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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



Sometimes I wonder what "They" are talking about when I hear about the motorcycle "Off season".

We almost seem busier and more active between November and

Through the efforts of Ric Case, Gary Brandt, and Greg Smith, our road captains, once again, devoted their personal time to meet, review our GRASS class and discuss refinements to our safety program for the coming season.



April than we do during the summer months. The lesson here is to keep watching our web site, reading ROAR, and attending meetings. You might find that our activities tempo continues to increase and our Club camaraderie remains high....



Just this month we had...

A super time, and great turnout at our first Top Cats' Shootout where members had the chance to fire a variety of weapons as well as their own at a range facility reserved for, and limited to, the Top Cats.



Members and guests filled the room at our annual Awards Banquet with close to 96% of our regularly active members attending. Not only did this traditional event provide a forum for recognizing those valuable members who make this Club run so well but, it provided an opportunity for our new



members and spouses to get acquainted with many other Top Cats and resulted in a guest applying for membership.

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 5 General Meeting
- 10 International Motorcycle Show
- 12 Board Meeting
- 24 'Retro' Bowling

MARCH

- 5 General Meeting
- 10 CPR/First Aid Class
- 12 Board Meeting
- 23 March Madness
- 24 GRASS Class

Put your Winter Activity Here!

Contact Gene Rigsby with your ideas

KAUTION KORNER

A Short Trip to a Lot of Damage

By Richard Flynn



Did you know that most motorcycle accidents involve a short trip?

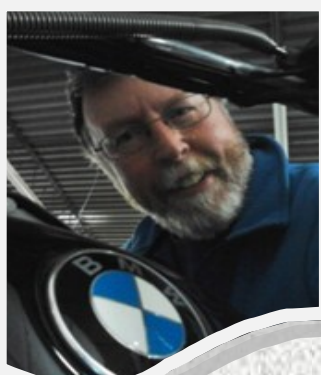
You could be going to go shopping or run errands and bang you find yourself in accident. A lot of our trips this time of year tend to short and we need to be especially careful.

Why do more accidents happen close to home?

The answer is simple, almost 72 per cent of respondents in an insurance survey admitted to paying less attention on local roads and 60 per cent said that they become lazy when nearing their home.

The most common crash within a mile of the home is crashing into parked cars. We tend to be on our comfort zone when we are on roads we know. When on long trips we tend to get sleep the night before and prepare for the trip. We are out of our comfort zone on long trips so we are constantly aware of what is going on around us. Some statistics say that only 89 per cent of accidents happen within 26 miles from the home. Keep in mind that the typical motorcycle accident allows you less than 2 seconds to complete all collision avoidance action. To keep yourself alert check your mirrors every five to eight seconds. Make sure you are constantly clearing the road ahead. On the residential streets, especially in winter look for cars because they will not be looking for you.

Keep your mind on the road at all times.



What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Welcome to my first regular column as your new Vice President! Shortly after I was elected, I met with Wayne to make sure I understood my duties as VP. After a terrific breakfast at Lake Zurich's Koffee Kup and a good conversation about the club, it became apparent to me that my new job would be two-fold, to become a By-Laws expert and also to keep my ear to the ground and my finger on the pulse of the membership. I'd like all of you to help me be your voice whenever I can; at a board meeting, at a meeting or ride you can't attend, or even in this column. If there's anything that you want to talk about, please let me know. Call me, email me, chat me up at a meeting or a ride – but just make sure you let me know what's on your mind. I will try to do the same and this column is one way for me to talk to all of you. Of course, as always, please let any board member know your concerns. We all want to make sure that Top Cats is responsive to the needs of our members.

Over the course of my term I'll use this column to talk to a number of topics. Some months will be about the by-laws, sometimes it will be motorcycle consumer topics and occasionally I may just talk about anything that I think is interesting and/or topical.

Please take a look at the activities calendar for the coming year. There are some excellent events and rides planned. You'll note that not every weekend is full and not every ride has a road captain. Volunteer to help complete the schedule and we will all benefit from each other's efforts. Also take a look at your personal calendar and reserve time for those weekends that you can spend riding with your club. I'm looking forward to a great year – Let's Ride!

Oil Spots

By Traveler

2013 Indian Chief Vintage Final Edition

Indian Motorcycle has announced that the 2013 Indian Chief Vintage Final Edition is available in



very limited quantity. This marks the end of one era in motorcycling history and the beginning of a new era as this is the final version of the Kings Mountain era of Indian Motorcycle.

The 2013 Indian Chief Vintage FE has a paint scheme that emulates the iconic Indian Chief that was on display at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. The fact that there will be an extremely limited number of these bikes made available will instantly make them highly collectible. The new Indian Motorcycle will be made by Polaris Industries with a MSRP of \$37,599 and \$39,599 in Canada. For more info: www.indianmotorcycle.

EPA TO DROP FOUR GALLON MINIMUM GAS PURCHASES

Ethanol-laden gasoline is known to cause engine damage, and many manufacturers warn that using the product will invalidate warranties, so when the EPA approved E15 (fuel blend containing 15% ethanol) it raised concerns amongst motorcyclists and others who use equipment driven by small gas-powered motors...none of which are approved for its use.

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Oil Spots

By Travelor

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The EPA's response was to require a minimum four gallon purchase, the misguided rationale being that it would dilute any residual E15 remaining in a gas pump's lines. Again, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency came under fire.

Apparently realizing that a viable solution to the problem needs to be conceived, the EPA is abandoning its four-gallon minimum on blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same pump, and instead the government body says it will likely require gas stations to label shared pumps, as well as offer a dedicated E10 pump/hose for non-approved vehicles.

What About the American Motorcyclist Association?

Since 1924, the AMA has protected the future of motorcycling and promoted the motorcycle lifestyle. AMA members come from all walks of life, and they navigate many different routes on their journey to the same destination: freedom on two wheels.

As the world's largest motorcycling rights organization, the AMA advocates for motorcyclists' interests in the halls of local, state and federal government, the committees of international governing organizations, and the court of public opinion.

Through member clubs, promoters and partners, the AMA sanctions more motorsports competition and motorcycle recreational events than any other organization in the world. AMA members receive money-saving discounts from dozens of well-known suppliers of motorcycle services, gear and apparel, bike rental, transport, hotel stays and more.

Through the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, the AMA honors the heroes and the heritage of motorcycling for future generations. For more information, please visit www.americanmotorcyclist.com.

NHTSA Recall Subscriptions

You can now subscribe to this government vehicle recall notice at: www.odinhtsa.dot.gov/subscriptions/index.cfm. Subscribers can list up to five vehicles and monitor for recalls of ancillary safety issues such as tires.

Watch Out For New Motorcycle Laws

Well we're into the new year and riders should be aware that many states will have new motorcycle laws starting to go into effect. You need to know what laws will affect you. Here are some examples of new laws that states will start enforcing:

Illinois has at least 3 new laws including one where *the handlebars will have to be below the height of the rider's head. And any motorcyclist caught riding a 'wheelie' while they are exceeding the speed limit can expect a hefty fine.* But this next one is a good one and should be adopted everywhere. *After a "reasonable" amount of time waiting at a red light, the motorcycle will be able to proceed if there are no other oncoming cars.* This law doesn't apply in cities of over 2 million people.

In California local governments are now *prohibited from conducting motorcycle-only checkpoints.*

And in Florida it is now *legal to flash headlights at oncoming traffic to warn about police.*

California enacts an un-sound exhaust law

On Jan. 1, 2013, [SB435](#), California's Motorcycle Anti-Tampering Act went into effect. It gives police the authority to ticket motorcycles with non-compliant exhaust systems.

It applies only to 2013 motorcycle models and exhaust systems. Older bikes equipped with aftermarket systems purchased before Jan. 1, 2013, are not affected.

Although it would be virtually impossible to tell.

An older bike that has a non-compliant aftermarket exhaust installed or purchased after the 1/1/13 deadline would also be in violation of the law.

A rider must be initially cited for another infraction -- such as speeding, not signaling or an illegal turn -- before he or she can be cited for violation of [SB435](#). A first conviction generates a fine of between \$50 and \$100, which can be dismissed at the discretion of the court upon proof of correction. A second conviction raises the fine to not less than \$100 or more than \$250, but there's no provision for dismissal of the fine.

Better alternative? The [SAE J2825](#) roadside stationary test is a better solution, according to many in the industry.

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Oil Spots Continued...

It's simple, economical, and effective, and has been tested enough so that it won't falsely fail the EPA standard. SAE J2825 was developed by the MIC in collaboration with the SAE Motorcycle Technical Steering Committee, and backed by the AMA.

You conduct the SAE test by holding a sound meter 20 inches behind the exhaust outlet, at the same height and at 45 degrees from the motorcycle's line of travel. The test procedure includes an Idle Test and a Set RPM Test. The Idle Test is the easiest to administer and can be used to screen various mufflers. The Set RPM Test, however, is most effective for identifying excessively loud exhaust systems.

Along with the test are dBA recommendations by the SAE:

- 92 dBA at idle for all motorcycles
- 96 dBA for motorcycles with fewer than three cylinders or more than four cylinders at 2000 rpm
- 100 dBA for motorcycles with three or four cylinders at 5,000 rpm

While SB435 is now in place, the MIC along with the rest of the industry is working to get the State of California, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and EPA to adopt J2825.

2013 Motorcycle Calendars



It's a new year so you need a new calendar to keep track of how many days it is to Daytona. That and you're probably in need of some new scenery to look at anyway. The National Motorcycle Museum has a several 2013 Motorcycle Calendars available. Inventory is limited so place your order soon. Getting 1 of these calendars will help you keep track of all your riding activities for 2013, plus giving support to the National Motorcycle Museum. Thanks from the staff at the National Motorcycle Museum. For more information and to place your order on-line: www.nationalmcmuseum.org.

Hollister motorcycle rally to return in 2013

The Hollister City Council Jan. 7 voted to resurrect the Fourth of July motorcycle rally for 2013. The iconic rally, which had been on-hold since 2009, is now scheduled to take place on July 5 and 6.

It's widely agreed that the "American Biker" outlaw image was born in Hollister during the Fourth of July weekend in 1947, when a rowdy group of bikers terrorized the town. The story was picked up by *Life Magazine*, and then sen-

sationalized in the movie, "The Wild One," starring Marlon Brando.

The city launched the Hollister Independence Day Rally to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "The Invasion of Hollister"; however, the city put the rally on hold in 2009 due to financial considerations.

The 2013 rally reportedly will include motorcycle-only parking, a vendor display, two entertainment areas, local beer gardenes, demo rides, and an official bike show for the World Championship of Bike Building, the company said.

Riding Routes and Resources

Google any of the following for interesting details....

www.motosport.com/cruiser/best-us-riding-routes

[The Motorcycle Roads of the US http://](http://www.motorcycleroads.us)

www.motorcycleroads.us Website that provides many twisty and scenic routes for bike enthusiasts.

[Motorcycle Roads of America](#): Focuses on all the great routes and roads that can be taken by motorcyclists.

[Journey of the Open Road](#): Comprised of bike enthusiasts who share information about the best routes; features maps, too.

[Ride USA – Mapsman](#): Info and maps for the best bike-riding routes in the US.

[Road Routes for California Motorcycle Enthusiasts](#): Best motorcycling routes in CA

[Motorcycle Riding Routes in Colorado](#): A collection of routes in Colorado.

[The Biker's Road Guide – Road Quest](#): A guide for motorcycle enthusiasts in the Pacific Northwest.

[Riding Routes in Ohio](#): A collection of motorcycle riding routes in Ohio.

[Places to Ride Website](#): Full of links to sites with more riding routes for bike enthusiasts.

[Roads for Sport Bikes](#): Website for riding routes for many states.

[Roads for Bikers](#): Website providing riding routes for bikers in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

[Texas Hill Country Cruising Itinerary](#): Info about many routes in Texas' Hill Country.

[The Motorcycle Cruiser Website](#): Information about riding in many places across the US.

[Tail of the Dragon Motorcycle Road](#): Site about stretch of road in North Carolina, made for motorcycle riding.

[Road Trips Riding Routes Web Page](#): Site providing visitors with routes across several states.

[Road Trip America for Motorcyclists](#): Resource web page for motorcyclists who like to go riding.

[Suggestions for Motorcycle Routes in the US](#): Site featuring list of riding tours in the US.

[Motowhere](#): A compilation of riding routes in the US.

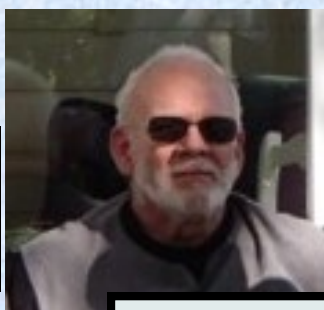
[Sunday Morning Rides Across the US](#): A list of states across the country where bikers can ride.

Top Cats 2013 Awards Banquet

By Mary Walters



**Most Helpful
Top Cat
Jane Smith**



**Dirtiest Bike
Ric Case**



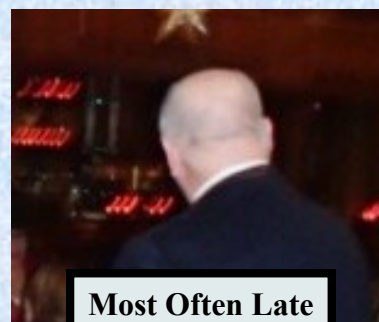
**Cleanest Bike
Ron Freudenberger**



**Safest Rider
&
Founder's
Cup Award
Winner
Greg Smith**



**Most Scenic Ride
Larry Scalzitti
(Kringle)**



**Most Often Late
to Ride –
Randy Braun**



**Safest Ride
Stewart Johnson
(Fly – In)**



**Quietest Pipes
Emil Kornecki**



**Best ride execution
Russ Peiffer
(HD Museum)**



**Most Dedicated
Co Rider
Muriel Brandt**



**Volunteer of the
Year
Noelle Rigsby**



**Unique ride
Rich Flynn
(Cantigny)**



**Most Accessorized
Bike
Mike Bradbury**



**Favorite Top Cat Ride
Wayne Kirkpatrick
(Indy)**



**Most Grueling Ride
Tony Loden
(Aunt Millie's)**



**Loudest Pipes
Bard Board**



**Most Active Top Cat
&
Vice President's Award
Winner
Mary Walters**

January 12, 2013

Scrambled Eggs & Gunsmoke

By Traveler

A first for the Club and an example of the type of exciting events we can expect for 2013 was our first ever Club shootout at On Target Range Facility on 12 Jan!!!!!!



In typical Top Cats' fashion, we don't do ANYTHING on an empty stomach so...we met that morning for a good ol' roadhouse style breakfast before heading to the range.

The folks at On Target, in Crystal Lake, had blocked the entire rifle range for us for a two hour private shoot and a tour of their new facility. After a quick safety briefing and purchasing targets, ammo, hearing/eye protection, if needed, sixteen well – fed and well – armed hardy souls took their place on a firing range and proceeded to spend the next two hours happily imagining that they were neutralizing bears, lions, squirrels, and bad guys albeit on paper targets.

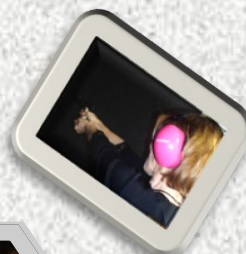


FOID card holders were required on each lane and our

members without FOID cards teamed with those who did have them so all could enjoy the shooting experience.

Thanx to Adam Brooks and the On Target weapons rental program, many Top Cats had the opportunity to fire an AK-47 (7.62 mm), CHICOM SKS (7.62 mm), and a military, M-4 style (5.56 mm) AR. And thanx to many of our members for sharing their hand guns and rifles with other members so all could enjoy the experience of firing a .22 cal pistol and a rifle with scope as well as a 9 mm and .45 cal semi – auto pistol.

The day ended with some valuable knowledge....1.) the crude, yet devastating power of an AK-47, 2.) the accuracy of small – caliber weapons, 3.) the potential danger in handling firearms and, 4.) the camaraderie of Top Cats in any activity, from eating to shooting.....



One word of caution learned from this event!!! NEVER get in a shooting contest with Judy Scalzitti, Noelle Rigby, or Mary Walters...



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 28, 2013

RIDE FOR DREAMS!

Wondering What You Can Do NOW To Ensure A Successful Ride?

- ⇒ Talk to friends... Put the date on THEIR calendars too!
- ⇒ Make a list of places that would support us with donations or poster displays... Tell Noelle Rigsby!
- ⇒ Gather donations from your local haunts and give them to Noelle Rigsby!
- ⇒ Get your bike ready... And tell Noelle Rigsby! I guess that's not really needed...
- ⇒ Talk to Noelle Rigsby to get other ideas.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2013

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick
Members were asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance

No guests tonight



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◇ Wayne introduced the new board members and identified their responsibilities
- ◇ Awards Banquet is coming along and the Club has invited Pat Derich to the dinner.
- ◇ If there is an interest in the Chicago Swap Meet on the 18th, 19th or 20th of January, let Gene Rigsby know so that we can put out a Mass Blast with the information.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

Mike wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- ◇ Larry thanked everyone for electing him to the position and he looks forward to working on behalf of the club. He said that he would like to hear from the club members whenever there is a concern or new idea.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ◇ ROAR articles will be due now on the 22nd of the month so that the final publication can be sent to Rich Flynn for uploading by the first of every month.
- ◇ Roster changes should be sent to Mary whenever changes are made.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

- ◇ Stewart stated that the financials will be available on the website for all members.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ◇ No new members at this time.
- ◇ All products are still available and Emil is taking suggestions for any new products that can be developed for the club.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

- ◇ Noelle Rigsby, the Charity Committee chairperson, gave an update on the work that is being done to get ready for the *Ride For Dreams*. The updates will be in the February Edition of the ROAR and each month will have a focus for the club to develop. Right now the focus will be on donations.

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- ◇ Larry Scalzitti gave this month's Safety Tip and reviewed the information from his article that was published in ROAR in November. He gave the members tips on how to make yourself visible to other drivers when riding.
- ◇ Next GRASS will be held on Sunday, March 24th, 2013.
- ◇ A discussion was held on the new law allowing for driver's licenses for illegal aliens and how that may affect the riding safety of bikers in the near future.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- ◇ Activities Committee for this year is being developed. Ideas for rides have been identified and dates given on the calendar on the website. Any new ideas can be given to Gene and he will help you to develop the details.
- ◇ Shootout Update was given by Wayne Kirkpatrick detailing the event. It will be held on the 12th of January. Ammunition in the area is limited, so plan accordingly.



- ◇ 28 September will be the James Dean Festival in Fairmont, Indiana. If there is interest, the committee will begin planning.

- ◇ Awards Banquet is quickly approaching. Members were asked to send in their responses and awards ballot.

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- ◇ Web Site is being maintained now by Rich Flynn. It is being updated and 'modernized'. Any suggestions should be made to Jeff or Rich.
- ◇ History Archive is still available at the Barrington Library Site.

New Business:

- ◇ Judy and Larry Scalzitti were congratulated on their son's recent initiation to the Chicago Police Department.
- ◇ Tax Season is in full swing – We will be thinking of Stewart Johnson and Larry Scalzitti as the season progresses.
- ◇ The club was asked if there would be an interest in having a custom painter come to the meeting as a guest speaker and the group responded positively.

50 / 50 was pulled by Ron Freudenberger and Stan Lukesik was the winner of \$30. He accepted it and thanked the club!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2013

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Larry Scalzitti, Ric Case, Jeff Tietz, Emil Kornecki, Stewart Johnson, Mary Walters,

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

- Committee Chiefs are needed. Each of the board members has need of at least 1 committee chief.
- Meeting places:
 - ⇒ Alternate Meeting Places should be considered for the general meetings. The Board members were asked to bring in some names of places and information on the choices being recommended.
 - ⇒ Mike Bradbury asked if there were criteria for picking sites for the meeting. At this time, we can look at different places and determine if they would be suitable for the group size and time of the meetings.
- The *Shoot Out* was a great success. Everyone had fun and the group was allowed to experience many different guns. It was a safe and enjoyable time.
- Pins and badges for the membership were discussed and the protocol and eligibility for the members to receive the awards was covered with the board.

Vice President, Larry Scalzitti

- Stated that he is looking forward to the position of Vice President.

Secretary, Mary Walters

- The ROAR is o.k. at this time, but could use some new ideas and updates
- Master Roster updates will be made each month and will be sent out with the minutes of the meetings for board approval.

Treasurer, Stewart Johnson

- Stewart made a motion that we donate \$2500.00 to NISRA this year. There have been no more donations added to the fund since the ride. Mike Bradbury seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.
- Stewart passed the quarterly report around for the board to review. He did a comparison to last year and contributed the higher dollar amount to the earlier collection of dues for the 2013 year.
- We also spent less money in 2012 for the Banquet which also left more money in the account.
- The final version of the quarterly report will be added to the website.
- All of the tax paperwork is in development and will be completed by the April deadline.

Past President, Mike Bradbury

No updates at this time.

Director, Gene Rigsby

Activities

- Activities Briefing at February Meeting will include a look ahead at the year's events.
Awards
- Gene Rigsby was not in attendance, but sent word to Wayne that the Awards Banquet is all ready for next week.

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**Director, Emil Kornecki****Membership**

- No new members at this time, but Emil has some new people coming to the banquet.
- Membership Cards should be ready for the February General Meeting.

Products

- Emil asked for any suggestions, but there were none at this time.

Director, Ric Case**Safety**

- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule has been set for 2013.
- Gary has updated the Road Captain Ride list and will be asked to send it out to the Board.
 - ⇒ It will include the history of the rides back to the beginning of the club
 - ⇒ It will also include the rides for 2013 that are on the calendar to date.
 - ⇒ RC Meeting and requalification status
- The next GRASS Class will be held this Sunday, January 20th with the Road Captain segment included.
- Liz Diaz, one of the State Motorcycle Patrol Division, has developed a *Bike Safety* program and has asked for info from the TC GRASS class. She may attend one of the classes to gather the information.

Charity Committee

- Donations are being gathered by the committee and the membership has also been asked to solicit donations.
- The committee is looking to add a demonstration and a car show to the event.
- Next meeting is February 11th at 7:00pm. Contact Noelle if you would like information.
- Ric summarized the work of the committee. Notes on the meetings are available through Noelle Rigsby.

Director, Jeff Tietz**History**

- No History update for tonight.

Web Site

- The website has been purged of all glitches and inactive names. Each person's access was verified and it is now current.

New Business:

Doug Powles, from Painted Horses, is a custom painter and was contacted to speak to the club. He will be at our next General Meeting.

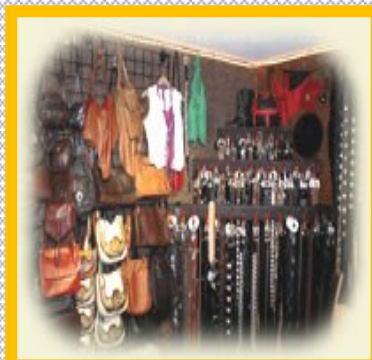
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40





President's Minute
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Our appreciation to Gene Rigsby for coordinating the entire event assisted by Greg Smith.



And, gang, it doesn't slow down in March either. We will have Cleo Kelly of Kelly's Leathers in Richmond, IL as our featured speaker at our March general meeting.

The momentum of 2013 continues with our annual pilgrimage to the International Motorcycle Show in Rosemount on 10 Feb, a special briefing on our 2013 Activities Schedule at our next meeting and, a presentation on custom painting and pin stripping by Doug Powles of Painted Horses, inc.



So...stay tuned for bowling, GRASS classes, CPR & First aid classes and many more opportunities thanx to so many of our members who give unselfishly of their time to make things like this happen....

Let's roll,

Traveler
President
Top Cats - Illinois

February Birthdays ??? Anniversaries???



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





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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Top Cats Get 20% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at Woodstock and McHenry Harley-Davidson

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

Richard Flynn

RichFlynnJr@aol.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, February 5th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, February 10th	International Motorcycle Show	Egg'Lectic Cafe Rolling Meadows	Stevens Convention Center	8:00 am	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, February 12th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, February 24th	'Retro' Bowling	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	2 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, March 5th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, March 10th	CPR/First Aid	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Scalzitti
Tuesday, March 12th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, March 23rd	March Madness	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday, March 24th	GRASS Class	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:30	Case

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