



# ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

## PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



(Some things never change....)

Whashappenin'? As a club, we're fixin' to turn the throttle up and roll

in twelve days! Only twelve days until riding season? Yes, if you consider most riders typically ride on weekends. So, April 1st usually marks the unofficial start of our season. There are only six weekends until April 1st so...12 weekend days until we dust off the leathers, check the tire pressure,

but, demonstrate sound judgment as a Top Cat, demonstrate proficiency in riding skills and, demonstrate the same quality of judgment, ethics, and brotherhood expected of any leader. Until riders demonstrate the qualities of a good leader, no number of safety courses, nor years of experience, will ever qualify them to assume the responsibility for the lives and welfare of our members on a group ride. The Road Captain Rocker is not an entitlement, it is a privilege, earned through education, demonstrated skill, and experience as a sub-road captain under the supervision and mentorship of a qualified Road Captain

The next time you see a Road Captain Rocker leading our group, you can be sure that that rider is one who has sufficiently demonstrated the qualities dictated by safety, common sense, and good judgment, to assume the responsibility for your welfare and safety.

And remember...twelve days left until riding season. Don't get caught short and spend that first good weekend preparing your bike!

Let's Roll!

**Traveler**  
President  
Top Cats – Illinois

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If the above article sounds vaguely familiar....it should if you were in the Club in 2001. This is a reprint of my now 12-year old article, on what's happening in the Club. You'll note that....it all remains relevant and, some things never change. (Continued on page 12)

change the oil, and...get ready to roll with us on another exciting, and safe, riding season.

Our concern for the safety of each of our riders has always been paramount in our activities planning. Road Captains are critical to the safety of the group, the enjoyment of the ride, and the welfare of every rider and co-rider. The performance of a Road Captain is sufficiently important that we train Road Captains, require an evaluated ride, and evaluate their skill and judgment before we entrust the welfare of our riders to their leadership.

To earn the privilege of leading a group, a candidate must, not only attend the GRASS Road Captain Course

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### Upcoming Events

#### MARCH

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

#### APRIL

- 2 General Meeting
- 9 Board Meeting
- 16 Franks and Fries
- 21 Dederich Memorial Ride
- 26 Breakfast Ride

Put your Winter Activity Here!

Contact Gene Rigsby with your ideas

## KAUTION KORNER



### Getting Ready for Spring Riding?

By Senior Road Captain, Greg Smith

Good news! The motorcycle season is just around the corner and you'll soon be hitting the open roads on your favorite two-wheeler. After a long winter in storage and depending on how well it was winterized, your bike will likely need some attention. Get an early start and start the riding season right with the T-CLOCS inspection checklist, created by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Find the information at:

[http://msfusa.org/index\\_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library](http://msfusa.org/index_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library)

The following is a brief summary of that checklist to help get your bike ready to ride after its long winter nap.

#### T = Tires & Wheels

Check tires' overall condition for things such as air pressure, tread wear, dry rot, and bulges.

Check wheels for bent broken or loose spokes, cracked or dented rims, and leaking seals.

#### C = Controls

Check the condition of all controls, pivot points and cables for freedom of movement and properly lubrication.

Check handlebar and handgrip condition for straightness, turning freely, and being secure.

Check condition of hoses for dry rot, cracks, leaks, and chafing.

#### L = Lights and Electric

Start by checking the heart of the electrical system, the battery. Is it fully charged, secure and terminals clean and tight?

Check the lighting, head and tail lamps, brake and turn signals, the bulbs and switches.

Make a final check of all wiring and its insulation for fraying, cracking, and pinching.

#### O = Oil and Other Fluids

Before moving the Bike, check the ground for evidence of fluid leaks, and fluid lines for cracking, chafing and leaks.

Check fluids for proper levels – it's a good idea to start the season with new oil and filter.

#### C = Chassis

Check the general condition of the frame, front and rear shocks, and belt and chain tension.

Check for loose and missing nuts and bolts, and clips and fasteners

#### S = Stands

Check stands for proper operation and spring tension.

Remember, this was a brief summary of the checklist created by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Go to their website to view and print the entire checklist. You might also consider using this checklist several times throughout the riding season as a complete safety check.

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*Have a safe, fun-filled start to your riding*





## What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Welcome to another season of riding! It's official - Meteorological Spring began March 1<sup>st</sup>. I was surprised to hear that one early morning a few week ago, but if the CLTV weather Gods say it's so, then it must be true. I didn't ever remember spring coming this early so I did a little research and found out a few things.

Meteorologists generally define four seasons in many climatic areas: spring, summer, fall and winter. These are demarcated by the values of their average temperatures on a monthly basis, with each season lasting three months. The three warmest months are by definition summer, the three coldest months are winter, and the intervening gaps are spring and fall. Spring, when defined in this manner, can start on different dates in different regions. In terms of complete months, in our area, spring months are March, April and May, although differences exist from country to country. Summer is June, July, August. Fall is September, October, November and winter is December, January, February. Swedish meteorologists define the beginning of spring as the first occasion on which the average daytime temperature exceeds zero degrees Celsius for seven consecutive days, thus the date varies with latitude and elevation. Makes me glad I live in Illinois, when I hear that!

I'm much more accustomed to the standard astronomical system, where spring starts on March 21<sup>st</sup>. In fact and as many of you probably know, here in the good ol' USA, the astronomical March equinox marks the start of spring. It is currently around March 20th, but traditionally we call it as March 21st. This is what I grew up with, the spring equinox is taken to mark the first day of spring. When did that change!

Well no matter how you mark it, there's 7 inches of snow on the ground and the streets are littered with salt residue, so come on spring, we all want to start riding soon!

Never a bad idea to reflect on the past year's riding experiences. Think about how to be a better rider this coming year. As long as you're armchair bound, pick up the motorcycle book that you've been meaning to read or watch a DVD/you tube riding skills video to help refresh/refine your skills.

It's also a great time to look ahead and develop a riding plan. Pick some long weekends for multi day journeys. Our Top Cat events calendar has a few to plan for. Also carve out a few weekdays to take a riding day off when you don't feel like being chained to a desk. Let's all make a vow to ride more and ride more with your Top Cat brethren. See you on the road soon!

If you have any ideas for rides....  
Contact the Activities Team



Gettysburg





# Oil Spots

By Travelor

## Kid Rock And Harley Launch For 110th Anniversary Year



Harley-Davidson has announced that it has entered into an exclusive partnership with bad-ass musician Kid Rock. This partnership brings together 2 legendary American rebels with Harley-Davidson being named as a title sponsor of Kid Rock's Rebel Soul tour.

Kid Rock will play a ticketed show Saturday night at the Marcus Amphitheater. Fans who purchase 110th Anniversary ticket packages will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for Kid Rock's 110th Anniversary. Kid Rock is 1 of 3 headliners Harley-Davidson plans to announce for the 110th Anniversary Celebration in Milwaukee with the others being announced later this spring.

"Kid Rock puts on a great show and embodies a lot of what Harley-Davidson and our fans stand for – freedom, independence, self-expression and the rebel spirit," said Harley-Davidson Chief Marketing Officer Mark-Hans Richer. "We're excited to take an unprecedented ride with him during the Rebel Soul tour."

Harley-Davidson fans are invited to learn more about the 110th Anniversary and join the celebration online where they can share videos, images and experiences on Facebook, Twitter with the hashtag #HD110, and at [www.harley.com/110](http://www.harley.com/110).

Source and image: Harley-Davidson

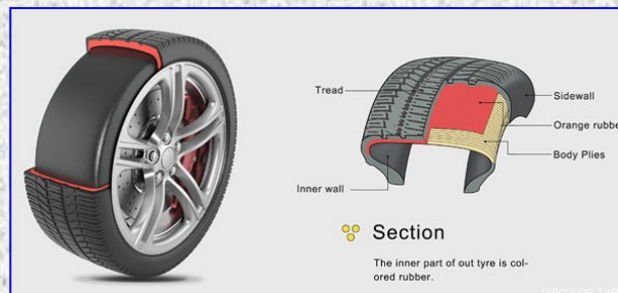
## Discolor Tyre Uses Bright Color To Indicate Tire Wear



Change your oil every 3,000 miles and your tires every...well, that depends. The uncertainty surrounding tire wear and tear, however, could all change with this nifty concept.

Inventors Gao Fenglin and Zhau Buyi have come up with the Discolor Tyre, a [Red Dot](#) award-winning design.

Here's how it works:



Under the normal black rubber of a tire's tread pattern, is a bright orange colored rubber. By the time the tread wears through to the color, it's time to change your tires. In addition to showing general wear, the orange rubber can also indicate small tears or leaks.

## Motorcycle Awareness online Game

Are you proficient at looking for, and seeing motorcycles? Are your kids, neighbors and friends also good at it? Truth is...we don't know because there isn't a good set of metrics to measure proficiency by.

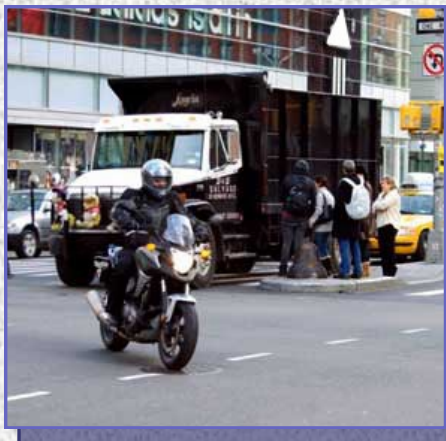
As with any avocation, someone will apply technology wherever they can to make something better. Such is the case with the folks at countmotorcycles.com. They have an innovative, interactive on-line game to help hone your awareness of motorcycles.

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## Oil Spots Continued...



Does proficiency at this game equate to preventing a collision with a motorcycle? Absolutely not! But, it does improve your awareness of motorcycles and alerts you to the hazards that we, as automobile operators, can become to motor-

cyclists. Share the site with your friends and family as a self – preservation initiative....

<http://www.countmotorcycles.com/index.html>

## **CARB hits Vance & Hines with \$500K Penalty**

Vance & Hines settled in January with the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to pay a penalty of \$500,000 for selling, prior to Jan. 1, 2013, emissions-related parts not approved by the board. The exhaust maker has taken actions to ensure no further enforcement related to the parts befalls dealers or customers.

According to the [notice](#) posted on the ARB website, the board applied the penalty to about 2,000 units at about \$250 per unit.

“V&H promptly and fully cooperated with ARB during the investigation, and as a result, has already implemented a compliance plan to inform its distributors, dealers and customers about the types of motorcycle exhaust systems that are legal for sale in the state,” said the CARB notice. “In addition, V&H is actively working with ARB’s Aftermarket Parts Section to ensure that all of its aftermarket critical emission control parts that are sold, offered for sale, or advertised in California obtain the necessary exemptions from ARB.”

The history of CARB approval for emission-related aftermarket goes back about half a decade. In 2009, at the request of the motorcycle industry, ARB adopted a process for the exemption of aftermarket “critical emission control parts” on motorcycles ridden on streets. Manufacturers of such parts (like aftermarket catalytic exhausts and oxygen sensors) must apply for and receive ARB Executive Orders that exempt the parts from California’s anti-tampering laws.



ARB has posted on its website a [list](#) of motorcycle aftermarket critical emission control parts that have received an exemption, including a couple of Vance & Hine Harley applications.

OEMs also have been paying fines recently. Yamaha, for example, settled with California in December 2012 for a \$2 million penalty related to the improper importation of 2007 off-road vehicles. Suzuki settled in June of that year for a \$3 million penalty, also related to off-road vehicles. About the same time, BMW got hit for \$92,000 for accidentally selling about two dozen street bikes that hadn’t been approved yet.

## SHORT NOTICE

## BREAKFAST RIDES

## Check the Calendar!



Meet for breakfast at one of four compass point restaurants to be hosted by one of the events committee members, whom will determine a wacky way to choose a spontaneous destination for the day.





2013 Preview....  
Start Getting Your Gear Ready!

## Presidents Ride

When: Sat, June 29, 8am – Sun,  
June 30, 5pm

Where: This event is still in the development stage... But with the bar set very high last year in Indianapolis, (look at the smiles) you can be sure that this one will be memorable!!!



## Loop the Lake

When:  
Thu, July 4, 2013, 8am –  
Sun, July 7, 2013, 5pm

Watch the Website for  
Details



You Come Across Some Great  
Scenes on the way to STURGIS!  
JOIN US and find out!

Wed, July 31, 2013, 7am  
Thu, August 1, 2013, 5pm



## 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.

**Riding Season 2013 is coming!**  
**Are You Ready?**  
**Be Prepared for all situations!**

**Motorcycle  
Safety**



*CPR & First Aid  
Class*

*GRASS Class*

**When:** Sun, March 10, 10am – 3pm

**Where:** eSkape Entertainment Center - 350 Mchenry Road, Buffalo Grove, IL

**Description:** Everyone!!! Check your certification cards....This class will be for BOTH certification and re-certification. Road Captains this is a must do!!! This course will be taught by a certified instructor from Citywide CPR and will cover first aid and CPR which will earned a (re)certification for both first aid and CPR. Every person will have their own CPR device – no sharing – so you'll get lots of practice perfecting your technique. The cost is \$55 per person. This covers all the materials, training and certificate.

**When:** Sun, March 24, 8:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Harris Bank building, NW corner of Rt14 and Rt53, Palatine, IL. Second Floor, enter in rear of building.

**Description:** This is the Top Cat safe rider course. It is a requirement for all members and needs to be completed within the first year of membership. This date will include the Road Captain Module as well. So if you are looking to lead rides in 2013, plan on attending this class!

Open to all members and guests.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

### FEBRUARY 5, 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

The Guest Speaker for this night was introduced:

**Doug Powels, from Painted Ponies.**



#### President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Awards Banquet congratulations were passed on to the Rigsby's and Smiths for organizing a really successful and enjoyable evening.
- Chicago Swap Meet 19 Jan, 2013 was a usual swap meet with a whole lot of things for motorcycle building.
- Condolences went out to Jeff Teitz and his family on the loss of his mother. The club sent flowers to let him know that we are all thinking of him.

**Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury** is out of town tonight and had not updates at this time.

#### Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- Larry announced his new column that will be a part of the ROAR each month.
- He would like to address any ideas, issues, or questions that come up among the membership, so see him with your thoughts!

#### Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ROAR is always open to having new authors or ideas that can be developed... for those who don't want to put pen to paper themselves.
- Roster changes have been updated

**Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson** was not able to be here tonight, but the only bill that is presently outstanding is for the flowers for Jeff Teitz's mother.

#### Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- No new members at this time, but Emil is making efforts to find ways to connect with other riders.
- No new product information at this time. The fashions that Emil is presently investigating include V-neck, long sleeves.... and black.

**Guest Speaker:** Doug Powels from the custom painting shop, *Painted Horses* spoke to the membership about how to attack the process of customizing a bike. His advice includes:

- Discussing your ideas with the painter in detail ahead of time. Make sure that he is dedicated to creating YOUR idea – not HIS/HER own ideas.
- When thinking of getting a painting project done, it is best to deal directly with the person doing the work – rather than going through a dealer or a second party. Dealing directly with the artist ensures that the finished product will be quality work that meets your standards.
- YOUR imagination is the only limit on what can be created
- There is one more limit to consider.... money. These creative pieces can be very expensive.
- Doug also addressed the many options that can be done with the parts and pieces of our bikes. Older

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models don't have to be 'restored' with painting, which can be very costly to try to match colors. These pieces can be retired and kept on display at home while 'replacing' them with newer pieces that may be easier to paint.

- Helmets can also be painted to match the bike.
- Leather can also be painted to match bikes.

Doug also does cars.... call him and ask for details. His shop is open to all possibilities.

## **Safety / Charity: Ric Case**

### **Charity Updates: Noelle Rigsby**

- Noelle discussed the most recent developments of the charity ride.
- Donations are being collected – and each member was asked to find some places to 'solicit' something for the auctions.
- A donation letter template can be gotten for you to personalize for the places that you contact. E-mail Noelle for the template at [genoe88@gmail.com](mailto:genoe88@gmail.com).

### **Safety Tip**

- Rich Flynn was the author of this month's Kaution Korner, but was not able to attend tonight.
- Ric summarized the article by telling all to be very aware when in the few miles close to home. That is weher most of the accidents happen. See the February ROAR for the entire article!
- The next GRASS class is 24 March, 2013.

## **Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby**

### **Activities: Tony Loden**

- 2013 Events Briefing was given by Tony and Gene Rigsby.
- Gene stated that there are more members involved in developing the ideas for the rides... so be alert! There will be MORE of everything for this year!
- The 2013 riding year has been planned, and has many new ideas, but is flexible and can be adjusted to make room for any new ideas too!
- The 'flexible' rides are called *Compass Rides*.... we will all meet for breakfast and then we can take off in any direction!
- Check the calendar for the new year's ideas... so that you can begin planning your summer!
- Mass Blasts will be sent two times preceding the events, so watch for them. AND>>>> IF YOU **CLICK ON THE LINK TO REPLY**, IT WILL SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO THE RIDE CAPTAIN! Dont' reply to the e-mail, because they will go to an empty box...

### **Sturgis! Bard Boand**

- Bard discussed the trip to the Sturgis for 2013.
- It is important to keep the numbers up so that we can maintain our connection with the Historical Hotel Alex Johnson. It is a great way to spend a few days and the rate is one of the best for STURGIS!
- Come along and help us to create some dynamic new memories along all of the traditional stops!
- There are options for the return ride as well! Start thinking 'west' now and heat up your cold winter days!

### **Awards: Gene Rigsby**

- Tony Loden was identified as having earned the Bronze Star for completing 5 rides. He was given his Star at the IMC Show event.

### **History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz**

- The Web Site update will be made next month. Rich Flynn was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
- History Update will also be made next month as Jeff Teitz was also unable to attend tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 with wishes for a good February and the advice to 'pay the tall guy' before you leave...

## Membership Cards!



Remember....your 2013 Top Cats membership cards will be available for pick up at each general meeting and most of our events. See Emil or Greg.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### FEBRUARY 12, 2013

ESKAPE ENTERTAINMENT, 350 MCHENRY RD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Submitted by Mary Walters

*Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Larry Scalzitti, Stewart Johnson, Gene Rigsby, Jeff Teitz, Ric Case, Emil Kornicki, Mike Bradbury, Mary Walters,*

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

- Jeff Tietz was given his Director Patch.
- Alternate Meeting Places include possibilities of the JJ Twigs in Lake Zurich.
  - ⇒ The Charity Committee will meet there before the next board meeting and will report back in March
  - ⇒ Wayne will check into Sophies in Lake Zurich
- **Guest Speakers for March, April, May were discussed**
  - ⇒ Cleo from Kelly's Leather
  - ⇒ Other options were discussed and the board concluded that it would be interesting to have a representative from Woodstock's new Triumph dealership. Wayne will organize this for April.
  - ⇒ May may have a presentation from the Illinois State Police Officers. Liz, Ben and hopefully Rich would present a safety briefing to the group.

**Vice President:** Larry Scalzitti

- Larry was hoping to have a regular column in the ROAR to address the issues and ideas of the membership.

**Secretary:** Mary Walters

- ROAR is continuing to need new information so that the publication develops new insights and fresh motorcycle ideas.
- Master Roster updates will be made for the month and the new copies will be sent out with the minutes of this month's meetings.

**Treasurer:** Stewart Johnson

- Financial Report has been done for year ending. The next quarterly report will be done in March.
- The other issue that has come up is the need for payment for the maintenance of the website. Discussion was had as to the legitimacy of the bill. A motion was made to have Stewart investigate the bill with Dennis Dougherty and Rich Flynn.
- The bills for the Awards dinner were discussed and the money settled. The financial settlement for the event will be made a part of the quarterly report.

**Past President:** Mike Bradbury

Mike saw a situation where he felt that the club was represented poorly by a member of the club. The group discussed how to handle these kinds of situations in the future.

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**Director:** Gene Rigsby

**Activities Status /changes**

- Kick-off Ride will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a memorial ride for Jerry Dederich and Jerry's son will assist in identifying the roads that were Jerry's favorites for the ride. Wayne will be Road Captain for this ride.
- The President's ride may be to House on the Rock.
- Illinois State Patrol Ride will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> this year.
- A bowling event will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- First Aid/CPR Class is being scheduled.
- A catered Top Cat Picnic was discussed at the time that we Ride to Cantigny. There are beautiful grounds.
- The Mass Blast information should be sent to both GeneRigsby and Tony Lodin.

**Awards Banquet**

The Banquet was discussed and it was decided that the cocktail hour should start earlier to give everyone a chance to spend more talking and getting to know all of the other members.

**Director:** Emil Kornecki

**Membership**

- One application was submitted for membership by Emil Kornecki. The group discussed and a motion was made to accept the application by Mike Bradbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Scalzitti, and unanimously agreed upon by the board.
- Membership Information on the Website needs to be reviewed and updated.
- Membership Cards were handed out at the last general meeting. ROAR will add in a reminder to the members that they should come to a meeting and pick up their membership cards.

**Products Update**

A chair is still needed for Products!

**Director:** Ric Case

**Safety**

- BikeSafe class will be held by the State Police. It would be advantageous for some of the Top Cats to complete this course each year. It will add to the riding experience in the club and maintain our relationship with the State Police as well.
- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule was reviewed and the next month's authors and speakers were identified.
- RC Meeting and requalification status report was discussed and the one modification that was made to the guidelines was to the one year wait before attaining RC status.

**Charity Committee Update**

- A card reader was discussed at the committee meeting and the idea was presented to the board. The Charity Committee would like the card reader as soon as possible so that we can start collecting donations for this event as soon as possible.
- The board agreed to allow the Charity Committee to pursue obtaining the card reader.

**Director:** Jeff Tietz

**History**

History has no update at this time

**Web Site**

- Jeff will develop a new web site proposal with Rich Flynn. Additional space will be investigated.
- Purging of old membership has been done on the website. The roster has been updated on the web site as well as the list for the mass blast.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.**



President's Minute  
Continued...

Such is the case with our Safety Program and our Road Captain (RC) Program. As we get ready for our '13 riding season, a few of our members have already committed to earning their RC tab this year. While that's great for them...it's even better for us as each new RC brings new ideas, improvements to our safety environment and great adventures.



So what's your role in all this? Step up and lead a ride, encourage others to earn their RC tab, recommend rides and destinations but, above all, ride safe.....

Let's roll,  
**Traveler**  
President  
Top Cats - Illinois

## Kick Off Ride.... April 21, 2013

Or, for this year...

### THE JERRY DEDERICH MEMORIAL RIDE



The Club will Honor  
Jerry Dederich  
on April 21st,  
by cruising to  
some of Jerry's  
favorite places...

Be sure to add the  
date to your  
calendar so that  
you can be a part  
of our tribute to a  
great rider, think-  
er, friend, Top  
Cat....

And, an all around  
Great Guy!

## March Anniversary



Greg and Jane Smith  
March 25th

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..

## TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

*BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS*



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## Support the TOP CATS Patrons



Top Cats Get 20% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at City Limits Harley-Davidson



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](mailto: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](mailto:wombat@dpdougherty.com)





## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, March 5th	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, 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
Tuesday, April 2nd	General Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, April 9th	Board Meeting	Buffalo Grove	EsKape	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, April 16	Franks and Fries	TBD	TBD	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Sunday, April 21	Dederich Memorial Ride	TBD	TBD	9:30 am	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, April 28	Breakfast Ride	Juicy O Pancake House	TBD	9:30 am	TBD

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