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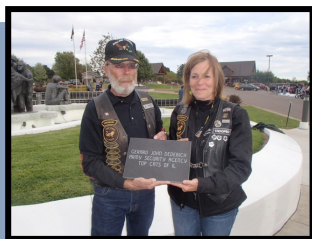
the year.

Belonging to a variety of MC clubs and organizations, I hear a wide array of opinions and varying degrees of interest in our sport. I am constantly reminded that our small, elite, group of riding enthusiasts is comprised of some of the area's most adventurous riders, most skilled riders, and friendliest riders.



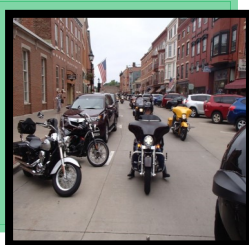
go ride a 600 +/- mile round – trip, overnighter to north central Wisconsin to memorialize a fellow rider, in cool weather with storms in the forecast?", you wouldn't get an overwhelming show of hands.

But, if you ask the Top Cats to do it in memory of Jerry Dederich you will sell out your block of hotel rooms almost immediately. Adventurous and daring? You bet!!!



For some riders, the motorcycling season is winding down. For most Top Cats, it is just entering another phase of

Ask any other riders to saddle up for a morning ride to Galena when rain clouds are on the horizon and color weather radar shows big green globs heading your way and...I'll bet you get no takers.



At most other local motorcycling riding groups, if you asked "Who wants to go ride a 600 +/- mile round – trip, overnighter to north central Wisconsin to memorialize a fellow rider, in cool weather with storms in the forecast?", you wouldn't get an overwhelming show of hands.

Offer that opportunity to Top Cats and....you better make lunch reservations for at least 14. Daring and audacious? Better believe it!

Try to get any other riders to ride a progressive dinner ride starting at noon, riding to an early dinner, and ending in a campfire and desert at night on a 60 degree day with temperatures declining at dusk and I think you'd have a lot of left – over desert.



If you offer that opportunity to Top Cat riders you'd better have plenty of food and firewood ready. Hungry and bold?



They Walk the Talk!!! (Cont. Pg 13)

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 1 General Meeting
- 5 Fall Colors Ride
- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 Franks and Fries (last one for 2013!)
- 19 Wake the Dead Ride
- 20 GRASS Class (Last one for 2013)
- 27th Shoot Out Competition

NOVEMBER

- 5 General Meeting
- 12 Board Meeting
- 16 NISRA Holiday Fashion Show and Tree Raffle**





KAUTION KORNER

Time To Get Your Motorcycle Ready For Storage

By Larry Scalzitti
Senior Road Captain



It's been a nice week for riding, so the idea of storing your bike for the winter might be off your radar, but . . . it's never too early to start planning. There are many things to consider – storage location, cleaning, maintenance, tires, and more. I'll talk to what I think are important items to look at.

STORAGE LOCATION

First you need a place to store it safely and securely. You want to find a place that is heated, well ventilated, free of rodents and secure. It's also great if you can have electrical outlets and access to your bike throughout the year.

When I was single, I stored my motorcycle in the basement of the apartment I lived in. The basement had storage lockers for each tenant, a few washers and dryers, a water heater, a furnace and most importantly a 7 foot section of empty wall space. I kept it there for three winters, under a tarp and chained to a large pipe. Much to my amazement no one ever messed with it or complained about it being there. It was probably a good thing that I was the only one in the complex with a motorcycle.

Most of us keep our bikes in our garages, but some of us will store them away from home. A popular option today is to let your dealer store your bike in exchange for the promise of either having a minimum dollar amount of maintenance completed or that you purchase a minimum amount of parts or accessories.

A third option is to rent space for your bike. When I first opened my motorcycle training school, I leased space from a friend for all of my training bikes and my personal bikes as well. Judy was glad to have more garage space available and now she had the ability to park her car inside the garage for the winter. Lots of points for me on that move! The nice thing

about storing the bikes at my friend's warehouse was that the space was heated and secure.

From there I tried renting a space from one of the popular storage places. It wasn't heated. There was no electricity and access to the lot was nowhere near as secure as I thought it should have been. I didn't realize how good I had it at my friend's building, until that experience. I now have my own warehouse, so it is heated and secure and I can keep my bikes safe again. By the way if you know anyone who needs to store a bike or a car, please share my contact information with them. I still have a few spots available for this winter.

CLEAN UP TIME

If you're like me and don't clean your bike that often or if you own a Harley and clean your bike religiously, now is the time to get serious about proper care. Give your ride a good wash and wax. It will pay dividends when you get it ready to go in the spring. The wax will act as a barrier against moisture and help prevent rust formation. Some will spray metal parts with WD-40 to inhibit corrosion. Years ago a friend suggested I start using DuPont Teflon Multi-Use Lubricant spray and I've found it to be very effective as well.

SERVICE YOUR FLUIDS

If your brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 18,000 km (11,000 miles), do it now. These hygroscopic fluids absorb moisture and the contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems which may give problems when the motorcycle is used next spring. Be sure to use the correct fluids and note the warnings and instructions in the service manual. If you don't have the experience or confidence to do this, have your dealer complete the service. (Continued on pg 6)



What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Whew! Where did the summer go?! It seems like it was just the beginning of Spring and the riding season was getting into full gear. Hard to believe in only a few more weeks and we'll be welcoming fall to our doors and shepherding our bikes into the deep recesses of our garages. With that annual right of passage, it'll be time to do all of the usual preparations for a few months of motorcycle hibernation. Check out Kaution Korner for my hints about storing your ride or if you're lucky - rides.

As you may recall from last month's meeting, Judy and I went to Mundelein's "Park On Park" Cruise Night - It was awesome! The next one will be MOTORCYCLES ONLY!

Come on out on October 9th and show off your favorite bike! The show starts at 4 pm and will run until 9 pm. The epicenter of the event is Park Street and Seymour Avenue in Mundelein. Believe me, you'll find something to love and probably even more to like there. In addition to the local eateries, there are plenty of food vendors to help ease your hunger and your thirst.

For a special treat, on your way home, make sure you check out La Luz Bakery on the northwest corner of Main Street (Route 45) and Park Street. It's a real urban bakery that is sure to kill your diet and thrill your taste buds. Not sure about you, but I'm always looking for a way to sabotage my diets - Sorry Judy!



We can park as a group or ride individually and park. If you get there early enough, you'll be able to display your bike. If they fill up the display areas, you can park on the surrounding city streets. There is a ton of parking available all night, so don't worry about not being able to find a spot. Whenever you can get there is fine.

I'd like to get a group together to meet at 3 pm, but it will all depend on who else wants to go early. At the October meeting, we can decide upon specific meet up times and locations for those that want to park together. The organizers won't allow us to reserve space downstream for others. So we may want to stagger our group to accommodate those of us who work 9 to 5 jobs. There is NO requirement for us to park as a group, but it might be fun. Might also be a good recruiting opportunity?!

I hope to see lot of Top Cats in Mundelein!

What: Park On Park Bike Night

When: October 9th

Time: 4 pm to 9 pm (early birds @ 3 pm)

Where: Park and Seymour in Mundelein

Ride safe
and ride often,

Larry

Meet the newest members of Top Cats....

The Board recently decided that it would be helpful, and appropriate, to introduce our new members to everyone in ROAR so we get to know each other sooner than meeting in a gas station on a Saturday morning before we head off over the horizon on a typically adventurous Top Cats' ride. We will ask each sponsor to draft a short bio on the new member as part of the sponsorship program. So...we are pleased to introduce, and welcome, the following new Top Cat brothers and sisters!



Roxray Adonis

Sponsor: Traveler

Rox is single and lives in Lakemoor, IL. Originally from Guyana, South America and raised in Canada, Rox has a family of 9 sisters and two adult daughters, Rachel and Halle and a teenage son, Keyshaun. Rox is the Director of Disaster Recovery and IT Security for United Airlines, a position that keeps him busy and traveling a lot. In his spare time you'll find him sailing boats from ports around the world, visiting new countries and rippin' down the highway on his bright yellow 2013 HD Street Glide. Rox rode to Sturgis and back with us this year and gave us new

meaning to the yellow caution signs that say "Caution, rocks on highway!" Rox is also a member of McHenry HOG and Rolling Thunder IL-2.



David and Laura Whiteside

Sponsor: Traveler

David and Laura live in Marengo, IL. David has two adult sons (Laura's stepsons), one in Texas and one serving as a US Army colonel. Born in Odessa, TX, David spent the majority of his life serving in the US Army with a short stint as a Texas State Trooper. As an Army Ranger, David served in places around the world including Vietnam, the Pentagon, and a tour at the Reagan Whitehouse. Retiring from the Army after 26 years as a command sergeant major, David started 5 computer stores in the region and retired from that in 2012.

David's interests include competition shooting, advising disabled veterans, computers and traveling with Laura on their Custom 2010 HD Ultra Glide Classic. Laura is a New Jersey native relocating to Illinois in 1987 by way of a job transfer with Borg Warner. Laura is currently the office manager and Payment Card Industry Professional for the corporate offices of QSR, Inc.

Laura's interests include Anthropology and competitive shooting. She is also an 18th Century historical re-enactor portraying a paper and wig maker,

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Offering hands-on opportunities to school students and historians in re-enactment camps around Illinois. See her this October 19th and 20th at the Trail of History at Glacial Park in Ringwood, IL.

David and Laura are also members of McHenry HOG, where David serves as Head Road Captain and Laura serves as Ladies of HOG co-director. They are also members of Rolling Thunder IL-2.



Jim and Lisa Purcell

Sponsor:
Richard Flynn

Jim and Lisa have been married for over 23 years. They have two daughters, Mia (19)

and Gina. (17) They live in Lake Barrington, Barrington Harbor. Jim was born and raised in the City of Chicago. Jim is a Veteran and was a Steamfitter for over 25 years. Lisa's Mortgage Banking career was very successful and they felt it was better for him to be a "Stay at Home Dad..." It was the best of both worlds for the entire family. He helped take care of the family and raise their two daughters for over 14 years while Lisa worked full time.

Jim then uncovered an opportunity of buying a Pizzeria 5 years ago. His passion has always been cooking and has a strong business sense. He purchased Jimanos Pizzeria and is owner of a very successful Restaurant in Fox River Grove. Jim's goal is to expand to a new location in the area, tripling in size and catering to families/sports teams/charities and outside events while always serving quality food with a comfortable atmosphere.

Lisa was born and raised in De Pere, WI. (Near Green Bay) She grew up with 3 brothers and enjoyed camping and fishing through her entire childhood. Yes, she is a Packer Fan but cheers for the

Bears too (except playing against each other.) She is a very personable person and has an outspoken personality. She is very driven and has been in the Mortgage Lending industry for over 28 years. She is a successful Mortgage Banker at Chase Bank, Lake Zurich.

They previously owned a 34 ft. motor home and travelled all over the country with their girls. They also enjoyed taking vacations to Jamaica and the Dominican as well as never forgetting Las Vegas. Jim and Lisa love gambling and he enjoys going to the shooting range as a hobby. Lisa loves to cook/bake and spend time with their girls. They also, enjoy being on the water (Fox River) and have two wave runners as well as a speed boat for family fun.

Their first Harley was an Ultra Classic bought in 1989. They joined HOG and loved riding in big groups/events. After they had their daughters, the Harley sat in the garage more times than not. They wanted to get a side car, but the Harley didn't support it, so they sold the Harley (Jim cried) and purchased a Classic White Gold Wing and built a custom matching double seated side car. They will never forget the many "Looks" they got with family Terrier by their girls side.



After the girls got older, it was old news to them and Jim was too busy with the restaurant and sold the motorcycle. There was something missing from their lives and they decided to get back into riding and bought a 2008 Ultra Classic 3 months ago. They are loving it and ride every chance they get! Lisa wants to learn to ride this fall/spring and is planning on purchasing a Harley Heritage so they can ride together or solo. They are very excited about joining Rolling Thunder as well as Top Cats and beginning a new Chapter in their lives TOGETHER!

Please join us with hugs, handshakes, and a warm welcome for our new brothers and sisters.

**Kaution Korner, Continued**

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant also requires a change every two years or 15,000 miles. Make sure you use the right coolant for your motorcycle engine. You can find that information in your owner's manual.

I like to change my oil before placing the bike in storage. Used oil can contain corrosive contaminants that when coupled with moisture can damage the internals of your engine. Better to be safe than sorry.

Fill up your tank to prevent condensation during storage. Many riders will add fuel stabilizers to the tank. If you do make sure it is compatible with ethanol blended fuels. You should also ride your bike after the additive has been applied, allowing it to circulate through your carburetor or injectors. On my carbureted bikes, I will turn off the fuel supply valve and run the bike until the gas is clear of the carbs to help avoid gumming up the jets during storage. Stale fuel occurs when aromatics (the lighter additives) evaporate leaving a thicker, sour smelling liquid. If left long enough, it will turn into a gum, plugging the jets and passages of the carbs. I ride my bikes at least once a month, so I don't add a stabilizer, unless I know I won't be riding the bike much during the winter.

TIRES & BATTERY

You have a few choices with your battery. One option is to have your battery wired up so that you can connect a trickle charger to it anytime you want. For longer storage periods, I prefer to hook up the charger every few weeks to keep the battery fully charged. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off, and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

Some riders prefer to remove the battery from their motorcycle whenever it's in storage. Then you can attach the trickle charger to the battery during storage.

If you have a conventional lead acid battery now is a good time to check the electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommend pressure. As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to air them up and keep your tires healthy.

If you have a **center stand**, store your motorcycle on it. This will take the weight of the bike off the tires. If you only have a side-stand you will want to keep your motorcycle tires from being in direct contact with the cement floor on the same spot all winter. One option is move your bike every so often. Another is to put material underneath the tire. Rubber mats or some kind of synthetic flexible material will do. You can also place a 1/4" to 1/2" piece of cardboard or wood board under each tire will help keep the rubber raised up from a floor. Michelin recommends placing a barrier between your tire and the storage surface.

DO NOT use a tire dressing on tires (such as Armor-All or tire cleaning foam) as this will make the tires hard and slippery.

COVER IT UP

Now you can add the final layer of protection, a good quality breathable cover for your bike. Feel free to remove the cover during the storage season and polish your bike or if you're lucky take it out for a ride. Remember in the winter, 50 degrees and sun feels like a warm summer day!





Important Information!

Top Cats,

It is that time of year again to anticipate an invoice for your 2014 Membership Dues. If you received your invoice at the September General Meeting then read no further, but if you were one of those non-attendees that show up for Christmas and Easter services, well your invoice will be sent by our esteemed Treasurer, Stewart Johnson by snail mail... so watch your mailbox (the one by the street!!)

Dues must be paid by October 30th, but can be done at any time previous to that date. There is no grace period for payment. Basically, if you have not paid by October 30th, you do not get to vote in the December elections, or even run for that matter....

If you have any questions, saddle up on a General Meeting or Board of Directors Meeting night and come see us...

Each member bears full responsibility for proper payment

The Blast Staff 2013

REMINDER!!!!!!

To become a Full Member and a member in good standing, you need to attend our Group Riding and Safety Seminar (GRASS) this year. Current Full Members must attend GRASS once every three years. The last scheduled class is on 20 Oct 2013. Check our web site calendar for details.

Oil Spots

By Traveler

\$74M Bank Fraud Funded Illinois Motorcycle Dealerships, Race Teams

Publish Date:

Sep 3, 2013

By Holly J. Wagner



CHICAGO, IL – Federal prosecutors have charged 10 former powersports dealers and employees in a \$74 million loan fraud scam. Prosecutors say the parties bilked banks of \$56 million while funding several dealerships and a couple of motorcycle race teams. They were also charged with federal tax offenses in a 36-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury Aug. 28.

Authorities say **Pro Source Motorsports** fraudulently received more than \$31.3 million in direct financing through five lines of credit from Fifth Third Bank, which lost more than \$27.1 million.

Individual straw borrowers received 200 fraudulent loans totaling nearly \$42.4 million, which resulted in 18 financial institutions losing more than \$29.5 million. At least 62 of the individual loans were made to the eight defendants who allegedly acted as straw buyers.

The defendants allegedly used the funds for their own purposes and to create the appearance of personal wealth that gained the confidence of lenders, according to authorities. The tax offenses against eight of the defendants include one or more counts each of

(tax evasion, failing to file an income tax return, or filing a false federal tax return.

Lead defendant Russell S. Ott, 50, of Oswego, Ill., was the owner of Emily Inc., doing business as **Pro Source Motorsports**, last in Morris, Ill. Between 1995 and October 2008, Pro Source sold new and used motorcycles, ATVs, boats, PWC, luxury motor homes and recreational vehicles. In 2007 and 2008, Ott also had ownership interests in **Liberty Cycle** in Libertyville, and Huntley Chevrolet in Libertyville. Ott was charged with one count each of bank fraud and tax evasion.

Defendant Brian McMahon, 54, of Naperville, was Ott and Emily Inc.'s certified public accountant, and owned **Triumph Suzuki** in Naperville between 2001 and 2004 before then selling the dealership to Ott. McMahon was charged with one count of bank fraud and two counts of filing false tax returns.

According to the indictment, Ott and McMahon fabricated false personal and business tax documents and financial statements and provided them to Fifth Third Bank, which between May 2007 and October 2008 extended Pro Source about \$31.4 million through five different credit lines that funded traditional floor plan loans.

According to the indictment, Ott enlisted the other eight defendants as straw borrowers so they could obtain fraudulent loans to share with Ott, even though they did not actually buy the vehicles – usually high-end RVs – for which the loans were made and the vehicles generally did not exist.

Ott allegedly made personal use of the fraudulently obtained funds to operate Pro Source, which operated at a loss from about 2001 through 2008; to buy and renovate a \$1.1 million house for himself. He also allegedly used the funds to purchase a \$258,000 vacation home in Butternut, Wis.; a \$350,000 rental home in South Elgin, Ill.; a Sky Hawk 172 Cessna airplane and hangar for about \$200,000; and pickup trucks and other vehicles for family members and employees of Pro Source. He also used the money to invest in and buy other vehicle dealerships, including more than \$3.6 million in Huntley Chevrolet, and more than \$1 million in Liberty Cycle.

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All 10 defendants will be ordered to appear for arraignment on dates to be determined in U.S. District Court. The other eight defendants are:

- *Andrew W. Stacy, 51, of Elburn, a parts manager at **Pro Source** between 1998 and 2000 –*
- *Scott F. Darville, 48, of Racine, Wis., who owned and operated **Pro Source of Woodstock**, in 1998 and 1999 - In 2000,*
- *F. Peter Mignin, 63, of Geneva, who owned and operated Northwest Investment Co. Inc., which formerly did business as **Schaumburg Honda**, a new and used motorcycle dealership*
- *Kevin D. Hanson, 43, of Louisville, Ky., and formerly of Chicago, who owned and operated **Safety First Racing LLC** of Arlington Heights, a professional motorcycle racing team between 2003 and 2008*
- *Owen A. Weichel, 48, of Huntington Beach, Calif., a former professional motorcycle racer who owned and operated **Center of Gravity LLC**, which imported motorcycle parts from Japan and resold them in the United States*
- *John Materyn, 50, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who worked for Ott at **Pro Source** in 1998 and later at Liberty Cycle*
- *Jill A. Pluta, 55, of LaPorte, Ind., Ott's former sister-in-law who was formerly known as Jill Ott, and who worked at **Pro Source***
- *Joan M. Quick, 52, of Walworth, Wis., the office manager for Pro Source who was responsible for **Pro Source's** day-to-day bookkeeping and accounting*

Each count of bank fraud carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine, or an alternative fine totaling twice the gross gain or twice the loss, whichever is greater, and restitution is mandatory.

City of Hollister Approves Motorcycle Rally for Next 10 Years

September 4, 2013

Hollister, Calif., city council members have approved the Hollister Motorcycle Rally for the next 10 years. The 2013 rally — the city's signature tradition — was the first in five years after shaky finances caused prior cancellations.

"The city council members sent a roaring message to the motorcycle community that officials plan to hold a downtown rally for the next 10 years, even if city politics change," stated rally manager and CEO of World Dynamics Mark Cresswell.

Interim City Manager Bill Avera mentioned there would be an early termination clause in any rally contracts, while he also noted that next year's rally will be over three days, as opposed to the two days for the 2013 revival. "Most important, it lets people know we are committed to this and will allow us to bring in major sponsorships," he said.

The officially sanctioned biker rally started in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Boozefighters' famed "invasion" of Hollister that inspired the Marlon Brando movie, "The Wild One."

Mike Corbin, president of [Corbin-Pacific Inc.](#), sent his personal thanks to the thousands of riders who showed up and supported Corbin in their efforts to keep Independence Day alive in Hollister.

"I promise you next year will be even bigger and better, so plan ahead and you may be surprised to hear that we're making our Annual Rider Appreciation Days three days [long] to coincide with the Hollister Rally," Corbin stated.

Next year's official Rally and Corbin Rider Appreciation Days are July 4-6, 2014.

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Captain America's New Harley Davidson



Next Spring on April 4, 2014, two icons of freedom will roll onto the silver screen with the release of Marvel Studios' "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." Fans at San Diego Comic-Con were excited to see exclusive footage of the film including the reveal of Steve

Rogers' choice of Harley-Davidson in this movie.

In the upcoming film, Steve Rogers' character will be riding Harley-Davidson's newest Softail motorcycle, the Breakout. Launched to the world in March, the Breakout makes a modern statement, but harkens back to the timeless aesthetics for which Harley-Davidson is known.

"Captain America and Harley-Davidson have had a long and glorious association dating back to the introduction of the character in 1939," said Dino Bernacchi, Harley-Davidson Marketing Communication Director. "He's ridden different Harleys throughout the history of the character, and his bike for 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier' needed to fit the modern day setting of this story. Our newest model, the Softail Breakout, with custom touches that personalize the bike for his character was the perfect choice for this film."

"Captain America makes the perfect marketing partner for Harley-Davidson as he truly embodies the iconic, heroic, and American aspects of our brand," said Bernacchi. "Both Captain America and our motorcycles are great symbols of freedom."

For more information: www.harley-davidson.com

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Posted by Sam Kanish

2014 30th Annual Chicago Motorcycle Swap Meet



January 17th - 19th 2014 Fri, Sat, Sun
Pheasant Run Resort & Convention Center,
4051 East Main Street St. Charles, IL 60174

Buy-Sell-Trade, Bikes, Parts Leather, Food, Beer,
Live Bands, Celebrity Appearance, Bike Show, Trophy Awards.

Hours: Friday 1PM – 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 8 PM
Sunday 10AM – 4 PM

One Day Pass (Friday, Saturday or Sunday):

Online \$12 per adult plus and at the gate \$15 per adult. Children 12 and under are FREE

Early Birds Pass (Friday only at starts at 9 AM):

Online \$16 and Advance ticket or at the door, \$20 / adult

2 Day Pass (any 2 days out of Fri. Sat. or Sun):

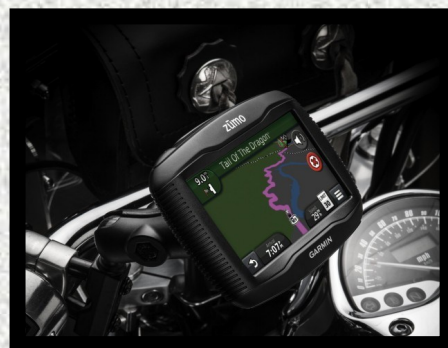
Online \$15 and at the door \$20

3 Day Pass (Friday, Saturday & Sunday):

online \$22 and at the gate \$30 each

Garmin Zumo 390LM With Tire Pressure Monitor Sensor

By: Jerry Smith
September 17
2013



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It used to be that sometimes when you got lost you found a good road by accident. Now, with GPS, it's almost impossible to get lost. But that doesn't mean an end to the curvy stuff. Garmin's new zumo 390LM GPS will not only keep you from getting lost, it has a Curvy Road feature that lets you select and navigate only twisty routes to your destination.

The 390LM also has improved Bluetooth functionality so you can connect to your mobile phone through a Bluetooth-enabled helmet headset, and listen to the zumo's voice-guided navigation instructions while keeping your eyes on the road as it forks confusingly ahead.

The zumo 390LM is the first in the Garmin motorcycle series to be compatible with the new integrated Tire Pressure Monitor Sensor (sold separately). The system works with up to four tires so your trike or sidecar is covered. Add a Service History log that records the date, mileage, and type of maintenance performed on the bike, a case that resists fuel sprays and UV rays, lifetime map updates, and compatibility with BaseCamp route-planning software, and the zumo 390LM might just be the perfect motorcycle GPS. It's available now and has a suggested retail of \$699.99. See it and the rest of the Garmin motorcycle GPS line [on the company's website](#).

Motorcyclist Magazine Announces 2013 Motorcycle of the Year: BMW R1200GS

By: [Motorcyclist](#)
September 20 2013

Motorcyclist magazine has selected the renowned BMW R1200GS as the Motorcycle of the year for 2013. And, at long last, pricing has been announced for the R1200GS from BMW. Unlike the new water-cooled boxer engine, however, the pricing didn't come with a diagram to explain it. And it probably should have.



Here's what you'll want to know. The base model shipped to U.S. [BMW](#) dealers this spring will be equipped with heated grips, saddlebag mounts, and cruise control and will have an MSRP of \$16,600. (There is technically a model available without the grips, mounts, and cruise, but you'll have to order it special, and while you wait for it to be delivered you will undoubtedly curse the \$800 you saved.) All GS versions come with ABS as well as an aluminum engine guard, centerstand, trip computer, adjustable seats, and new stepless adjustable windshield.

A middle option comes in the form of the Premium Package, which includes the options above as well as the full on-board computer to control the new Dynamic ESA (suspension) system, ride modes, and Enduro ASC. The Premium Package also tacks on bark busters, chrome exhaust, and preps the bike for a GPS unit, while bringing the price up to \$17,990.

The version of the new flagship GS that is likely to be most popular will be the one with the full kit and caboodle—known as the Premium Plus Package. In addition to the options included on the Standard and Premium packs, the Plus will come with the new full-LED headlight and Tire Pressure Monitor (TPM) systems. The new-fangled headlamp and TPM system nudge the price up to \$18,870, but keep in mind that's less than \$1K over the middle-of-the-road Premium Package, which every GS rider will want to have (no sense in having a water-cooled GS without Dynamic ESA).

As with previous GS models, additional options—including full hard luggage, soft tank bags, a passel of different seats, spoke wheels, and auxiliary lights—will be available to tack on to the set BMW factory packages.

Harley-Davidson 500cc World Bike In Final Stages Of Development

By: Jerry Smith
September 17, 2013

While Harley won't confirm or deny the actual layout of the bike, it's likely to be a liquid-cooled V-twin of 500cc or even 750cc; if we had to guess, we'd call it a mini V-Rod engine in terms of general configuration. We'd also guess that the majority of the initial production run will go to Harley's in-house rider-development program, so who knows when this machine will get off the range and into American garages.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2013

J and D's, 24600 N. Rand Rd, Wauconda, IL 60084

Submitted by Mary Walters

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President
The Membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Charity Ride report was mentioned and Ric Case will give details later in the meeting.
- President's Ride Report included the highlights of the ride and the pictures on the website tell the story! The weather was good, the scenery was good... and the company was GREAT.
- The question was put to the club about having a competition at the next Shootout. The membership felt that it would be a fun opportunity to do some things together.
- Elections are quickly approaching. Dues will need to be paid by October 30th for those members wishing to vote in the upcoming elections. The members who will be eligible to run for offices will be identified at the November General Meeting.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- No comment at this time. Mike is traveling.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- Larry's dad, Guy Scalzitti, passed away this week.
- The viewing was tonight and the club would like to let Larry know that our thoughts and prayers are with their family.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- All is well with the Roar at this time. New materials and new information are always needed and will be welcomed for the next edition.
- Roster changes should be sent to Mary ASAP so that the invoices can be sent and received so that nomination rosters and voting rosters will be accurate.

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Johnson

- The accounts are in balance and the details can be viewed on the member's page of the website.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- No new membership applications have been received at this time.
- No new Products have been ordered at this time. Members who would like to see the inventory or purchase shirts, caps, or coins should see Emil.

Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Charity

- The Charity Committee will meet to summarize the events and processes leading up to the 2013 Charity Run
- The Charity Committee is also beginning the plans for the 2014 event and Woodstock has our event on

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their calendar for July 27th, 2014.

Safety

- Bard wrote the Kaution Korner for September, but was unable to attend tonight. Ric gave a brief review of the hazards of Fall Riding. The KK article can be viewed in the September issue of ROAR.
- The Next GRASS Class will be on October 20th. It will be the last opportunity for club members to attend before the elections. The class is a requirement for all members to attend once every three years. Be sure you are current by checking with Ric Case or Wayne Kirkpatrick.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 21st. Make Reservations NOW! The hors d'œuvre will be experienced at Emil Kornecki's home. There will be a short ride to Genoa City, Wisconsin for a fish boil at the Octagon House and then a bonfire at the Teitz' estate.
- The High Ground ride will take place on September 14th and 15th. A memory stone will be placed at the Korean War Memorial in honor of Jerry Dederich.
- Activities next 2 months were reviewed by Gene Rigsby. See the website or the ROAR for details.



History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- Web Site is in good shape and running smoothly.
- History is secure as well.

GPS Info Briefing:

Wayne Kirkpatrick began the presentation by explaining the mechanics of the Garmin. He also reviewed the general uses of the Garmin.

- Tony Loden then gave a presentation on the details of how to create a route. Highlights included:
- Mapsource is not available any longer through GARMIN.. Basecamp is now the software that has easy interaction with a GARMIN
- ITN Converter is a separate program that allows you to then convert the route from basecamp to the GARMIN.
- Antenna's for XM radio and weather on the GARMIN are not transferrable between vehicles without first contacting the manufacturer first.
- Tony demonstrated how to create a route using these programs.

This was a great presentation and there will be a class developed in the near future that will allow attendees to bring their own equipment and create routes using these software programs.

50 / 50 was pulled by Ron Freudenberger and the \$30 pot was won by Stewart Johnson. Gene Rigsby and Steph Levy won T-shirts.

{President's Minute.. Continued

So, gang, if we believe that history can predict the future...hang on! We'll have a great Fall and an adventurous winter ahead of us. For those great Top Cats who put on these rides....thanx!

We recently welcomed five new members to our clan which will, no doubt, enrich our DNA environment considerably. When you see a new face in the Club, please introduce yourself give them a warm personal welcome. Names and details are in this month's ROAR.

Enjoy what warm days we have left, keep the bike out of storage and....
don't forget to pay your dues by the end of October.

Let's roll,
Traveler

President, Top Cats – Illinois



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2013

J and D's, 24600 N. Rand Rd, Wauconda, IL 60084

Submitted by Mary Walters

Top Cats of Illinois

9/10/13 Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury, Emil, Kornecki, Ric Case, Mary Walters, Larry Scalzitti, Stewart Johnson.

Absent: Gene Rigsby and Jeff Tietz

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne opened the meeting that there with major issues that need to be looked into by the directors:
- A meeting of the Road Captains should be held SOON to address the issue of support for members who would like to become Road Captains. He stressed the importance that Road Captains and the continued growth of the Road Captain program have to the future development of the club .
- The Master Roster's also need updating to reflect the present positions of Road Captains as well as the most recent e-mail addresses. Some members have not been receiving e-mail blasts.
- New Members need to be given their packets as soon as possible.
- New Members will be highlighted in the ROAR
- The meeting location was discussed. eSkape is still closed, and the Board looked at other options.
Stay at J & D's and discuss the need for sound proofing or
Talk to the Owner of J & D's, Jose, to see if he would commit to letting us have the quieter room.
- Next meeting will include Rich Flynn, who will give a review of the website.
- Incumbents for the open positions in the next election have been contacted and all 4 of the incumbents have accepted the nomination to run again.
- It was noted that the new members have commented on the safety of the rides as well as the variety of the rides. This should be noted and appreciated as the rewards for the work that has been done. It is a reflection of the contributions made by all the members of the club.
- The next *Shootout* will include a challenge competition. Possible dates were discussed and October was agreed as the next possible month. The week-ends of the 12th and 26th are open. Wayne will confirm a date and the planning will begin.

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

- Larry had no updates at this time.
- The Board gave Larry condolences and offered support following the death of his father.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- Master Roster will have to be checked. The Road Captain page needs to be reviewed and updated to reflect Gary Brandt's changes.
- Membership Roster's also have to be reviewed for accuracy to ensure that all members get the Blasts that are being sent out for club events and information.

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**Treasurer:** Stuart Johnson

- Invoices have all been sent or given out at this time.
- The accounts are balanced and the details can be reviewed on the member side of the website.
- As the dues are returned and the possible candidates identified, nominations will be accepted for the December elections.
- Those able to vote will also be identified.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- Mike passed on the opportunity to make jokes about the board members.

Director: Gene Rigsby

- Gene will be asked to address the events on the website and to make sure the mass blasts are accurate and are sent at regular times before the events.
- The due date for reservations for the progressive dinner ride will be moved to the 15th in order to get a Mass Blast out to the members. Numbers are needed in order for the hosts to finalize their plans.

Director: Emil Kornecki

- Jim and Lisa Purcell applied for membership. Larry moved that we accept their application, Mike was the 2nd on the motion. The Purcells were unanimously accepted as our newest members.

Director: Ric Case**Safety**

- Proposed dates for 2014 were submitted to Greg Smith to check for the availability of the room.
3-16-14 5-18-14 10-26-14
- Road Captain module will be looked at for the first meeting in 2014 so that any members who would like to become a Road Captain will attend this meeting and begin planning for 2014.
- The Road Captain meeting will be held before the end of the year.

Charity

- The Committee 2014 will have the same membership as last year, and will add Randy and Faye Braun to the group.

Director: Jeff Tietz was not in attendance.

Adjourned at 8:50.



October Celebrations

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



4th - Fred Creed

5th - Judy Scalzitti

8th - Ron Freudenberger

22nd - Ric Case

30th - Gene Risby

31st - George Lax

25th - Ric and Jacque

Case



The High Ground



Thanks to all who joined us
at the Highground.
Named after a place of security
and safety on a battlefield....
Fitting name for a site of
remembrances....





2013....

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/>.
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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

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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 1st	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, October 5th	Fall Colors Ride	Lake Cook/ Rt 12	Lake Geneva	8:45 am	Loden
Tuesday, October 8th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Wednesday, October 9th	Park on Park Bike Night	Mundelein	Mundelein	3:00 pm	Scalzitti
Tuesday, October 15th	Franks and Fries	Buffalo Grove	Weiners Take All	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Saturday, October 19th	Wake the Dead	Lake Cook / Rt 12	Ghosts and Goblins	10:00 am	Loden
Sunday, October 20th	GRASS	NW Corner of Rt 4 and Rt 53	Harris Bank Bld	8:30 am	Case
Sunday, October 27th	Shoot Out	On Target 560 Beachcraft Ln	Crystal Lake	TBD	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 5th	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 12th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 16th	NISRA Fashion Show and Tree Raffle	800 S. Rt 31	Crystal Lake	10:00am—3:00 pm	TC Board

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at www.TopCats.org.

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