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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 2 GENERAL MEETING 7 TC MEMORIAL RIDE 9 BOARD MEETING
- 27 HALLOWEEN HOWL

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6 GENERAL MEETING 13 BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 1—HOLIDAY HAVEN

Talk to Gene Rigsby or Jim Purcell to get your ride on the Calendar!







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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

And Now a Word from your President...



Greetings, Fellow Top Cats!

For most of us, the end of the riding season is near. I say most of us as there is always the hardiest of riders; with heated clothes, seats, gloves and handlebar grips that are determined to keep riding during the colder months. These are the 4 season riders. I find it inspiring to see these guys and gals out on their motorcycles when it's so cold. But not so inspiring that I want to join them.

But there are always chances in the off

season (and anytime) to gather together and enjoy each other's company. Sharing all tales, short and long plus regaling each other with motorcycling myths and legends of motorcycling makes for a fun evening. Volunteer by inviting the club to your favorite Cats style memorable evening together. To get the message out to

steak house or food trailer and make a Top Cats style memorable evening together. To get the message out to the membership and for overall activity support, see Gene Rigsby and Jim Purcell.

The cost of membership remains \$75 for single or \$130 for multiple memberships known as the Family package. Your membership invoices for 2019 were recently mailed by Noelle Rigsby, club. Please respond with your payments soon and at the latest, by the end of October. Your membership must be up to date for 2019 to be eligible to vote in the December elections.



Wayne Kirkpatrick has been collecting the nominations for 2019 club officer and director positions which will be announced at the October 1st general meeting. Attend the meeting and be a part of the process.

Like riding season coming to an end, another thing coming to an end is my recent term of service as your President. It has been an enjoyable experience and I feel it was an honor to serve as leader of this fine membership. The only thing that was more pleasurable than being a

president and member was the opportunity to work with and lead a great bunch of people. I thank the officers and directors of the board who truly make the club operate so well, and who provide us all the chance to do meaningful things together in a Top Cat sort of way! Priceless!

Let's Roar and Ride! Mike Bradbury President Top Cats – Illinois

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind. ~Author Unknown

KAUTION KORNER

What are the Causes of Accidents? Read the Stats and Learn! By: Jim Purcell, Road Captain



article posted by UCLA and National Traffic 🔺 Highway Safety Administration study on motorcycles and found some interesting information. The study looked at over 3600 accidents

on west coast.

They found that three fourths of all accidents were involved with vehicles and that only a quarter with fixed objects or running off the road.

Check out these stats:

- Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3% of these
- Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc.) were the accident cause in 2% of the accidents.
- Animal involvement was 1% of the accidents.
- Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the other vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way, and often violating traffic controls. And other vehicles turning left in front of the motorcycle was the leading cause of intersection accidents
- You would think that weather would be a contributing factor but in 98% of accidents, it was not.
- The majority of accidents were only a short distance from origin of trip. Usually 3 to 5 miles from home
- The median pre-crash speed was 29.8 mph, and the median crash speed was 21.5 mph, and the one-in-athousand crash speed is approximately 86 mph.
- volvement.
- And leading comment by cars involved in accidents is (I didn't see them)
- The motorcycle riders involved in accidents are essentially without training; 92% were self-taught or learned from family or friends.
- involvement and is related to reduce injuries in the motorcycle-accidents-31124 event of accidents.

- I recently read an + More than half of the accident-involved motorcycle riders had less than 5 months experience on the accident motorcycle,
 - The study even included colors of motorcycles and types (touring, cruisers, full dressers) and showed the higher percentage in café racers and so called crotch rockets. (Read sites below for details.)
 - Seventy-three percent of the accidents involved motorcycle riders used no eye protection, and it is likely that the wind on the unprotected eyes contributed in impairment of vision which delayed hazard detection.
 - Sixty percent of the motorcyclists were not wearing safety helmets at the time of the accident. That attributed to fatal injures
 - Age and experience make you a safer rider, although experts disagree on which factor is more important.
 - And finally the most interesting fact is that Less than 10% of the motorcycle riders involved in these accidents had insurance of any kind to provide medical care or replace property.

Read those carefully and you will find the reasons why our club requires that we take GRASS Classes, and why we talk so frequently about our need to wear helmets, boots and gloves, and do safety check on our bikes on a regular basis. When riding together, we proceed cautiously into intersections; pass with great care and clear the road ahead. It may be frustrating at times, but these are important safety strategies! Patience = a safe ride!

We also identify lane position as an important avoidance technique and it is vital when braking in some situations. Basically, you should move yourself away from any potential threats before they violate your right-of-way.

Get out and practice those evasive techniques: braking Almost half of the fatal accidents show alcohol in- swerving, staying in the right gear for maximum accelera-All of these tips can be used each time you ride. tion. Every ride is a learning experience and we should never stop learning. It will keep us safe, alert, and increase our ability to judge situations accurately. As we always say... It never hurts to be safe!

Sources and good reads for more details:

+ Motorcycle rider training experience reduces accident <u>https://www.hg.org/legal-articles/little-known-facts-about-</u>

https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycle-safety







V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby



Hello Top Cats!!

It seems like the riding season is coming to an end and opportunities to ride are waning. This is not true for the Top Cats.

Jim Purcell planned to lead a group of Top Cat brothers and sisters in and around Galena. Ric is leading his memorial ride on October 7th, and, I know of at least 3 rides which are being developed for this year. A fall colors ride, a dinner ride and a lunch ride. Sounds pretty busy for the end of the season, as it should be!!! Time is running out.... So keep your eye on the Top Cat calendar and watch for the ride blasts as it would be great to see everyone our having a great time.

We will present the last G.R.A.S.S. class for 2018 on October 28th. 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.

AND, beyond the riding season, still keep your eye on the Top Cats calendar and your calendar open for off season opportunities as well, like the chili cook-off (and maybe a round or 2 of LRC?? Save your quarters just in case!), movie matinees, IMS, etc....

Don't forget that you can add your idea for a ride or event to the calendar. Send Jim, our activities committee chair, or me a note about the ride or event idea that you would like to share with your Top Cats family and we can help make it a reality.

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

P.S.

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BIKERS WHO MEAN BUSINESS







The ride modes are big news, as it's not new technology but something we've been waiting to see from an American Vtwin manufacturer for a while now. After a model-year-'19 launch from Harley-Davidson that only really had one new model, the FXDR 114, it's nice to see something from Indian other than "bold new graphics." We wish the Chieftain's fairing was a step away from what H-D is doing, not a shape that seems derivative of Harley's most successful bagger fairing.

Motus Motorcycles to Shut Down



Motus Motorcycles announced that they would be forced to shut down all operations, effective immediately. Founders Lee Conn and Brian Case notified customers.

dealers, staff and suppliers on Aug. 31.

In a statement, the company said, "After an amazing tenyear ride, Motus is forced to shut down operations, effective immediately. This week, Motus' financial backers unexpectedly informed management that they will not provide

sufficient capital to maintain operations and grow the business.

well as new features on the MST series.





This is very unfortunate timing and we will work to quickly find a new path forward for Motus Motorcycles and American our V4 powertrain division. We are very grateful to Team Motus, truly the

finest group of professionals and people, who have each dedicated so much of their hearts and soul to Motus.

We are also thankful to our dealers and the many customers and supporters who have cheered us on and put gas in our tanks along the way. For Motus owners, hang on to those motorcycles. As you already know, they are heirlooms, unlike any other motorcycles ever built."

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Indian Motorcycle Redesigns **Chieftain For 2019**



Indian Motorcycle's 2019 Chieftain Lineup

Indian Motorcycle Company

Indian Motorcycle announced that it is not only introducing three new ride modes to the

Chieftain line, but also updating the shape of the fairing and saddlebags. The new saddlebags have a boxier, harder line and move away from the more bubbly, rounded appearance "It is disappointing for those previously associated with Indian's heavyweights. The who have been working so Chieftain's new fairing still has a distinctly Indian look but hard preparing an October gets some harder lines and loses a bit of surface area. It ap- 2018 product launch into a pears there is no change to the chassis, which is fine with us new and exciting segment as because Chieftains have always handled very well.

Audio systems across the whole Chieftain line have been updated with tweeters, mids, and a new dynamic equalizer, resulting a new 100-watt system that Indian claims will be "crystal-clear at all speeds," a bold claim that we look forward to testing soon. Rear cylinder deactivation has been added for temperature control at idle, as well as full LED lighting and new turn signals. It also seems that Indian is rereleasing the 116ci big-bore kit that was pulled off the shelves earlier this year. Pricing for the new Chieftains starts at \$21,999 in the

US.

The 2019 Indian Chieftain with updated fairing shape and saddlebags

> **Indian Motorcycle** Company



Oil Spots, Continued...

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Harley's European assault

Harley-Davidson got everyone's eyebrows dancing recently with their bold new Harley Pan America adventure bike and naked Streetfighter - but while both will be brave attacks on new markets for the US giant, H-D Vice President Marc McAllister says they have the expertise to pull it off.



"Our product development power gives us the ability to understand what product technically and

neer a very capable motorcycle."

and competition from the likes of Indian.

growth opportunity.

He said: "We want to grow our international audience to 50% of our business [it is currently 40%] and these bikes As cool as high pipes are, they're not that great around are part of the portfolio that will do it. These bikes give us town so Indian has made the right choice and repositioned access to new segments and new riders that will certainly them low down, a little Monster-esque. To solidify the flat help."

However, McAllister doesn't think it's the complete change in brand direction that some have suggested: "We've had leanings in the off-road space for years -50or 60 years ago we were doing epic things with our mili- The lights appear to be very small, suggesting they will be tary bikes off-road. We need to meet customer's tastes LED throughout. It also appears to have a TFT dash, and tastes are leaning towards adventure.

"A lot of riders see Harley-Davidson as aspirational and as far as the technical capabilities of the vehicles - we are confident that we will be superior in those segments as we go to market. We are not afraid of the technical competition."





New FTR1200 road bike shares a remarkable resemblance with the 750 race bike.

Indian has been teasing with the FTR1200 for nearly a year and now new patent images have emerged suggesting that the pro-

duction bike hasn't steered too far from the race bike.

Indian FTR1200 revealed in patents

the The first suggestion of a production bike came last November, when Indian unveiled the gorgeous FTR1200 needs to be Custom concept bike and amazingly little seems to have changed since then.

engi- Just like the FTR750 race bike, the FTR1200 will have a steel trellis frame, with the engine acting as a stressed Targeting the European adventure bike market is incredi- member. The swingarm will also be a steel trellis with a bly important for Harley, due to declining sales in the US monoshock, although it will now be side mounted rather than centrally mounted.

McAllister believes the adventure class in Europe, which The motor appears to have had a makeover for its newly saw 160,000 bikes sold last year, offers the firm a real exposed position, while the rad has shrunk compared to the Scout, which appears to have necessitated a low-slung oil cooler.

> tracker stance the front wheel appears to be 19" with an 18" on the rear and interestingly it also appears that Indian have opted for a chain drive, rather than belt like their other models.

> which will likely support Bluetooth multimedia as well as allowing you to change bike settings. There's no word on pricing just yet but we'd expect it to retail for around \$18,000.

> The FTR1200 Custom concept was a tribute to the Indian FTR750: a purpose-built race bike that, in the hands of the firm's 'Wrecking Crew', has dominated the US flat-track season. Indian say the new bike will have some key differences.

> Although Indian was coy about details, there is a lot that we can infer. It seems likely it'll use the 1133cc watercooled engine from the Scout, which produces 100bhp and 72ftlb of torque.

> > (Continued on pg 7)





Oil Spots, Continued

Unlike the Scout, or the even lower Bobber, we're expecting

the FTR to have a high-spec inverted fork up front and an adjustable monoshock rear, both tuned for road use. We'd also expect it to have an 18in rear and 19in front wheel to give an authentic looking flat-track stance.

Indian isn't the first US brand to target Europe with a Vtwin flat- tracker. Harley-Davidson released the XR1200 in 2008 and the fancy XR1200X but sales never took off.

Indian will be hoping that the current appetite for flat-track and scramblers will prove a perfect storm for their FTR1200.

Motorcycles From Paul Newman, Steve McQueen, Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper to be Auctioned



Celebrity motorcycles and historical gems gather for inaugural October sale at Barber Motorsports Museum

This is a press release from Barber Motorsports Museum...

Los Angeles,

CA (September 24, 2018) – As with McQueen's "Husky," these motorcycles represent early motocross models and the out-of-doors action sought by these leading men of the silver screen.



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two other motorcycles owned by **Steve McQueen** – in addition to his <u>Husqvarna</u> – will be offered: a highly sought after <u>1953 Vincent Comet Series C</u> from England and an unusual and attractive Danish <u>1939 Nimbus Model C Luxus</u> with Sidecar.



Husqvarna Steve McQueen, 1970

Featured will be the <u>1967 CZ 250</u> – an uncommon Czech motorcycle lauded for its off-road nimbleness – ridden by **Paul Newman** in the movie *Sometimes a Great Notion*. **Peter Fonda** rode a <u>1968 Bultaco</u> <u>Pursang 250</u> – a popular go-anywhere dirt bike from Spain – in the opening scene of *Easy Rider* that will be offered. And **Dennis Hopper**'s <u>1970 Husqvarna</u> <u>250 Cross</u>, a Swedish make celebrated for its motocross capabilities, is also starring.





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Oil Spots, Continued...

And it's not just celebrity motorcycles that will

be the stars in October. Other highlights include rare vintage motorcycles, such as the oldest original Vincent Black Lighting - the "holy grail" of motorcycles and the model that currently holds the world auction record; pedigree racing bikes, such as the Ducati NCR AMA Pro winner; and wonderful classics from American, European and Japanese manufacturers.



Lightning

1928 Windhoff 746cc Four

Scheduled for Saturday, October 6 at the famous Barber Motorsports Museum near Birmingham,



Alabama, Bonhams' auction of collectors' motorcycles will be hosted in concert with the annual Barber Vintage Festival.

Be sure to add YOUR Color to the Club by Voting this year! You still have one more chance for the GRASS Class on Oct. 28th!





Happy Halloween, **Top Cats!** Let's get out there And ROAR... October, 27th Dress as your favorite biker and join us in Janesville... Prime Quarter **Steak House!**

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ELECTIONS 2018....

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 23d 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.

<u>NOMINATIONS</u>. 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:

President Vice President Three 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 **12 November 2018.**

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.



<u>VOTING</u>. To be eligible to vote at the 4 December general meeting...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.





General Membership Meeting Minutes September 4th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Mary Kirkpatrick for Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- 7:06 pm, Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Birthdays: 9/11 Mary Kirkpatrick
- Anniversaries: 9/4 Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick



- Next G.R.A.S.S. class to be held 10/28 review calendar for details.
- Kaution Korner To Pee or Not to Pee... A Great Question addressed by Greg Smith in this month's KK. A lively discussion by the membership addressed the variables that can affect a body's need to 'relieve'. Bottom line was that you have to get to know your body and what levels you need to stay hydrate, but to also be able to travel without needing to stop the group because of over-consumption. Take time to understand what you need... and read the entire article. It is a good source of information and a good start to 'getting off the pot'.

MCRIDER Breaking Video:

• MCrider releases a weekly video every Tuesday morning on the subject of motorcycle control and strategy. MCrider videos and the associated web site is produced by Kevin Morris, a professional motorcycle instructor located in Dallas / Ft Worth, TX. He brings good information, but you are reminded that you are responsible for your own safety, please train responsibly.



- This month's video focused on the ability to break quickly in emergency situations. A story was told about a lady who was coming over a hill and came upon a truck that was making a turn. Her breaking practice came in handy and she managed the situation successfully.
- Discussion after the video included the need to recognize that breaking strategies depend on the breaking system that you have on your bike. Older models, as was the case in the video, require care in applying the front breaks. The strategy is to apply the rear breaks hard, and then squeeze the front breaks in order to maintain control of the stop. BUT... if you have ABS breaks, apply both front and back breaks equally hard! In most newer models, the breaks are linked so making a quick stop is done whether you grab front or back breaks.... So grab or stomp those breaks quickly. The bike automatically applies front and rear with equal pressure.
- All agreed that these videos are worth the time and that they generate constructive discussion!

Activities / Awards : Contact Gene Rigsby or Jim Purcell with ride ideas

Meeting adjourned : Mike Bradbury. 8:32pm.



Board Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

2019 Election: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- + Positions open: president, Vice president, (3) Directors
- Wayne reviewed requirements to vote in the election and the requirements to be nominated and elected for each position.
- + Wayne to prepare the election slate which will be approved by the board.
- + Review of members on the roster who are qualified to vote.
- + Roster status needs to be updated with current member information.
- + November 15th. is last day for nominations.

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- + Review of Charity account balance.
- + Review of main account balance.
- + Review of 2017, 2018 yearly spends.
- + Review of 2017, 2018 revenue.
- + Review of 2019 main account revenue/cost projections.
- + Motion was made and carried to confirm dues for 2019 as \$75.00; \$130.00 for family membership.

Charity: Noelle R., Lisa Purcell

- + Lisa stated that weather is a significant factor in the outcome of any event
- + especially the Charity Ride.
- + Board voted on a \$5,000.00 to NISRA as the 2018 donation.

Activities/Awards: Gene Rigsby

- Pick-up rides were suggested and voted on. Pick-up rides to be implemented; unknown destinations with Top cats riding protocols.
- + October 28th. G.R.A.S.S. class, Keller Williams, Barrington

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- + Nothing new from Emil.
- + Lisa P. has a potential new member who she will provide with Top Cats information
- + Wayne K. stated that Jim Didier paid for full membership in Sturgis.

Safety: Ric Case

- Ric stated he has a potential new Road Captain Committee Chief in Ted Makarewicz. Further details to follow.
- ✦ Next G.R.A.S.S. class to be held on October 28th. @ Keller Williams, Barrington.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm: Mike Bradbury



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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, October 7th	Memorial Ride	Mobile at the Corner of Rt 12 and Ela	TBD	9:30 am	Case
Tuesday, October 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, October 27	Halloween Howl	Prime Quarter Steak House	Janesville	4:30 pm	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, November 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, December 1st	Holiday Haven	Naperville	Kris Kindle Market	11:00 am	M Kirkpatrick

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



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