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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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- 11 BOARD MEETING

Talk to Gene Riggsby and get your ideas on



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

And Now a Word from your President...

Hello Top Cats,

Our summer is roaring by us faster than ever, as every summer seems to do. Most of us start off the riding season with expectation and excitement but before you know it...BAM! It's Labor Day and we are left wondering why our bikes are so dirty (perhaps because of riding 13 miles on a dirt road?) or where all the riding opportunities went. We're either riding "too much", some here and there, and others not enough at all. At least even after Labor Day we can still do a fall color ride (or two, wink, wink?) to blow the carbon out of our motorcycles (a reference to pre-fuel injected days).

This article finds us with memories of having some nice riding events in July. There was the 5 day multi-day ride circumnavigating Lake Michigan. This was a very scenic ride that included neat features such as the 13 mile dirt road, which caused Jim Purcell's motorcycle to get dirty (your welcome). Well, actually all of our motorcycles got dirty

but hey, that's what happens when you ride 'em. Gene Rigsby will have lead the Route 20 ride which sounds like a great lunch ride to a neat destination with some miles to it. I regret being out of town and unavailable to do this ride.

Our venerable G.R.A.S.S. class was presented on July 29th. This class is traditionally presented at this time of year, benefitting guest riders for Bard Board's annual Sturgis ride.

CALLING ALL ROAD CAPTAINS!!! Please lead at least one ride this year! Single day, multi-day rides, whatever you are inspired to do. Contact Jim Purcell and get your dates on the calendar! To ensure rider / participant availability, it is always best to fill the calendar as soon as possible. This allows us all to plan ahead and when possible,

manage our schedules around your dates to enable all of us to participate as much as possible.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROAD CAPTAIN!!! One of the neat things we offer to our members is the opportunity to grow by learning to safely lead a group ride. With mentor support, this is a great chance to apply our well-developed group riding principles and show others your neat idea for a motorcycle ride. Show us your fabulous ice cream stops, motorcycle friendly roads, motorcycle themed destinations and of course, socializing with us fellow ~~knuckleheads~~ brother and sister Top Cats.

Top Cats Illinois is only as great as its members, and judging from that perspective, we are a terrific motorcycle club with a long tradition of charity, service, a group riding safety program that is an inspirational model to other clubs and regular events to share our riding tales and socialize together.

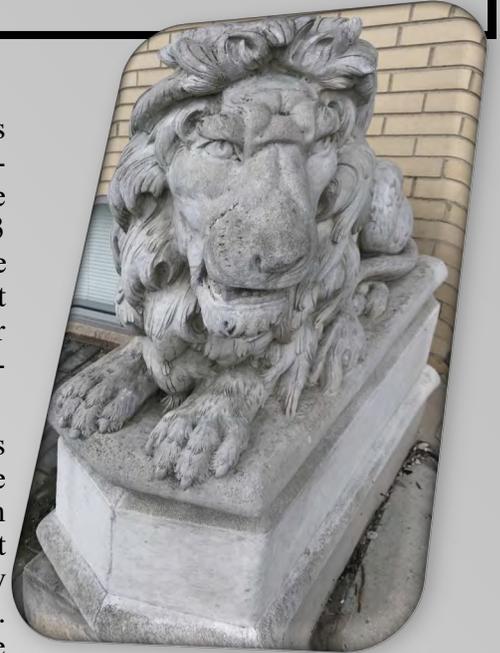
Thank you all for your club support!

Sincerely,

Mike Bradbury

President – Top Cats – Illinois

"C'mon, lead us on a motorcycle ride" Anonymous Top Cat Member





KAUTION KORNER

Patience is a Virtue!

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



“Patience is a virtue” is a proverbial phrase that originated as one of seven heavenly virtues described in an epic poem called “Psychomachia”, written in the 5th century by the Late Antique Latin poet, Prudentius. This article already sounds like a weird history presentation and here is the point where you are probably saying, “What the hell is Mike writing about?”

Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. Patience is also a simple practice that when performed will help you be safer in many situations riding your motorcycle. When you are impatient in stop-and-go traffic, most will behave unsafely. You probably will rev your engine, surge speedily in small gaps, braking hard and maintaining short distances from the vehicle in front of you. Consider how much safer you are in the same situations when you are patient. You will take your time slowly advancing ahead in the gaps, sometimes even gaining advantages with a timed distance that allows you to balance the bike more, avoid putting your feet down and maintaining safer overall distances.

Usually we have a good idea of how to get somewhere locally by planning a departure with the proper amount of travel time. But have you ever been late to a ride meet-up, a G.R.A.S.S. class, an appointment or some other event and tried to make up for it by speeding, running yellow lights, etc.? This is a classic case of being impatient which leads to aggressive driving where lack of executing a planned start time causes you to be unsafe. Proper planning is a tool to avoid impatient behavior and aggressive driving with an added benefit of lowering stress.

Being a chronic impatient rider leads to being a more aggressive rider. Aggressive riders take more chances, break more traffic laws and are generally less safe.



Here are a few simple principles to become more patient and to be a less aggressive driver:

- ✦ Allow more travel time to get to your destination
- ✦ Come to a full stop. Never run yellow lights
- ✦ Let other drivers merge with you
- ✦ Don't ever follow other drivers too closely



Remember that you can't control traffic but you can control yourself, your driving and your emotions

So please consider these tools to avoid being an impatient, aggressive rider. Remember, being safe doesn't hurt.



V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby

Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you are getting out and enjoying the mild weather we are having. Take advantage now as you know this can change quickly.

We held the pre-Sturgis G.R.A.S.S. class on 7/25 and the class was empty. Just a reminder that the next class will be October and this will be your last opportunity to be a member in good standing before the elections and your annual renewal. Make sure to attend if you have not this year.

Our calendar is pretty bare so far this year. Because of our busy summer schedules and in place of organizing a time-consuming meeting, I will be reaching out real soon to the RCs and those who are planning to become RCs this year, to get your ride ideas on the calendar. So starting getting the details together or reach out to me if you want the pick of dates before someone else takes them!

And as usual, don't forget to send Jim, our activities committee chair, or me a note if you have a ride or event idea that you would like to share with your Top Cats family.

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Looking forward to seeing you there.... Gene "Lucky" Rigsby



August Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for August

Let us know your special Dates so that
we can celebrate with you!

16 - Jane Smith
24 - Greg Smith

28 - Gene and Noelle
Rigsby



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Ducati to Develop Direct Communication System Between Motorcycles, Vehicles, Infrastructure



Ducati continues to invest in safety and, together with Audi, participated in the first demonstration in Europe of a new vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication system between motorcycles and cars.

As announced in April, the Bolognese company has outlined a strategic line, called “Safety Road Map 2025,” for the development of new safety systems and technologies. The first steps in this strategy are the extension of the ABS cornering to the entire range and the introduction of a bike with front and rear radar on the market in 2020. In addition, the Borgo Panigale company is experimenting, together with various industry leaders, some new technologies that will equip its bikes in the medium and long term.

One of these technologies is called C-V2X and it is a wireless communication system between road users such as cars, motorcycles, pedestrians and bicycles and infrastructure. C-V2X technology is a key step toward 5G for automotive applications with direct communication between vehicles and their surroundings.

The demonstration featured Audi Q7 and Audi A4 road vehicles, as well as a Ducati Multistrada 1200 Enduro two-wheel vehicle equipped with C-V2X technology utilizing the Qualcomm 9150 C-V2X chipset solution.

The showcase demonstrated common situations that can take place between motorcycles and vehicles, and how C-V2X technology can be used to help improve road safety.

These include intersection collision warning, where a vehicle equipped with C-V2X technology pulls out from a junction with an adjoining road and avoids hitting a motorcycle rider who has the right of way, as well as across traffic turn collision risk warning, in which a vehicle avoids a left turn collision with a motorcycle. Finally, a warning of sudden braking of the leading two-wheel vehicle.

“This is the perfect demonstration of use cases in which the modern technologies can drastically improve the safety of future motorcycle users,” said Pierluigi Zampieri, vehicle innovation manager at Ducati Motor Holding. “Indeed, the C-V2X communication is definitely one of the key projects of the Ducati 2025 safety road map.”

This demonstration was the first of the ConVeX (Connected Vehicle to Everything) project involving Audi, Ducati, Ericsson, SWARCO, the Technical University of Kaiserslautern and Qualcomm CDMA Technologies GmbH.

Indian Motorcycle to Recall Certain Scout Motorcycles For ABS Brake Issue



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Indian Motorcycle announced a recall of the 2017-18 Indian Scout, Scout Sixty and Scout Bobber motorcycles due to air in the anti-lock brake system. Air in the brake system can reduce brake effectiveness, increasing the risk of a crash.

The recall NHTSA campaign number is 18V416000 for the Indian Motorcycle Company manufacturer. Parts being recalled are service brakes and hydraulic.

The potential number of units affected is estimated at 4,185.

Indian will notify owners and dealers will bleed the front and rear anti-lock brake system, free of charge.

Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian’s number for this recall is I-18-07.

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236, or go to www.safercar.gov.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Helmets Anyone?????



There are a wide variety of types of helmets on the market, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 and full face. In order for a helmet to be legal on the street it must meet certain government safety standards, some of the most common standards that you will find are the Department of

Transportation (D.O.T.FMVSS 218), the Economic Community of Europe(E.C.E. 22-50) or the British Standards Institution(B.S.I. 6658).

Along with these government standards there is also the Snell M2010 standard, a voluntary private standard used primarily in the U.S. and Canada for racing. Every motorcycle helmet used on the street in North America must at least have a DOT, B.S.I. or E.C.E rating. The Snell rating is only required for motorcycle racing and is updated at 5 year intervals.

That moment you realize a helmet REALLY saved your life...



Over the last few years there have been many debates over which standard is the best. Which standard should you choose? This is a hard question to answer. Get as much information on each standard as you can and then draw your own conclusions as to which is suitable for you.

Poor:

Although this option may protect the head from the sun's rays and the wind, it does nothing to protect the head from injuries due to impact with hard objects (curbs, poles, cars etc.).



Questionable:

This style of helmet is known as a 1/4 helmet, "beanie" or "skull cap". These helmets at best meet the bare minimum to be legal on the street and offer very little protection if any at all! In some cases these helmets may not even meet any safety standards.



Adequate:

This style of helmet is known as a 1/2 helmet .It is acceptable but it only protects the top of the head. So a rider would have to land on the top of his/her head to get the best protection. There is no protection for the eyes and face from debris, bugs or rain. These helmets are normally D.O.T. approved.



Better:

This style of helmet is known as a 3/4 helmet. It does better job of protecting the top, back and sides of the head. This helmet may also have a visor that will protect a rider's face from flying debris such as dirt, rocks and bugs. There is however very little protection if the rider were to fall face first, he/she could receive injuries to the jaw, mouth or teeth.



Best:

A full-face helmet is considered to be the best because it protects the rider's entire head. If a rider were to fall forward the chin bar would protect his/ her jaw and mouth, plus the face shield keeps debris, rain and bugs out. If you have ever had a bug, pebble or rain drop hit you in the face at highway speeds then you will appreciate having a shield.



This modular helmet offers the best of both worlds. Modular helmets offer the protection of a full-face helmet with the added convenience of a chin bar/ face shield that can be raised so the wearer can have a conversation, drink or a quick bite to eat, without having to remove their helmet. This style of helmet is becoming very popular especially with the touring/sport touring crowd.

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Oil Spots, Continued

Challenger Motorcycles Debuts as New V-8 Brand



Conceived, designed and built in Missouri, Challenger Motorcycles is an exciting new brand of V-8 Trikes.

Unlike other V-8 Trikes, the Challenger is built with long-distance riding in mind—all the comforts of independent rear suspension and air ride with built in air compressor that is adjustable at your fingertips while on the fly.

An outstanding alternative to current V-8 Trikes, the Spirit model sports a factory new, 430 horsepower EFI GM LS3 engine with a four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive.

The trike is enhanced with the latest technology and other eye-catching features including USB ports, Bluetooth audio, approximately 10 cubic feet of cargo space, 21 inch front and 17 inch rear custom made wheels.

Harley-Davidson Dealership to Open in National Ace Hardware building in Milwaukee



Photo by Milwaukee Business Journal

Seeking to connect with a younger generation of riders, Milwaukee Motorcycle Co. in 2019 will open a downtown Harley-Davidson dealership about a block from the new Bucks arena.

“There’s a tremendous number of people who might not otherwise visit dealerships in outlying areas that would like to visit a downtown location, plus it lends an urban, trendy atmosphere,” said Ozzie Giglio, CEO of Windy

City Motorcycle Co., an affiliate of Milwaukee Motorcycle. “It’ll appeal to, I think, not only our core audience but to a broader and more young demographic that I think is good for the brand, and good for motorcycling in general.”

The showroom and dealership will be in the first floor of the former National Ace Hardware building at Fourth Street and West McKinley Avenue. Milwaukee real estate companies WiRED Properties and Phelan Development own the site and plan to rehab the building over the next year.

Downtown Milwaukee Harley-Davidson will sell bikes, Harley clothes and other merchandise, including rentals and will have a service station.

“Being next to the Milwaukee Bucks arena and its entertainment block means the dealership can fit Harley-Davidson into the experiences offered into the area,” Giglio said. “The dealership plans to have acoustic music nights, pre-parties scheduled around arena events and beer and wine tastings, for example.”

The exact timing of the 2019 opening is not yet determined.

Harley-Davidson motor company turns motorcycling on its head

H-D has unveiled plans for 21 new bikes over the next four years including an adventure bike, sports naked and urban mobility e-bikes



Harley-Davidson Pan America 1250 adventure bike

In the biggest shake up in recent memory, Harley-Davidson have thrown caution to the wind and unveiled a radical new range of motorcycles that will change the course of the brand for years to come. Aimed squarely at attracting a new, younger audience both to the brand and to motorcycling in general, their new range of middle-weights and electric bikes will take the old bar and shield until totally new territories. At the same time, they’re also modernising and improving their core Tourer and Cruiser offering with brand new electronics and improved connectivity, changing the way their dealers operate and even exploring direct to consumer online sales. Strap in folks, this is going to be a wild ride.

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Oil Spots, Continued

New middleweights



The most radical and surprising news is that Harley-Davidson are to launch a 16 strong range of middleweights spearheaded by the Pan America 1250 adventure bike. The range

will also including a Streetfighter 975 and a Custom 1250 model, and is expected to go to include a Scrambler, Flat tracker and a faired sportsbike. All the new models will be delivered between 2020 and 2022. The engine is modular and shared across the different models, ranging in size from 500cc to 1250cc. The running gear is also modular, as on the Softail models, so Harley will produce two or three frames, swingarms and front ends that can be combined to make different bikes. You can read more information about these bikes here: [Pan America 1250 Unveiled](#) and [New Harley Streetfighter and Custom unveiled](#)

New electric models

Just four years after Harley-Davidson unveiled the Livewire concept, they've staked their claim as the first major manufacturer to bring a finished road going production bike to the world.



As well as the finished production bike due out next year, there will also be an expanded range of lower powered bikes to act a stepping-stone into the brand, including two middleweight bikes and two lightweight urban bikes akin to electric bicycles. You can read more about Harley's impending electrification here: [Harley Livewire unveiled](#)

Changing retail environment

To further Harley's acceleration into the modern world they're also changing the face of their retail environment. Some it is simple stuff (grown the existing dealer network and improve the customer experience), some it of it is a little more experimental. For a start, Harley will be open-

ing smaller bricks and mortar retail outlets in shopping centres, which will sell clothing, accessories and maybe the new small electric bikes. Harley will also be improving H-D.com to help customers buy more easily and they will also be partnering with a third-party online retailer to sell direct to customers. For now that will just be clothing and accessories, but we also imagine the smaller electric bikes will be available this way too.

Small capacity gains

As if 21 new bikes wasn't enough, Harley also announced that they will be producing a range of lower capacity bikes, around 250cc, for emerging markets.



These will launch in India to being with, as they've teamed up with an Indian manufacturing partner, but they will spread to South America and Asia soon afterwards.

More advanced tourers and cruisers



Harley-Davidson also said they will be continue innovating their Tourer and Cruiser model ranges to keep up with customer demands. Other than that, Harley were quite coy on the details suggesting a release might be imminent. In fact looking at the bikes in the 'More Roads to Harley Video' it looks like there are two new big twin cruiser models imminent (a Buell-esque sporty model plus a Diavel-esque power cruiser) plus improved connectivity in the form of full-colour TFT dashes.



Ride for Dreams Replay ~ A RRRRRROARING Success!

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JULY 10TH, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by:
Mary Kirkpatrick in support of
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
 - Members were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance
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- Guests were introduced. Joey Rizzo, Clyde Bell and Annalise Hayes.
 - Mike made comments on the success of the Ride for Dreams event held on July 8th.
 - ⇒ The day was beautiful!
 - ⇒ Everyone involved on the day were helpful and supportive! It was a great time to work together!
 - ⇒ The ride, the bike show and the venue all added to the great opportunity that we have to make this a spectacular 'annual' event with VOLO.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne discussed the importance of being involved in the Charity Event. He highlighted the affect the ride, the bike show and the connections with The VOLO Auto Museum have had on the motorcycle community ... and more importantly on NISRA!
- Wayne described the details that this opportunity and a partnership with VOLO can have for the future. With the advertising that VOLO does regularly, their connection and commitment to the community and the hard work of our club, this could become a LARGE event!
- **Get involved! With the club, with the charity and with your fellow members! It is a way to increase the value of your day!**

Safety: Ric Case

- The next GRASS Class will be the pre-Sturgis class on July 25th. Be sure you stay a member in good standing by attending a GRASS Class once every 3 years!
- The Kaution Korner was written by Gene Rigsby for this month. He was not in attendance, so read his information in the July ROAR... and he will report on this next month!

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- Committees did a great job at the Ride for Dreams Event!
- Gene Rigsby and the crew at Woodstock were efficient.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick created and led a great ride!
- Jim Purcell had the VOLO site ready to go and it all turned out very well! VOLO donated the museum tours and added over \$250 to the total collected for the day.
- VOLO has weekly advertisement on Channel 9 and this will hopefully boost our visibility!
- Total income will be reported at the August meeting. Final receipts were still being recorded.

Activities / Awards : Jim Purcell

- 7/31 Sturgis ride – Bard Boand spoke about the future of the ride and the connection Top Cats has had with the hotels along the ride route. It is a good history and well worth maintaining.
- Think about the 2019 ride and make plans to see the west with your fellow Top Cats!
- 8/7 – General meeting
- 8/12 – Mendota Sweet Corn Festival

Meeting adjourned : Mike B. 8:25pm.



Past Highlights and Upcoming Events!



Top Cat's Around The Lake!
This is one of the most scenic
rides in the area!
Thanks, Mike and Kathie!



Sturgis, 2018 - Happening NOW!
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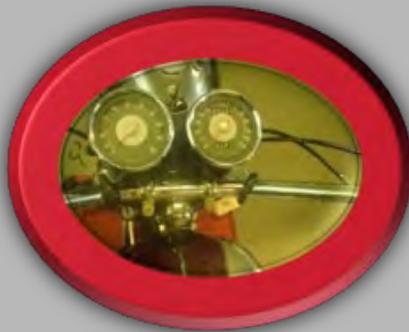


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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, August 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, August 12th	Mendota Corn Fest	BP 12 and 176	Mendota	8:30 am	Rigsby
Saturday, September 1st	Sunrise	TBD	Lake Michigan, Chicago	TBD	Rigsby
Tuesday, September 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, September 9th	TCs Memorial Ride	Mobile at Ela / 12 Lake Zurich	TBD	9:00 am	Case
Tuesday, September 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury

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



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Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.

Submit your ad along with contact information to the ROAR editors at ROAR@TOPCATS.org



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