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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Carlton R. 'Top Cat' Marcyan



SAFETY GOOD – BIG BROTHER BAD

We are about to embark on a brand new riding season. Top Cats has already started the year with a focus on safety for our members, guests and those around us. Last meeting we spent substantial time listening to our Safety Committee members provide us tips, wisdom and caveats, all designed to promote awareness and safety consciousness for 2010. Already we have had our GRASS class, that was well attended, and another class is planned for early May. If you did not make it to the March class, do attend the May session.

The Safety Committee and instructors continue to improve the class content, delivery and message. They do not "stand on their laurels" but devote many hours to update the curriculum and introduce the latest technology to make the classes stimulating. You may not know that there is no charge to anybody to attend GRASS, other than throwing in a few bucks to cover cost of coffee and donuts. Indeed this is a bargain. Invite non- Top Cats to attend as well. We want to make the roads a safer place for all.

Speaking of highways

We have been advised that the interstate, especially the Tri-State

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Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 6 General Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting
- 18 Kick Off Ride
- 20 Frank N Fries Ride

MAY

- 2 Grass Class
- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting

JUNE

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 Frank N Fries Ride
- 18 Little Sturgis Ride

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING EMAIL RESPONSES

Emails that you receive from the Top Cats are normally sent using a group mailbox, TCATSRSPV. Replies often need to be sent to the actual person who wrote the email. *You need to read the entire email and determine who the reply goes to.*

Do not assume that you simply reply to that email directly. While TCATSRSPV makes every attempt to forward them to the proper people, it is often days after and may not happen at all.

READ THE EMAIL.....FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS

KAUTION KORNER

TIPS FOR THOSE WHO RIDE IN THE RAIN INTENTIONALLY OR NOT

by Chuck Prettyman

"If you never have and never will (ride in the rain) consider selling your bike"

Copied from Bob Sgarlata

Nobody's an expert, and everyone has some good tidbits to share. Here are some of them:

Of the variety of rain gear we have to choose from, Harley Davidson keeps us dry and visible. In addition, it's Colorful! The Orange and black stands out in the rain and at night. The hood attachment covers the neck and part of the face (if you want) and prevents rain going down your neck. Mine has lasted three seasons. The Negative of the Harley gear: It's not cheap.

There is also Top Gear apparel, which is lighter in weight and easier to store. They have a bright yellow jacket for safety, but it was found that the jacket's waterproofing broke down after a few years. The camouflage version which is all black and construction grade, did not meet the criteria for SAFELY keeping one dry while riding a motorcycle in the rain.

Some tips to remember while planning for the rain:

1. Get GOOD rain gear. It has to be compact when folded, relatively easy to get on, and it should cover every part that you want to stay dry. Practice putting it on while on the side of the road with your helmet and boots on - yes, seriously.
2. Wax your windshield. Don't use RAINX - it will fog plastic.
3. Wax your helmet visor (if you use a full face) Waterproof boots (I have the ALPINESTAR with Gore-Tex and they're great!)

Next, remember that once it starts raining the first 30 minutes are the most dangerous. This is when oil rises from the crevices and cracks in the road from the water (it's lighter than water). If you can,

that's the best time to stop for a coffee/bathroom break...give it a good 30 minutes to let the oil run off the side of the road.

Another consideration: WATCH WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FEET DOWN. One can step in a water-oil mix and slip or in a hole filled with water.

Finally: Use common sense. Slow down a bit. Allow for longer braking distance. Use BOTH brakes simultaneously. If you skid with the rear brake, HOLD IT UNTIL YOU STOP...front brakes, you have to let the wheel turn or you're going down!

Bob also recommends these few last things to keep in mind:

- 1.) Keep your rain gear in the right side saddle-bag. This is not only the 'high bag' when the bike is on the kickstand - making it easier to access, it is the side of the bike away from traffic - keeping the bike between you and cars zooming by in poor visibility.
- 2.) Put your flashers on when you are pulled over putting the rain gear on.
- 3.) You can often tell when you are about to ride into a storm - so stop while it has yet to rain - or just drizzling. And put your rain gear on then instead of waiting to do so in a pouring thunder-storm.

Take care! Ride safe!



Tech Talk

Technology That Can Impact Your Life

WELCOME TO THE ENCHANTING WORLD OF WEBCAMS

By Andy Konsewicz - Taken from an article by Wallace Wang

Webcams (short for World Wide Web cameras) have been around for more than a decade, but today they're easier than ever to use. For video conversations, each party must have a computer that came with a webcam, or buy a webcam that can be plugged into a computer.

You also need a high-speed Internet connection (otherwise the video and audio will be choppy) and a computer with speakers. Both parties must also subscribe to a service that makes the connection. The leading services are Skype (www.skype.com), which can be used on both PCs and Macs, and iChat (www.apple.com/macosx/features/ichat.html), which is for Macs. Another up and coming company to offer free as well as a premium service is Oovoo at www.oovoo.com. These services are free, as are most of the other popular ones, including Yahoo! Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger and Windows Live Messenger.

Once you sign up on the Web for a webcam service, you can make video calls to people who subscribe to the same service or to a compatible one. If the services aren't compatible, it's usually easy to sign up for the same service used by the person you want to call. (You can sign up for more than one webcam service.)

To make a call, you first use your computer to access your video phone service. Then enter the user name of the person you want to speak with. The service sends that person a message that there's an incoming call. Once the person signs in, you'll see his/her image on your screen, and that person will see yours -- and you can start talking.

Another wise move: Give a webcam to friends and family members with whom you'd like to keep in touch. Young people will often be excited (if not impressed) by such a tech-savvy gift.

Caution: Don't give a webcam to a child or grandchild without consulting their parents. There are many pornography sites on the Internet that prey on children with webcams.

When you shop for a webcam, look for one with...

- A built-in microphone, a feature that most webcams have.
- A clamp to attach the webcam to your computer monitor, a stand on which the webcam can also be placed and a cord that's more than two feet long. These three items make it easy to put the camera in a variety of positions, depending on the type of conversation you plan to hold. To speak face-to-face with one person, for example, you might put the webcam directly in front of you, clamped to the monitor. On the other hand, if you and your spouse are part of the conversation, a long cord and a stand will let you set the webcam several feet away on your desk so you both will be in the picture.

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Tech Talk

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Popular webcams include...

Logitech QuickCam Pro 9000, which has wide-angle focusing, high-quality images and a built-in microphone. *List price:* \$99.99. *Information:* Visit www.logitech.com/index.cfm/webcam_communications/webcams/.

Microsoft LifeCam VX-3000, which comes with a built-in microphone but has somewhat lower-quality images. *List price:* \$39.95. *Information:* Visit www.microsoft.com/hardware/digitalcommunication/ProductDetails.aspx?pid=001. (Other Microsoft webcams -- still under \$100 -- have higher-quality images.)

Webcam setup: All you have to do is plug it into your computer and install the software from a disc that comes with the webcam. Many retailers can also help by sending a technician to your home or by advising you via phone or computer. Depending on what type of webcam assistance you need, these services might cost \$100 to \$250.

Very shrewd move: Find out if friends or neighbors use webcams. If they do, ask them to help with any setup problems you may run into.

Webcams for Safety

The versatility of webcams has recently led to their use for home safety.

Example: For Mac computers, *Periscope* is software that lets your webcam take pictures of any home intruders when you are not at home.

The program automatically switches on the camera as soon as it detects sound or motion in a room. *Periscope* then takes pictures that are uploaded to the manufacturer's Web site. That way, intruders can't destroy the pictures, even in the unlikely event that they discover the webcam, which is usually in an inconspicuous place, such as a cluttered bookshelf. *List price:* \$24.95. *Information:* 212-929-3549, www.freeverse.com/mac/product/?id=7002.

Mugshot is a similar program that enables a webcam to sense motion and photograph intruders. It then sends you their pictures via e-mail. *List price:* \$8. *Information:* www.nimisis.com/projects/mugshot.php.

These "intruder cams" don't replace burglar alarms, but can be useful additions, providing police with evidence that can lead to arrest and prosecution.



RIDE FOR DREAMS UPDATE

TO ALL TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS MEMBERS



Your Top Cats RIDE FOR DREAMS committee is working hard to put together a ride that we will all be proud of for 2010, and one that will generate the best donations possible for our charity, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (N.I.S.R.A.).

N.I.S.R.A. provides year round recreational activities for people with disabilities. Since 1976, children and adults of all ability levels have enjoyed socializing, building skills and having fun in hundreds of weekly programs, special events, camps and trips each year. N.I.S.R.A. serves 13 local communities in McHenry County and parts of Cook, Lake and Kane Counties. This charity is in our own "backyard" and is one that directly benefits people in our own communities.

The Ride for Dreams is on July 25th at the Volo Auto Museum and we've put together an exciting and winning combination of prizes. The first prize is for a Sachs "Badass", I mean Madass, 125cc Scooter, second prize is a high definition, (HD) Flat Screen TV and third prize is a Weekend Get-away for 2. Also to be raffled is a LRN2RYD motorcycle class, major league baseball tickets, I-Pods and more.

We also will be holding an auction which means we need donations. Please solicit corporate donations from any source possible; your companies, customers and vendors. They all can be sources for donations, so please ask for contributions for our charity. All donors will be recognized on the day of the ride at the Volo Auto Museum.

We all have to do our best to sell the most raffle tickets we can. We will be taking the grand prize scooter to events this summer and will be looking for any assistance to sell tickets and hand out flyers for the ride. A schedule of events will be announced at the April general meeting and we will be looking for volunteers and support.

The cost to register for the Ride for Dreams is \$25 for solo riders and \$40 with passenger. For Top Cats, the pre-registration cost for solo riders is \$15 and \$30 with passenger. This discount will not be good, though, on the day of the ride! We need all Top Cats to bring a buddy and come to support the Ride for Dreams. We all know non-member bikers and bringing a buddy to the ride is a great way to build support for the cause!

Let's do all we can to keep our great tradition alive in supporting the Ride for Dreams!!

NISRA and Top Cats... Everyone wins when you become a part of this great team!

Mike Bradbury and the Ride for Dreams Committee

Remember! Top Cats' 15th Anniversary Sturgis 70th Anniversary Journey

By Traveler



I don't know who said that spontaneity is the spice of life but I can guarantee you that they weren't talking about riding to Sturgis. Experience has taught us that, if we wait, we lose. We lose the opportunity to schedule time off from work, we lose the opportunity to have the bike properly packed and prepared, and we lose the opportunity to reserve hotel rooms. Once again, you can always cancel hotel reservations at the last minute but you can't always make them at the last minute. It just ain't much fun to ride with a group of your friends when you're the only ones who have to stay two blocks away at a different hotel because you failed to make reservations in time. And, the sooner you make your hotel reservations, the more leverage we have as a club to negotiate benefits for our members. Remember, there are 500,000 bikers who go to go Sturgis for Bike Week, each year. Your chances of reserving a room might just be 500,000 to one. Hmmmmmm. Here are the contact numbers for our hotels this year...

Group One (Bard Boand):

Wed. Aug 4, City Center Hotel (old Holiday Inn Downtown), Mankato, MN. Top Cats Special Rate: \$74.94. Phone: (507) 345-1234 / (877)345-5577. Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms.

Thurs Aug 5, River Lodge (old Kelly Inn), Pierre, SD. \$59.00 single, \$65.00 dbl. Phone: (605) 224-4140 ask for Sonya. Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms.

Fri, Aug 6, Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD. Price per contract. Phone: 800-888-ALEX

(2539) ask for Jasmine Markis, if she is available talk to her directly. Must ask for the Top Cats' block of reservations, then they will send you an agreement to fill out and return. Or, see Wayne for a copy of the agreement.

Group Two (Gary Brandt):

Thurs Aug 5, Holiday Inn Fairmont, MN.

\$109.99 / night. Phone: (507) 238-4771 Make reservations under Top Cats' block of rooms. We only have 10 rooms reserved and when they are booked, our chances of getting any more are slim. Book now!

Fri, Aug 6, Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD. Price per contract. Phone: 800-888-ALEX (2539) ask for Jasmine Markis, if she is available talk to her directly. Must ask for the Top Cats' block of reservations, then they will send you an agreement to fill out and return.

Remember, Group 3, led by Wayne Kirkpatrick, will form up at the Alex Johnson Hotel, in Rapid City and depart on 11 August for a five or six day ride home via the Rocky Mountains, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, The Great Sand Dunes, Angel Fire, Red River, and the Santa Fe Trail. Five or six days? Yes, recall the thesis that good rides are based on flexibility? This ride will be about 2,000 miles over 5 days with the option, on any given leg of the trip, to cut the ride short and head directly back home for those who have to be back by a particular date / time.



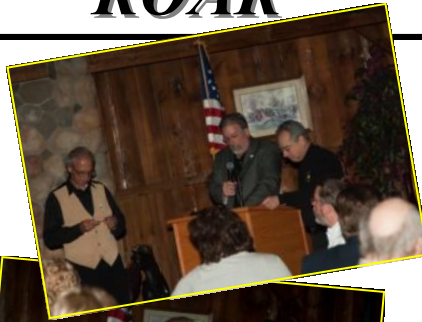
the World According to Andy

WORK EXCUSES

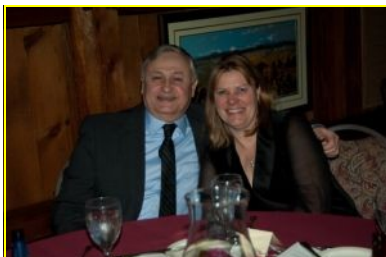
For those of you who are fortunate to have a job or a career where someone is actually giving you a paycheck for services rendered, here are a few excuses you can use when you need to take a mental health day. After all, it's been a long winter and the days are sure getting longer and warmer. Here are a few suggestions that may or may not work for you, so pick and choose carefully. Only you know how gullible your boss is.

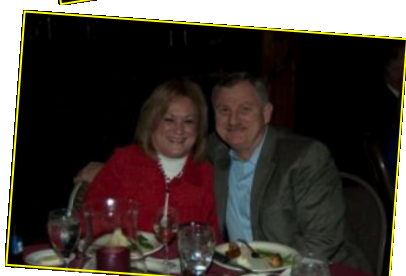
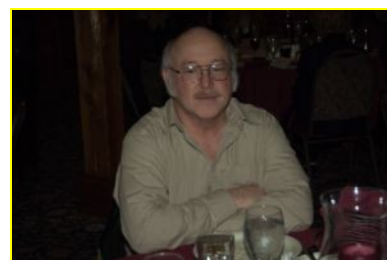
- My cat got ran over by a motorcycle and I need to take it to the vet.
- I can't come to work today because the city is paving my street and I can't get out!
- At my sister's wedding, I chipped my tooth on a Mint Julep, bent over to spit it out and hit my head on a keg and was knocked unconscious.
- Someone put LSD in my salad
- My home is flooded and I'm currently standing on my dresser in my second story bedroom. Thanks and have a nice day.
- I was playing fetch with my dog and the ball took a bad hop and broke a back window. When I went out to check out the damage, I stepped on a big piece of glass and cut my foot really bad. I had to go get stitches, and I don't think I can be on my feet a lot today. The trick to making this excuse stick is to put a pebble in your shoe for a couple of work days to remind yourself to walk with a limp due to the "stitches."
- I got stuck on Blarney's Island and the canoe floated away.
- I won't be in today. I'm still drunk from last night.
- My car ran out of gas on the way to work. I was pushing it to a gas station and I got a stomach hernia and I have to go to the doctors.
- I can't come into work today because of eye trouble.... I can't see working today.
- Constipation has made me a walking time bomb.
- My driveway washed away in the rain last night.
- When I got up this morning, I took two Ex-Lax in addition to my Prozac. I can't get off the john, but I feel good about it.
- I won't be able to come in today. It seems that I have some unknown contagious disease; but I'll be fine on Monday
- Just don't go in or call and when your boss asks why, just say "I FORGOT"

Hope these ideas help and good luck, it's going to be a fine spring!!!!



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Tollway, is being closely monitored, and not just from the peace officer in the squad car. The State of Illinois has now installed static radar detector units on the Tollway and monitors cell phone signals as well as I-PASS transponders to check for speeders, among other things. So far, the Illinois State Police is not allowed to issue tickets from these but has been given jurisdiction over all these modes and dispatches troopers to areas of speeding abuse. The next step, of course, is automatic ticketing. Our local communities will get on the band wagon once they realize they can supplement revenue. As you know, local government has installed countless red light cameras that generate big bucks. The companies that sell this equipment do not charge for it but take a piece of the action every time the hapless motorist pays a fine. The Chicago Tribune has already made expose of politicians' relatives and friends that are owners of these "traffic monitoring" equipment suppliers who are feathering their nests with our hard earned income.

Do not just sit back and accept this. Contact your State Representative and local governmental officials and complain. Email, snail mail ... anything to get their attention that they have stepped over the line. Protect your rights, liberty and independence.

Ride on,
Carl

WANTED



Top Cats Historian

The Top Cats Board is looking for a member to become official historian for the club.

Over the next year we want to create a written and oral history of our club that we can share with existing, new, and potential members.

The club turns 15 in 2010. Many of our legacy members have or will be moving on. We want to capture their and others' stories of our humble beginnings as well as favorite tales of the road.

If you have an interest in becoming Top Cats Historian or being a part of this activity please contact Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty at wombat@dpdougherty.com

HELP WANTED WEBSITE EDITOR

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

The primary responsibility will be to work with the webmaster and various individuals who 'own' certain areas of the website to ensure our content is fresh and inviting as well as come up with ideas for additional content and enhancements to the site to bring more value to our members.

For more information contact any board member or Dennis P (Wombat) Dougherty at wombat@dpdougherty.com



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2ND, 2010

VILLA SOPHIA RESTAURANT - WAUCONDA

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Carl Marcyan, Top Cats President

Opening

The membership was asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marc Peters was introduced as a guest.

Carl commended Mike Bradbury on a great Top Cats banquet. Mike thanked the awards committee for all they did. (Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Bard Board and Chris Marcyan)

ROAR -Website- Dennis Dougherty, Andy Konsewicz and Mary Walters

Dennis talked about the new and updated website that will be ready by riding season. He asked the membership to give him input.

Mary asked for more articles for Roar and passed out questionnaires about the clubs first ride experiences, birthdays, anniversaries, or any other important dates they would like to see in Roar. Carl thanked Mary for a great job on Roar.

Secretary's Report-Muriel Brandt

No report this month.

Safety/GRASS/Road Captains-Wayne Kirkpatrick/Don Schaffer/Ric Case/Gary

Brandt

Ric reminded everyone of the March 7th G.R.A.S.S. class that will be held at the Keller Williams office building in Palatine.

As part of a special feature, which will be done over the next few meetings, Ric went over our hand signals.

Don added that if you bring a guest to a ride it is

your responsibility to make sure they know the hand signals.

Don asked if anyone was interested in leading a ride to see him. He also explained the change in Senior Road Captain requirements. They must mentor a ride each year and lead a ride at least once every other year.

Wayne announced that there were Top Cat coins available for \$10.

A few awards were presented to people who weren't at the Award's Banquet.

Safety Tip-John Lunde

John talked about the effects of alcohol and driving. Consuming even one drink and you might be impaired. He said to ask any senior Road Captain for help if you think you had too much to drink. He asked members to pay attention to new medications that might cause fatigue, maybe start them a day or so before you go out on your bike to make sure you know the side effects.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

Larry asked for people to step up and lead rides. Larry also talked about a special new monthly ride now on the calendar. Every third Tuesday of the month there will be a Franks and Fries ride. Look to web site for details. Larry talked about a Wisconsin back roads ride with Staying Safe motorcycle training which will be May 30th and May 31st.

Greg talked about the Bocce Ball event on March 7th.

Greg also mentioned our Kick off Ride will be April 18th.

Wayne Kirkpatrick talked about the upcoming

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

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Battle Rattle ride in honor of the Armed Forces on May 15.

Gary mentioned that the rooms in Davenport for the Little Sturgis ride are almost gone. Call soon if you want to get one.

Wayne also advised members to make their reservations at the Alex Johnson for Sturgis.

Membership-Stewart Johnson/Eileen Perry

No membership to report this month.

Charity Ride-Mike Bradbury/Joan DeRango

Mike stated that the flyers and raffle tickets were being printed.

Mike Bradbury asked membership to bring a buddy to the Charity Ride. Mike also said the Charity Committee decided on raffling a scooter again this year. 2nd prize will be a TV and 3rd prize will be a weekend getaway. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for NISRA.

Mike talked about the many events being held to sell raffle tickets. (Barrington Cruise nights, Buffo's, and Volo Auto Museum).

Carl Marcyan mentioned the NISRA dinner on April 9th and recommended members to attend.

Vice President's Report-Mike Bradbury

Mike presented Dennis Dougherty the Vice President's trophy. He thanked Dennis for all he does for the club with Roar and the Website.

Mike talked about the Top Cat merchandise and asked if anyone was interested in ordering anything to see him.

Carl complimented Mike on the many jobs well done.

Treasurer's Report-Tom Nichols

Carl talked briefly about this year's budget and added that the board will meet and discuss it at

this month's Board Meeting.

Other Business

Wayne updated us on Top Cat Nick Bender arriving in Afghanistan and asked to keep him in our thoughts.

Carl said our mission for 2010 is to bring in more people to meetings and rides.

Meeting adjourned by Carl Marcyan at 8:45pm

50/50 Raffle Sgt at Arms-Chris Marcyan

This month's winner was Don Schaffer



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9TH, 2010

D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

Present: Carl Marcyan, Gary Brandt, Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Dennis Dougherty, Muriel Brandt, Larry Scalzitti

Absent: Tom Nichols & Stewart Johnson

Guests: Don Schaffer

President-Carl Marcyan called meeting to order at 7:25pm.

Carl and Joe Rominski are continuing to work on copyright protection for the Top Cat logo.

The board was presented with an application for Fred Creed as a new member. After review, Mike Bradbury motioned to accept the new member. Dennis Dougherty seconded the motion and it was approved.

Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne brought up that Top Cat coins are still available for purchase. He continues to look into keychain holders for the coins.

Wayne talked about the March 7th GRASS class commenting that 23 people attended.

Don Schaffer came to update the board on the recent safety committee meeting. He mentioned the only change this year is that senior Road Captains have a new requirement, which is leading a ride every other year along with mentoring a ride every year.

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary passed out a proposal that outlined how the Top Cats 15th anniversary celebration would be

done. The weekend selected will be July 16th, 17th. Also discussed were the various details regarding the events and the funds needed including the expenditure of up to 1,200.00, \$500.00 of which will be for 15th Anniversary patches. Gary motioned to approve the proposal. It was seconded by a Dennis Dougherty and the Board approved.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

Mike presented a break down of the Awards dinner costs.

Mike talked about the upcoming NISRA recognition dinner April 9th encouraging everyone to attend. Mike will coordinate a Top Cats table, based on responses to his RSVP request.

He also updated the board on the Charity ride details.

Treasurer- Tom Nichols (absent)

Gary Brandt went over a final proposal of the 2010 budget. Gary motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Mike Bradbury and the Board approved.

Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty

Dennis showed a presentation of the new website which should be ready for riding season. He demonstrated the various parts and content that the web site will include. There was discussion and some suggestions made. Dennis continues to work with the web site developer.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

Larry passed out activities calendar. Larry asked for feedback on when is a Top Cat ride a Top Cat

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

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ride? Board decided if ride was organized by a Top Cat and led by a Top Cat it would then be put on the calendar as an official Top Cat ride. This does not mean that a ride to another club ride would qualify for RC status.

Secretary- Muriel Brandt

Muriel asked for, and was granted, General Meeting minute approvals.

Old business/New Business

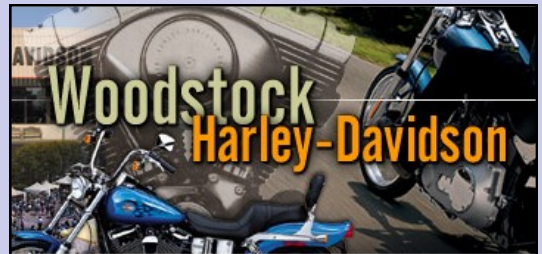
Proposed marking up Top Cat merchandise to cover handling costs. Carl Marcyan motioned and Dennis Dougherty seconded the motion. The board approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10pm.

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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, April 06	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, April 13	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Sunday, April 18	Kickoff Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Andy Konsewicz
Tuesday, April 20	Franks and Fries	Franks for the Memories	Mundelein	6:30 PM	Larry Scalzitti
Sunday, May 02	G.R.A.S.S. Class	TBD	TBD	8:30 AM	Ric Case
Tuesday, May 04	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, May 11	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Saturday, May 15	Battle Rattle Ride	City Limits HD Pala-	Russell Military	8-9:30am	Wayne Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, June 01	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, June 08	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, June 15	Franks and fries	Gene & Judes	River Forest	6:30 PM	Larry Scalzitti
Friday, June 18	Little Sturgis	Rt120 and Rt12	Davenport, Iowa	8:30 AM	Gary Brandt
Tuesday, July 06	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, July 13	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, July 20	Franks and fries	Scooters	Lake Bluff	6:30 PM	Larry Scalzitti
Sunday, July 25	Ride For Dreams	Volo Auto Museum	Volo	9:00 PM	Mike Bradbury

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