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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Carlton R. 'Top Cat' Marcyan



WELCOME HOME WARRIOR

Returning from Afghanistan and spending some time in Bethesda, MD, our longest term Top Cat, Nick Bender, returned home to Barrington to a hero's welcome. On June 12th he was greeted by fifty bikers and numerous Illinois State Troopers after his arrival at O'Hare. Top Cats made up half of the escort that proceeded Barrington bound on the Jane Addams Tollway. The State Police took us a few miles north on Barrington Road and were met by South Barrington and, later, Barrington Police and Fire Department to take us to our destination in downtown Barrington for some speechifying and recognition to Nick for his service to our Country.

Our Director, Wayne Kirkpatrick, organized and implemented this ride and recognition for Nick. Traveler did a great job assembling several bike groups and police and fire departments. Nick was feted at the Wool Street Grill and Sports Bar that graciously served as the end point of the ride. Nick, it is great to have you home.

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JULY

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KAUTION KORNER

NEXT OF KIN AND PERSONAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

By: Bard Board

It is information that we all hope no one will ever need, but picture this: You are an ER Doctor in a hospital Emergency Room, and in comes a biker, not conscious and barely alive, and you have NO further information.

If you were the ER Doctor, or this persons' best riding buddy and there at the accident scene, what kind of information would you want? It is suggested that the following information be carried in two in two (2) places. One is on your person, and the second is in the saddlebags or tour pack on your bike with your registration and insurance papers.

*Full name, address and phone number.

*Medical info: meds taking,, allergies, medical conditions.

*Blood type.

*In case of emergency contacts and phone #'s. (give 3)

1.....first to be called

2.....

3.....

*Medical insurance info: company and policy number w/phone number.

*If you have Med Jet Assist, or any other evacuation insurance, give info.

*Family Doctor and phone number.

*Family lawyer and phone number.

Make sure that you have any other information you would want the ER Doc and your riding buddy to have, and keep it updated as your contacts, meds and other information changes.



Tech Talk

Technology That Can Impact Your Life

LET'S TALK BLUETOOTH

By Andy Konsewicz

After numerous discussions with some of the club members about Bluetooth technology, I decided to contact a few manufacturers and requested a sample of their best offer to the consumer. These findings are my own opinion and may not reflect everyone's opinion but to coin a phrase, I will be "fair and balanced".

For the most part, Bluetooth is designed to be like a piece of jewelry and therefore may forgo some of the things that are necessary to have great noise canceling. In my opinion, the closer the microphone is to the mouth, the better the noise canceling due to the fact that there is less ambient noise to be picked up in a smaller distance from the lips to the mic causing better keying in on the users voice.

That being said, my other big issue with three out of the four products tested is the fact that no matter how good the noise cancelling, I couldn't increase the ear volume to hear comfortably especially in a hostile environment. Just think, you're at the Cubs game and your boss calls. You have him fooled about where you are because the noise canceling is blocking out the drunks that are screaming in the bleachers but you can't turn up the volume loud enough to comprehend his questions. So here we go...

Andrea Electronics B-200

Pros: Very light weight. Excellent noise canceling boom microphone. Multi-point pairing allow to connect to more than one Bluetooth device. Bundled with USB receiver which enables wireless PC connection to Bluetooth headset. Eight to ten hours talk time. Inexpensive it fits.

Cons: Although light weight, did not sit comfortably on my ear and because of that I could not

hear very well in noisy situations. Not a piece of jewelry.

VXi BlueParrot XPressway

Pros: Multiple wearing styles out of the box. By far the best noise cancelling in combination with the ability to increase ear volume in any environment. Multipoint pairing. Fifteen plus hours of talk time. Gets the job done period!

Cons: Not a light weight or glamorous piece of jewelry.

Plantronics Voyager Pro

Pros: Extremely comfortable and sits nicely behind the ear. Multipoint pairing. Solid noise canceling with a boom microphone. Plantronics successfully combines great noise canceling with a unit that is very stylish. Although battery life is not as long as the two units above, it comes in at a respectable six hours.

Cons: Noise canceling will not block out a semi tractor trailer. Ear piece volume is extremely poor.

Jabra Extreme

Pros: Because of its small size and weight it's very comfortable to the point you forget you're wearing it. Multipoint pairing. Five and a half hour talk time. This is by far a piece of jewelry.

Cons: I found that due to the small size the noise canceling was iffy depending upon the situation. Ear piece volume was terrible and conversations were difficult to hear in any type of hostile environment.

WELCOME HOME SARGE! By Traveler

Normally, drizzle, overcast, wet roads and long delays aren't the ingredients for an enjoyable day but....that was not the case on 12 June, 2010. On that dreary Saturday afternoon, about 50 riders from all around the northwest suburbs stood around the parking lot of the Des Plaines Oasis in rain gear anxiously anticipating one of the most memorable days of their lives....bringing home a fellow rider, a Top Cat, a brother, a friend, a young father and, above all, one of America's wounded warriors.



In concert with Rolling Thunder, Chapter 2, IL, Top Cats welcomed US Army Sergeant Dominick Bender back from his tour in Afghanistan where he was wounded in an ambush on 15 April. The homecoming event was a surprise to Nick and included a police – escorted motorcycle escort to the Wool Street bar in Barrington and a reception ceremony organized by "We Do Care" a patriotic organization that supports active duty military personnel, their families, and veterans.



Somehow, the weather didn't matter as our hearts warmed and smiles broke out when our own Top Cat, arrived at the parking lot to resounding applause, hugs handshakes and heart-felt displays of appreciation.



The motorcycle escort was an awesome display of American support for our soldiers as many people waved, honked and, somehow realized that we were on a very special mission as we escorted Nick to Barrington assisted by riders from Warriors Watch, Jersey Pine Cruisers, HOG chapters, Blue Knights, American Legion Riders, and many other local clubs. There could not have been a prouder group of motorcyclists on a more important mission, anywhere else on that



afternoon and....it just kept getting better.

As we arrived at the Wool Street Bar, a cheering crowd was gathered to greet Nick with signs, flags, and a sense of pride that surpassed any recent event in the Barrington area.

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The ultimate reward for waiting in the rain all afternoon had to be the sight of Nick's reunion with his kids in front of Wool Street Bar. There just weren't any dry eyes in that crowd after that.



The outstanding homecoming reception at Wool Street was the result of the great effort put out by "We Do Care". Guest speakers had comments of praise and appreciation and the President of the Barrington Town Council presented Nick with a declaration of June 12, 2010 as SGT Nick Bender Day.



Finally, the crowd hushed as SGT Bender took the microphone and thanked everybody for a homecoming that was overwhelming to him. Fighting through tears of pride, appreciation and emotions that only a soldier will experience, Nick humbly reminded us that he also has over 94,000 brothers and sisters in uniform back in Afghanistan who still need our support, our thoughts, and our prayers.



SGT Bender's homecoming not only gave us a reason to honor a fellow Top Cat but, it gave us the opportunity to be proud of who we are and what we can accomplish when the cause is honorable.

Bored Members

By Traveler

Bored members? Yes, bored, not board. As a member of the Top Cats for nearly 14 years, I have observed a commonality among Board members from year to year...boredom. If you think it's exciting discussing, in painful detail, the club's most trivial, mundane issues after a full day of work, to determine what's in the best interest of our members then...ZZZZZZZ.



Add to this utter vacuum of emotional stimulation, the least amount of criticism, and you get the Nation's most thankless job... club board member.

Each of our Board members actively contributes to the welfare and enjoyment of every member by not only looking for areas of improvement but, by patiently listening, discussing, evaluating, and voting on issues brought before the Board. Often, Board meetings drag on for two or three hours. These unpaid and I hope they stay that way, positions demand someone who cares enough about their sport, and their fellow Top Cats, to sacrifice their time and maintain their interest in keeping the club functioning.

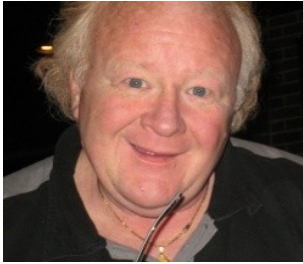
Every Board member welcomes, and invites input, ideas, and recommendations on how to improve everything we do as a club. No one, however, can please all of the people, all of the time and some criticism is expected from time to time.

Just remember...the galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. Down on the field are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt many things. Henry Ford forgot to put a reverse gear into his first automobile. Edison spent almost two million dollars on an invention that was a total failure. And, Babe Ruth, for decades the Home Run King, holds baseball's strikeout record.

The man who makes no mistakes is the one who never tries anything. He becomes the brake on the wheel of progress. I suppose, in all fairness, it cannot be said that he makes no mistakes at all for his biggest mistake is not that he tries nothing but, that he criticizes those who do.

Next time you have the chance to talk with any Board member, tell them what you think about the club and how to make it better. Don't just criticize, whine, and complain to the person next to you, or assume you can't change anything...., make a difference. If you feel strongly enough about an issue...take it to a Board member for help in getting it addressed by the Board. Every one of them will welcome your comments.

And, if you happen to have the ear of Carl, Mike, Muriel, Tom, Dennis, Larry, or Stewart someday, just quietly thank them for giving of their time and effort for our enjoyment. That would go a long way toward making a great club, even greater.



the World According to Andy

REAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND ADS

Medford police Monday.

Miscellaneous

- Dog attack — Lower Duck Pond, Lithia Park, Ashland. Police responded to a report of two dogs running loose and attacking ducks at about 11:20 a.m. Sunday. The officer cited a resident for the loose dogs. The duck refused medical treatment and left the area, according to police records.
- Jail releases — Jackson

Tiger Woods plays with own balls, Nike says

BY DAVID KRAMER

Woods, who has won 14 major championships, said he has used Nike balls since he was 10 and expects to use them for the rest of his career.

JAY CROWLEY

One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers

The other afternoon, a man and a woman came to my door.

Fish need water, Feds say

By Phil Hayworth

While conservation groups and others well

County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds

BY MATT COOPER
The Register-Guard

Lane County will spend up to \$250,000 this year publicizing its tight financial picture, in hopes that voters in November will approve higher taxes for public-safety services.

It's an amount for county spending on publicity that has been unparalleled in at least the past 10 years. And it illustrates the seriousness of the effort to persuade voters

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Utah Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison

Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons is the theme for National Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26. The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that poisonings can be prevented. In 2004, the Utah Poison Control Center responded to over 50,000 calls, the majority of which were about potential poisonings.

Over 95 percent of the potential poisoning exposures involved children under age 5. The top five substances that children ingest include:

- Giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage each use.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children.
- Never refer to medicine as candy.
- Clean your medicine cabinet periodically, safely disposing of unneeded and outdated medicines.

The UPCC, part of the College of Pharmacy, has an active community outreach program. In 2004, representatives of the Utah Poison Control Center provided 126 community presentations and distributed more than 40,000 poison prevention education materials.

Army vehicle disappears

AN Australian Army vehicle worth \$74,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage. Police are seeking public help to find the four-wheel drive, which was

JUNE 5TH—TOP CATS CATCH A BIG ONE AT THE NISRA FISHING DERBY

By Joan DeRango

A few Top Cats met at Bobby's for breakfast. – Very few! Me and Mike Bradbury to be exact. We ate and just as we decided that we would return home and meet up later at the fishing derby, Don Schaffer appeared. We told him that the threat of rain had made the ride portion of the event optional, Don decided the threatening sky wouldn't keep them from riding and Mike agreed. They followed me around the back roads of Illinois arriving at the Farley Pier in Wauconda at 11:00 a.m. Thanks, Mike and Don. It was a good ride - peaceful, relaxing, and energizing - a signal of how the rest of the day would go!

Actually the weather turned out to be perfect. A bit overcast, but no rain!! Other Top Cats – Larry,



Joy, Eileen, Carl, Chris, Mark, and Andy - were already there working with the other NISRA volunteers to prepare for the arrival of the fishing derby participants. It wasn't long before the boats started to bring the fishermen back.

Don Schaffer set up his camera and invited the participants to sit on our bikes and get their pictures taken. Their smiles lit up the cloudy skies. Between photo sessions we served up lunch and viewed the awards ceremony. What a privilege to be able watch the NISRA staff at work. Their compassion and caring for the participants was evident in everything they did. It was an uplifting day for all. What a great group of people we are helping with our *Ride for Dreams!* This event allowed us all to enjoy the day and develop motivation for making our July 24th ride a success!

The NISRA crowd pulled in a number of great fish... But the biggest catch of the day was the Spirit of Camaraderie that was built between the Top Cats and NISRA families. This was my first time volunteering for the Derby, but it definitely won't be my last!





WELCOME HOME NICK!

By: Gary Brandt

Fellow Top Cat and Rolling Thunder member, Nick Bender, received a fitting hero's welcome Saturday. Having recovered enough from his battle wounds to travel, he came home for a short vacation. The event was organized by several organizations in the area; *Rolling Thunder* and *Warriors Watch* were in charge of the escort from the O'Hare area to Barrington, and the *We Do Care* group set up the welcome in downtown Barrington.



Nick was picked up late in the afternoon after sitting through several hours of delays in D.C.. His first surprise came when the car he was in took an unexpected turn off the tollway into the Des Plaines Oasis. There waiting for him were over 40 motorcycles, several vehicles and the Illinois State Police. Luck was with us all as the rain and severe storms stayed south. We only had to deal with a light rain, but no one was complaining as this is nothing compared to what our soldiers have to go through protecting us.

After a short greeting it was off to Barrington. Thanks to an excellent effort by the State Troopers, who basically closed I90 so we could ride in safe manner, we had a 30 minute ride that can be compared to nothing I have ever experienced. You could see the pride on the faces of all the Top Cats, Rolling Thunder and Warrior Watch faces as a true American Hero was honored.

As we exited the tollway, the local police departments took over and guided the miles long parade up Barrington Rd. There were dozens of people lining the streets in Barrington as we turned off into the downtown area to the Metra parking lot. Everyone then went into the Wool Street Bar and Grill for a short program where Nick received many accolades and a few gifts.

Thanks Nick for all you have done. We are glad you are one of us!



LAST CALL????

Traveler

When we hear "Last Call" it typically indicates the pending loss of an opportunity to do something that we enjoy. It's no different when it's applied to our annual trek to the Black Hills and Sturgis Bike Week.

This year is the Top Cats' 15th Anniversary and the 70th Anniversary of the legendary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. We are about 30 + days away from the 70th Annual Black Hills Rally and from this long standing Top Cats' tradition....our annual trek to Sturgis.

We have two groups and two departure dates heading to Sturgis this year. Each group will be lead by one of our most experienced Senior Road Captains and, following the Sturgis trip, a third group will head south to ride the Rockies and return on the Santa Fe Trail.

Group One will take a leisurely, three – day ride staying in Mankato, MN the first night, Pierre, SD the second night, and Rapid City the third and remaining nights. Make your hotel reservations for Group One now.

Group Two will leave a day later and take two days to ride out staying in Fairmont, MN the first night and arriving in Rapid City, SD the second night. Make your hotel reservations for Group Two now.

Group Three will leave the Alex Johnson Hotel on the morning of 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. Make your hotel reservations for Group Three now.

Anyone can ride out to Sturgis with either Group One or Group Two and depart with Group Three from the Alex Johnson in Rapid City on 11 Aug.

Of course, if you don't make your hotel reservations by 15 June for the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City, none of this matters and...you don't have to read any further! This is....the Last Call.

If you are not sure of your schedule, your opportunity to get away, or for any reason, you're still undecided about the Sturgis trip, make your reservations now and you can always change or cancel them.

If you miss the 15 June cut off for reservations at the Alex Johnson in Rapid City, there will be little chance for you to join us nightly for drinks on the patio, relax with your Top Cat pals, enjoy dinner and breakfast together and do what we enjoy the most....ride together, socialize together and party together as a group.

Remember, life is like one tank of gas...it eventually runs out and it's up to us to decide how to burn the fuel. We can use it idling or we can use it with a wide open throttle...Last Call...

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Group One (Bard Board):

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!

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Group Three (Wayne Kirkpatrick):

Wed, Aug 11, Thurs, Aug 12, Days Inn Manitou, Colorado Springs, CO, Price: \$128.00 / night, Phone: (719) 685-1312, ask for Dorothy. We have 10 rooms blocked for Top Cats. (<http://www.daysinn.com>)

Fri, Aug 13, Laguna Vista Lodge, Eagles Nest, NM, Price: \$85.00 / night for cabins. Phone: (800) 821-2093, ask for Crystal or Jesse. They will not block rooms but they have plenty of cabins available. Mention Top Cats. (www.lagunavistalodge.com)

Sat, Aug 14, Days Inn, Dodge City, KS, Price: \$65.00 / night, Phone: (620) 225-0231, ask for Priti. We have 10 rooms blocked for Top Cats. (<http://www.daysinn.com>)

Sun, Aug 15, Econo Lodge, Sedalia, MO, Price: \$95.00 /night, Phone: (660) 826-8400, ask for Mary. We have 10 rooms blocked for Top Cats. (<http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-sedalia-missouri-MO027>)

Mon, Aug 16, Home

Please let Wayne know when you make your Group Three hotel reservations; wkirkpa177@aol.com, PH: (847) 854-4137

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BE VIGILENT

My wife and I were invited to a Friday evening wedding a few weeks ago. Sitting next to me was a young man, about 30 years of age. He and I struck up a conversation and quickly realized we were both bikers. What made the conversation even more interesting was that he had just received a response to a text message from a girl he had met, and he was inviting her to ride with him on his bike sometime the next day or two. About a week after the wedding I received word that the young man and his girlfriend were involved in a one vehicle accident while he was riding her on his bike. I am not sure of the circumstances of the tragic accident that was fatal to both; only that his bike left the roadway and the ride ended tragically. Remember to ride cautiously and even more so when we are riding 2-up. We all know the physics of riding changes much with two riders. Requiem en Pace, Brandon.

OK, SO LET'S RIDE

Enough of the sobriety of life; we have many rides planned for the rest of the summer and fall. Make sure to attend our monthly meetings at Villa Sofia, watch our terrific website and ride with us. Sturgis is just around the corner, so

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

JUNE 1ST, 2010

VILLA SOFIA RESTAURANT - WAUCONDA, IL

26400 N. RAND RD., WAUCONDA, IL 60084

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Carl Marcyan, Top Cats President

Opening

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

Guests

- Vince O'Leary and John Sweeney
- Carl asked John Sweeney from Lake Shore Harley to speak about their charity event for Lambs Farm which will be held Oct. 3rd.
- Stewart Johnson, representing membership, once again summarized the requirements to become a Top Cat.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury

Nothing to report

Past President-Gary Brandt

Gary talked about the upcoming anniversary weekend celebration. Per the email, tickets were available for those who RSVP'd. Gary thanked Chuck Prettyman for all his work so far with the Saturday (7/16) party. The routes for the door to door ride are in the works.

Gary passed around a Top Cat belt buckle that will be raffled off that weekend. Raffle tickets will be sold at the July general meeting and during the celebration weekend. The raffle will be held on Sunday 7/17.

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

Andy asked for articles to be submitted on time to be published in Roar.

Charity-Joan DeRango and Mike Bradbury

- Raffle tickets and flyers were available for members to pick up and sell. Mike talked about the prizes for the raffle.
- Joan asked members to try and get donations from companies for auction the day of event.
- The committee also encouraged members to go to Buffos restaurant on June 12th to help sell raffle tickets.
- Carl asked for volunteers to help set-up the day before the event.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick suggested members could donate an oil change to be auctioned.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti/Greg Smith

- Larry thanked Chuck Prettyman for lunch ride that was in May. Chuck commented that he is planning a lunch ride once a month.
- Larry promoted the Franks and Fries ride.
- Larry talked about the Stay in Safe ride, he and several others attended over Memorial Day weekend. He encouraged members to look into going to one of those classes.
- Greg thanked the road captains for rides they already led. Additional rides are needed to fill the activities calendar. Greg talked

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about the upcoming rides.

- Carl spoke about the State Police Memorial ride on July 31st to Springfield.
- Carl also told members to consider going to Sturgis this year for the 70th anniversary of Sturgis and the 15th anniversary of Top Cats.

Meeting adjourned by Carl Marcyan at 8:40pm.

Top Cat History-Chuck Prettyman

- Chuck passed out a copy of the original ballot for voting and a 1998 copy of Roar. The Roar didn't change until 2006 when the logo was changed.
- He talked about the Top Cats and its early history with NISRA. They went to the try-outs for the Special Olympics to be huggers for the kids. We attended their fishing derby for the first time in 2002, and helped cook. Also in the early years with NISRA we took pictures of the kids on the bikes.

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

- Don congratulated Top Cats on riding safe. He reminded everyone to follow the two second rule and not to invade other rider's space.
- It was mentioned that Tony Loden led a successful ride and will qualify to become a Road Captain at his one year anniversary.
- Top Cat coins were available for purchase.
- Wayne gave an update on fellow Top Cat, Nick Bender, who is recovering nicely after being wounded. Several Top Cats spent time with Nick at the Rolling Thunder *Ride to the Wall* over Memorial Day.



Membership-Stewart Johnson/Eileen Perry

Stewart introduced two new members, Andy Hay and Bob Malmen.

50/50 Raffle

This month's winner was Andy Konsewicz



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8TH, 2010

D&J BISTRO - LAKE ZURICH

Submitted by Muriel Brandt

Present: Carl Marcyan, Gary Brandt, Muriel Brandt, Stewart Johnson, Larry Scalzitti and Mike Bradbury

Absent: Tom Nichols, Wayne Kirkpatrick and Dennis Dougherty

President Carl Marcyan called meeting to order at 7:38pm.

Membership-Stewart Johnson

- Stewart presented the board with an application for membership. A motion to approve Chris Heller, as a Regular member was made by Mike Bradbury and seconded by Larry Scalzitti and approved.

Carl thanked Stewart for introducing new members at the June general meeting.

Safety and Awards-Wayne Kirkpatrick

No report

Past President-Gary Brandt

Planning continues for the 15th anniversary weekend celebration. Gary is working with Chuck Prettyman for live music for Sat. night's dinner. Costs of the dinner were discussed. Gary said tents are still needed for the event.

Activities-Larry Scalzitti

- Larry talked about remaining open dates in August and September for ride opportunities. Larry asked if anyone had ideas to stir up ways to get road captains to lead rides. Carl suggested picking a destination and sending an email out to see if anyone steps up to lead a ride there.

Larry asked if anyone would be interested in long distance rides.

Secretary- Muriel Brandt

Muriel thanked the board for getting their approvals for meeting minutes returned quickly.

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Roar/Website-Dennis Dougherty

- Gary reported that more articles are needed for Roar. Stewart suggested putting information about the new members in Roar.
- A forum for Roar was discussed.

Vice President-Mike Bradbury Charity Ride update

- Mike said there was a good response from the general meeting of people requesting more raffle tickets.
- He talked about the 4x6 cards that were purchased to pass out with info on the charity ride. The charity committee is also looking for extra help as event gets closer.
- More donations for auctioning off the day of the event are needed.
- Tents for the event are being looked into.
- Muriel was asked to order Top Cat event pins.

Lakeshore Harley asked Top Cats to attend their next meeting to promote our charity event.

Treasurer- Tom Nichols (absent)

Carl reviewed financial report with the board. There still remain some details to be clarified and updated. Carl and Stewart will work with Tom Nichols on this issue.

Old business/new business

- Carl suggested speaker, Rod Taylor from ABATE to speak at a future general meeting. Carl and Mike talked about the success of the NISRA fishing derby where the Top Cats helped with lunch and Top Cat Don Schaffer took pictures of the NISRA participants on the motorcycles.

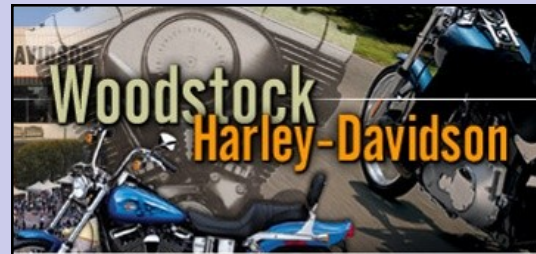
There was some discussion about new officers for 2011. Gary Brandt will use the same process as in 2010 for the election.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:55pm

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, July 06	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Saturday, July 10	Big Cats Ride	Broken Oar	Valley of the Kings	9:30 AM	Stefen Levy
Sunday, July 11	Byron's 5 Alarm Firehouse & Pub	Shell Station, Corner of RT12 and Lake Cook	Byron, IL	8:30AM	Tony Loden
Tuesday, July 13	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
July 16 17 & 18	TC's Celebration weekend	See web site for details	See web site for details	See web site for details	Past Presidents
Tuesday, July 20	Franks and fries	Scooters	Lake Bluff	6:30 PM	Larry Scalzitti
Saturday, July 25	Ride For Dreams	Volo Auto Museum	Volo	9:00 PM	Mike Bradbury
Saturday, July 31-Aug 1	Police Foundation Memorial Ride	Walker Bros. Pancake Arlington Heights	Springfield	7:30AM	Carl Marcyan
Sunday, August 01	G.R.A.S.S. Class	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:30AM	Ric Case
Tuesday, August 03	General Meeting	Villa Sofia	Wauconda	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Wednesday, August 04	Sturgis-A	D&J Bistro Lake Zurich	Rapid City, SD	8:00 AM	Boand
Thursday, August 05	Sturgis-B	Rt120 and Rt12	Rapid City, SD	8:00 AM	Gary Brandt
Sunday, August 15, 2010	Wisc State Fair Ride	Rt 60 and 176	Wisconsin State Fair	8:15 AM	Mike Bradbury
Tuesday, August 17	Board Meeting	D & J Bistro	Lake Zurich	7:30 PM	Carl Marcyan
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	Franks and fries	Dog and Suds	Richmond	6:30 PM	Larry Scalzitti

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