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Inside This Issue



2018 is Here!

Resolution?
Synonyms:

Determination, purpose, steadfast, dogged, decree, declaration, ruling, pledge, oath, vow, solution, upshot, outcome.



Now if you take any of those words and add the idea of riding to it, our resolutions can be something like:

- ✦ We have made the determination that we will ride every chance we get!
- ✦ The purpose of our club is to ride together every chance we get!
- ✦ We are steadfast in our vision of riding together every chance we get!
- ✦ Our dogged efforts will create time to ride together every chance we get!
- ✦ We decree that Top Cats will have a calendar full of rides!
- ✦ The ruling of the committee is in favor of riding together every chance we get!
- ✦ Each member of Top Cats pledges to ride every chance we get!
- ✦ January 2nd was the day each member took the oath to ride every chance we get!
- ✦ The Vow was taken.... Well, you get the idea!

So, Come to the first general meeting for 2018 on January 2nd, and make your resolutions along with your Top Cat family! This is the year for becoming a Road Captain... taking the club to your favorite places, celebrating the fact that we have opportunities to see the world on a motorcycle!

We are also planning on a number of indoor events before the weather breaks, so keep a look-out for the blasts with details and lets start 2018 resolving to ride stronger... together!

Mike 'Motorcycle' Bradbury
President,

Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby
Vice President,

Top Cats of Illinois

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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 —BOARD MEETING
- 14—CHILI COOK-OFF
- 27—SHOOT OUT
- 28—GRASS

FEBRUARY

- 3 AWARDS BANQUET
- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BREAKFAST & THE IMS
- 13 —BOARD MEETING

Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on the calendar!

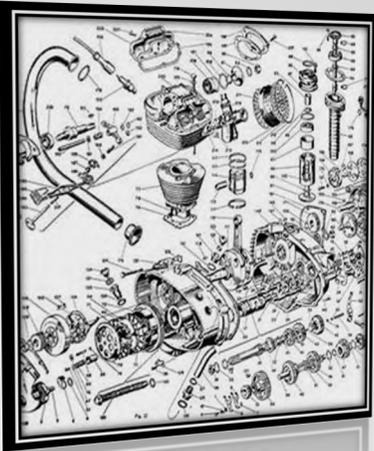




KAUTION KORNER

Safety Committee Owner's Manuel

By: Traveler
Senior Road Captain & Past President



Owner's manuals are provided for a variety of gizmos, gadgets, and "things" that we all own from computers to cell phones. Typically, they're intended to give us an understanding of what the "thing" is, how the "thing" works, what the "thing" is supposed to do for us. I recall as a kid, finding an aluminum pot with hundreds of holes in it, in my grandmother's kitchen cabinet. I had no idea what it was or what it was used for. A pot with holes in it seemed to me to be as stupid as a comb with no teeth. It didn't have an owner's manual and grandma explained that she used it to drain water from food.

As members of Top Cats, we often encounter some Club functions that have the mystique of that pot full of holes and no owner's manual to explain it. Well gang, here's your owner's manual on your Safety Committee so you can better understand what the "thing" is, how the "thing" works, and what the "thing" is supposed to do for you...

What the "thing" is.

The **Safety Committee** is comprised of three people and has two sub committees, the **Road Captain Committee** and the **GRASS Committee**. The core of the **Safety Committee** includes; the President of Top Cats, (Mike Bradbury), the **Safety Committee** Chairman, (Ric Case), and the Chiefs of the **Road**



Captain Committee, (Don DeLordo), and the **GRASS Committee**, (Ric Case). Their task is to maintain a climate of safety within the Club through education, organization, supervision, evaluation, and recommendations on procedures, policies, discipline, and protocol.

The **Road Captain Committee** is comprised of all Senior Road Captains and Road Captains. They are responsible for road captain training, qualification, group riding procedures, mentoring, and maintaining a safe riding environment. They do this by developing road captain fundamentals, establishing qualification requirements, providing education, monitoring and mentoring ride leaders, and maintaining road captain proficiency.



The **Group Riding and Safety Seminar (GRASS) Committee** is comprised of all Senior Road Captains. They are responsible for developing, presenting, and maintaining the curriculum for educating Top Cats on riding safety and road captain training.





Kaution Korner, Cont



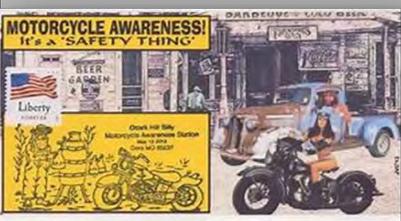
How the “thing” works.

The entire **Safety Committee**, TC President or his rep, **Road Captain Committee** and **GRASS Committee** meets annually at the beginning of each year to review annual safety goals, RC qualification requirements and re-qualifications, GRASS content, and Safety Program improvements.

This year the Safety Committee will hold a Road Captains’ Conference on 28 January, 2018 to perform an annual review of Safety Goals, our Safety Program, and road captain requirements.



The **Road Captain Committee** sets requirements for new road captains and re-qualification requirements for Road Captains and Senior Road Captains. They schedule Senior Road Captains annually to teach GRASS, mentor a ride, present a Safety Tip, and write a safety article (Kaution Korner) for ROAR. This committee monitors and records the performance of all road captains in accomplishing qualifications and annual re-qualifications during the year for an end of year review to ensure that Road Captains and Senior Road Captains are current and capable of safely leading a Top Cat ride. They recommend members for initial Road Captain certification and annual re-qualification to the Safety Committee for review / approval.



The **GRASS Committee** develops the GRASS curriculum, schedules GRASS dates and Road Captain training dates, trains and schedules instructors,

schedules training facilities and equipment, records attendance, and continually reviews and updates course content.



What the “thing” does for you.

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tain a safe riding environment for Top Cat members and guests through education, supervision, documentation, and continuous improvement. The benefits to Top Cats’ members include...



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- ✦ **Safety Tips at meetings**
- ✦ **Education on riding protocol**
 - ⇒ Group riding
 - ⇒ Hand signals
 - ⇒ Formations
 - ⇒ Safety
 - ⇒ Riding with a passenger
 - ⇒ Accident scene management
 - ⇒ Road Captain training
- ✦ **Ride supervision/assistance**
- ✦ **Road Captain qualification**
- ✦ **Monthly safety articles in ROAR**
- ✦ **Safe, enjoyable riding.....**



What the “thing” costs.

However you calculate it... cost per mile, cost per year, cost per meeting, cost per ride...your investment in the Top Cats’ Safety Program provides a return that is unequalled by any other organization. Your out-the-door cost is simply, 1.) Your annual membership fee and, 2.) Your participation in, acceptance of, and compliance with the program that provides you, your guests, and your fellow riders with a high probability of making every Top Cats’ motorcycle ride a two-way trip.



Walking in a Winter Wonderland.....

You sure aint riding now!

By: Traveler



Winter is here and for some, it means shoveling driveways or running a snow blower. However, the cold months for those of us who like to spend as much time as possible on two wheels means it's time to step away from our favorite activity. Sure, there are a few tough souls, who brave the weather, who can wash their bikes indoors and who refuse to give up the two-wheel freedom, but for most of us, winter means a break from riding.

So, what do you do now? Pay to store it at a dealer for a few months, turn the bike off and put it in the garage for a couple months or store it the proper way at home yourself?



If you do the latter which is cheaper and may even be better than storing it with 500 other bikes at a dealer, here are some very basic tips to storing...

1. Top off the fuel and add a fuel stabilizer



There are generally two accepted ways to handle your bike's fuel. You can drain the bike completely, but with today's direct-injected bikes this is nearly impossible. The easier method is to top it off with fuel and add a fuel stabilizer. After

adding the fuel stabilizer run the bike for a minute to ensure the stabilizer has run through the entire fuel system.

2. Protect your battery

Save your battery by plugging it into a smart charger or by disconnecting the negative battery cable and



wrapping it with electric tape. A dead battery come spring is one of the most frustrating, and avoidable, issues there is.

3. Wash and protect your bike

Who doesn't like a clean bike? Take the time now to clean and protect your bike. This will prevent corrosion and rust from developing over the dormant months. Treat chrome with a good anti-corrosion spray. Also, come spring that first ride you'll be feeling the excitement of being on two-wheels again and your bike will look great doing it.



4. Change your oil

Replacing old oil with a premium oil removes dirt, grime, and harmful particles that have potentially built up. Remember to use a winter grade oil. Bel-Ray EXS Synthetic Ester 4T Engine Oil 5W-40 is popular for winter storage.

5. Verify tire pressure



Don't forget the tires! Take care of your bike's tires by verifying the pressure is at the correct level. Once verified prop the bike up so the tires are off the ground.

6. Cover / seal the bike

Start with the small openings, little critters and rodents can easily maneuver past a bike cover and commit costly damage. Add some extra protection by covering exhausts and any opening with plastic and rubber bands to prevent any unwanted guests. Once the small openings are covered provide complete coverage with a breathable, high-quality bike cover

Storing a bike at home is simple and easy if you have the space. Placing a bike in storage at a dealership is like putting your spouse in a rest home; it's expensive, you have limited visiting hours, it isn't easy to get them out and, you'll always wonder if they miss you....





Oil Spots

By Traveler



California Harley Dealer First to Accept



Bitcoin Payments

Old Road Harley-Davidson of Santa Clarita accepts new type of digital currency in what is believed to be the first Harley motorcycle ever bought with cryptocurrency, according to a recent report in *The Signal*. Bitcoin is a digital, global currency that allows users to securely send or receive money across the internet.

Transaction are encrypted and secured and then linked to previous transactions, which passes on the records in blocks to computers around the world. The data in any given block cannot be altered without altering all subsequent blocks, which requires the cooperation of participants across the network.

“By accepting Bitcoin and getting the word out, we’re reaching another audience that we might not otherwise reach,” Moffett said.

“I talked to a couple of car dealers that accept Bitcoin, Lamborghini Newport Beach and Overland Park Jeep Dodge Ram Chrysler in Kansas, and they shared what they know. Then we signed up with BitPay, which converts the Bitcoin amount into dollars, so the transaction is seamless.”

Once they were set up to accept Bitcoin, they put the word on Reddit, the social news and discussion site, and within a week the a customer came in and used it.

Ride to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote



The Suffragettes Centennial Motorcycle Ride 2020 (SCMR2020) is a female-centric multi-route cross-country motorcycle ride. The primary routes depart from the West Coast and arrive in Washington, D.C. approximately three weeks later. Major cities across the country will be announced as starting points for rides that will join into a single large group as they roll towards Washington, D.C. The ride will benefit several charities that service female interests across the US, and will be broadly shared via social media and editorial coverage.

Riders will have the option of registering for a nearly all-inclusive three-week tour, with other options for shorter rides. SCMR2020 is being announced early to inspire women to brush up on riding skills, learn how to ride and to set a goal to join what will surely be a legendary group making a powerful statement.



Those wanting the latest information on SCMR2020 can sign up for a mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/c-Viz>. Updates will be sent regularly in the coming months. There will be limited entries into the three-week Full Ride Tour program, with other shorter ride options as well. Registration will start in 2018.

A complete website inclusive of the general route, inspiring stories of female riders, resource listings such as riding schools, female-friendly motorcycle media, apparel guides and more is being developed and will launch in the coming months.



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Oil Spots, Continued...

Triumph Recalls Speed Triple



Triumph Motorcycles has issued a recall on certain 2016-2017 Speed Triple R and Speed Triple S motorcycles, when it was found that a wire for the charging system may rub against a

bracket for the ABS modulator, potentially resulting in an electrical short. The engine could stall because of an electrical short, increasing the risk of a crash.

This recall affects approximately 541 units. Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected wire, rerouting it to avoid contact with the bracket, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2017. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SB552.

BMW, Rever Team Up On Connected Platform Integration



Rever and BMW Motorrad have partnered together on an integration between Rever and the BMW Motorrad Connected platform.

The platform, which was re-

leased in September, includes a bike-mounted-TFT display and mobile application. Riders using this platform now have the ability to quickly and wirelessly transfer rides recorded on their BMW directly into their Rever account with the touch of a button. From there, rides can be easily managed, reviewed and shared across social networks.

“Rever is designed to be the hub of a connected-motorcycle experience,” said Mark Roebke, CEO of Rever. “We are very excited that BMW is leading the charge in offering connected solutions that include Rever.”

BMW Motorrad Connected is currently available on select models, including the R1200GS and GS Adventure, and brand-new F850GS/F750GS. The free Connected



mobile application is available on both Android and iOS.

LDI Chairman Andre Lacy Killed in Motorcycle Accident in Africa



Andre B. Lacy, chairman of the board of Lacy Diversified Industries (LDI), which owns Motorsport Aftermarket Group and Tucker Rocky, was killed November 30 in a single-rider accident while on a private motorcycle tour in southern Africa, the company announced. Lacy was 78.

“We are saddened to share the news that Andre B. Lacy passed away this morning,” said J.A. Lacy, chief executive officer and president of LDI. “Andre was known for his entrepreneurial fire and sense of adventure in business and life. We take comfort knowing that he passed away while pursuing one of his passions in life, and are inspired by the legacy of leadership that he leaves.”

Andre Lacy’s wife Julia passed away less than a year ago. The couple was married for 53 years and had three sons.

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Photo cour-

tesy of Motorcycle Superstore/LDI

Lacy wrote about his 2015 trip from the Baltics to Hong Kong on the [Motorcycle Superstore](#) website:

Like many my age, my parents would not tolerate my interest in motorcycles even a Cushman scooter at age 13. When I was 50, we bought Tucker Rocky from Bob Nickell, one of the best entrepreneurial business leaders I've known, and I was liberated to immediately buy my first motorcycle.

Rick Dorfmeier helped buy my first bike as well as telling me about the training classes to take to become good – always a life goal. I took a number of A.B.A.T.E safe rider courses. The rest is history with my becoming an avid motorcyclists with a group of close friends that took rides every year east of the Mississippi.

There is not an iconic destination east of the Mississippi that I have not experienced. I learned to off road and always wished I were better at doing that, most specifically when on a Malcolm Smith ride in Vancouver.

I own two BMWs (a 650 GS that I took round-trip to north of the Alaskan Arctic Circle and a R 1200 GS Adventurer that I'm riding on the Epic Journey) and soon an R nine T that Roland Sands is customizing. I also own a 1980 Harley Softail and a 1946 Indian Chief.

Julia, my bride of 52 years, "bought on to biking" also taking the A.B.A.T.E. course riding her own bike for years and ultimately on the back of my bike. We enjoyed many trips with the good friends we've made in motorcycle.

I have ridden in Morocco, the Pyrenees Mountains, South America, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe, New Zealand, and now the Moscow to Hong Kong Epic Journey.

I enjoy high adventure and thus have been a long standing pilot, a snowmobiler, mountain climber (Mt. Kilimanjaro), scuba diver, bareboat charter sailor to list a few. My fellow business associates in Indianapolis and throughout the nation are not intimately aware of my exploits.

Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade Riding Through Chicago



CHICAGO (WLS) --

Thousands of motorcyclists swarmed Dan Ryan Woods Sunday morning, 3 December, for the 40th annual Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade.

"I smoke a cigar at Toys for Tots for some reason just for celebration," said biker Patti Stimatz.

She said she wasn't just out there for the camaraderie.

"Just to bring toys to kids who can't afford to buy the toys I have kids so just to make it special for them and we should make it special for every child," Stimatz said.

She's been riding Toys for Tots Parade for 15 years and she's always getting others involved.

The riders are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Christmas, and there are people who definitely bring more than one.

Some go to the Marine Corps, others are sorted and distributed across the community.

"Anywhere we can try to help we step in and help," said Tom Dertz, vice president of the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade.

Governor Bruce Rauner joined pack this year. The bikers even got a special blessing as they headed out.

The ride started at Dan Ryan Woods and before traveling north to Devry. The spirit of giving was in the air, and so was the sound of motorcycles revving their engines.

Organizers said the turnout is the largest it's been in recent years, likely in part due to the weather

Oil Spots, Continued

Harley-Davidson Posts Largest Contingency Package in American Flat Track History



Harley-Davidson's 2018 American Flat Track Contingency Program has been released and totals \$562,500 – the largest contingency posting in the 65-year history of the sport. The contingency payouts are

available exclusively to privateer riders mounted on either Harley-Davidson XG750R or XR750 machines.

A total of \$31,250 will be offered by Harley-Davidson at each of the 18 American Flat Track rounds in 2018. The contingency payout is structured as follows:

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. \$10,000 | 2. \$8,000, |
| 3. \$6,000 | 4. \$2,000 |
| 5. \$1,500 | 6. \$1,250 |
| 7. \$1,000 | 8. \$750 |
| 9. \$500 | 10. \$250 |

To be eligible to collect contingency payouts while competing on the XG750R, riders are required to run the official Harley-Davidson factory bodywork.

The 2018 American Flat Track season will kick off with the DAYTONA TT on Thursday, March 15.



EPA Releases Renewable Fuel Mandate for 2018

The EPA's final 2018 Renewable Volume Obligations call for 19.29 billion gallons of renewable fuel — primarily corn ethanol — to be blended into the nation's gasoline supplies. That figure is higher than the 19.24 billion gallons the agency proposed in June and slightly higher than the 19.28 billion gallons required in 2017.

"It is disappointing to learn the EPA raised its proposed Renewable Volume Obligations for 2018," said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. "The decision goes against the agency's promise to listen

to consumers, who have indicated a low demand for higher ethanol blends. Forcing more ethanol into the nation's fuel supply places motorcyclists at greater risk of misfueling their bikes."



Most gasoline sold in the United States contains 10 percent ethanol (E10), which all modern automobile engines and many

motorcycle engines are built to accommodate. However, if the RFS requirements continue to be implemented, it will result in higher-ethanol blends-such as E15 (15 percent ethanol)-to become more prevalent at retail outlets.

None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in use in the United States is approved by the EPA to operate on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent. Using higher-ethanol blends in those vehicles is illegal and may cause engine and fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

The AMA also is concerned the increased reliance on ethanol could further reduce the amount of E0 fuel available. Since the distribution network for E15 and E85 is limited, fuel producers may be forced to reduce E0 output to stay within the EPA's rule.



Brown, Producer of 'On Any Sunday' Passes Away at Age 80



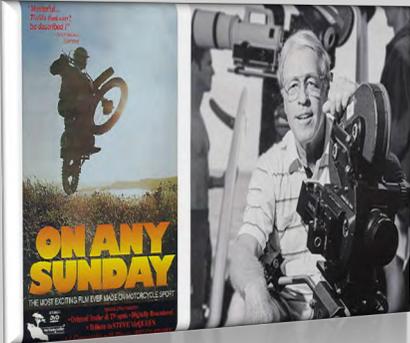
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Oil Spots, Continued

Legendary filmmaker Bruce Brown, who produced the classic motorcycling movie "On Any Sunday," died Sunday, Dec. 10, the AMA reports. He was 80.

"Bruce Brown's influence on motorcycling in the 1970s was profound," said American Motorcyclist Association president and CEO Rob Dingman. "'On Any Sunday' highlighted the unique talents needed for different forms of racing and showcased the fun that people find in motorcycling."



"On Any Sunday" earned Brown an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary in 1971.

Brown was born in San Francisco on Dec. 1, 1937. He grew up in Southern California, attending school in Long Beach before moving to Dana Point.

In the late 1960s, motorcycling was sweeping across the country and Southern California was the Mecca of the sport. While visiting Japan, Brown and his wife rented a Honda scooter and enjoyed the freedom of riding. When he returned home to California, he bought a used Triumph Cub.

Brown got more involved in the sport and began attending races around Southern California.



Even with financial backing from legendary actor and motorcyclist Steve McQueen, Brown did not have a large budget for "On Any Sunday." So he improvised by using 24-volt batteries in the 12-volt film cameras, producing a makeshift high-speed camera. He also used a helmet-mounted camera on some of the riders, one of the earliest times something like that was attempted. Brown was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1999.

Brown's early acclaim resulted from "On Any Sunday," released in 1971, which helped spur the explosive growth of motorcycling in the 1970s.

Twisted Road Is Sort of Like Uber For Motorcyclists

This new peer-to-peer service gives you wheels around the clock.

Twisted Road, a new online peer-to-peer service, enables users to list their own motorcycle for rent or borrow someone else's bike—in their own neighborhood or across the country. If the service catches on, it could make riding a motorcycle more financially feasible for a younger generation that tends to shy away from ownership.



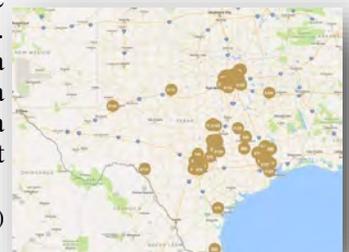
A decade or two ago, the notion of, say, honeymooning at a complete stranger's condo would be kind of

creepy, but the popularity of Airbnb, Uber, and other peer-to-peer services has normalized the culture and created an industry that commoditizes private ownership. It was only a matter of time before a motorcycle service would (ahem) gain traction.

A 2013 article in *The Economist* says, "It is surely no coincidence that many peer-to-peer rental firms were founded between 2008 and 2010, in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. Some see sharing, with its mantra that 'access trumps ownership,' as a post-crisis antidote to materialism and overconsumption."

I don't know about it as an antidote to materialism, but for motorcyclists, Twisted Road gives licensed riders the chance to get on the road without the associated costs of owning that machine. For those looking to rent, it's as easy as choosing a bike (searchable by brand, location, or price), meeting the owner to grab the keys, and then, at the end of the day, returning the bike with a full tank of gas. Visiting Southern California on business? Want to grab a bike to ride the canyons for a day? Twisted Road makes it easy.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5TH,

Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary



President: Mike Bradbury

7:30 pm - Meeting was called to order and The members were ask to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance

- **Guests:** None this meeting!
- **Birthdays / Anniversaries:** No announcements this meeting
- **Meeting Jokes:** Emil Kornecki, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury – Jokes and Observations – Always something humorous or challenging to think about ??
- **Mike Bradbury** asked the membership to relate to the group “ best rides and best experiences” they had in the 2017 Top Cats riding season.
- Possibility of a “Bourbon Trail“ in 2018.

Safety: Ric Case

- Two Shoot-offs planned for December 9th. and January 20th. at On Target, Crystal Lake ; contact Ric Case if you have interest in either date. Ric Case – 847-363-1542; riccase@comcast.net
- Road Captains meeting Jan. 28th. 600 Hart Road in Barrington.
- Kaution Korner was presented by Ric Case; “ **Have you been naughty or nice**” ? See detailed article presented by Ric in the December “Roar”; details of what you need to do to prepare for winter.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne explained that nominations were closed on Nov. 15th. Voice confirmation was asked to be approved to which the membership at hand confirmed the following positions:
- ⇒ Mary Kirkpatrick. – Director of Communications
 - ⇒ Emil Kornecki. – Director / Membership chairman
 - ⇒ Ron Kostus. – Secretary
 - ⇒ Noelle Rigsby - Treasurer

Charity : Lisa Purcell

2018 charity ride is still in the planning stage. June 10th. is the firm date for the ride. Breakfast to be served by Woodstock Harley, Wayne Kirkpatrick to possibly lead a scenic ride and then off to the Volo car museum. Further details to be presented at the next meeting.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- December 9th. – Shoot Off at On Target in Crystal Lake – Ric Case
- January 14th. – Top Cats Chilli cook-off, 11am. McHenry Harley Davidson. Watch for details to come in a blast!
- January 20th. – Shoot Off at On Target in Crystal Lake – Ric Case
- January 28th. – Grass Class – Ric Case
- February 3rd. 2018 – Top Cats Award Banquet – Onion Pub and Brewery – Barrington
- Gene Rigsby suggested we needed a new activities chairman – **Jim Purcell agreed to take the position.**
- Winter time event suggestions – movies, dinners, can we do together as a group during the cold months ?

Website: Mary Kirkpatrick has taken over the website management.

- Event photos are to be submitted to Mary K. And Email submissions to be sent to Mary K. and also to Mike Bradbury.
- Mary to do updates over the winter months.

Products: Lisa Purcell

Lisa reviewed the cost of Top cats products. If interested contact Lisa and she'll bring your goods to the next meeting.

50/50: Ric Case has won again !!! He donated his winnings to the club charity fund once again, fourth month in a row. Bring Ric with you the next time you buy Lottery tickets !

Meeting adjourned at 8:32.



January Birthdays

- 1 – Wayne Kirkpatrick
- 2 - Noelle Rigsby
- 24 - Tina Schiffmeyer

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



Oil Spots, Continued

Owners listing their bike will receive 70 percent of the rental price and Twisted Road covers damage up to \$15,000. Listers can review potential renters' rider history before tossing them the keys. Renter information is verified using state motor vehicle reports.



would cover any damage to a rented motorcycle. Twisted Road's coverage acts as extra insurance for the rental owner if the rider's claim is denied.

The only catch is, in addition to a license, users must also have a motorcycle insurance policy, implying that they own their own bike. The rider's policy

While it's an exciting prospect to give younger riders who can't afford their own motorcycles the chance to hit the road and catch the biking bug, the fact that renters are required to have a motorcycle insurance policy, negates that possibility. For younger riders used to couch surfing and Uber-ing, renting someone else's motorcycle for a Saturday morning ride with friends is tantamount to renting shoes at the bowling alley, but without the need to bring a tube of Lotrimin. Twisted Road is on to something. If only "The Man" would step aside.

Got a garage full of bikes you aren't riding? Would you consider listing them on Twisted Road? Let us know in the comments section below.

Top Cats 2018 CHILI COOK OFF.... SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2017!



FUN AND GAMES CHILLIN WITH FRIENDS

Location: Upper Level Party Room of McHenry Harley Davidson

Come out of the cold and join your fellow Top Cats!

Contestants arrive at 11:00 am for set-up. Doors Open at 11:30 am. Bring \$5 per person

Proceeds will be given to our Charity Event!

**Contestant Registration will be done at the General Meeting,
January 2nd.**

Sign up with Lisa to identify the game you will bring to the event.

RSVP by January 10th to Lisa Purcell: LAPurcell128@gmail.com OR
847.857.0913





Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12TH, 2017

President: Mike Bradbury

- Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm
- Mike B. mentioned needing representatives for the upcoming POSSE meeting 12/17; Ric C. and Gene R. said they would attend.
- Gene R. will chair the 1/9 Board meeting – Mike B. will be out of town.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- Potential new member – (Pryna) was expected at the last meeting

Safety Committee: Ric Case

- G.R.A.S.S. – invite other clubs to participate at the next POSSE meeting.
- RC Committee meeting:
- Each Road captain to provide a Caution Corner article for the ‘Roar’ within the next year.
- Road captains to compile accurate attendance lists for their event.
- Jane Smith to compile a yearly event attendance summary; alternate to be Mike Gilfillan. Ric C. to approach Jane Smith.
- Pick-up ride criteria to be discussed at the next RC committee meeting.
- Roundabout directives – not discussed.

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- 2018 dues update – 30 paid members, 51 total memberships.
- General account balance: \$ 4,761.49
- Charity account balance: \$ 8,730.78

Activities: Gene Rigsby

Non-Riding Season activity developments:

- Jan. 27th. Shoot off – On Target, Crystal Lake – contact Ric C.
- Jan. 28th. Senior Road Captain and new candidate class – Ric C.
- Jan. 14th.- Chilli cookoff – 11am. McHenry Harley Davidson.
- Feb. 8th. Awards banquet – Onion Pub and Brewery – Barrington. Budget approved for \$ 800.00 for tickets and awards.
- Feb. 11th. International Motorcycle Show; Gene R. to host
- Shoot off – Rick C. working on dates

Secretary: Ron Kostus

- Ron K. was asked what was his impression of the meetings. He suggested videos or other activities to bring more members to meetings. Wayne K. suggested meeting program to be blasted with meeting announcements.
- Ron K. suggested Mike B. take a look at MC Rider on YouTube. Possible short programs which we could watch on the meeting room TV in lieu of guest speakers.

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- Charity committee meeting scheduled for Jan. 14th after cook-off.
- Mike B. suggested the event needs to be finalized soon.
- There are two dates available now for the event Sunday June 10th. or Saturday June 9th.
- Lisa P. has reserved June 10th at WHD if we decide to hold our charity ride from there – free venue.
- Possible venues suggested by Lisa P:
 - ⇒ Woodstock Harley / Volo Auto Museum. Admission costs not known at this time.
 - ⇒ Woodstock Harley / Scenic ride / Car show – presented by Wayne K.
 - ⇒ Scenic loop ride / lunch at WHD / Band / drinks
 - ⇒ WHD / Rockford Auto Museum / WHD ? – presented by Mike B.

Closing: Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.





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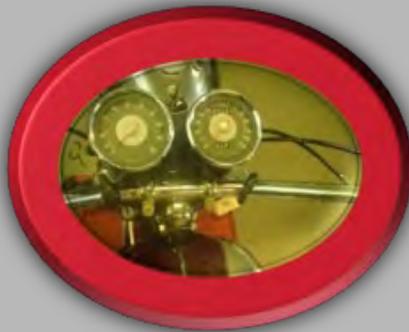


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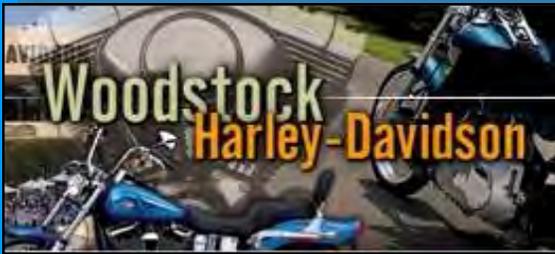
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Tuesday, January 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, January 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, January 14	Chili Cook-Off	Mc Henry	Harley Davidson	11:30 am	L Purcell
Saturday, January 27th	Shoot-out	Crystal Lake	On Target	7:30 am	Case
Sunday, January 28th	GRASS Class	Barrington	KW—600 Hart Rd	7:30 am	Case
Saturday, February 3rd	Awards Banquet	Barrington	Onion Pub		G Rigsby
Tuesday, February 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, February 11th	International Motorcycle Show	Chicago	Stevens Convention Center	8:00 am Breakfast	Rigsby
Tuesday, February 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury

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