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PRESIDENT'S MINUTE



It should be illegal to have to write any articles in the Fall when the weather is as good as what we had from mid to late September! But, a "Gone Riding" sign won't satisfy our editor / publisher so....here it is.



We are, sadly, encountering the end of some of our member's riding seasons and the relocation of some of our members to warmer climates for the winter. The impact on our Club events simply changes to dress – warm Fall rides, group entertainment nights, and motorcycle – related activities.

Our calendar for October, November, and December will reflect the turn of our focus from riding twice a month to more indoor activities to avoid riding in the snow. As always,



member input is invited and welcomed.

A comment on our safety program that we all embrace and respect.... I was invited, by a dealership, to ride with another group recently. With nothing else planned I showed up to a group ride with riders who didn't know each other, had very little – to - no group riding experience and were led by an apparently inexperienced road captain. The result was a group of riders struggling to understand non standard hand signals, if any, missed turns, guidance to roll through stop signs to keep the group together, overwhelming a deli with 20 people for a late lunch, no plan for anything on arrival at destination, no parking due to full lots, and some hazardous, aggressive riding by the leader.

The sad thing was, four riders dropped out and the RC never knew it, the ones that stayed didn't know the difference between a safe ride and an unsafe ride except for those who have ridden with Top Cats. What a difference. The good news? Many asked about the Top Cats' patch and Club and were invited to our next ride and meeting.

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 4 GENE'S RIDE
- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 14 BOARD MEETING
- 21 FRANKS AND FIRES
- 26 GRASS CLASS

NOVEMBER

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 15 THANKS GATHERING

Summer has come to a close, but good friends will continue to find ways to enjoy the days...

What Ideas do you have to get everyone together? Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on the Calendar!



KAUTION KORNER

To ABS or Not to ABS!

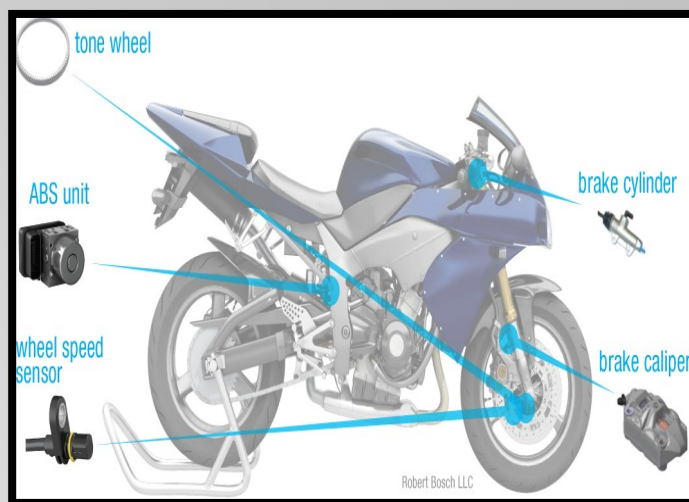
By: Russ Pepper, Road Captain



One of the latest safety innovations for motorcycles in the last few years is ABS brakes. ABS stands for Antilock Braking System. What it does is electronically monitor the wheel speed of both wheels and when it detects a deceleration rate that is too fast (such as when the wheel is about to lock from too much brake being applied) it automatically pulses the brake pressure about 10 times per second to maintain optimal braking traction at that wheel. What this essentially does is take out the human error factor of braking too hard and locking up the wheel which can cause loss of control or not braking hard enough and not stopping in a short enough distance to avoid a crash.

With ABS, the rider can apply full force to the brake pedal/lever without fear of going in to a skid, but

they still need to practice safe braking techniques and get the bike straightened up before starting the braking process. It would be very difficult for the average rider to match the stopping power of a bike equipped with ABS, especially in a panic situation when adrenalin comes into play and the rider inadvertently applies too much brake and causes a skid. Some professional riders may be able to beat the stopping distance of ABS in good conditions, but if you throw in less than perfect conditions such as a wet road surface or sand or gravel on the road, this is where ABS really shines and most riders could not stop a bike in a shorter distance without it. Studies have shown that ABS decreases the chance of a fatal crash by about 1/3.



An antilock braking system works by constantly measuring wheel speed. One common way to do this is with a small grooved ring near the brake disc often called a tone wheel. The wheel speed sensor sends the tone wheel readings to the ABS unit, which can determine whether the wheel is about to stop rotating. If it is, wheel speed information is used to adjust the pressure from the brake cylinder on the brake caliper multiple times per second.

Currently, ABS is standard on some larger bikes and offered as an option on mid-level bikes. Manufacturers are beginning to realize that where ABS is most needed is on entry level bikes and are offering it as an option on those as well. If you have a bike that is equipped with ABS, you're ahead of the game. But, if you find yourself in the market for a new bike, you may want to really consider one equipped with ABS.

Safe riding!



Oil Spots

By Traveler

Lawsuit Alleges Defect in H-D CVO Limited Models, Seeks Class

A Harley-Davidson owner has sued the Motor Co. in federal court, alleging the company's CVO Limited models have a defect in the cooling system that dealers are unable to fix. A judge will decide after a hearing Oct. 14 whether or not to certify the case

as a class action, which would extend to all owners of 2014 and later CVOs that have leaked coolant. Robert Okon alleg-



es in a lawsuit filed Aug. 28 in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Illinois that breached its 24-month, unlimited mileage warranty on his 2014 FLHTKSE Limited by failing to repair an alleged defect that causes a coolant leak.

"The CVO Limited has a design defect which causes the coolant to constantly leak. The CVO Limited's engine and associated coolant systems are covered under H-D's 24 month, unlimited mileage written warranty. H-D has not repaired this design defect. Because H-D has not discovered a way to repair the design defect as it is required to do under its 24 month, unlimited mileage written warranty, H-D has breached this warranty," the lawsuit claims.. Harley-Davidson did not immediately respond to requests for a comment on the case.

Bloomington resident Okon paid \$46,000 in September 2013 to buy a 2014 FLHTKSE CVO Limited from **Conrad's Harley-Davidson** in Shorewood. It was covered by a 24-month, unlimited mileage written warranty provided by H-D.

Before the month was out, Okon discovered coolant was leaking from the engine. He contacted Conrad's about the problem Sept. 30, 2013, and the dealer picked the bike up for repairs. The dealer tried to repair the bike, then returned it to Okon. "Since Sept. 30, 2013, Okon has returned his CVO Limited to Conrad's on two further occasions and once each to **City Limits, Peterson's, and Woodstock Harley** because it constantly leaks coolant. For each of these times when Okon's CVO Limited has been brought in for repair of the coolant leak, the H-D dealerships have been unsuccessful in repairing the leak," the complaint states. "Despite receiving numerous complaints and purchasing back several CVO Limited motorcycles, H-D has not been able to permanently repair the coolant leak defect present in all CVO Limited motorcycles."

The dealerships are not named as defendants.

The lawsuit claims that Okon suffered damages in excess of \$50,000 and that the class has suffered at least \$5 million in damages as a result of the alleged defect.

Cars Crash Into Indian Motorcycle Las Vegas

The folks at **Indian Motorcycle Las Vegas** are cleaning up after two vehicles collided on Boulder Highway and crashed into the shop on Sept. 18.

Nobody in the shop was injured, but both drivers suffered minor injuries after they collided while traveling south on Boulder Highway, Nevada Highway about 3:30 p.m.

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Attention Top Cats

It is that time of year again to anticipate an invoice for your 2015 Membership Dues. By now you should have received your invoice 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 run for any office that you may be eligible for.

Dues checks should be mailed to

Top Cats - Illinois, P.O. Box 1201, Barrington, IL 60011-1201

If you joined in the past few months, you should not have received an invoice. Your dues will be good through the end of 2015.

If you have any questions, saddle up on a General Meeting or Board of Directors Meeting night and come see us or send the President an email at: wkirkpa177@aol.com.

The Blast Staff 2014

President's Minute., Continued

Hope to see you all at our premier of a upcoming movie at movie night and on our Jaunt down to a Civil War re enactment at Cantigny!

Stay warm and safe....

(Now, I don't expect anyone to read this because...all of you are out riding!!!!!!)

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

Traveler

President

Top Cats - Illinois



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**



Oil Spots, continued

Apparently, the vehicles veered to the right after the crash, traveling over the sidewalk and a section of landscaping in front of the dealership, formerly known as Arlen Ness Motorcycles of Las Vegas.



According to a service manager at the shop, one Victory Vegas motorcycle and one Yamaha Bolt were damaged in the accident. The service manager said that the bikes crashed through an office window.

Harley Recalls: 105,000 Touring Bikes, 1,400 Street Models

Harley-Davidson is recalling more than 105,000 Touring motorcycles from the 2014 model year and 1,400 Street motorcycles from the 2015 model year for unrelated repair issues.

According to NHTSA, 105,746 Touring models from the 2014 year are being recalled because a component in the clutch master cylinder may fail, reducing the pressure available to keep the clutch disengaged.



Vehicles affected by this recall include:

- ✦ Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU)
- ✦ Ultra Limited (FLHTK)
- ✦ Police Electra Glide (FLHTP)
- ✦ Street Glide Special (FLHXS)
- ✦ Street Glide (FLHX)
- ✦ Tri Glide Ultra (FLHTCUTG)
- ✦ CVO Limited (FLHTKSE)
- ✦ CVO Road King (FLHRSE)

- ✦ CVO Breakout (FXSBSE)
- ✦ Electra Glide Ultra Classic Twin Cooled (FLHTCUTC)
- ✦ Ultra Limited Shrine (FLHTK SHRINE)
- ✦ Street Glide Shrine (FLHX SHRINE)
- ✦ CVO Softail Deluxe (FLSTNSE)

The Motor Co. estimates that about 10 percent of the recalled bikes have the defect.

Harley-Davidson told NHTSA it had received about 632 warranty claims and 266 customer contacts related to clutch functionality issues as of Aug. 19. "There were a total of 19 crashes (low speed tip over) with three minor injuries reported. There was also one report of an incident where there was non actual crash but a reported minor injury," the OEM stated.

Dealers will remedy the issue with a master cylinder rebuilt kit, which includes a plastic retaining ring that decreases the stress in the primary cup seal, the company stated.

Harley-Davidson separately is recalling XG500 and XG750 Street motorcycles from the 2015 model year, because the fuel tank filler neck may be "insufficiently flat," which prevents the fuel cap from sealing properly. Dealers are asked to inspect the motorcycle and test to determine whether fuel can leak from under the fuel cap.



If a leak persists then the fuel tank has to be replaced, the Motor Co. indicated About 1,400 vehicles are involved in this recall.

Can-Am Spyder F3 Gives Cruisers a Custom Fit

BRP's 2015 [Can-Am](#) Spyder F3 is designed for cruising and customized comfort, boasting a riding position optimized for longer rides as well

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ized peg positions and handlebar options.



F3 starts at \$19,499. The F3-S model (starting at \$20,999) is designed to be a sportier option, with a red spar frame, upgraded wheels, a black suede seat with red stitching and special S model trim and badging.

The Spyder F3 comes with the Rotax 1330 ACE engine, this time with a new exhaust note. The chassis has the Spyder's signature Y-frame design and an advanced Vehicle Stability System, developed in partnership with Bosch. The system includes traction control, stability control and anti-lock brakes.

The rest of the 2015 Can-Am Spyder lineup will have updated colors and, for the first time, a Special Series for the Spyder RT, ST and RS models. The Spyder RT-S (starting at \$26,649) has machined, high-gloss, 12-spoke front wheels along with Special Series trims, seat and a short tinted electric windshield.

The Spyder RS-S (starting at \$18,199) and ST-S (\$20,549) also have special trims, as well as a red, white and black seat. The red wheels have six blade-style spokes. Color choices for the body of both models are red or a bright green.

Authorities Raid Alleged Arizona Chop Shop; Charges Pending

Authorities raided **Insane Custom Cycles** in late September, and the owner may face chop shop charges after authorities say he was breaking down stolen Harley-Davidsons and reselling them as custom Ultra Motor Group motorcycles out of the shop's Glendale storefront.

as the UFit system, which accommodates personal- No arrests have been made; however, several suspects were contacted and interviewed during the operation. Numerous motorcycles, parts and equipment were recovered or seized.

The search came after a months-long investigation by the Arizona Department of Public Safety Vehicle Theft Task Force supported by the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority conducted two separate search warrants at Insane Custom Cycles and at a Glendale home.

Pricing of the Spyder When au-

thorities served search warrants, DPS detectives found multiple bikes in various states of builds.



Authorities say the shop was fraudulently installing Ultra Motor Group VIN plates on stolen Harley-Davidson motorcycles. A suspect with access to manufacturer statements of origin for Ultra Motor Group issued the MSOs "new" motorcycles, a key first step to get Arizona Motor Vehicle Division titles. Some of the Ultra Motor Group Motorcycles were fraudulently sold through the Insane Custom Cycles storefront, according to a DPS press release.

Among the charges the suspects could be facing are fraudulent schemes, tampering with a VIN, theft of means of transportation, operating a criminal syndicate, trafficking in stolen property, possession of stolen property, and operating a chop shop.

The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force comprises city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together to identify, apprehend, and prosecute individuals and criminal organizations that profit from the theft of motor vehicles and related crimes.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

On Any Sunday, The Next Chapter Coming Soon

Red Bull Media House in association with Freeride Entertainment announced it will release a new motorcycle documentary "On Any Sunday, The Next Chapter" in theaters nationwide on November 7th. From director Dana Brown ("Step Into Liquid," "Dust to Glory"), the film is a follow-up to the 1971 Academy Award®-nominated documentary, "On Any Sunday", directed by his father, Bruce Brown. The 90-minute documentary film features today's powered two-wheel superstars including MotoGP riders Marc Márquez and Dani Pedrosa, action sports superstar Travis Pastrana, freestyle motocross pioneer Robbie Maddison, Pikes Peak International Hill Climb motorcycle champ Carlin Dunne, women's motocross champ Ashley Fiolek, motocross legend Doug Henry, custom motorcycle designer and former racer Roland Sands and one of the most successful riders in supercross history, James Stewart.

When "On Any Sunday" premiered in 1971, it wasn't just any movie. Directed by Bruce



Brown — who also helmed surfing classic "The Endless Summer" — this insider look at motorcycle culture reached a wide audience that was fasci-

nated by the heartfelt stories of the men behind the bikes, earning an Academy Award®-nomination for Best Documentary Feature.

Four decades later, "On Any Sunday, The Next Chapter" shows that the passion for riding motorcycles is as strong as ever. Dana Brown directs this modern take on the original, capturing what it means to ride in the United States and abroad. The first feature film from Red Bull Media House shot entirely in 4K Ultra HD, the

action and emotion are breathtaking: phenomenal athletes, revolutionary innovators, Hollywood stars and even visionaries who use motorcycles to save lives. "On Any Sunday, The Next Chapter" is an exploration into the pursuit of excitement, passion and life in the world of motorcycle riding.

Director Dana Brown suggests that the timing was just right for a follow-up to his father Bruce Brown's film, "On Any Sunday": "Bikes are better, athletes have progressed, and there are so many disciplines now. In fact, we couldn't possibly do justice to all of them in this 90-minute movie. We set out to show a cross-section of motorcycling today, and here's hoping we've succeeded."

The film will be premiered in the Dolby Atmos® multidimensional sound experience at the Dolby Theatre® in Hollywood on Wednesday, October 22 where part of Hollywood Blvd. will be shut down for a one-of-a-kind motorcycle cruise-in. Dolby Atmos makes it easy for filmmakers to place or move specific sounds anywhere in the movie theatre, including overhead. For media credentials to the premiere, please reach out to the contacts below.

For Sale: Easy Rider Captain America: \$1 Million



Want to own the only 'Captain America' chopper believed to have survived its 'Easy Rider' days? Better have a cool \$1,000,000 in the bank because that's what they're projecting it will sale for in an upcoming Hollywood auction.

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**Oil Spots, Continued...**

It is a motorcycle as storied as the movie it starred in, tales of thievery and biker gangs. Some say all of the originals were either destroyed or stolen. It is one of the most replicated motorcycles around, making it even harder to separate fact from fiction. But thanks to Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, Jack Nicholson, and a little cult flic called "Easy Rider," the raked-out Panhead chopper with the sky-scraping sissy bar, leather king and queen saddle and red, white and blue tank known as "Captain America" is one of the most recognizable motorcycles around.

Apparently, one of the originals did survive, albeit the one that got crashed and burned at the end of the movie. The story goes that the salvageable pieces were given to Dan Haggerty by Fonda after filming was done. Haggerty, who many remember as actor "Grizzly Adams," helped keep the "Captain America's" in running order during the filming of "Easy Rider." Haggerty reportedly took the remaining parts and reassembled the motorcycle best he could to the specs of the original.

This particular motorcycle has since made the rounds. John Parham (J&P Cycles, president of The National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa) bought it in 2002 and displayed it for years at the museum before selling it to Michael Eisenberg, a developer out of LA who also collects memorabilia. Now Eisenberg has decided to put it up for auction. Profiles in History is including the "Captain America" chopper in its Hollywood Auction 65 set for Friday, Oct. 17th to Sunday, Oct. 19th. Asking price - \$1,000,000!

The motorcycle reportedly comes with three letters of authenticity, but as we stated, it's not 100% original because everybody has seen what happened to this particular bike in the closing sequence of the movie. Granted, it might be the closest thing to the real deal, but \$1 million is a huge chunk of change for a piece of nostalgia. Of course, collectors have been putting up some crazy money recently for historic motorcycles, so they'll probably reach their asking price. Crazy to think the heights of commercialism it's reaching considering its counter-culture, anti-establishment roots. Sign of the times, I reckon.

Here's the bike's bio posted by Profiles in History.

PETER FONDA'S "WYATT" ICONIC SCREEN-USED "CAPTAIN AMERICA" PAN-HEAD CHOPPER FROM EASY RIDER.(Columbia, 1969) Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper's landmark film Easy Rider was the third highest grossing film of 1969, earning Academy Award nominations for Best Writing and Best Supporting Actor (Jack Nicholson), quickly becoming the anthem for the Woodstock Generation's increasing disillusionment with government and the establishment. In the film, two free-wheeling hippie bikers, Wyatt (Fonda) and Billy (Hopper), travel through the American Southwest and South exploring the societal landscape, issues and tensions in the United States during the 1960s. Fonda's iconic red, white and blue stars and stripes panhead chopper, with chromed hardtail frame, was designed and built by two African-American chopper builders—Cliff Vaughns and Ben Hardy—following design cues provided by Fonda. The motorcycle measures 98 in. long and 60 in. high (at the top of the sissy bar) and weighs approximately 650 lbs. There were two Captain America bikes built and ridden by Fonda for the making of Easy Rider to ensure shooting would continue when mechanical issues would arise. In addition to this bike being ridden in the film, this bike was used in the climactic crash sequence at the end of the film. Following production, Fonda gave the motorcycle to fellow actor, Dan Haggerty, who helped maintain the motorcycles during the filming of Easy Rider.

The whereabouts of the other Captain America bike is unknown. Prior to the film's release, that Captain America motorcycle was stolen and most likely broken down and sold for its parts. The crash bike was fully restored by Dan Haggerty and displayed for 12 years at the National Motorcycle Museum of Anamosa, Iowa. The motorcycle is accompanied by three signed letters of authenticity: 1) one from the National Motorcycle Museum signed by the museum's director, dated December 30, 2013, stating (in part): "The National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa has had on display the only remaining original Easy Rider Captain America Harley-Davidson that now exists .

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This bike was the Captain America motorcycle that was in the final crash scene of the movie..."; 2) a letter from Peter Fonda, dated August 28, 2003, stating (in full): "Certificate of Authenticity I, Peter Fonda, 100% guarantee this to be the only, last, original, authentic 'Captain America' motorcycle from the 1969 movie 'Easy Rider.' This bike was built and ridden in order to switch back and forth due to the rigors of film production. This bike was also used in the crash sequence at the end of the movie. When filming was done, I gave the motorcycle to Dan Haggerty as a memento of his work on the film 'Easy Rider.' Dan later reassembled and restored the bike at his Woodland Hills, California home. No other authentic Captain America motorcycle exists. [signed] Peter Fonda"; 3) a signed letter of authenticity from Dan Haggerty, dated July 5, 2002, attesting to all the facts in the Peter Fonda letter as being true and accurate (as well as adding the VIN number). Not only does Fonda's Easy Rider Captain America remain as the single most famous motorcycle ever created, its very image symbolizes the counterculture movement the film inspired. Sold on a Bill of Sale. Worthy of inclusion in the finest museums and collections. Special shipping arrangements will apply. \$1,000,000 - \$1,200,000.

Passing your time while waiting for spring...

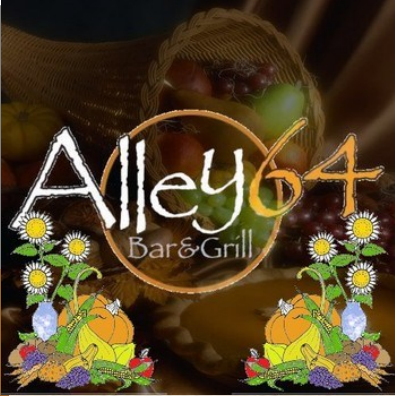
The Good...



The Bad....



And... the Ugly??



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2014

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters



7:30 PM – Meeting called to order by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President of Top Cats, Illinois

The membership was asked to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Rich Anderson, Ken Voegle, who were also our guests on the Top Cat ride to Sturgis this year! They are also the guest speakers for the evening.

President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- **Election Process**

- ✦ The by-laws have identified the election process and the details will be in a separate article in the ROAR. They will also go out in a Mass Blast to the members.
- ✦ For now, the most important part is to watch for your invoice and return your dues by October 30th. That will ensure your right to vote as well as identify those members eligible to run for the open positions.
- The trip to Sturgis was a success again. This year, we had a guest who was also a professional photographer. He has over 1200 pictures of the sites that are a regular part of the trip as well as some that were taken as their Mustang raced into other western sites. They will be showing some of them during this meeting.

Past President's Comments: Mike Bradbury

- No updates for tonight

Vice President's Report: Larry Scalzitti

- No updates for tonight

Secretary's Report: Mary Walters
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- There is always a need for new ideas for articles and columns.

Rosters

- Members who have changes in address, phone numbers or other information should get the new information to Mary Walters as soon as possible so that rosters and the Mass Blast can be kept current.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Johnson

Stewart was not in attendance tonight, but sent updates to Wayne before the meeting.

- ✦ All accounts have been balanced

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

Activities

- The activities for the next 2 months were reviewed for the membership by Gene Rigsby.
- The Purcells made suggestions for the following events and places:
- ✦ Stades – Tractor Pull
- ✦ Judson, Indiana – Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum
- ✦ Waterfront Bar and Eatery, Delavan, Wisconsin

Awards

- No updates for tonight.

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Safety / Charity : Ric Case

Charity

- Ric read a letter from Noelle Rigsby who was the Chairperson of the Charity Committee. She wanted to thank everyone who was part of the Charity event this year. She will not be Chair for next year, but she will help with the event and will assist in the transition for the new Chairperson.

Safety:

- September 7th will be the next GRASS class.
- Safety Tip was given by Larry Scalzitti. He had the members discuss the idea of 'situational awareness.' What can you do when riding in the rain? In what situations do you need to be more aware when riding? Early morning?
- One member asked for suggestions of how to deal with fog. What can be done when lenses or visors fog up and obscure your vision?
- ✦ Suggestions included: When on a ride, check with other members to see if they have any fog spray for glasses to prevent fogging. Increase 12 sec scan ahead to 14 sec scan. Increase distance between bikes. For more details, see the September issue of ROAR.

Guest Speakers: Rich Anderson, Ken Voegle

Sturgis Presentation

- Rich and Ken joined in the ride to Sturgis this year. They rode in a Mustang and had no problem keeping up with the Veteran Riders on the way out west. In one situation, they made a turn that took them onto a different route... a longer route. But that Mustang got them to the destination long before the Harley's pulled in.
- Ken is a professional photographer and took over 1200 pictures during the trip. He put together a 7 minute version accompanied by biker tunes and also had all 1200 on discs for sale.
- The presentation they gave was a great way to preview the things that will be a part of next year. The 75th Anniversary of Sturgis will be celebrated in 2015. There are plans that are being developed... so watch for the details! It will be a great event! Don't miss it!

Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- New member, Mano Gawat, was introduced to the membership and given his new member packet.

Products

- There has been a number of great ideas brought up for products. Belt Buckles, New Shirts, coffee cups, caps, etc.
- Having an on-line order process seems to be the best way to get a variety of products without having to put a large amount of money into product lines.
- The board will look into companies that we would use to create products with our logo on request.
- The members were asked if they would be interested in a TC patch that would commemorate Top Cats 20 Year Anniversary! All were in favor

History/Web Site: Jeff Tietz

- Neither Jeff Tietz or Rich Flynn were able to be at the meeting tonight. Updates on the Website will be given at the next meeting.

The 50 / 50 was pulled by Jim Purcell and Ric Case won!

- Ric donated the \$30 winning to our NISRA Charity! Thanks, Ric!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

We now have a SQUARE that will allow us to make direct payments to our Club account for purchasing products, making payment for annual club dues, or making donations to NISRA and our Ride for Dreams! Try it out!

This will make Club business easier and more convenient!

For everyone!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2014

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois
Submitted by Mary Walters

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

Absent: Stewart Johnson and Jeff Tietz, Gene Rigsby

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Wayne Kirkpatrick, President of Top Cats, Illinois.

President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- The new insurance policy has been received. The payment for that has been made and the policy will be good until next July. The coverage has been raised to three million.
- Stewart Johnson has resigned as the treasurer. He will continue to complete all documents until the end of the year. His position will be up for election in December. The members were notified at the last general meeting on 2 September.
- Rosters must be updated as soon as possible so that information is given out to all new members on rides and club information.
- There is a little over \$5000.00 in the charity fund. Mike made a motion that we keep \$2000.00 for seed money for next year, and \$3000.00 to be donated to NISRA. Ric was the second and all agreed. Motion carried. \$3000.00 will be given to NISRA at the Awards Banquet.
- There was a discussion on how to address the money that is in the general account and how to make use of that money to benefit the club. Subsidizing rooms on an overnight ride, or making the awards banquet very special, TC key chains for all members, and 20th anniversary patches were brought out as possible options.
- Ric Case made a motion that 20 year patches, celebrating The Club's anniversary, be purchased not to exceed \$350.00. Mike was the second. Motion carried unanimously. Wayne will place the order.
- The election process is underway. Stewart has sent out the invoices. They are due at the end of October and at that time, a list will be made of eligible members who can be nominated to the following open positions:
 - 2 directors, President, Vice President and Treasurer
- Ric Case opened a discussion on the positions of Safety Committee Chair and the Charity Committee Chair. He will put out a message to the Senior Road Captains to see if anyone is interested in the position, and Ric will reach out to all of the new members to see if there is interest in the Charity position.

Vice President: Larry Scalzitti

- No update for tonight.

Secretary: Mary Walters

- ROAR will add a picture of the Kaution Korner author each month. The Road Captains will be asked to send a picture along with their article.
- Master Rosters need to be updated and sent each month as well as each time a new member is added.

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Board Meeting, Continued

Treasurer: Stewart Johnson

Stewart sent the following totals to Wayne to present to the board this evening:

General Fund balance; \$9,231.00.

Charity Account: \$4,992.00.

Past President: Mike Bradbury

- Mike will not be able to attend the next General Meeting. He will be on a business trip to Europe.

Director: Gene Rigsby

Activities

- Gene was unable to make the meeting tonight, but sent the dates for the next two months. They were reviewed by the Board.
- Ric asked that the TC memorial ride to be moved to 18 October, so that he can be on a bike.
- The Progressive Dinner Ride came up for discussion. There are a number of options open for this event and final details will be made and sent out to the members
- November will have another shoot-out and the details will also be coming soon!
- The board brainstormed ideas for the winter months that will keep us all warm and together. The Safehouse in Milwaukee, the Bunker and airport restaurants were mentioned.
- What about a 'prep your bike for the winter' course or 'how to interpret the dyno' course?

Awards

No update for this evening.

Director: Emil Kornecki

Membership

- No new member applications at this time, but there is one application that was taken at the last general meeting.

Products

- A discussion was held on the possibility of making the products available with a web-based process. All were in favor. This would allow the products to be available and we wouldn't have to have a member staffing the committee.

Director: Ric Case

Safety

- The next GRASS Class will be on 26 Oct.
- Safety Tip / Kaution Korner for October will be authored by Russ Peiffer and Ric Case will be responsible for December.

Charity

- The Charity Committee is in transition right now and Ric is going to contact the past members for their input as the group moves forward.

Director: Jeff Tietz

History

- No update for this evening.

Web Site

- Jeff has submitted information to Wayne about the new website. Wayne will be contacting Rich Flynn to review the details and bring the information to the board.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40



ELECTIONS 2015....

By Traveler

Annually,

there are two actions that our club takes that enable our members to develop and strengthen the club. First, 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, conduct, etc, consistent with our Bylaws. At this same time, we have the opportunity to either vote to confirm a slate or to identify alternate candidates for our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for the coming year.



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

into our 20th year 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, conduct, and contributions to the Club. When this is at the heart of our selections, our club is strengthened and can continue to grow. When our selections are based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members, the ideals of the club are compromised and the growth of the club is diminished.

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 are:

President
Vice President
Two Directors

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 President, Vice President, or director, subject to their acceptance will be published after the 30 Oct due date for dues. At that time we ask that nominations be received by a serving Board member by 15 November 2014.

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

VOTING. To be eligible to vote...by 30 November each year each Top Cat must have been a member in good standing for one year, have attended a GRASS within the first year of membership and within the past three years thereafter, and have attended a combination of 5 meetings/events per year.



The Board can waive certain requirements on an individual basis for unforeseen hardships or circumstances.

After a year filled with good memories and camaraderie, take this opportunity to commit to making this a year of continued growth and quality experiences. Your responsible actions at this time will ensure a future of great memories and opportunities to experience motorcycling at its best!



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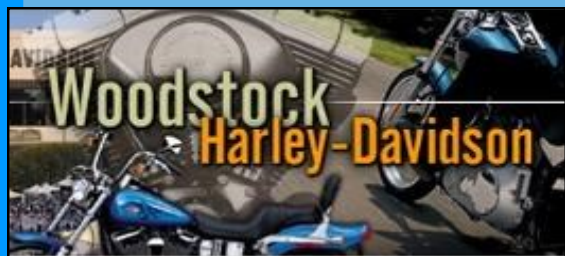


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The Top Cats Board of Directors is looking for an enterprising and creative individual to assume responsibility for coordinating the content on our soon-to-be upgraded website. No 'technical' website experience is required.

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

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.

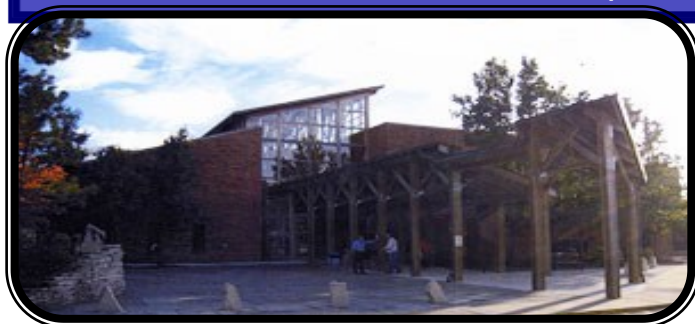
If you have an interest in becoming Top Cats Historian or being a part of this activity please contact Dennis P. (Wombat) Dougherty at wombat@dpdougherty.com



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, October 4th	Gene's Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, October 14th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, October 21st	Franks and Fries	Buffalo Grove	Weiner's Take All	6:30 pm	Scalzitti
Sunday, October 26th	GRASS Class	Palatine	Keller-Williams	8:00 am	Case
Tuesday, November 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Kirkpatrick
Saturday, November 16th	Thanks Gathering	TBD	TBD	6:00	M Kirkpatrick

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



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