show host.



Royce Rath was in the crowd during the Aug. 7, 2016, concert that featured performances by Lita Ford and Kid Rock. Between those performances, Indian Motorcycle Co. unveiled a new bike at the Sturgis Rally, which was driven on stage by racer Roland Sands.

The bike failed to stop and rolled off the stage, landing on Rath, who was one of four people injured in the accident. The bike was designed without front brakes.

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Oil Spots, Continued

Rath suffered permanent disability, medical expenses and the loss of wages and earning capacity, according to his lawsuit.



Besides filing suit against Sands and Polaris Industries Inc., the owner of Indian Motorcycles, the suit names the Buffalo

Chip Campground, which hosted the show, for failing to use reasonable care to ensure the safety of Rath and others watching the show.

"Defendant Buffalo Chip Campground, LLC, knew or should have known that allowing an individual to ride on a motorcycle without front brakes, across the stage surrounded by patrons, could endanger those patrons," the lawsuit says.

Sturgis Motorcycle Museum to double its size



The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame is set to double in size within three years, and the Hall of Fame portion will have its own campus. Meanwhile the Main Street location will get a major revitalization, courtesy of generous donations from supporters, board members and the Law Tigers.



"It's been a busy summer," says Sturgis Motorcycle Museum executive director Myrick Robbins. "Scott Peterson, of Scott Peterson Ford, has donated land for the second, larger Museum site," said Robbins. "This site will be off of Exit 32 and visible from the I-90. The Law Tigers are jump starting the building fund to ensure that the aggressive expansion plans are met, donating more than \$100K to our capital campaign building fund," he adds. "Our Museum is growing and within three years, the Hall of Fame portion will have its own campus near exit 32."

"We are honored to be part of motorcycle history," said Ari Levenbaum, on behalf of The Law Tigers, a professional association of motorcycle injury lawyers who help riders every day. "There are some amazing motorcycles on display and incredible heritage that needs to be shared with riders."

In addition to the donation of the site by Scott Peterson and the funding from the Law Tigers, board member Bruce Eide generously donated the fees for the architectural design firm, 4FrontDesign, Inc. They have completed the preliminary plans for the second site. The larger building will house the Hall of Fame, pre-1938 collection and various galleries. "The overall facility will give the Museum space to offer educational programs, meeting and event space and a place for the community and visitors to experience motorcycling, learn about the great people of the Hall of Fame and their heritage," said Robbins.



Oil Spots, Continued

Key features include:

- ◆ Permanent Collections Displays
- ◆ Featured Galleries
- ◆ Cafe
- ◆ Meeting Rooms
- ◆ Gift Shop
- ◆ Restoration and Training Areas
- ◆ Various outdoor areas

Completion for Campus 1 — "Legendary Main Street" — is July 2019. Campus 2 — "Heritage Hill" — is planned to be completed in time for the 80th Anniversary in 2020. "Your support is key in getting these important programs finished. We are proud to be supported by you and the community of riders," Robbins added.

Honda releases 2018 Gold Wing

The all-new Gold Wing takes cues from the legendary GL models that came before it, while maximizing potential through a lighter, more thrilling and more technologically advanced package with a new engine, chassis and electronics suite.

Honda has produced a motorcycle that will be embraced by not only the existing Gold Wing community, but a fresh generation of riders seeking strong handling performance along with long-distance touring capabilities.



Lighter, more agile, and more sophisticated, the 2018 Gold

Wing and Gold Wing Tour set a new standard for the touring category, with groundbreaking features that enhance the riding experience and encourage riders to get out on the road, creating more exciting stories than ever before.

KEY UPDATES

- ◆ Lighter overall package results in improved handling and maneuverability
- ◆ More compact, lighter engine with four-valve head and Unicam valve train
- ◆ Available seven-speed DCT with Walking Mode forward/reverse

- ◆ Six-speed manual transmission
- ◆ Robotically welded aluminum twin-tube frame with revised plate thicknesses
- ◆ Radially mounted six-piston dual front braking calipers
- ◆ Double-wishbone front-suspension system
- ◆ Electrically controlled suspension
- ◆ Throttle-by-wire with multiple riding modes
- ◆ Honda Selectable Torque Control (HSTC)
- ◆ Hill Start Assist
- ◆ Smart Key
- ◆ Apple CarPlay compatibility
- ◆ LED lighting
- ◆ Updated design with 11.8 percent improved aerodynamic efficiency
- ◆ Electric windscreen adjustment



GOLD WING TOUR

The three 2018 Gold Wing Tour models—Gold Wing Tour, Gold Wing Tour DCT, and Gold Wing Tour DCT Airbag—are the modern interpretation of the classic Gold Wing, the ultimate long-distance touring machine, but with highly improved performance capabilities. Each of these models features saddlebags and a top case, as well as a tall electrically adjustable windscreen, front and rear speakers, and electrically adjustable suspension.

Colors

- ◆ Gold Wing Tour, Gold Wing Tour DCT: Candy Ardent Red, Pearl White, Pearl Hawkseye Blue
- ◆ Gold Wing Tour DCT Airbag: Candy Ardent Red/Black
- ◆ Price
- ◆ Gold Wing Tour: \$26,700 – \$27,200
- ◆ Gold Wing Tour DCT: \$27,700 – \$28,200
- ◆ Gold Wing Tour DCT Airbag: \$31,500
- ◆ Availability: February 2018



Oil Spots, Continued

GOLD WING

Boasting a sporty character, the two Gold Wing models — Gold Wing and Gold Wing DCT — come with saddlebags but no top case or the accompanying rear audio speakers. The electric windscreen is shorter on these models, and preload adjustment is manual. HSTC, electric damping-adjust, center stand, and heated grips are not included.

- ◆ Colors: Candy Ardent Red, Matte Majestic Silver, Pearl Stallion Brown
- ◆ Price
- ◆ Gold Wing: \$23,500 – \$23,800
- ◆ Gold Wing DCT: \$24,700 – \$25,000
- ◆ Availability: February 2018



"That's not exactly how I intended you to use the treadmill."



Riding on the Edge with Ted From Urban Clamor to Country Serenity!

The Weather was clear and spirits were high. Everyone was looking forward to getting away for a little bit....



And this ride was definitely symbolic of all the ideas that everyone were going through our minds... Let's get out of the clamor and into serenity! Roads started by taking the group through some of the outskirts of the city of Chicago, with a slice of America on each block. The variety of cultures were evident with Asian dress shops right next to Italian Pasta. Bike shops and classic car shops. People of all shapes, sizes, colors and dress were walking side by side on the walks in front of the shops. Streets were clean and it seemed that all of the differences were lost among the work everyone was doing to keep the cities progressive and clean.



Traffic was steady and there was time to view the sights as we caught a few of the lights. We passed bridges, mills, fuel processing plants, highly active areas and some depressed areas with lost history evident in the beautiful architecture left to ruin. There was time to reflect on the broad spectrum of American diversity! What an opportunity to see so many variations on one ride! It took away the thoughts of the work week and opened up ideas of culture and the world beyond our daily routines.

Lunch included some extreme hot dogs, soups, salads and good company and then... into the afternoon of serenity. Farm fields, families at work, Amish wagons and a great deal of art and creativity... But, the Shippshewana doors close at 5pm to allow families to come together in the evening hours. So our group didn't get to shop as much as planned! Another cultural difference that added to the serenity of the trip! This created ideas of a return trip to do the SHOPing part of SHOPSHEWANA! Another reason for riding next year!

It definitely took you from clamor to calm! Look for a repeat next year!





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3RD, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

President: Mike Bradbury

7:30 pm - Meeting was called to order

✦ The members were asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance



✦ **Birthday/Anniversary** Announcements for this month were made by Mike Bradbury-

Guests: Tiffany and Andrew – Kirkpatrick family

✦ **Jim Chavalier** sent a note thanking the TC's for the flowers and kind wishes after his recent accident; would appreciate phone calls.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick – Jokes and Observations – Always something to think about ??

Safety: Ric Case

✦ Final GRASS class for the year to be held on 10/22 was reviewed. It will be held at Keller Williams and is open to anyone that would like to attend. Last chance in 2017 for Top Cats to fulfill ride requirement.

✦ Two Shoot-outs planned for November and January; dates to be firmed up by Ric Case.

✦ Kaution Korner was presented by **Mary Kirkpatrick**; “Thinking about the changes that come with Age.” See detailed article presented by Mary in the October “Roar”.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

✦ Upcoming elections – Wayne explained the eligibility requirements and nomination procedures for the upcoming election.

✦ Current openings to be voted on: Secretary & two Director positions.

Activities: Gene Rigsby

• Oct. 7th & 8th. Riding on the Edge – Ted Makarewicz

• Oct. 22nd. Last Grass class – Ric Case

• Nov. 18th. NISRA fashion show – Crystal Lake – Lisa Purcell

Top Cats “Shoot Outs” – dates to be announced – Ric Case

Meeting Speaker – none at this meeting

Membership: Emil Kornecki

✦ Emil Kornecki asked the membership to describe any rides taken that were memorable. Many responses, interesting commentaries with hopes of including some in upcoming months.

Treasury: Nicole Rigsby

✦ Membership dues are due by October 31st. Invoices have been sent out. You must have paid your membership dues in order to vote in the upcoming election.

Products: Jim and Lisa Purcell

• Available at the meeting, Men's, Women sized t-shirts and baseball caps:

oT-Shirts; M, L, XL; \$18 each T-Shirts; XXL; \$22 each

Long Sleeves; \$22

Decals: \$3

Caps; \$15

50 / 50 Raffle : Winner – Ric Case! “ Again “- donated his winnings to the Charity!

Monthly meeting Photo by Bob Morrison, thank you Bob!

Meeting was adjourned by Mike Bradbury at 8:26.



ELECTIONS 2017....

By Traveler



Annually we have the opportunity to either vote to confirm a slate or to choose 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 into our 22d year 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



each incumbent accept a nomination for another term. The positions up for election / reelection this year are:

Secretary
Two Directors

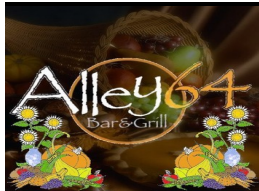
Eligibility for nomination includes; dues paid, attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, service on the Board or on a committee. We ask that nominations be received by a serving Board member by 15 November 2017.

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.

The Board can waive certain requirements on an individual basis for unforeseen hardships or circumstances.





Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10TH, 2017

President: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ Call Meeting to Order at 7:30 pm
- ✦ In- depth discussion by Mike covering many details of his upcoming 2018 term as Top Cats President.
- ✦ Gene R. to continue shadowing Mike in preparation for his tenure as President in 2019.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ 2018 Elections – nominees:
 1. Mary K. – Director of Communications
 2. Emil K. – Director / membership chairman
 3. Ron K. – Secretary and all around good guy
- ✦ Wayne looks forward to working with the new Directors and Board members; he's confident we will have a strong dedicated group.
- ✦ Wayne suggested having a training session with the new Board and Directors to define roles.

Activities: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ Non-Riding Season activity development suggestions:
 1. Chili cook off
 2. Winter cabin rental for a group
 3. Movie night
 4. Shoot off – Rick C. working on dates
- ✦ Should we provide prizes or rockers to RC's and riders to generate more rides and participation ?
- ✦ Host system explained – rides and events are typically driven by a single individual.
- ✦ Pick-up rides to be initiated again in 2018 as a non-planned alternative for club members who are able to attend.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ Short discussion of past members who may have interest in Top Cats once again.

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- ✦ Check has been sent for NISRA fashion show table sponsored by the Top Cats.
- ✦ 18 members have renewed their membership to date.

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Top Cats reserving only one table for the upcoming fashion show by NISRA.
- ✦ Lisa P. has reserved June 10th at WHD if we decide to hold our charity ride from there – free venue. Possibly an event with NISRA participation?
- ✦ Ride concepts were discussed, but no decisions as yet as to type or destination. Roughly four months to decide on event.

Secretary: Ron Kostas

- ✦ Ron K. to present all meeting minutes to Mike B. prior to publication in the Roar.

Safety Committee: Ric Case

G.R.A.S.S. – 10/22 – may be cancelled; all Top Cats needing this certification have been accommodated.

Website: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ No new items to discuss at this time.

Closing: Mike Bradbury
Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm.





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2001 HARLEY DAVIDSON FXDL LOW RIDER

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November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

5 —Mike Bradbury
9 —Jim Purcell
17 —Kathie Bradbury
18 —Doug Jackson

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for November!
Let us know your special Dates so that
we can celebrate with you!

20th—Rich and Diana Lanute

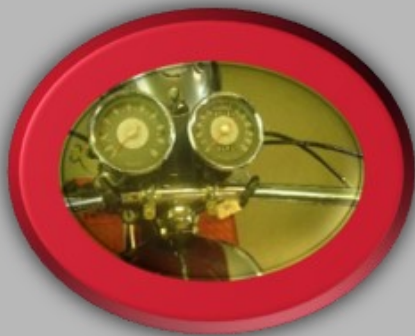


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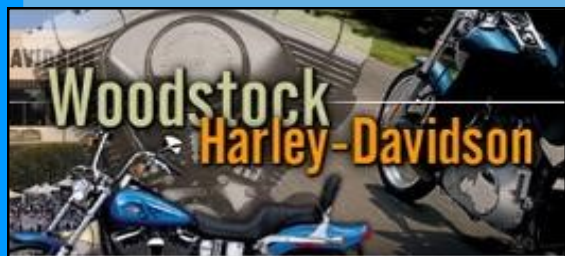
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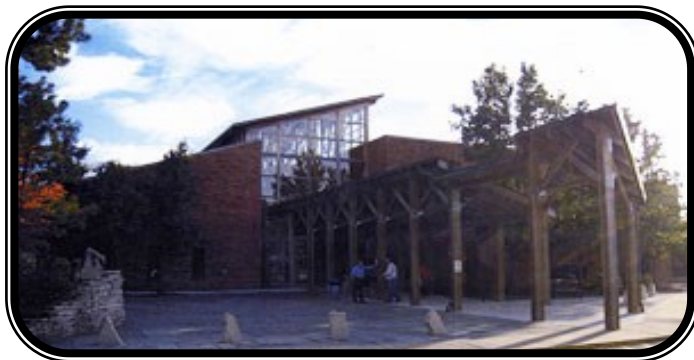
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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30	Bradbury
Tuesday, November 14th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30	Bradbury
Saturday, November 18th	NISRA Fashion Show	Crystal Lake Holiday Inn	Crystal Lake	10am	L Purcell
Tuesday, December 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30	Bradbury
Saturday, December 9th	Shoot –Out	On Target	Crystal Lake	TBD	Case
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