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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



I'm not sure how many Top Cat President can possibly communicate his appreciation in one monthly article. So many people to thank and so little space to write. I will start by stating the obvious. If it was not for our well-trained, experienced and annually-certified road captains....we would not have anywhere near the adventurous, exciting, and imaginative events that we all enjoy.



Speaking for all Top Cats....our sincere thanx for all of the planning, pre riding, coordinating, and leading that each of our road captains puts into every event that they undertake. There is no mediocrity in any Top Cats' event thanx to our great road captains. We also need to recognize that many of our dedicated road captains plan and conduct more than one ride / event each year!!!!

By the end of this month, we will

have conducted a GRASS class, a ride to the Railroad Museum, the Wake the Dead ride, a Fall Colors ride, our third Top Cats' Shootout, a Board meeting and a general meeting. If you average that number of events throughout the year and divide it by your annual dues, we are probably paying about \$1.50 per event!



Next month, we have the solemn obligation of holding our annual elections. This is, no doubt, the most important event of the year and one that sets the direction of our Club for 2014. Under our By-laws, we have two categories of participants; those eligible to vote and those eligible to run for office. To be eligible to vote, members must be Full Members in good standing, attended five events, have one year as a member and attend GRASS within first year and every three years thereafter.



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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 5 General Meeting
- 12 Board Meeting



16 NISRA Holiday Fashion Show and Tree Raffle

DECEMBER

- 3 General Meeting
- 10 Board Meeting

Winter Events are in the works too... Put your idea on the calendar for December, January, February, and March
Riding Season will be back soon!

KAUTION KORNER

Winter Riding

By Ric Case
Senior Road Captain



OK in the last two KK's we heard about Fall riding and storing bikes. But what if you don't want to store the bike?

So now you are warm and comfortable. What else do you need to be concerned about?

But what about hard core winter riding?

Well it takes thin and thick blood and lots of guts. Can it be done safely? Yes with proper pre-cautions, forethought and a few safe practices.

Dressing for Sub-Freezing Temperatures

First when riding in sub-freezing temperatures, it is best to address those temperatures with electric accessories such as gloves, handlebar grips, vests, jackets, and pants/chaps. Now with all of that gear plugged into the bike, best make sure your bikes electrical system can handle all that electrical draw without blowing fuses.

If you are a first timer and want to see if this is something you want to do, you might think of trying snowmobile clothing and be sure you enjoy the cold riding before investing money in electric. (I can lend you all sizes.) When using snowmobile clothing, make sure you can operate all the controls safely because it is bulky.

When riding in these cold situations, make sure that no skin is exposed. I still remember using my Honda Shadow in an emergency situation to ride five (5) miles to the train station when the temp was -22. Although I did not encounter frostbite it took many hours to get warm especially my extremities.



Come to the meeting for some examples of helmet dos and don'ts when riding. You'll want to know how to keep the visors from frosting!

Warming the Equipment

Tire pressure is critical and so are warm tires, to ensure you will have the best traction available. Brake pads and routers need to be warmed before maximum pressure can be applied. So warm them up with light pressure when you first start your ride. Warming the bike before you leave will allow you to use the heat coming off the engine to help keep you and the bike parts warm.

On the Road

Weather is always a concern but with freezing temperatures there will be condensation in the air. This can cause icing and black ice. Larry Scalzitti has some snow riding experience. After one of our meetings, ask him about it.

When riding, look far ahead (MSF anticipated path of travel is twelve (12) seconds ahead whenever possible) and be prepared for slick conditions. Remember when encountering them, always slow as much as possible before getting to the slick spot in the road, keep the bike as upright as possible and try not to make any sudden maneuvers.

All the tips and techniques from fall riding also apply here as well.

In the past, we have had a New Years Day ride to experience cold weather riding if you were prepared and brave enough. Anyone game?

If you are healthy, hearty, and mentally prepared, a cold weather ride can be an enjoyable experience.



What's On Your VP's Mind

By Larry Scalzitti

Thanks to all who were able to find the time to show their respects at my Dad's visitation. I truly appreciate you standing in line to say hello and share some thoughts with me that day. It meant a lot to me. As

we journey through life, we accumulate some great memories to keep us company as we age. I'm happy to report that although I've lost my Father, I still have all of the good memories that he left me. Over the past few months as we've sorted through his belongings and wrapped up the paperwork that comes with death, I am comforted by all of those old memories - lots of great stories and lots of things that we did together.



I wanted to share some thoughts that I feel compelled to discuss as a direct result of my Dad's passing. As a tax professional and financial consultant, I talk to people all day long about preparing for and dealing with death, be it for a family member or themselves. There are a number of things that most people take for granted, but rather everyone should verify all of the details. Many of us are baby boomers, so we're getting older and shouldn't put off these tough decisions. Many of us still have parents around who need to make these same kinds of choices.

Do you have a will? If not, you should. Does your spouse have a will? Do your parents? When was the last time those wills were reviewed and updated? If you are a member of ABATE, they have a lawyer that will generate a will for you as a membership benefit. Although most people have estates that don't require a will, there are some minor items that if you have a will in place, it will make life easier for those you leave behind. If nothing else you will have an executor designated who can take of the multitude of details that need to be addressed.

Do you have a list of exactly what things would need your attention if you were no longer around? Does someone know



where all of your legal and financial documents are? Will they need to know usernames and passwords? Is there a key to your safe deposit box or a combination to your safe? I read an article the other day that after a person passed away, the children could not get the safe open. It ended up at a scrap yard and the scrap yard owner hired a locksmith to open it. In the safe he found lengths of PVC pipe filled with Krugerrands and ammo boxes filled with uncirculated silver dollars. The contents of the safe were estimated to be worth 2.5 million dollars.

Do your bank accounts and securities have TOD (Transfer On Death) designations? If you own a business do you have succession plan in effect? Is there enough cash liquidity in your financial situation to allow your family to pay their bills while your affairs are settled?

Have you looked at your beneficiaries lately? Review those life insurance policies, IRAs, pensions, annuities, 401Bs, 403Bs, 457 plans, anything that can have a beneficiary designation. Leave no stone unturned, so that there won't be any regrets later on. Remember to look at both primary and contingent beneficiaries. Also remember that after the death of a beneficiary you should examine those designations again and make any changes needed.

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ELECTIONS

2014...

By Traveler



Annually we have the opportunity to either vote to confirm a slate or to chose candidates for our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for the coming year. Annually, we verify our members who are eligible to vote and who are eligible to run for office based on Club participation, dues, GRASS attendance, committee service, etc, consistent with our Bylaws.

As we approach this key, and critical, Club event all of us should be reminded of the impact of our vote....

Ideally, with our vote we are continuing the great legacy of Top Cats – Illinois and selecting the best possible candidates to run our Club consistent with our By Laws. Ideally, each of us will cast our vote to select or confirm candidates based on their proven performance, dedication, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.

When you find yourself faced with a selection decision, simply look at your choices and determine 1.) Who has the best interest of the Club at heart, 2.) Who has a proven record of dedication to the Club, 3.) Who has the experience for that particular position and, 4.) If all else is a tie, ask yourself who you see at every ride, every meeting, every committee activity, every Club event, and every charity ride. That should help you decide.

NOMINATIONS. We have a wealth of eligible candidates this year and we are very fortunate to have each incumbent accept a nomination for another term.

The positions up for election / reelection this year and the nominated incumbents are:

Secretary – Mary Walters
Treasurer – Stewart Johnson
Director – Jeff Tietz
Director – Ric Case

Eligibility for nomination includes; dues paid, attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, service on the Board or on a committee. In addition to the incumbents, members eligible for nomination to run for Secretary, Treasurer, or director, subject to their acceptance of that nomination, include:

Boand, Bard	Bradbury, Mike
Brandt, Gary	Flynn, Rich
Kirkpatrick, W	Loden, Terri
Loden, Tony	Malia, Tom
Michaud, Pat	Pfeiffer, Russ
Pfeiffer, Theresa	Rigsby, Noelle
Rigsby, Gene	Scalzitti, Judy
Scalzitti, Larry	Smith, Greg
Smith, Jane	

NOTE: Nominations must be received by a serving Board member by 15 November 2013.

Please be cautious of candidates who violate Club policy of no campaigning or who try to influence voting. That kind of lack of integrity will only result in a negative impact on one of the finest Clubs in this area....Top Cats – Illinois.



Top Cats Awards Banquet... Celebrating 2013!

As we go through the process of selecting our leadership for next year, Let's also start the process of selecting the Best Top Cat Memories of 2013! Celebration...
or Roast?



What was the most scenic ride?
Who was the most agile rider?
The best weather ride?
The longest ride?
Memories.... What will make it into the Top of the books
for the Top Cat's 2013 Celebration?

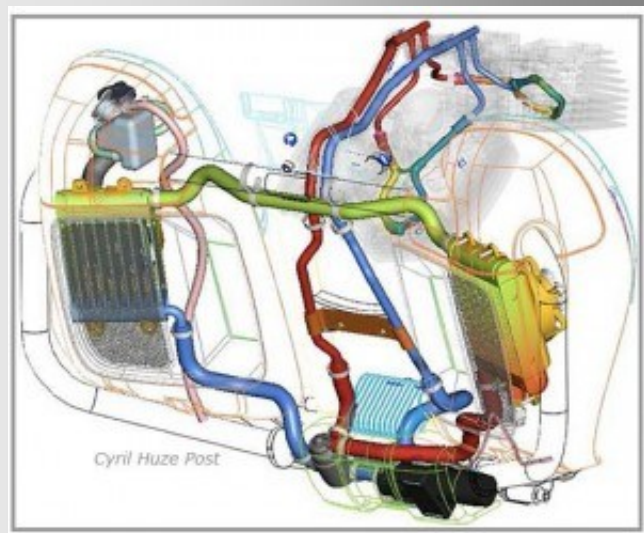
Oil Spots

By Traveler

How Cool? Water Cooled!

By: Scott Holton

Here a few weeks ago, Mother Harley brought out this year's new models. Across the board there are relatively few surprises except on the new Ultra Classic and the new Tri-Glide. A few years ago, I saw where the Harley Davidson Motor Company applied for a patent for water cooled big twin heads. Well, this year they are putting those puppies to use. The top of the line Ultra Classic and the Tri-Glides are the first official "Waterhogs" sporting two small radiators mounted in the fairing lowers in the highway bars. An electric water pump is mounted where a conventional oil cooler used to mount. Adding water cooling does not leave enough room up front for an oil cooler (I'm not a fan of this).



The way the radiators are placed is supposed to direct the heated air away from your legs. I would certainly hope so! I suppose I've known since the advent of the V-rod that water cooling was coming down the pike, but it's a bit of a shock that it is now here. "

Snake River Jump To Help Schools



All of us who were riding motorcycles back in the early 1970s should remember how big a deal it was when Evel Knievel made his futile attempt at jumping the Snake River near Twin Falls, Idaho on his "Skycycle". The attempt fizzled when the rockets chute popped open pre-maturely and Evel was left dangled from the chute as it landed on the rocks next to the river. Luckily Evel came away rather unscathed, as compared to some of his other jumps.

Well it looks like plans for another daredevil attempt to jump the Snake are well under way. To secure the rights to the land on which the jump will be staged, 5 bidders went head-to-head with "Big Ed" Beckley of Beckley Media, LLC; based in Bridgeport, Texas forking over almost one million dollars to the Idaho Department of Lands for a two year lease on an 1,100-acre block of land on the north side of the canyon to be used as a potential landing area.

But the big winner will be the public schools of Idaho. In addition to receiving money from the lease, the schools will also get a certain percentage of media revenues and royalties on event merchandise.

Beckley has until January 1st, 2014, to get any necessary permits or permission from the City of Twin Falls, which owns the land on the south side of the canyon where the attempt will be made from. Source: Idaho Department of Lands

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ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE LAWS



Quite often the desires of motorcyclists are not reflected in our State legislation nor in traffic laws. Over the years, we have seen the efforts of

organizations such as A.B.A.T.E. result in improved consideration of motorcyclists' freedoms and riding environment. Some laws can be argued for the good of motorcycling while others can be judged detrimental to a personal riding style i.e. helmet laws, noise laws, etc. Regardless, we are seeing motorcyclists' input being considered in a variety of legislation.

Among other laws such as handlebar height now allowed above the shoulder and license plates that can be displayed vertically, Illinois has a new law that goes into effect 1 Jan 2014 to create a program administered by the Secretary of State to set standards and establish training for volunteers to become certified motorcycle road guards. A motorcycle road guard would have the authority to stop and direct traffic during a motorcycle group ride if certain conditions are met.

At this time the training and certification is not finalized but, we have discovered that there will be an application fee for certification, specified training, required equipment, and that road guards must coordinate with, and gain permission from, each local jurisdiction for each blocking location.

SPEAKING OF OUR ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE LAWS.....



Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is now amended by changing Sections 11-203 and 11-208 as follows:

(e) No unit of local government,

including a home rule unit, may enact or enforce an ordinance that applies only to motorcycles if the principal purpose for that ordinance is to restrict the access of motorcycles to any highway or portion of a highway for which federal or State funds have been used for the planning, design, construction, or maintenance of that highway. No unit of local government, including a home rule unit, may enact an ordinance requiring motorcycle users to wear protective headgear. Nothing in this subsection (e) shall affect the authority of a unit of local government to regulate motorcycles for traffic control purposes or in accordance with Section 12-602 of this Code. No unit of local government, including a home rule unit, may regulate motorcycles in a manner inconsistent with this Code.

This subsection (e) is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

Why We Ride

The Motorcycle Industry Council has announced that *Why We Ride*, a documentary film focusing on the passion of motorcyclists, premiered at the Chapin Theatre in the



Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL, on Oct. 17th in conjunction with the inaugural AIMExpo trade and consumer show. Film producer/director, Bryan H. Carroll, and producer, James Walker, introduced the premiere and talked about the MIC's support

The film's world premiere was held in Beverly Hills on Oct. 3, and it is currently scheduled to open up in U.S. theaters in New York and Los Angeles on Nov. 1st. A home video version is to be released soon afterwards.

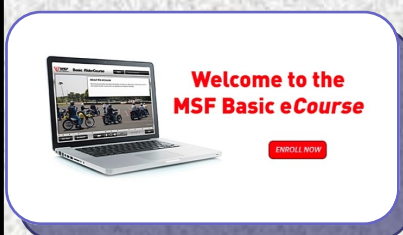
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"*Why We Ride* is a moving film that tells the story of who we are as motorcyclists," said MIC President Tim Buche. "The MIC is so excited to stand behind a film that focuses on the passion of motorcyclists, the wide range of enthusiasts – from professional racers to weekend warriors to families spending time together riding dirt bikes – and the technology of the machines themselves. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the production for bringing us such a tremendously powerful film."

Source: MIC at www.mic.org for more info.

MSF ONLINE COURSE



The new Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic eCourse emphasizes safety and responsibility, is a great refresher, takes about three hours,

costs \$19.99 and helps new riders decide if motorcycling is appropriate for them while it prepares them for their first ride in the Basic Riders Course.

The MSF says that testing shows that the program communicates well to prospective riders while also renewing fundamental safety strategies for experienced riders.

Check it out at www.msf.org

Enterprise motorcycle rentals



What you ride in Vegas can stay in Vegas, with Enterprise Rent-A-Car's new fleet of Harley-Davidson motorcycles offered for rent at a new branch in town.

"We chose to pilot motorcycle rental in Las Vegas because we saw an opportunity to serve a large segment of travelers who are interested in renting motorcycles to visit nearby attractions like the Strip, the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead," said Steve Short, vice president of

Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "We will continue to listen to our customers and announce plans for future growth based on that feedback."

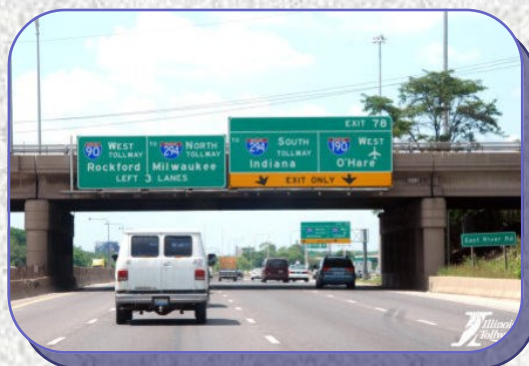
Initially the fleet will be all Harley, but the company is leaving open the possibility of adding other marques.

Customers can immediately rent five different Harley-Davidson models – Street Glide, Road Glide Custom, Electra Glide Classic, Electra Glide Ultra Limited and Road Glide Ultra – and the company plans to add the Heritage Softail Classic and Fat Boy Lo models to its Las Vegas fleet by the end of November.

All motorcycle renters must carry a valid motorcycle license. Enterprise will provide all motorcycle renters with helmets free of charge. Nevada state law requires that all motorcycle riders wear helmets.

The branch is the first of its kind in the United States among major rental car companies.

Illinois Approves 70 MPH Speed Limit



Source: Illinois Tollway press release

The Illinois Tollway has approved an increase in speed limits on some rural segments of tollways to 70 mph, according to a press release from the Illinois Tollway. The increase would take effect on Jan. 1, 2014 according to the news release.

This is not, necessarily, a good thing for motorcyclists. If you can go 70 mph, so can the driver who is on their cell phone texting!

The tollway must satisfy procedural requirements in order to increase speed limits on its system, including conducting an engineering study and receiving approval from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

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A recommendation will also be sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation for concurrence. Once JCAR approves the rule change, the Secretary of State will publish the rule change and the updated signs reflecting the new speed limit will be posted.

The tollway has completed speed limit studies for all non-urban segments of the tollway system. Based on these studies, the tollway will seek to increase the speed limit on select rural segments of the tollway system, including:

The Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) west of the I-39 interchange in Winnebago County (15 miles).

The Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) west of Route 47 in Kane, DeKalb, Ogle and Lee counties (64 miles).

The Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) north of Stearns School Road in Lake County (pending speed limit increase on I-94 in Wisconsin) (6 miles).

If implemented, the new 70 mph speed limit will apply to all vehicles on I-90 and on I-88 west of Kane County.

However, the higher speed limit on the northern portion of the Tri-State Tollway, and an 8-mile segment of I-88 in Kane County extending west of Route 47 to the DeKalb County border, will apply only to passenger and commercial vehicles weighing no more than 8,000 pounds, or 4 tons.

The speed limit for larger trucks on those two segments will remain at 55 mph, the limit currently set by the state's vehicle code for trucks in the Chicago metro area, which includes Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

By law, the current minimum speed limit on the Tollway system is 45 mph.

As part of the changes to the administrative rules approved by the Board today, the tollway will also seek to increase the minimum speed limit from 45 mph to 55 mph where the speed limit is 65 or 70 mph to help keep traffic flowing evenly.

Wow! BMW's New R nine T

BMW is celebrating "90 Years of BMW Motorrad" with the new BMW R nine T, a roadster designed to



have a hand-built retro look and is easy to customize. The bike will be available in spring 2014. An MSRP announcement is forthcoming.

The R nine T is powered by an

1170cc flat twin boxer that produces 110hp and is designed to customize. BMW says they are allowing for their own replacement pieces as well as those from aftermarket manufacturers.



The subframe is removable to switch from two-up capabilities to a café racer look, with an aluminum tail cover. The swingarm will accommodate a 17-inch wheel with a six-inch width for riders who want to go slightly bigger.

The tubular frame is two pieces, a front main frame and a rear main frame, so the rear section can be replaced with an alternative piece.

With such attention to making customizing easy, BMW is ready with a long list of options. A custom seat, carbon engine covers, a carbon front fender, heated grips, LED turn signals and bags for the tank and rear are part of the list. Even the rider is customizable, since BMW suggests gearing up with the BMW Motorrad Style Vintage collection.

The spoked wheels preserve the old-school look, but the inverted forks come from the BMW S 1000RR for new-school suspension. BMW really takes the retro feel to heart in the tank and body. The tank is brushed by hand and then coated, while the forged aluminum throughout the motorcycle is glass bead-blasted before getting a natural anodized finish. All of that is capped with a classic round headlight.



Some Things to Know....

By Traveler

Some things you need to know if you weren't with us on some of our October events...

Wake the Dead ride. Super ride! Well planned and executed (no pun). Went to three haunted cemeteries and a haunted tavern for lunch. Even had locals guide us/ brief us at two places. Don't believe in ghosts? Check out the ghost in the fireplace above in this pic at the tavern....



Shootout. Put 15 Top Cats together after a good breakfast, give them a range, ammo, and firearms and what do you get? A lot of targets with plenty of holes.



G.R.A.S.S.

12 brave souls gave up morning cartoons to come out for our G.R.A.S.S. to meet their requirement or to refresh their skills. Thanx to

the five road captains who gave up their Sunday morning to teach it and to Greg and Jane Smith who hosted it.

Railroad Museum ride. Thanx to Ric Case for doing an old school ride after G.R.A.S.S. No maps, no GPS, no route markings, all from memory.



As a twist, this time, we competed. 10 rounds with any handgun at 7 meters then turn in your targets to be scored at the Nov meeting. Come out in Nov and meet the Top Cat Top Gun.....





VP's Mind, Continued...

In my case, my Dad is the primary beneficiary on everything she has.

We will need to submit primary beneficiary designation changes and review and/or update the contingent beneficiary designations as well. Don't overlook the "benevolent death benefits" from many non-traditional sources; such as credit card companies, credit unions, associations like ABATE, NRA, AAA, etc. and others.

Ownership changes should be reviewed as well. When was the last time you looked at ownership of your assets? If you're married, is your spouse's name on the titles to your property - cars, homes, etc? Whose name shows up on the property tax bill? How about the assets of your parents? In my case, I need to make sure that my parent's jointly held property is now titled correctly. Some of these items are things that I've never thought of before and for most of us the first death in a family is when we get introduced to this learning curve.

Have you wondered about what happens if you can no longer make decisions about your well being? Having health and financial directives in place before then is very important.



What I've found to be of great value in order to make this process easier is a document called *The Five Wishes*. It can be obtained from an organization called "Aging With Dignity." *The Five Wishes* is written in easy to understand language and is a serviceable legal document, recognized in all 50 states, that will let your family and doctors know important information about you like:

- 1 - Who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them.
- 2 - The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want.
- 3 - How comfortable you want to be.
- 4 - How you want people to treat you.
- 5 - What you want your loved ones to know.

Someone once told me that we all have expiration dates, but no one knows what theirs is. There are so many things to do before we die or become incapacitated. By taking the time now to face the tough questions we can make the transitions easier for those left behind to manage our affairs.

Well that's what was on my mind this month!

Ride safe and ride often, Larry





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 7:30 PM by Wayne Kirkpatrick

All members were asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.



President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ♦ The Meeting Place was discussed.
- ♦ With the opening of the Hockey Season, J and D's was noisy.
- ♦ The club board will go to eScape to check out the newly remodeled site.
- ♦ The information will be brought back to the next general meeting and the decision will be made by the membership at that time.
- ♦ Shootout – Competition will be held on October 27th. A mass blast will be sent and Wayne will reserve lanes depending on the turn-out.
- ♦ The Progressive Dinner was a great success. Hors d'oeuvres were served at Emil Kornecki's, Dinner was at the Octagon House in Genoa City, WI, and deserts were passed at Jeff Tietz' house. The entire day was fun and there was a great turn-out. The evening ended with stories around a campfire.
- ♦ The HighGround was also a memorable ride. The memorial is a very wonderful place to be. The name HighGround came from the term that referred to the safety soldiers feel at the top of a hill. And in the spirit of it's name, The HighGround is on the top of a very beautiful hill with a wonderful view!
- ♦ Elections will be held in December, but the information needed for nominations and voting will be presented at the November meeting.
- ♦ Vendor Discounts were discussed. The information will be published on the website.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

- ♦ Mike mentioned how important the elections are to our club. Whether running for office, or voting, It is the opportunity to become a part of the club in a way that will allow you to make a difference.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- ♦ Larry discussed the *Mundelein Park in the Park* night that will be held on the 9th of October. A mass blast will be sent out and after identifying the people who will be going, Larry will give those interested a meeting place and time.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ♦ ROAR was posted this morning. It is a good issue with information on the newest Top Cat members, the most recent news in motorcycling, as well as preparing bikes for winter storage.
- ♦ Roster changes have been made to include the new members. The changes will be sent to the board so that the mass blasts can be sent out to ALL members!

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

- ♦ Dues are to be paid by the 30th of October so that the members who would like to run for office can be identified.

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ♦ New members, Dave and Laura Whiteside; Jim and Lisa Purcell, were given their new member packets and were given a warm welcome to the Club.

Product catalogues are available and orders can be taken by Emil tonight. A shirt will be given away tonight with the raffle

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Safety / Charity: Ric Case

Charity

- ♦ A Summary was given by Noelle Rigsby. The next year's event is already being planned and the first meeting will be held on the 16th of October. Please contact Noelle Rigsby if you are interested in being a part of the planning. All hands are WELCOME!!

Safety

- ♦ Safety Tip was given by Larry Scalzitti. He spoke about the things that you need to look for when riding in the fall. Some things that were covered include:
- ♦ Road conditions with wet leaves
- ♦ Checking out your gear to make sure it is ready
- ♦ Tire pressure decreases in cold weather
- ♦ Be aware of the deer, farm equipment, and other animals that are more prevalent on the road in the fall.

Last/Next GRASS class is going to be held on October 20, 2013. Members were reminded that there is a membership requirement to attend one of these classes every three years.



Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- ♦ Fall Colors Ride will be on Saturday, October 5th. It will be a nice ride to Lake Geneva and then the group will board a boat and have lunch on the Lake while we tour the area. It should be a great way to spend a beautiful fall afternoon.
- ♦ The Wake the Dead Ride was previewed by Tony Loden and he enticed the club with stories about the cemeteries that will be visited on that day. Spooky!!!
- ♦ Larry spoke more about the *Park on Park* Ride
- ♦ The activities that are planned for the next 2 months were reviewed by Gene. There are still many good opportunities to ride with the club before storing your bike!

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

History

- ♦ All is well and there is over a decade of Top Cat History online at the Barrington Library Website

Web Site Briefing: Rich Flynn

- ♦ A review of the Top Cat website was given by Rich Flynn. He showed the members how easy it is to get to the website and what information is available. Anything *Top Cats* is on this site.



50 / 50 was pulled by Ron Freudenberger and Gary Brandt won the \$47 pot. Our new member, Jim Purcell won the shirt... and his wife was given the pink hat that has been in the product bin for a while!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2013

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

Submitted by Mary Walters

Present: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury, Emil, Kornecki, Ric Case, Mary Walters, Larry Scalzitti, Stewart Johnson, Gene Rigsby and Jeff Tietz

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ In the 'Guest Speaker' slot for November, there will be a discussion on the elections.
- ◆ The Board members need to know all of the information that will pertain to the elections so that we can answer any questions that the membership may have.
- ◆ The requirements for voting include
 - Paid dues for 2014 by the 30th of October, 2013.
 - Attending 5+ events during the year
 - A full member for one year
- ◆ Open Positions include
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Two director positions
- ◆ The list of people who are eligible to run for the open positions will be reviewed and published in the November ROAR.
- ◆ There was a discussion on the location for the meetings. Wayne will check eSkape to see where they are at with their renovations. The Board was asked if we should allow the people to make the decision with a vote tally at the next general meeting. All agreed that this would be the best way to decide.
- ◆ 38 out of 52 members have paid dues at this time.
- ◆ There have been 22 members who have shown an interest in taking the Conceal Carry Class.
 - This would allow for Top Cats to have a class specifically for our Club
 - There were questions on the certifications that will be given for completing the class.
 - Wayne will look at this and let the board know what information is gathered.
- ◆ Wayne was talking to Tony Loden about the possibility of having an annual Top Cat 'Adventure' Ride.
 - It would be a week-long + trip
 - It could include riding out, shipping your bike, or getting there and renting a bike
 - It would be in addition to the annual trek to Sturgis, which will remain on the schedule each year.

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

- ◆ . Larry will save his comments for the Activities section.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ◆ Rosters are current and all of the board members were sent the most recent copies on Saturday, October 5th.
- ◆ The articles for ROAR have kept his a great monthly update for the club... keep the ideas coming.

Treasurer: Stuart Johnson

- ◆ Stewart questioned the availability of the financial documents.
 - The Board can access the financials on the website under Board Access
 - This is done for easy access for the Board
 - It also allows the financial reports to be 'archived' as well.
 - All members can be given a copy if they would like and can ask the board

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Mike is contacting businesses to develop connections that will allow members to access discounts for motorcycle related materials.

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Director: Gene Rigsby

Activities

- ◆ The Fall Colors Ride will be rescheduled
- ◆ In place of the Fall Colors, a ride to Dixon, Illinois by Tony Loden will be planned for the 13th
- ◆ Larry Scalzitti has planned a meeting at Midlothian and 83 for October 9th, to the Park on Park event in Mundelien. The group will ride in together to the event. Those interested will talk to Larry and details will be given closer to the date of the ride.
- ◆ The 19th of October is the Wake the Dead Ride led by Tony Loden.
- ◆ The 20th of October will be the final GRASS class for the year. Ric Case is planning a ride to the Train Museum after the next GRASS class. He will get the final details to Gene for publication.
- ◆ The 27th of October will be the next Shoot-out.

Awards

- ◆ Ideas are being generated for the next awards banquet.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- ◆ The new member packets were handed out at the last general meeting.
- ◆ A few possible new members are being pursued by Emil.
- ◆ A question came up on the contents of the current new member packet. The contents of the packet will be reviewed and updated if needed.

Products

- ◆ The new members have purchased shirts and the product line is active.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- ◆ GRASS class dates for 2014 are: March 16th May 18th July 26th
- ◆ A Road Captain's meeting will be held in January. Issues with Road Captain status and ride completion will be addressed.

Charity

- ◆ Ric has received the invitation to the NISRA fashion show.
- ◆ It will be held on November 23rd at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake.
- ◆ The event will include 6 trees for raffle and many other auction items.
- ◆ Ric Proposed a \$30 per person subsidy for two tables in support of NISRA,
- ◆ He made a motion to purchase tickets for 2 tables (10/table @ \$45/seat = \$450/table)
- ◆ Each attendee will pay \$15 for their ticket. (\$300.00 will be added to the NISRA donation record for each table.
- ◆ Mike made a second and the motion was carried unanimously.\

Director: Jeff Tietz

Website:

- ◆ Update done by Rich Flynn at the last General meeting was informative and well done. It allowed the new members to see what is available and the older members to review where to get information.

History

- ◆ The Library will remain a great source for Top Cat History.
- ◆ At the end of the year, Jeff will contact the Library to add the past year's information.

New News:

- ◆ Wayne has the dye for the leather patches that used to be given when a member brings in someone new.

Adjourned at 9:10



President's Minute, Continued

By our November general meeting, we will have published a list of those eligible for nomination to run for Secretary, Treasure, and two Director positions. We are also fortunate that the incumbents Mary Walters (Secretary), Stewart Johnson (Treasurer), Jeff Tietz (Director) and Ric Case (Director) have agreed to accept my nomination for a second term. Elections will be held at our December meeting with terms commencing on 1 January 2014.



With elections pending, our Charity Ride committee already in session, road captains planning trips for next year, our Activities director already filling next year's calendar, 2014 is shaping up to be another great Top Cat year.



Finally, as everyone apparently knows, 2014 membership dues were due by 30 October. I'm pleased to state that all members but one renewed their membership for 2014. The individual who did not renew has moved to Arizona and...we wish Stan Lukasik well.

In most motorcycle organizations, November marks the end of the season. As you can see here, November in Top Cats is simply the beginning of another exciting year.....



Let's roll,

Traveler
President
Top Cats – Illinois



November Celebrations

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



5th **Mike Bradbury**
17th **Kathie Bradbury**

20th
Larry and Judy Scalzitti



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/>.
Check them out... and see how things used to be..

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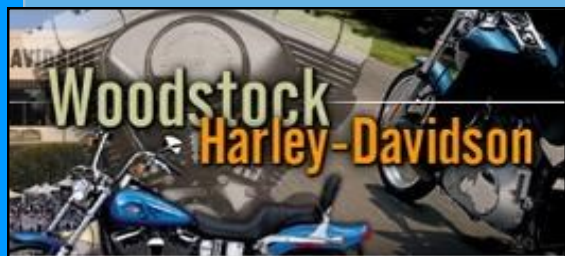
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The Top Cats Board of Directors is looking for an enterprising and creative individual to assume responsibility for coordinating the content on our soon-to-be upgraded website. No 'technical' website experience is required.

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

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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.

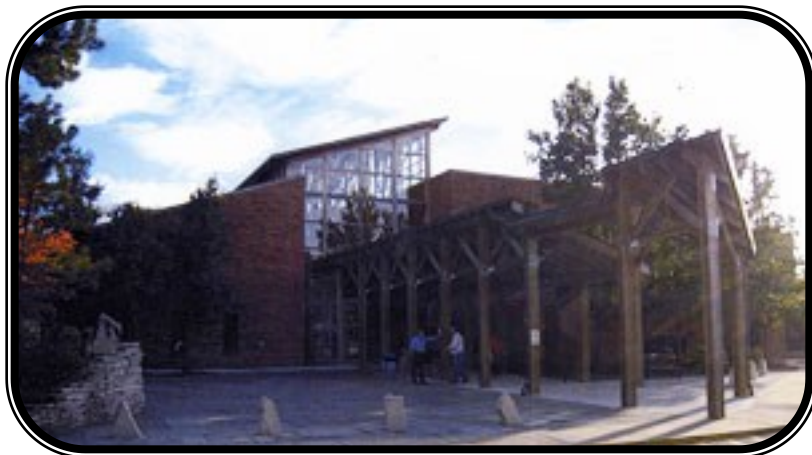
If you have an interest in becoming Top Cats Historian or being a part of this activity please contact Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty at wombat@dpdougherty.com



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, 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
Tuesday, December 3th	General Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 10th	Board Meeting	Wauconda	J and D's	7:30 p m	Kirkpatrick

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



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