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Upcoming Events

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- 21 GRASS Class
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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



Well, the frost isn't on the proverbial pumpkin yet but...it's

creeping up on it. This time of year is always busy for so many of us and for our Club as we close out 2012 and prepare for 2013. Recently we enjoyed, once again, three fantastic events thanx to the dedication and unselfish efforts of our road captains, mentors, tail gunners, and hosts.

On 2 September, we were led by Russ Peiffer on an amazing back – road ride to the HD Museum and WI State HOG Rally in Milwaukee. What a great selection of roads that almost demand to be ridden again. The only embarrassing moment was being led into the Harley Museum parking lot and crowded HOG Rally by a guy on a Vulcan. Fortunately some of us had full face helmets to hide behind.



And, when it comes to hiding, we did pretty well when Rich Flynn led us to a Revolutionary War reenactment at Cantigny Park and the McCormick Museum & First Division Museum on 8 Sept. We effectively made it through the entire reenactment without a single

member getting wounded from these guys....



Of course...nobody got wounded from these guys either...



Cantigny Park is a definite visit for our 2013 calendar!

The Top Cats rallied, as usual, to enjoy the hospitality of Russ and

Theresa Peiffer, Noelle and Gene Rigsby, Joy and Larry Johnson, and Mary Walters and myself during our 2012 Progressive Dinner Ride.



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KAUTION KORNER

Autumn Leaves

The Beauty and the Beast

By: Greg Smith

Senior Road Captain



Fall has arrived and will soon award us with its beautiful colors. There may be no better way to experience these colors than riding a motorcycle on the open roads. Fall also starts the winding down of our riding season and at the same time, gives us some of our best and most colorful scenic rides.

As the leaves start showing their vibrant colors they also start to fall, blow around, and pile up. This piling up of leaves happens not only on our lawns and driveways, but also on the roads causing multiple road hazards. This is the Beast side of fall that we must endure.

We may assume that wet leaves offer less traction than dry leaves; this might be true. The real question is how dry are the leaves. Leaves hold moisture and as they start to decay they generate more moisture. The leaves on the top of a patch or pile may appear to be dry and blowing around. However the leaves underneath, on the road surface, may be wet and starting to decay causing very slippery oil like conditions. This condition can be very dangerous especially when stopping, accelerating and cornering. When riding you would always do your best to avoid oil on the road. Likewise, you should do your best to avoid leaves.

Another serious condition caused by falling leaves is the covering and camouflaging of road hazards. What may appear to be a small pile of leaves may not be a pile at all but in fact a few leaves covering an obstruction on the road such as a rock, stick, or chunk of asphalt. Patches of leaves may also cover other serious road obstructions such as potholes, large cracks, and uneven road surfaces. All of these serious obstructions could cause you to lose control of your motorcycle.



The best thing to do while enjoying all the beauty of a fall ride is to make an effort to avoid riding through those tempting piles and patches of leaves.

Enjoy the fall, ride safe, and get out there and see those beautiful colors!



Oil Spots

By: Traveler

Head of Motorcycle Crash Study Resigns

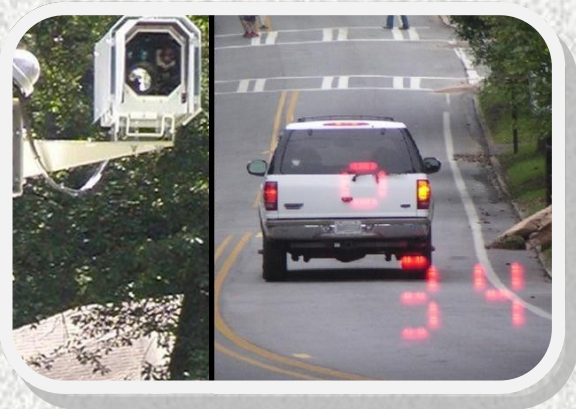
Dr. Samir Ahmed, the Oklahoma State University researcher who has been heading up the motorcycle crash causation study, announced that he was leaving the program stating; "I am writing to let you know that I am no longer working on the motorcycle crash causation study. I have serious reservations about the value of study with the existing FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) involvement. My expectations of the study are very low."



The study was originally planned to examine 900 crashes but due to funding difficulties that was cut back to approximately 300, though the Case Counter on the FHWA website currently reads 100. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) had raised commitments from its members to provide \$3 million to the study but decided not to make the money available for a study with fewer than the 900. It was decided then that the study would use only one location instead of the three that had been envisioned, and the reduced study got underway last year. In the meantime, the MSF has announced the conclusion of an unprecedented year-long Motorcycle Naturalistic Study in conjunction with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute designed to track comprehensive, real-time routine riding that likely included near crash, pre-crash, and actual crash data that had heretofore been unavailable. The study is yielding preliminary results that will be released at a later date.

Speed Cameras Everywhere?

As drivers become more savvy about spotting speed cameras along roads and highways, police are making it tougher by disguising their revenue-generating equipment. Authorities in and around Washington D.C. are expanding their speed camera programs, and now they're purchasing cameras that look like mailboxes and trash containers to unsuspecting motorists. They are also more mobile, so police can reposition them so drivers cannot get used to seeing them in one particular area. Prince George's County in Maryland purchased nearly 60 mobile cameras last year, and expects to generate \$28 million in annual revenue, reports the news outlet. A similar speed-camera program in D.C. generated \$55 million in fiscal year 2011.



Across the country: 13 states utilize speed-reading cameras, while 12 states have passed laws banning them. Twenty-four states are currently operating at least one red-light camera within their borders, while another nine prohibit their use. Despite the conflicting laws, overall use of cameras has gone up rapidly in recent years: red-light cameras were in 25 communities in 2000, compared with more than 500 today. Speed cameras went from 20 jurisdictions in 2005 to 113 today.

Oil Spots, Continued...

Victory Recalls 6,600 Motorcycles

Polaris is recalling more than 6,600 2012-13 Victory motorcycles so that dealers can correctly torque certain throttle cable retention nuts, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration announced.

"On certain motorcycles, the throttle cable cable retention nuts for either the pull or push throttle cable may not have been torqued correctly.



The 6,618 motorcycles named in the recall include:

- 2013 Boardwalks; 2012 Kingpins.
- 2012-13 Cross-Country, Cross Roads, Hammer, Hard-Ball, High-Ball, Jackpot, Judge, Vegas and Vision models; and

The recall campaign is expected to begin Oct. 12. Victory said it would notify owners; dealers will need to re-torque the fasteners free of charge.

Triumph Recalls 10,366 Street Triple, Daytona Motorcycles

Triumph Motorcycles America Ltd. is recalling model-year 2006-09 Street Triple, Street Triple R and Daytona 675 motorcycles to fix a problem with the regulator/rectifier.



"The regulator/rectifier can overheat and prevent the motorcycle from charging," NHTSA said in Recall No. [12V445000](#). "Once the battery is fully discharged, the motorcycle may stall." Unexpected stalling increases the risk of a crash, the agency reported.

Dealers will be required to inspect the units and, if necessary, replace the regulator/rectifier free of charge. Triumph said it would notify owners directly but did not specify when that effort would begin.

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October Birthdays and Anniversaries



4th Fred Creed

5th Judy Scalzitti

8th Ron Freudenberger

22nd Ric Case

30th Gene Rigby

31st George Lax



25th

Ric and Jacque Case

Let us know your important dates so that we can celebrate with you!!



Oil Spots, Continued...

Harley Diagnostic iPhone App

A Canadian software designer has developed an iPhone app that helps diagnose mechanical problems on Harley-Davidsons with an easy-to-read digital gauge. [GaugeFace](#) designer Sven Resch created the app for Harley-Davidson models, but he said he's working to expand it to other makes.

"In my mind, why do I have to take it to garage when the engine light comes on?" Resch, CEO of Logi-copolis Technology, told [Metronews](#). "My (app) does that, it tells you what's wrong. If you're apt to figure it out and you can clear the problem, you don't have to go to garage to do things, and if you bring it into a Harley shop, you can feel confident that things are on the up-and-up."



The app, compatible with iPhones and iPads, gives users a variety of displays including a speedometer, tachometer, levels for engine temperature, a fuel gauge, gear indicator and indicator lights. The software can be downloaded for free, and for \$265 users can also buy the hardware adapter, which connects the iPhone to a Harley-Davidson.

"It's really been popular more with the younger crowd, so what I'm finding is there's a cross-section of those that are techno-savvy, that have an iPhone, are really into it, and they have a Harley-Davidson," Resch said. "I think that cross-section will expand

over time as the demographic of people buying Harleys slowly changes."

E15 Back In The News

The EPA approved E15 in October 2010 for use in cars from model years 2007 and later, then in January approved the fuel for use in models made from 2001 to 2006.

The United States Court of Appeals has dismissed a lawsuit by three groups against the implementation of E15 and its approval by the EPA.



Last month, the US Court of Appeals dismissed a challenge of the EPA's authority to permit 15-percent ethanol (E15) content in gasoline for 2001 and newer model year cars and light trucks.

Plaintiffs in the case included groups representing the motorcycle industry. Judges David Sentelle and David Tatel found the concerns advanced by petitioners were primarily speculative and not based on any concrete, documented concerns on behalf of their representative client base. They [ruled](#) that the implementation of E15 was simply an option and not a government-mandated requirement being forced into the marketplace.

(Sources: Dealer News Alert, Motorcycle Powersport News, Iron Works News and Information)

Qualifications, Nominations, Voting and Elections

By Traveler

Over the past 18 years, our Club has had the good fortune of being led by a group of dedicated and skilled Board members. They have initiated new programs and activities, established innovative processes, always tried to please as many as possible, kept our Club evolving and , on occasion, put in long hours, struggled with sensitive issues, and made tough, and thankless, decisions.



As we approach our elections this December, we have an **obligation**, as members, to continue that legacy of competence through our electoral process. By now, all members should be aware of our requirements for voting, our eligibility requirements for running for office, and our open Board positions and term lengths.

Now, in the very unlikely event that you forgot, here is a summary of our process and our policies.....

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

This year, we will be voting on a new President, Vice President, and two directors. Each will start a new, two – year term on 1 Jan 2013.

OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for President, Vice President, must have three years as a Full member in good standing in the Club and have served as a committee chair or in a Board position, for one year.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for director must have a minimum of one year as a Full member in good standing and have served on a committee or in a Board position for one year.

TERM LENGTHS:

Officer and director terms are two – year terms, not to exceed three two – year terms.

ELECTION CYCLES:

The President, Vice President, and two directors will be elected this year to serve until elections for the 2015 term. In 2013, we will have elections for our Secretary, Treasurer, and two directors who will serve until elections for the 2016 term.

NOMINATING PROCESS:

Full Members, in good standing, may nominate any of the eligible individuals listed above for an open position. The names of nominees must be submitted to any Board member; (President: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Vice President: Gary Brandt, Secretary: Mary Walters, Treasurer: Stewart Johnson, Past President: Mike Bradbury, or directors: Larry Johnson, Ric Case, Ric Case, or Greg Smith) before 15 Nov 12. Members who nominate an individual should assure that the individual will accept that nomination. Candidates may be nominated anytime prior to 15 Nov 12 by email, telephone, or in person to the serving Board members. Nominees will then be verified as Full Members in good standing who accept the nomination and added to the ballot.

VOTING:

Ballot voting will be held at the 4 Dec 12 General Meeting. To be eligible to vote members must be Full Members in good standing i.e. attend three Top Cats events during 2012, and 2013 dues paid.



Elections Continued...

ELIGIBLE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR:

Full Members who are eligible to run for a directors' position, subject to timely receipt of 2013 dues, are:

- ◇ Boand, Bard
- ◇ Bradbury, Michael
- ◇ Brandt, Gary
- ◇ Brandt, Muriel
- ◇ Braun, Randy
- ◇ Case, Richard
- ◇ Dougherty, Dennis P.
- ◇ Freudenberger, Ronald
- ◇ Johnson, Larry
- ◇ Johnson, Stewart
- ◇ Kirkpatrick, Wayne
- ◇ Kornecki, Emil
- ◇ Levy, Stefan
- ◇ Loden, Terri
- ◇ Loden, Tony
- ◇ Malia, Thomas
- ◇ Marcyan, Carlton
- ◇ Michaud, Pat
- ◇ Peiffer, Russ
- ◇ Peiffer, Theresa
- ◇ Rigsby, Gene
- ◇ Rigsby, Noelle
- ◇ Scalzitti, Judy
- ◇ Scalzitti, Larry
- ◇ Smith, Greg
- ◇ Smith, Jane
- ◇ Tietz, Jeffrey
- ◇ Walters, Mary
- ◇ Yates, William



ELIGIBLE NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, OR DIRECTOR:

Full Members who are eligible to run for either President, Vice President, or director, subject to timely receipt of 2013 dues, are:

- ◇ Boand, Bard
- ◇ Bradbury, Michael
- ◇ Brandt, Gary
- ◇ Brandt, Muriel
- ◇ Case, Richard
- ◇ Dougherty, Dennis P.
- ◇ Johnson, Larry
- ◇ Johnson, Stewart
- ◇ Kirkpatrick, Wayne
- ◇ Loden, Terri
- ◇ Loden, Tony
- ◇ Malia, Thomas
- ◇ Marcyan, Carlton
- ◇ Scalzitti, Larry
- ◇ Smith, Greg
- ◇ Tietz, Jeffrey
- ◇ Walters, Mary



CAMPAIGNING:

Simply put, we do not believe it is in the Club's best interest to campaign. A candidate's history of contributing to the Club as well as their demonstrated leadership, committee performance and experience will speak to that candidate's qualifications for office. We do not allow unsolicited mass emails, mass letters, social networking or telephone solicitation of our members by nominees or their supporters.

You will recall that, at the beginning of this article, I mentioned our *obligation*, as Full Members, to elect a strong Board. One that is reliable, capable, trusted, skilled, and experienced. Let's all start that process now and complete it on 4 Dec 2012. Our Club is worth it, our members are worth it, and our future deserves it.....

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 3, 2012

GORDANO'S PIZZA 270 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM by President, Wayne Kirkpatrick
The membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.
No Guests tonight.



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- eSkape Sale is being sold to Brunswick. Bill Feldgreber is the managing partner of eSkape and stated that he has arranged for us to maintain our schedule and our not-for-profit, non-fee rental status for our meetings.
- Members were reminded that the By-Laws have been summarized in our meeting, in the ROAR, and they are posted on the website.
- Russ Peiffer's ride to the Wisconsin HOG Rally was a great success. The roads were beautiful, weather was bright and sunny, and the group enjoyed the entire experience.
- Larry Scalzitti's ride, "Not to Sturgis" was also a great ride. Again, beautiful roads, weather and the experience was enjoyed by the entire group!
- The election process is under way and the members were reminded that payment of dues will be earlier this year under the new By-Laws. 30 October, 2012 will be the due date so that nominations and elections can be held by the end of the year.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

Mike is presently in Holland and hasn't anything to report at this time

Vice President's Report: Gary Brandt

The last GRASS class of the year is coming up on 21 October, 2012. Gary reminded the club that the class is a requirement for membership and must be attended once every three years.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

ROAR is always looking for articles!

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

- Membership Invoices will be sent out later this month. Payment will be due at the end of October so that the election can be held at the December meeting.
- Dues are now \$75 for a regular/probationary member or \$130 for a family.

Awards / Membership: Greg Smith

- New Trifold is in the process of being reprinted with the information that reflects the changes that were made with the new by-laws.
- New member Rich Flynn was brought in by Wayne Kirkpatrick, who won an oil change for this month. Wayne gave it back to be raffled at this meeting.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Safety

- The Safety Tip tonight was given by new member Rich Flynn. He spoke of his experience with riding and sliding in the rain. Lessons Learned: Stay alert, be dressed appropriately, and watch for the hazards! Also, Wayne mentioned the need for Road Captains to be aware of the riders behind you. Make sure they have room to stop too. See the September ROAR for the full story.
- Next GRASS class will be held on October 21st.



Charity

- Total income from the ride for 2012 was 10,500. 86
- Total expenses incurred from the ride for 2012 were 8181.00
- The 'seed money' from last year was \$3000.00, so the total in the account is \$5415.00
- Our donation to NISRA this year will be 2415.00
- Noelle Rigsby will be the Chairperson for next year. Noelle is looking forward to working with the group as we begin to develop the ride for next year NOW!

RC Rocker Presentation: Ric Case/ Gary Brandt

Russ Peiffer has earned his Road Captain Rocker for his ride to Milwaukee on September 2nd.

Activities / Website: Larry Scalzitti

Activities

- Bard Board reported that Sturgis was a success and the planning for 2013 has already begun. In this time when prices are going up and quality going down, this is a QUALITY ride at a very reasonable price.
- Rich previewed his ride to Cantigny on September 8th. The day will be packed with many events and activities and promises to be a great experience.
- Progressive Dinner will be held on the 9th of September and also promises a good day! We will ride house to house for friends, food, and fun!
- RSVP's will be due for both of these rides by the 5th of September.
- Franks and Fries will be at Papa Gus' on Rand Road.
- October has some open dates left for developing a ride. Let Larry know if you are interested.
- Wayne talked about visiting the Iron Pony at some time in the future. It might be a great option to add to the Wisconsin State Rally Ride next year.
- Also, suggestions were solicited for winter events that can be planned.

Web Site

- Web Master, Dennis Dougherty is retiring in December and a NEW Webmaster is needed. Anyone that is interested, please talk to Larry so that you can begin training as soon as possible.
- Larry asked the membership if they would agree to adding their cell phone numbers to the roster information. The group of 24 members at the meeting, were in agreement. An e-mail blast will be sent out to allow members to opt-out of having their number listed.

History / Products: Larry Johnson

Apparel is here tonight for all to see. A new list of purchases has been made and is available.

Bylaws / Elections: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- The full and probationary membership categories are now in place. All members as of June 30th are considered full members and that allows them to vote along with other requirements.
- There is also a new requirement that each member attend at least 5 events during the year. Because the new By-Laws were just enacted, the 2012 elections only require that you attend 3 events.
- Time Line for the elections includes:
 - ⇒ Invoices will be sent out by mid September.
 - ⇒ Invoices need to be paid by October 31st to determine candidates and voting eligibility.
 - ⇒ Membership will be notified of the eligible candidates at the November meeting. Nominations will be taken at that time by members in good standing.
 - ⇒ Elections will be on December 4th and new board members will take their positions at the January meeting.
 - ⇒ Voting is limited to those who have paid 2013 dues and is a member in good standing. And 20% of the membership is required for validating the elections.
 - ⇒ Absentee ballots will be sent to members who request them by November 15th for reasons of urgency. The Board will review each request individually.
 - ⇒ Candidate Qualifications were reviewed and a list of potential candidates will be given at the November meeting.

50 / 50 was pulled by Ron Freudenberger and Muriel Brandt won \$35. And the oil change was won by Jerry Dedrich.

**A Reminder was given for the October 14th Thunder Run Ride and Raffle Tickets.
Watch for the dark spots ahead on the road – they can be indicators of a hazard in the road!**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2012

ESCAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Greg Smith, Stewart Johnson, Larry Johnson, Larry Scalzitti, Gary Brandt, Ric Case, Mary Walters.

Excused: Mike Bradbury

President: Call to Order by Wayne Kirkpatrick at 7:30.

Elections

- Wayne will send out a reminder in a few weeks that will include clarification of the 30 October, 2012 due date for payment of dues.
- Voting in the elections on 1 December will be open to the paid members in good standing.
- Honorary Members. Wayne made the motion that some of the members who have been long standing members of Top Cats, but have not met the requirements of membership; Mann's, Glazovs, and the Benders, be made honorary members. Gary Brandt seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. They will remain a part of the club, but will not have voting privileges at this time.
- Further discussion addressed other members who have not been able to make events, but have consistently paid dues and supported the club by tickets sales or other measures. It was decided that this discussion would be tabled for another time. All 2012 members will be sent an invoice.
- Absentee votes will be sent to members who have paid dues and have asked the board for a ballot. These requests will be addressed individually.
- The new Board will assume positions with the 8 January, 2013 meeting.
- Discussion was held on the eligible candidates which included the positions of
 - o President/Vice President
 - o Director (Ric, Greg are up for election)
 - o Committee Chairs

A slate of possible nominees will be made at the 2 October, 2012 meeting. Nominations will open at that time as well.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ROAR has been running smoothly.
- Master Roster updates will be sent out tomorrow with both sets of minutes for the month of September.

Treasurer: Stuart Johnson

- The financial documents of the club have been scanned into a PDF document and will be added to the website by Dennis Dougherty.
- Invoice status was reviewed and it was decided that invoices will be sent to all who are members of the Club for 2012, as per the discussion earlier in the meeting.
- Greg Smith made the motion that the members who opened their homes for the progressive dinner should be reimbursed. Ric Case seconded and the board agreed unanimously. Gary Brandt will send out an e-mail to the hosts and ask for their receipts.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

Past President is out of town and has no comments at this time.



Director: Larry Scalzitti

Activities

- Activities Status was reviewed and the events were previewed.
- Gene Rigsby and Rich Flynn have offered to be road captain for two upcoming rides.
- 34 events are logged on the 2012 calendar to date.
- We need to look at the next year to decide if we can enrich the number of rides and events for the club.
- Stewart Johnson suggested that the past rides which have already been designed, be reused. These complete rides can then be offered to the present Road Captains and dates slated on the calendar.

Website

- Larry stated that possible candidates to take over the website when Dennis retires in December included Tony Loden, and Rich Flynn who has expressed an interest.
- Web Updates – Board members discussed the areas of the website that they have reviewed and asked for updates.
- Computer programs that can send out event invites and track attendance were discussed. Board members will look into these and we will analyze the possibilities at a future meeting.

Director: Greg Smith

Membership

- No new members at this time.
- The status of new tri fold and prices per copy were discussed. A motion for 300 flyers at the price of \$108.00 was made by Ric Case and seconded by Greg Smith. The board unanimously agreed.
- Gary Brandt made a motion that the dues structure be set at \$75 per individual and \$130 for a second member of the household. Ric Case seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Awards

- 2012 Awards Banquet Date has not yet been settled. Greg will send out an update when the date has been confirmed.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- New State Laws .
- Handle bars height has been increased,
- License plates can now be placed vertically,
- A left turn on red lights can be made now by motorcycles, except in Chicago.
- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner - Greg Smith, Larry Scalzitti, and Ric Case are next in line to write KK.
- Road Captain requalifications will be addressed by Gary Brandt and Ric Case and they will report back to the Board at the October Meeting.
- A discussion was held on the effects of E-15 on gas mileage and motorcycle parts. It was decided that the board will keep up with the new information as it comes out and will report to the club as news develops.
- The motorcycle only check-points that are being developed, cannot use Federal Funding.

Charity Committee

- Noelle Rigsby has volunteered to become the head of the Charity Committee. Ric Case suggested that Noelle be accepted for the position.
- Ideas are being put together for ways to fundraise and increase our club's ability to give to NISRA.



The food was great, the ride was short and sweet and, the camaraderie was priceless!



There is no doubt that we will all look back on 2012 as one of our most tumultuous, yet enjoyable, years from which we are so much better prepared for an even more exciting, 2013.

Finally, please be sure to read the article in this issue on our upcoming elections so you'll be up to speed on nominations, voting requirements, open positions, and our election process.

Let's roll,

Traveler

President

Top Cats - Illinois

Board Meeting Continued...

Director: Larry Johnson

New Products

- Sales are going well. Many good comments have been heard about people buying the new items.
- Larry will be ensuring that the products come to the meetings every month.
- Product review was done for the information that will be posted on the website.
- The idea of giving proceeds of product sales to NISRA was discussed. Dissent included the idea that we are infusing membership money with the charity money. Since there isn't much profit on these shirts, The Charity Committee will review the profit to see if it is worth the bookkeeping efforts. The discussion will be tabled for another time.
- Wayne asked that other ideas be developed to supplement the money that is collected during the year for NISRA.

History

Nothing to report at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20



2012....

Record our Top Cat History!
Take pictures... Write Stories....
And Submit them to the ROAR!

The Barrington Area library has finished archiving about **150** pages of our club photos.

They are found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/barringtonhistory/tags/topcats/>.
Check them out... and see how things used to be..

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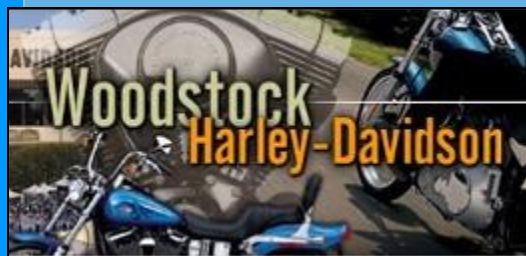


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Membership Has Its Privileges!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

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

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



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 2nd	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, October 9th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, October 13th	Fall Colors Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday, October 14th	Thunder Run	TBD	TBD	TB	TBD
Tuesday October 16th	Franks and Fries	Wheeling	Super Dawg	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Saturday October 20th	Wake the Dead	TBD	Cemeteries around town	1:00 pm	Loden
Saturday , October 21st	Science Stretch	TBD	Batavia	7:30 am	Flynn
Sunday, October 21st	GRASS Class	Palatine	Harris Bank Bldg	8:30 am	Case
Tuesday, November 6th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 13th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 17th	NISRA Holiday Party	Holiday Inn	Crystal Lake	10:00 am	TBD

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