



ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



When this issue of ROAR hits the streets, a significant portion of the Club, 18 bodies / 14 bikes, will be enjoying the hills, desert, warm wind and sunny skies of our west coast on our first, official Top Cats' Adventure Ride to California!

Get ready....if you're not on this ride, you are go-

ing to be the recipient of hundreds of "war stories" from those who did go. The down side...you missed a great ride. The up side...it will probably motivate you to join the Fall Adventure Ride to the Ozarks in September.



In between our Adventure Rides, we have plenty of opportunities for weekend and day rides to places that the Club has never



been before and back to some of our favorite places.

I surely won't compromise the ride destinations or themes just yet. We'll let our road captains do that but, keep an eye out for clues.....

Remember, if you have an idea for a great ride...we can find a date for it!



As we approach a very exciting 2014 riding season with many old members and quite a few new members, I ask everyone to help continue our strong legacy of being a safety – based riding club by attending a GRASS seminar, riding safely and respectfully, and helping, assisting, mentoring and supporting your Top Cat brothers and sisters.

Let's roll...safely.....

Traveler

President, Top Cats – Illinois



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Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting
- 27 2014 Kick-Off Ride

MAY

- 4 ANNUAL MILLIE'S RIDE
- 6 General Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting
- 18 GRASS Class
- 18 Little Angels Satellite Ride

Snow is melting... Spring events are in the works ...
Put your idea on the calendar for

April... and May, June and July!

The Riding Season is HERE!



KAUTION KORNER

Team Riding: Two Up!

Plan Ahead!

By: Mary Walters, Road Captain

Are you getting ready for this summer's motorcycle runs? Some of our Top Cats are already out West and the year is under way! And you know that their great memories and stories are developing every day! And for those of us still here - The excitement of spending time on the road is creeping into our thoughts. Those WARM ideas are growing as the cold snowy days are disappearing!

As the riding season begins, it would be good for us to start discussing some topics that will add to the fun and safety of the riding season. Many of us ride with a partner... and it can be a challenge when 'Team Riding'. Sometimes the issues that creep into the trip can change the aura of those 'special' biking memories

This article will take a quick look at the 'Team Ride' conversation. "TEAM", you ask? Yes... Team. Its when two people are riding together... the idea is as follows:

T: Talk

E: Execute the plan

A: Adjust as needed

M: Make Memories

This format includes significant input by both people who will be riding on the same bike. It's a conversation that will add to the safety and enjoyment for all people on the ride. Taking these initial steps as the season opens, will decrease the number of challenges and increase the amount of focus on the road for both bikers during the ride. It will allow each ride to become the great experience that only a motorcycle can provide!

To get the conversation started, here is a checklist of issues that should be considered and clearly communicated between the rider and the passenger BEFORE getting on the bike:

Pre-Ride Information:

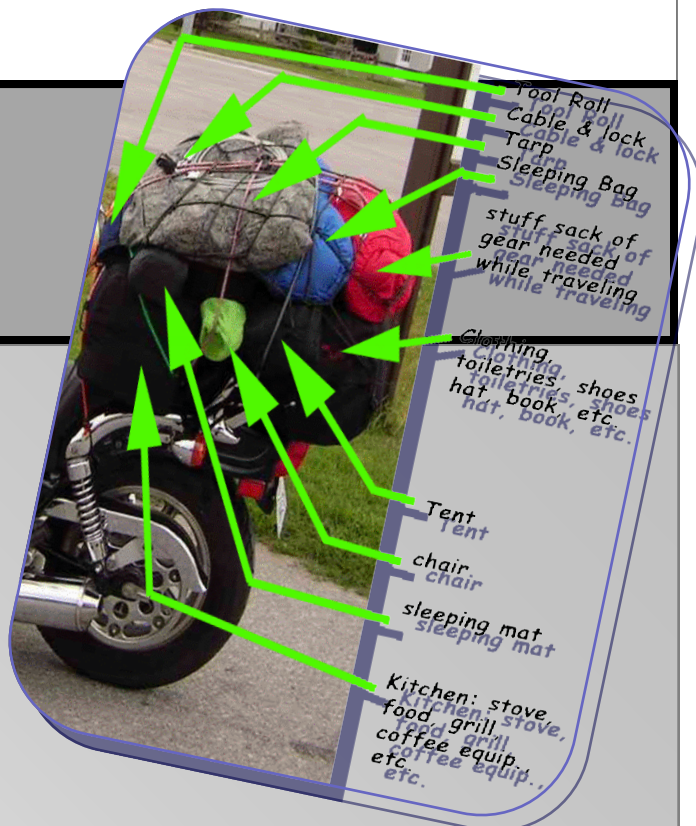
Pre-Ride Information: Packing.

- ★ WHAT 'Extras' need to be packed and WHERE will they be packed:

Tools

Raingear

- I Information: Emergency info, insurance papers, registration and manuals for the bike.



- ★ How much room is available for each person after all of the above necessities are stored?
- ★ What can (or can't) be packed for use by BOTH persons?

Shampoo, Soap, Hair sprays, Blow Dryers, etc...

- ★ What space is left in saddle bags and tour pack? How will this be divided?

Ride Responsibilities.

- ★ Who is responsible for checking gear?
- ★ Who is responsible for checking mechanical issues?
- ★ Who will make calls for confirming destination information?
- ★ Where or how will that info be recorded or communicated?

Garmin and Trip Information

- ★ What route is being taken?

Is this being planned or organized as a team?

If not, the rider needs to take time to communicate this information with the passenger before getting on the bike. (Unless this is part of a present!)

Making this a present from the passenger to the rider is a bit more complicated. Pre-set Garmin routes that the Rider is to follow, can be a distraction and detract from the safety of the ride.

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★ Weather conditions.

What can be expected by weather and road conditions for this ride?

What riding apparel is needed?

When/how will stopping be determined by rider or by passenger.

★ Emergency information

Where is Emergency information stored on the garmin? How can the passenger access this if needed?

What is to be done if an accident scene is experienced? What responsibilities will fall to each person? This should be identified using numerous scenarios.

★ Ride Information

Leaning procedure:

Where should passenger be positioned during ride, turns or passing situations?

Leg positions?

Head and torso positions?

How can the passenger prevent sliding forward into the rider?

Passing information:

What should the passenger expect in passing situations?

Rider considerations?

Group procedures?

Communication:

Group signals given by rider only. (Discuss exceptions to the rule)

Minimize gestures between rider and passenger.

Identify the best way to communicate information between rider and passenger if no technology system for communication is being used. This will minimize the riders distractibility during the conversations.



★ Bike Issues:

What things can the passenger be listening/watching for that may indicate an issue that would require a stop?

Noises that are more pronounced at the back of the bike.

Hard/soft riding experiences.

Visual issues that may start at the back of the bike.

Gear placement.

★ Post Ride or Stopping:

Review of issues that occurred during the ride.

Riding conditions and the need to adjust gear

Feel of the bike

Issues noticed by passenger from the list above

Post-Ride or Stop Responsibilities:

Who will pump/pay for the gas

How to and who will clean parts of the bike; windshield, headlights, rear view mirrors

Food and drink.... On the run or stationary?

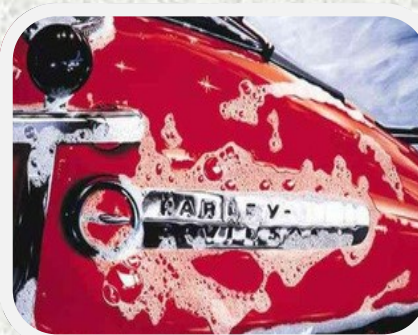
.... Oh, and one last piece of advice from a wise passenger, AND soon to be rider... When you arrive home, there will be a whole lot of CLEANING!

Decide who will be unpacking.

Who will do the laundry.

AND....Who is

washing and waxing the bike...



It's GO TIME! With all of this 'pre-programed' information, time on the bike will be more care-free. The TEAM Conversation will enhance the enjoyable moments! Talk, execute, adjust and... make memories!

With this in place, thoughts and talk can now be focused on the 3R's of Motorcycling... The Road, The Ride, and the Reason for the Season! And...The ride has just come a better memory for all!



NewTops Cat you Should Know...

Faye Braun!

Randy and I will be married 40 years in June and we have 2 children, Dana & Jason and 2 grandchildren Parker & Peyton. We have lived in Palatine for 35 years.

I was a PTA President for 6 years and the Northwest Suburban PTA Council President for 2 years. During this time I was employed at Northwest Community Hospital for 20 years as a Unit Secretary on the Oncology Unit and the Surgery Department. So these years flew by quickly... as it usually does when you are having fun!

But, despite the enjoyment I had working and giving back to the community, the decision to retire came easy when my first grandchild was born. The free time would allow me to be available to help our daughter so she could return to work.

My biggest adventure/ride was 15 years ago when Randy & I did the Route 66 Road Trip with the Harley Davidson group. He couldn't have had a better copilot for him and we had a chance to enjoy each other's company. Riding is Randy's passion and I enjoy riding with him when I am able. I have met and made many good friends in Top Cats and I enjoy participating and being a member of the club.



April Celebrations!

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



14th—Tony Loden
22nd—Russ Peiffer

15th Russ
and Theresa Peiffer



All Proceeds will benefit the programs of
NISRA

Save the Date!
July 27th, 2014!

Top Cat's Ride for Dreams!



Oil Spots

By Traveler

EPA Decisions Favor E10, Hamper Efforts to Extend E15 Availability

New regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency include two key provisions that help protect motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle owners from damaging their engines and possibly voiding manufacturers' warranties, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.



The EPA adopted E10 -- a fuel containing up to 10 percent ethanol by volume -- as its standard test fuel, beginning in 2017. The pro-ethanol industry had pressed for adoption of E15 as the standard test fuel.

Also, the agency refused to grant a waiver for E15 for its vapor pressure limit for fuels. This decision means that E15 fuels will be available in fewer locales during the warmer months, reducing the likelihood that motorcyclists could inadvertently fill their tanks with it.

The EPA has approved E15 for use in 2001-and-newer cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles. But the fuel is not approved for use in motorcycles. Manufacturers have warned that use of E15 in unapproved vehicles may void the warranties. Blender pumps dispensing E15 at service stations create high potential for misfueling by consumers.

In August 2013, a Wisconsin retail outlet was found to be selling E15 and E85 fuel alongside E10. The warning labels on the blender pump did not meet EPA standards, and were placed on the pump in a way that may lead to confusion by consumers. In response to a letter, Wisconsin officials pledged to require clear labels placed above the nozzles to alert consumers of the potential for misfueling.

Easy Rider Goes Electric at Montreal Motorcycle Show

Revealed at the Montreal Motorcycle Show at the Palais Des Congrès, the Longueuil-built SORA can go from 0 to 100 km/h in 4.8 seconds and has a top speed of nearly 200 km/h — all with hardly a sound.

That silence is leaving some old-school motorcycle enthusiasts unconvinced. "There's no sound... I like the sounds. A lot of guys... like the sounds the feeling and hearing the motor," said Stéphane Bessette.

The silent SORA, however, is making a lot of noise among attendees, says show manager Bianca Kennedy.

"It has certainly added a lot of attention to the show, lots of interest, a lot of buzz," she said. "Innovation always creates interest."



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Oil Spots, Continued...

Priced around \$48,000, the SORA features touchscreen interfaces and an adjustable electric seat that converts the bike from low-rider to cafe racer. The bike can travel up to 200 kilometres on a fully-charged battery.

“The SORA is for people looking for exclusivity. It's for one percent of the population — people who can afford it, because we are not trying to hit the mass market,” said Jean-Pierre Legris of Lito Green Motion, the Longueuil-based company behind the Sora.

At least one motorcycle show attendee, however, sees the SORA as the luxurious thin-edge of a mass movement toward electric motorcycles in the not-so-distant future.

“It's awesome, awesome. The new generation coming up, electricity it's all it's going to be,” said Marc-Andre Guerra.

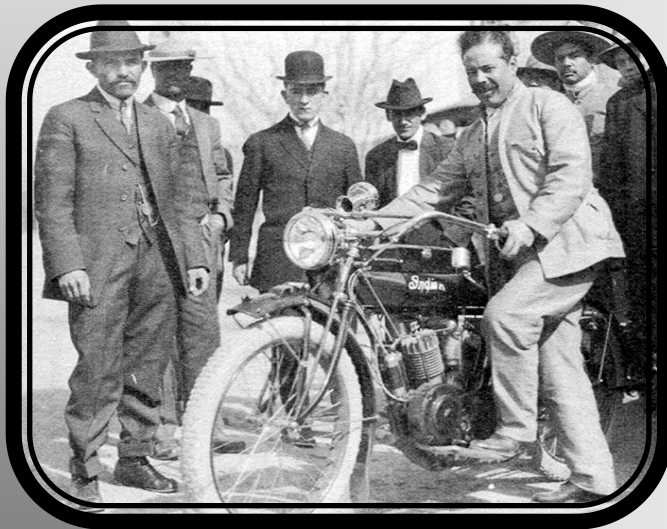
Harley Davidson on the Trail of Pancho Villa



In just two years, Harley-Davidson will be able to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the first HD motorcycles to be used in a US Military combat role.



Although the US Army had been testing motorcycles since 1913, it wasn't until General “Black Jack” Pershing ordered them for use in the Punitive Expedition that they actually saw live combat. Pershing thought that motorcycles would be the perfect vehicle for traveling through the rugged deserts of Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa.



At that time, Harley-Davidson was producing the J-series motorcycle which were powered by a 61 cubic inch F-head engine and capable of speeds up to 60 miles per hour. The US Army ordered these in a variety of configurations including standard motorcycles for troop transport, sidecar equipped motorcycles for command transport, sidecar equipped motorcycles with machine guns and sidecar equipped motorcycles to carry supplies and ammunition.

Pershing and the US Army were very impressed by the performance of those machines during the 11-month operation in Mexico. This set the stage for an increased role for motorcycles in the US Military and their numbers soon swelled with the advent of WWI.

The Pershing Expedition failed to achieve it's goal of capturing Pancho Villa, who coincidentally was also a motorcycle enthusiast. His brand of choice was Indian and it is rumored that he used Indian motorcycles in some of his raids. It's interesting to think that Harley-Davidson and Indian not only competed on the race track, but also on the battlefield...

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Oil Spots, Continued...

GPS Routes (Mapping) & Route File

Format Conversion



So your buddy tells you about a really good ride route, how frustrating is it that you can't use his GPS route map as he uses a different SatNav system than you? Share your GPS / SatNav routes - convert just about any route map format to pretty much any other mapping software format. A few examples of the file types handled:

- CSV (lat/Long)
- MapPoint (.ptm)
- Google Earth (.kml)
- MapSource (.gdb, mps)
- GPS Exchange (.gpx)
- Magellan SD (.rte, .upt)
- GPX MapSource (.gpx)
- Tom Tom 3,5,6 (.itn, ov2)
- MS AutoRoute (.axe, axq)
- Via Michelin (.xvm)

ITNConv is a program to convert Garmin Mapsource files to a format that could be used on a TomTom SatNav system or convert many other formats. Very easy to use, intuitive, and does exactly what it says it does. One of the nice features is the way it seamlessly uses Google Maps for the cartography and searching.

What's more it's a stand alone application (no installation routine on your PC - no Registry clutter, no DLLs littered everywhere!) - just click ITNConv.exe and away you go. ITNConv.exe is just 216kb file size available as a ZIP download of just 95kb - current version (30Sep2007) v1.63

ITNConv has its own route map editor allowing you to search for addresses and locations and the planning of routes with several stages. Use the software to open existing routes or plan new routes to be saved in any number of the mapping file formats ITNConv understands.

As ITNConv 'integrates' with Google Maps, searching for / finding specific locations is a breeze. For example, enter any one of the following 'data' in the Search box to find a place:

- Latitude / longitude
- Zip code
- Address
- Name

ITNConv is 'freeware' but there's a button in the program for you to make a donation to the author via PayPal.....definitely worth supporting this author.

Download ITNConv from:

www.benichou-software.com

How to Buy Motorcycle Insurance



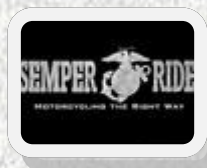
Not having insurance can get you in trouble with the law and can lead to a hefty fine.

Motorcycle Insurance. It protects you, protects your motorcycle, and can protect against careless cagers. It's also required by law, and getting caught by The Man without insurance can be an expensive lesson.

Fortunately, we've got it easy these days and riders can get insurance quotes almost immediately online without leaving the comfort of home. Our first tip is to shop around and get multiple quotes before you decide.

Oil Spots, Continued...

. If you already have auto insurance with a company, check to see whether they offer motorcycle insurance as well because often you can get a discounted price if you bundle coverage. But just because you can find all the information you need online, still call an insurance agent. Sometimes they will offer an even lower discounted rate and might even meet the lowest price offered by its competitors.



Taking safety courses or being a member of certain motorcycle organizations can mean you're eligible for a discount.

Begin your search by knowing that there's no set rate. Factors like age, driving history, style of motorcycle, where you live and how you store your bike - even credit scores can affect your rate of coverage. A long-standing history with a particular company is often good for a discount. Motorcyclists are going to need to choose between simple liability or a more comprehensive plan. Tailor your plan according to what style of motorcycle you ride and how you ride it. Year-round or seasonal? Passenger or no passenger? Riding habits need to be taken into consideration when talking about your plan. Riders who have taken a recent Motorcycle Safety Foundation or are members of groups like the American Motorcyclist Association or HOG are frequently eligible for discounted rates, also.



Before buying motorcycle insurance, it is a good idea to check your state or local laws first to find out specifically what type

of coverage is required. Some riders feel confident enough to run with basic liability that covers property damages and bodily injury expenses to others in an accident where you are at fault. It is the bare minimum to cover your butt in case of a crash. However, it doesn't cover the cost of repairing or replacing your motorcycle. This might be OK if you're riding an old beater bike, but it's still a roll-of-the-dice option.

Make sure to have the correct coverage to protect your passenger if you find yourself frequently riding two-up. Unlike automobile insurance, motorcycle passengers aren't automatically covered, so if you plan on riding two-up, you'll want to invest in Guest Passenger Liability Coverage as well. This will pay for any injuries a passenger sustains while riding with you.

The best plan, which of course is the most expensive plan, is full Comprehensive and Collision coverage. This will cover your motorcycle if it is stolen or damaged in an accident, regardless of fault. Comprehensive coverage protects against damages sustained that are beyond your control, like fire, theft, vandalism or storm damage. Collision coverage means that if your bike is totaled or damaged in a collision, the insurance company will pay to have it repaired.

There are two areas that motorcyclists often under-insure themselves: uninsured motorist and medical liability coverage. You can't rely on the fact that the other driver has enough coverage. Many drivers don't have any insurance at all, so as a precautionary measure, don't skimp when it comes to this option.

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Oil Spots Continued...

Also, don't come up short when it comes to medical liability. Don't think that just because you're on a motorcycle that it's only going to be you that gets hurt in an accident. Motorcycles can do serious damage, so buy coverage similar to the plan that you have for your automobile. You're going to be liable for the same amount of expenses, so don't sell yourself short.

Most motorcycle insurance providers will customize a program around a rider's needs. Companies like Progressive, GEICO, Allstate, State Farm, and Esurance all offer coverage, so be sure to shop around for the best price. But start with the company that insures your car first to see if they will strike a deal with you for insuring multiple vehicles.



Accidents can happen at any time, anywhere. Having the right coverage can keep you out of costly situations.



***Pictures and Stories
from the Front
Lines!***

***Watch for a Travel Report on Top
Cat's Very First Adventure Ride!
From Terri Loden!***

***Weather
Bike Performance
Moments of Splendor
Moments of ?????
Great Food!
Great Views!***

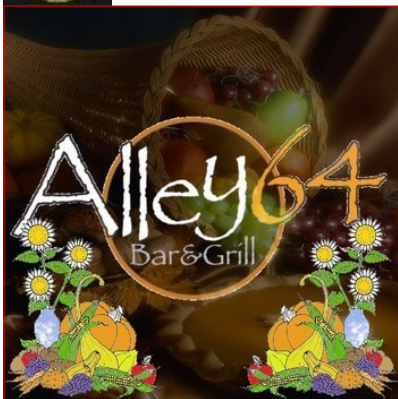


GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4TH, 2014

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters



Meeting called to order 7:30 PM

by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President, Top Cats Illinois

Membership was asked to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance



Our guests for tonight were: Ed "Hawk" Hawkinson came with Jim and Lisa Purcell. And Greg "Blinkie" Ludwig brought his daughter.

President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ 2014 New Positions: Products will be organized by Lisa Purcell and Jim Purcell will be the SGT at Arms.
- ✦ History Nights will continue in the future, but tonight we have a guest speaker from the Illinois State Police, Ben Chikaraishi.
- ✦ Awards Banquet for NISRA will be on Wednesday, March 12th. It is a wonderful opportunity to see how the money we raise at our *Ride for Dreams* is benefitting NISRA participants.
- ✦ April General Meeting will be held as scheduled. The April Board meeting will be moved to the 15th.
- ✦ Everyone agreed that the Top Cats Awards Banquet was great! The membership thanked Mike Bradbury and Gene Rigsby for the great job they did on creating a memorable evening for all in attendance.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

Mike will allow time for the presentation and save his comments for another time.

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

Larry was unable to attend tonight's meeting

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters

- ✦ Mary asked that members take time to report any changes in e-mails or phone numbers so that important information will reach all Top Cats.
- ✦ Also, look for the April ROAR early. The publication will be out so that the members going to AZ will be able to see it first.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

- ✦ Stewart stated that he always comes to meetings early so that he can write checks or give report to anyone who is interested.

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Safety / Charity: Ric Case

- ✦ Gene Reported on riding when lightening is present, and suggested that everyone read the complete article in this month's ROAR or research the topic in more detail. It is important to know the facts so that you can make a quick decision on what to do when weather turns rough.
- ✦ Additions to the conversation on riding in the rain, included the idea of making sure that you always have a helmet with a clear visor for those times that you may get caught in the rain. And also... Always RIDE SAFE! Make sure that you become one of those 'old bikers'!

Illinois State Police: Officer Chikaraishi, Illinois State Police

- ✦ Ben started by extending a greeting to the club from Rich Kozik! He has returned to work and would have liked to join us tonight, but he had another commitment that he needed to attend tonight.
 - ✦ He then reviewed the Illinois License, Registration, and Display of Registration Codes. If anyone would be interested in more detail, you can go to the www.ilga.gov website under Illinois Compiled Statutes page.
 - ✦ Statute 5/11-306(a-3.5) discusses motorcycles and turns at a red light.
 - ✦ Motorcycle Equipment regulations and requirements were reviewed.
 - ✦ **BIKE SAFE** is the Illinois Motorcycle program that is now being offered by the Illinois State Police and has expanded to the entire state.
 - ✦ The course pairs two riders with one motor officer and they ride together while the motor officer evaluates the riders.
 - ✦ Dates at this time are:
 - May 17,
 - June 21,
 - July 12,
 - Aug 16 (Buffalo Grove)
- See Ric Case if you would like to sign up for these classes!*

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ We have a new Committee Chair for Products. Lisa Purcell is taking command and will be surveying the members on their fashion needs for 2014. Watch for some new ideas!

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

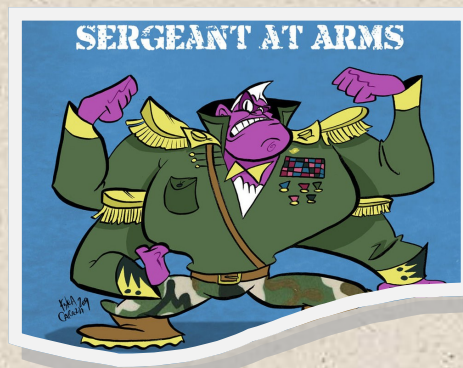
- ✦ Gene reviewed the activities that are on the calendar for the next two months. They can be found on the website calendar if you are looking for details!

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- ✦ Because of the wonderful presentation by Ben, the Web Site Update will be at a later date.

The 50 / 50 was won by Jane Smith... and.....

THANKS, Jim Purcell for being our new Sergeant at Arms!





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 11TH, 2014

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters

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

Absent : Larry Scalzitti

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick called the meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

- ✦ 1st Annual Adventure Ride is ready to go with 14 bikes and 18 people.
- ✦ April's General Meeting will be run by Gene Rigsby.
- ✦ April Board meeting will be moved to 15 April, so that all board members can make the meeting after the Adventure Ride.
- ✦ 19 April will be the next Posse Meeting. The meeting will be moved to Alley 64 and Gene will attend to represent Top Cats.

✦ The 2014 Web Site review:

- ⇒ Quotes are being collected so that the Board will be able to ensure the best quality for the money spent.
- ⇒ There will be a review of the vendors that have been posted on our website to validate their connections to Top Cats and to make sure we have their most recent information.

✦ Insurance Quotes

- ⇒ Seven companies have been contacted and the quotes will hopefully be back by the next Board Meeting
- ⇒ Jeff Tietz is presently reviewing the coverage that we presently have and will analyze the quotes as they come in to compare the content.
- ⇒ Jeff spoke to the present coverage and the possible risks that the club has with our present policy. The board was reminded that anyone can bring a suit at any time. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that as a Board, the most responsible actions we can take are to have a good insurance policy and maintain our Club's focus in the area of safety
- ⇒ Jeff will also contact Randy Braun and ask him to submit a quote as well.

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti was not in attendance tonight.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ✦ ROAR will be published before the group leaves on the Adventure Trip... and before Rich Flynn has his surgery.
- ✦ The Master Roster has been updated with Road Captain information, new members and GRASS class attendees.

Treasure: Stewart Johnson

An invoice was paid tonight to Emil Kornecki for Danglers in the amount of \$19.00.

Gene Rigsby presented a portion of the invoices for the Awards Banquet. Plans were made to complete the spreadsheet with the income and payments made for the night, and submit them to the board when they are complete.

Mike Bradbury was given a check for the amount of \$254.00 for the Awards that were made for the Banquet.

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- ★ \$225.00 was being sent to Greg Chambers for the Website Repair.
- ★ New brochures will be made with the 'family' membership cost of \$115 rather than the \$130 that is in the present brochures.
- ★ The Financial Report and the IRS 990 has been completed and the report should be sent soon by the state.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- ★ Mike made a suggestion that the chairs of the committees be added to the agenda for the monthly meeting. This will allow them to become more visible as a part of the leadership of the club. Members will be able to identify the 'go to' people for questions that arise.

Director: Gene Rigsby

Activities Status 2014

- ★ GRASS class is this Sunday, 16 March.
- ★ 3/23/14 is load date and 3/29/14 is the beginning of the Adventure Ride!
- ★ New members, Bob and Genie Stevenson, have joined the Activities Committee.
- ★ David Whiteside would like to take the group to Fort McCoy as an overnight ride.
- ★ Discussion was held on how to develop the Road Captains and new rides.

Awards

- ★ There was a discussion about start dates and rockers because there were some members that were not given their rockers at the Awards dinner. Gene will give them to those people at the next general meetings.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- ★ No new members or applications at this time.
- ★ 2014 attendance tracking needs to be addressed at each meeting so that we can track accurately. This is one of the requirements for renewing membership.

Products for 2014 is now being chaired by Lisa Purcell.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- ★ The GRASS Schedule 2014 needs to be added to the Web Site. Ric discussed the possibility of having a separate page for the schedule. This will be addressed when the new software for the is completed.
- ★ The Safety Tip / Kaution Korner Schedule was finalized for 2014.
- ★ Ride Safe, the Illinois State Police Safety Program, is being finalized by Ben Chikaraishi. The club may be given a date specifically for Top Cats.
- ★ First Aid, CPR Class or Accident Scene Management classes will be scheduled depending on the needs of our club.
- ★ Wayne Kirkpatrick made a motion to allot \$300 for a refurbished computer that can be used for the GRASS class. The old computer is on it's last leg. The vote was postponed pending further investigation.

Charity Committee

- ★ NISRA Banquet is on 12 March. Eight Top Cats will be in attendance.
- ★ Tuesday, 18 March will be the next meeting of the Committee.

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Board Meeting, Cont.

Director: Jeff Tietz

History 2013 has been updated.

Web Site

- ✦ Quotes are coming in right now for program development. The JOOMLA version that we have driving our website is presently unsupported and this will present a problem if something goes wrong.
- ✦ Jeff will present information on this at our next board meeting.

New Issues:

- ✦ Gene Rigsby brought up the idea of having a mobile 'flag holder' that will allow us to display the Top Cats flag more prominently. He would also like to have some smaller flags that we can use for display in smaller spaces. He will look into our options along with prices.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

2014 Awards...

Most Scenic Ride

Most Grueling Ride

Favorite Ride

Most Dedicated co-ride

Helpful Top Cat

Safest Rider

Most Accessorized Bike

Cleanest Bike

Quietest Bike

Dirtiest Bike

Most Active Top Cat

Most Unique Ride

Best pre-ride

Safest Ride

Best theme ride

Best Prepared Rider

Best Dressed Rider

Wettest ride

Longest Day ride

Best multi-day ride

Most fun ride

**Favorite Non- Riding
Event**

Turkey Run Gene Rigsby/Gary Brant

Last ride of the season – Gene Rigsby

Kegel's HD/Museum – Rich Flynn

Faye Braun

Noelle Rigsby

Tony Loden

Rich Flynn

Roxray Adonis

Dennis Dougherty

Noelle Rigsby

Gary Brant

Wake Dead-Tony Loden

Tom Malia

Galena - Greg Smith

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Fly in - Stuart Johnson

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TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS

2014....

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

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They are found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/barringtonhistory/tags/topcats/>.

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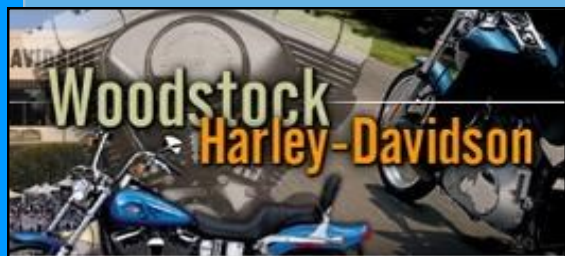
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The Top Cats Board of Directors is looking for an enterprising and creative individual to assume responsibility for coordinating the content on our soon-to-be upgraded website. No 'technical' website experience is required.

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.

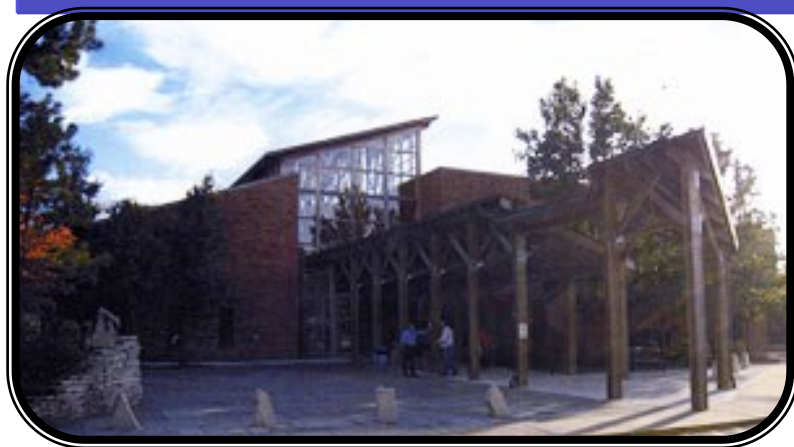
If you have an interest in becoming Top Cats Historian or being a part of this activity please contact Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty at wombat@dpdougherty.com



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, March 29th-April 6th	California Adventure Ride	Phoenix, AZ to start then off to....	Sunny California!	Individual Flight Arrivals	T 'n T Loden
Tuesday, April 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, April 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday April 27th	2014 Kick -Off Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday, May 4th	Annual "Millies"	TBD	TBD	TBD	Loden
Tuesday, May 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, May 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Sunday, May 18th	GRASS Class	Palatine	Keller—Williams	8:00 am	Case
Sunday, May 18th	Little Angels Satellite	TBD	Woodstock Harley Davidson	8:30 am	TBD

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



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We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

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