



# ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



single day ride to White Pines State Park for lunch, a Group Riding and Safety Seminar

(G.R.A.S.S.) class organized by Ric Case and the beginning of our Sturgis adventure to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sturgis Rally in South Dakota, led by Bard Bo-and.

The Sturgis adventure has 30 riders with over 2/3rds of the group comprised of Top Cat members! Bard has led this ride since the beginning of time (or at least since the beginning of the club) and this many multi day expedition shows why Bard is an accomplished Senior Road Captain! Once you do a Bard ride, you always jump when you hear his whistle!



July has been a pretty decent month for our club. Beside our general and board meetings, we had a multi-day ride to Trempealeau Wisconsin, a It would be so terrific to see more road captains doing rides and to have more rides, especially day riders, on our calendar. All road captains should lead at least 1 ride a year whether it's a club requirement or not. The main reason to be a road captain is to lead ride(s) and our schedule is short in volume of rides and the proportion of the overall road captains that lead a ride. For those of you who have not led a ride, why not? Come on, get a date on the calendar and lead a ride!

For those interested in becoming a road captain, please reach out to RC's and Senior RC's for help to mentor and assist you. Leading a ride is not hard and there are so many ways to have fun with many types of destinations, festivals, fairs, places to eat, etc. Step up, ask for a mentor, commit to a date for our calendar and the rest is a piece of cake!

Looking forward, we need to again examine what we do to benefit our charity, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. Our Ride for Dreams event on June 14<sup>th</sup> started with inclement weather and the member turn out was low. Almost all of our members who were there were part of the Charity Committee or had volunteered to assist in some capacity at the event. Where were the rest of you? Did you at least register so as to make a donation to the charity even if you were not planning to attend? At the least we can all support our own charity by participating and joining our own ride. Why can't we? The answer is we can and should. Period.

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### Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST

- 9 MENDOTA CORN RIDE
- 11 GENERAL MEETING
- 18 BOARD MEETING

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 13 TOP CAT MEMORIAL RIDE

Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on the calendar!





# KAUTION KORNER

## Situational Awareness

By: Jeff Tietz, Road Captain



I was driving in my car the other day when an incident in front of me reminded me of the importance of 'Situational Awareness' and when NOT to pay too much attention. There was a biker directly in front of me in the right lane of two west bound lanes of traffic. The road was perfectly straight, smooth, and dry. I could sense he was paying close attention to the car directly in front of him as that car started to slow down. As the lane of traffic slowed in front of him, he quickly changed to the left lane, not aware of the fact the left lane traffic was slowing at a much faster rate. Unfortunately, the biker was not able to react fast enough to avoid contact with the car he had just pulled behind in the left lane. Fortunately, the impact was nothing more than the bike's front tire rubbing up against the car's bumper; the biker was able to maintain his balance and come to a full stop without dropping his bike. It easily could have been much worse.

Some would say that the biker was not paying attention...

I suggest that the motorcyclist WAS paying attention – way too much and only in one particular direction - he was not alert or aware of his surroundings, e.g., Situational Awareness. It is not true that paying attention means that you are totally alert or aware. You can be alert and aware, but too focused on only one thing. If you are not using your Situational Awareness skills, you may not be sensitive to other potential problems. You need to assess ALL areas in your immediate surroundings in order to effectively make an assessment of the best move.

The rider was paying attention - to the car slowing directly in front of him. He obviously failed to notice other potential hazards around him or other potential

safe routes he could take to avoid an incident. He didn't take into consideration all possible scenarios. From my assessment, the biker would have had time and space to simply stay in his lane, slowing down to avoid contact with the car in front of him as that car slowed. Should that not have been possible, scanning all areas around him would have told him the left lane was not an option, however, the hard surfaced shoulder to his right would have given him a workable solution.

Being alert and aware of your surroundings 'Situational Awareness' is a lifesaving mental activity, an activity that we can practice in our everyday lives. Have you ever been walking down a hallway at work focused on your next task, only to remember you forgot something on your desk? You quickly turn around and bump into the person walking directly behind you, spilling your coffee on them. It's too late to assess the situation then... How could you have practiced 'Situational Awareness' before... How could you have avoided this incident?

Oh, and by the way, that person you spilled coffee on was your boss. Performance Reviews are next week...

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW - PEER REVIEW	
Employee Information	
Name Of Employee Being Reviewed:	Your Name (Reviewer):
Date:	Review Period:
Review Goals (List):	
Complete this peer review, using the following scale:	
	Exceeds Expectations
	Meets Expectations
	Needs Improvement
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Demonstrates Required Skills And Knowledge	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
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Uses Resources Available In An Effective Manner	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Responds Effectively To Assigned Responsibilities	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Meets Attendance Requirements	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Adheres To Direction From Management	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Takes Responsibility For Actions	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Honors Commitments	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Demonstrates Problem Solving Skills	( ) ( ) ( ) ( )





## Greetings from Sturgis!

**Our Group has arrived safely and the trip has been memorable for all! Wish you all could be here with us...**

**Plan on 2016!!!**

**Go to Woodstock Harley Davidson on Facebook and see the Blog that Ashely and Gene Lambert are posting!**



## VP's Vision

**By: Ric 'Clutch' Case**



**Top Cats is a great club to ride with and great people to know... Agreed?**

Well, in order to keep this Club running it takes great leadership, supportive members and a lot of time to organize and communicate...

Our elections will be coming up soon and I would like to encourage you to begin thinking of who you would like to fill the positions that will be vacated this year. The secretary and treasurer's positions will be open as well as two directors... If you would like to become an active part of the club and work on the board, please talk with one of the board members to hear what responsibilities and requirements are in place for holding that position.

Our club is celebrating a stellar 20th anniversary year and it requires much energy and commitment from us all to continue these traditions! Consider running! Or if not, reflect on who you would like to see making club decisions for you!

**Your Club... Your Vote!**



## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Triumph Motorcycles Confirms New Land Speed Record Attempt



*Guy Martin in Triumph Rocket*

Triumph has confirmed its intention to break the motorcycle land speed record at the salt flats of Bonneville, USA, in August 2015. While the current record stands at 376.363 mph, the Triumph team is aiming to surpass that over the measured mile.

Piloting the purpose built, 1,000 bhp Triumph Rocket Streamliner will be Isle of Man TT racer, truck mechanic and TV presenter Guy Martin. Well known for his love of speed, Guy is relishing the prospect of bringing the land speed record back to Triumph – and the UK – after an absence of 45 years.

Triumph has a long legacy of smashing the land speed record and held the title of “World’s Fastest Motorcycle” from 1955 to 1970 with the exception of a brief 33-day period. The record-breaking Triumph streamliners of that period were Devil’s Arrow, Texas Cee-gar, Dudek Streamliner and Gyronaut X1, the former achieving a top speed of 245.667 mph. Today’s bar, held by Rocky Robinson since 2010 riding the Top Oil-Ack Attack streamliner, sits at 376.363 mph.

The 2015 Triumph Rocket Streamliner features a carbon Kevlar monocoque construction with two turbocharged Triumph Rocket III engines producing a combined 1,000 bhp at 9,000 rpm. The motorcycle is 25.5’ long, 2’ wide and 3’ tall. Powered by methanol fuel, the bike is competing in the Division C (streamlined motorcycle) category.

The iconic Bonneville name was conceived following Johnny Allen’s land-speed record runs at the Salt Flats in September 1955, when he reached the record-breaking speed of 193.72 mph. The first T120 Bonneville model was unveiled at the Earls Court Bike Show and went on sale in 1959.

With final testing scheduled at the Bonneville Salt Flats in mid-July, the record attempt will take place August 24-27, 2015.

### HD recalling 185,000 motorcycles

Harley-Davidson is recalling more than 185,000 2014 and 2015 model year motorcycles because the saddlebags may fall off, NHTSA announced.



According to the Motor Co., affected motorcycles have saddlebag mounting receptacles (Part No. 10900009) that may not adequately secure the saddlebags to the motorcycle. The saddlebags could separate from the bike while riding. Harley-Davidson began an investigation into the issue back in January, it said, due to elevated warranty claims. Involved are the following models from the 2014 and 2015 years:

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

- ✦ Road King (FLHR)
- ✦ Street Glide (FLHX) and Street Glide Special (FLHXS)
- ✦ Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU)
- ✦ Ultra Limited (FLHTK)
- ✦ Police Road King (FLHP) and Police Electra Glide (FLHTP)
- ✦ CVO Ultra Limited (FLHTKSE)
- ✦ From the 2014 model year:
- ✦ CVO Road King (FLHRSE)
- ✦ From the 2015 model year:
- ✦ Electra Glide Ultra Classic Low (FLHTCUL)
- ✦ Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL)
- ✦ Road Glide (FLTRX), Road Glide Special (FLTRXS)
- ✦ CVO Street Glide (FLHXSE) and CVO Road Glide Ultra (FLTRUSE)

Dealers are asked to replace the saddlebag mounting receptacle with a new one, free of charge. "The updated receptacle uses Stainless Steel Type 17-7 PH for the wire spring instead of Stainless Steel per ASTM A313, which is what was used for the wire spring on the receptacles on the motorcycles in the recall population," the OEM told NHTSA. "The additional strength of the Stainless Steel Type 17-7 PH has been proven through our testing to eliminate the spring yield issue."

Motorcycles produced starting on May 26 of this year were built with the updated receptacle, the OEM added.

The recall is expected to begin July 27.

## **Indian, Slingshot continue to boost Polaris sales; paint plant problems**

Consumers want Slingshots and Victory Magnums, but Polaris is having trouble delivering them because of problems at a paint facility, and it showed up in the company's sec-



ond quarter sales, despite a positive quarter overall.

Sales for the second quarter 2015 totaled a record \$1,124.3 million, an increase of 11 percent over last year's second quarter sales of \$1,014 million.

Motorcycle sales increased 57 percent to \$162.1 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to same period last year on continued strong demand for Indian motorcycles and the new Slingshot roadster. Victory, Indian Motorcycle and Slingshot North American retail sales increased over 80 percent during the second quarter of 2015 driven by Indian Motorcycle and Slingshot retail sales, while North American industry midsize and heavyweight motorcycle retail sales were flat with the second quarter of 2014.



Demand for the Indian Scout, Roadmaster and the new Indian Dark Horse drove a more than 100 percent increase in retail sales for Indian Motorcycle during the quarter. Victory retail sales in the second quarter of 2015 were lower than the prior year, attributed to poor product availability of the new Victory Magnum and Magnum X-1, a result of the paint capacity constraints in the Spirit Lake facility.

"Earnings were dampened by significant cost pressures, and delayed shipments, related to continued difficulties with our new motorcycle paint system in Spirit Lake, Iowa," said chairman and CEO Scott Wine. "We pulled out all the stops to increase throughput in an

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

effort to meet the growing demand for our Indian, Victory and Slingshot customers, accepting the substantial costs commensurate with that push. Although production still cannot keep pace with demand, we are confident in our plans to further increase our motorcycle throughput in the second half of the year, and as such, are maintaining and narrowing full year guidance for sales and earnings per share."

Slingshot retail sales continued to perform ahead of expectations. Polaris has increased production to meet the ongoing strong consumer demand for Slingshot.

"In addition to reporting record second quarter sales and earnings, there are numerous positive undertones to our results this quarter. Motorcycle demand, notably including Slingshot, remains exceptionally high. Our Asia Pacific/Latin America business continues to grow and we are encouraged by the favorable response to the Multix launch in India last month. Between ongoing improvements in our inventory management systems and North American retail sales growing 11 percent, dealer inventory growth moderately decelerated in the second quarter," Wine said.

"Innovation remains a cornerstone of Polaris' success, and at our dealer show next week we will introduce our model year 2016 powersports lineup that will further extend our market leadership," Wine said. "In spite of the short-term headwinds we are facing, both external and of our own making, I am confident this strong and talented Polaris team can continue to deliver industry-leading returns for our shareholders."

## Fall Riding has it's Challenges!

By: Bard Board



The fall riding season will be upon us soon. As you know, each season has its own riding peculiarities and things to address in order to ride safe.

**Here are a few to remember this fall as you plan your rides:**

**Leaves on the pavement are very slippery**, especially when wet. Not only will your tires slip, but so will your feet when backing up your bike while parking.

**Moisture forms on the pavement with rapid temperature** change and temperature difference between ground and air. Be especially watchful in the early morning hours. Ever heard of "Black Ice"?

**Temperature variation** from morning, noon, and evening are usually more dramatic in the fall, so "all seasons and all weather" dress should be considered on your person and / or in your tour pack.

**Tire pressure.** You all check your tire pressure each and every time you ride, right? Ya, [right.....AMAZING...????@#\\$\\$%^&\\*?\\*\\*\\*](#) As the fall air and pavement cools, air molecules contract, causing reduced tire pressure as the weather cools. If the last time you checked your tire pressure was mid-July, expect your tires to be near flat come October, if you haven't killed yourself in between.

**It gets dark earlier...**Road Captains or individuals planning a trip this fall be aware of earlier sun-set times if you wish to avoid riding at night.

The fall air is clean and crisp, the colors are spectacular, to many it's the best time of year for motor vehicle touring, so **be aware of increased weekend traffic and drivers** looking at the fall colors rather than the roadway on other traffic..

So.... Keep these things in mind as you plan your fall rides. If you address these things **BEFORE** you leave, you will be able to ride confidently and safely into the autumn days!



## "Bend over and say... aahh ... I forgot to check my tire pressure!"

By: Greg Smith, Road Captain



How many times have you found yourself chatting with other motorcycle enthusiast and the importance of tire pressure (PSI) and especially the need to check it on a regular basis comes up ... But Do We Check It?

After having been reminded to "check your tire pressure" and having it drummed into our heads all the years we have been riding, why do we still get on the bike, start it, and take it for a ride without checking the tire pressure? Think about – we have all done that.

We have been lead to believe that a tire pressure deviation of +/-2 lbs. is acceptable. However, consider this; we rely on a tool (our tire gauge) that in many



cases may be off +/- 0 to 5 lbs. With a tire gauge off +/- 5 lbs. plus a deviation of 2 lbs., your tire pressure could be off 7+ lbs. This could cause a significant change in the handling of your motorcycle.

Now add in that the average rider checks their tire pressure once to twice a year, and when you fail to regularly check your tire pressure the potential of extreme improper tire pressure increases; now you have a huge problem and recipe for disaster. A good quality tire gauge is a must and preferably two.

The tire pressure or PSI of your motorcycle tire is calculated by the manufacture to give the maximum han-

dling factor on a motorcycle. It controls everything from the

tire's contact patch on the road to side wall flex, and thus effects tire road grip / overall handling / wear / and of course fuel consumption. Any PSI deviation, either up or down, affects one or more of these.

Tire pressure should always be checked when tires are cool, before a ride or at least 3 hours after the last ride. Get in the habit of checking your tires at least once a week and every time you go for a ride. Never

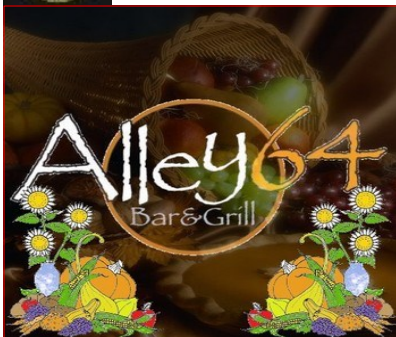
exceed the maximum inflation pressure (PSI) listed on the tire's sidewall, or the tires load limit. Doing so can cause tire failure. Remember many motorcycles require you to adjust the pressure to account for weight load such as a passenger or extra luggage.

The Top Cats have put out the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) "T-CLOCS" inspection check list. The first Item on the list is T = Tires. Keep this list handy.

Remember, the small Patch of contact of the front and rear tires are the motorcycle's only source of traction. Take an interest in your tires, check their condition often and check the air pressure every time you ride. Buy a good Tire gauge ... but most important ... USE IT.

Stay Safe!





## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 2015

Alley 64  
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Walters



The **Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM** by Mike Bradbury  
President of Top Cats, Illinois.

The members were asked to stand and say The Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

Lenny Reszeko, brought in off the streets by Emil Korneckie

Sharon and Dan McDonald who came with Kelly Glass, our newest member and recruiter!

### **Vice President's Report:** Ric Case

- ★ Ric asked all of us to review our riding goals for the year. Have we reached our goals? Have we made new ones? What's our plan for continuing to improve our techniques and skills?

### **Activities:** Gene Rigsby

- ★ The plan for this years' Sturgis ride was presented by Bard Boand. He highlighted the places that the group will be staying this year... which are the same as last year and the 15 years before that too.... Which adds to the energy for THIS years' group! The places are memorable and are good to see over and over again!
- ★ Wayne Kirkpatrick explained the stops and sites that make up the Post -Sturgis ride plan. The can be seen in the ROAR for May, June and July. The pictures and stories are impressive... but they are nothing in comparison to seeing the sights yourself! By the time this comes out, the trip will be under way... Hope you are a part of it!

### **Secretary's Report:** Mary Kirkpatrick

- ★ July's ROAR will be the last one that will be sent to your home via e-mail. The new website is being activated and the ROAR will be available for the members to view on the first of every month!

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

Safety

- ★ Safety Tip which was seen in the July edition of Kaution Korner, was presented by Bard Boand. He discussed the best practices for packing your bike to go on a long ride. The topic was timely as many are getting ready for the ride to Sturgis.

### **Ride For Dreams:** Noelle Rigsby

- ★ Noelle gave the members an update on the Ride for Dreams Charity Event. Even though the day was rainy, it produced a great deal of camaraderie and identified the commitment that we have for the NISRA organization. Final totals will be compiled and finalized by the committee.

### **Membership:** Emil Kornecki

- ★ At this time, Emil has no new member applications, but the three guests that joined us tonight expressed interest in joining the club.

### **Products:**

- ★ Lisa Purcell finished selling the last of our products. We will be working to put the Top Cats logo on a merchandising website so that our members will have access to Top Cats items at any time. Look for these developments in the future months.





## General Meeting,, Continued

**Past President:** Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne commented on the History of Top Cats and the traditional events that are a part of the Sturgis experience. This year will celebrate not only the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sturgis, but also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Top Cats! It will be a memorable event... and or those who will be traveling along for the Post-Ride, there will be even more moments to add to your 'Best' List!

**50 / 50 Raffle was pulled by Jim Purcell. \$30 won by Ric Case. Kelly Glass got the Chic Fil A cards and Ric Case also won a Top Cats hat!**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45.**

## President's Perspective, Contintued

Many thanks to the charity committee for putting together the Ride For Dreams consisting of the Committee Chair, Noelle Rigsby, Gene Rigsby, Lisa Purcell, Jim Purcell, Wayne Kirkpartick, Mary Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Ashley Lambert, Stefan Levy and any other member who helped! They worked long and hard to put on the best event possible. With their efforts, we are looking to make a healthy donation. We are working out the donation figure and the exact amount will be announced in August.

That's all for now. I have to get ready for the Sturgis trip and I swear am starting to hear Bard's whistle.....

Ride Safe!  
Mike Bradbury  
President  
Top Cats - Illinois

**Be Sure to Check out the new**

**Top Cats.org**

**Website...**

**It is a beautiful thing!**





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**JULY 8TH, 2014**

**Alley 64  
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois**

**Submitted by Mary Walters**

Present: Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Mary Kirkpatrick, Emil Kornecki and Jeff Tietz

Excused: Gene Rigsby and Greg Ludwig

Meeting started at 7:25 with all available board members for tonight.

### **President: Mike Bradbury**

- Mike presented the treasury report, because Greg Ludwig was not in attendance. The bank statements were presented to the board for both the Club and Charity accounts.
- The board discussed Mike's concern for developing one day rides. Some of the members have expressed an interest in becoming a road captain. Mike reviewed some of the options that are coming up and the process for mentoring and development of those interested members.
- Mike also discussed the future of the charity ride event. The return on the investment seems to be minimal. He is entertaining options as we move forward. Discussion included; venue, raffle and Wayne Kirkpatrick commented that we need to address the level of excitement that the club has toward the event and the charity. Emil Kornecki suggested that the members that do not participate be polled to find out why they are not being active in the event.
- . The Charity committee will be tasked with evaluating some of these variables.

### **Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick**

No specific items for comment for tonight.

### **Vice President: Ric Case**

- Mike asked Ric to make a plan on handing over some of the large number of Responsibilities and Ric has been contacting others to take over:
  - Don DeLordo will take over the Road Captain Committee and care for the RC Master Roster.
  - Noelle Rigsby has been handling the Charity Committee well for the past two years.
  - Gene Rigsby has taken responsibility for the Safety Committee.

### **Activities: Gene Rigsby**

- Mike reviewed the events that are coming up for Gene, who was unable to attend tonight.
- Bob Stevenson will be taking over the MASS BLAST responsibilities soon.
- A dinner ride or progressive dinner ride was suggested. Jeff Tietz has volunteered to have the club come to his home for either the entire meal or the finishing part of the evening for a fire.
- The Board discussed many possible options for rides to... dirt bike races, sky diving, or go-cart races were all presented.

### **Products / Membership: Emil Kornecki**

- The guests that were at the last meeting have all taken membership apps.
- Emil is also talking to four other people that he has encountered in his social circles.
- The patches with the '20' on them need to be used up before the end of the year. The board offered options for how to use them and that included giving an extra to each member to be used on a photo album.

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## Board Meeting, Continued

### Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

- Mike reviewed the earlier information and addressed other questions that were brought up by the board after reviewing the statements.
- After discussion on the Charity and amount of the final donation, it was determined that we need to review the funds with Noelle for clarification.

### Secretary: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Mary presented an idea to the board about requesting information from the membership for the next editions of ROAR. The board supported getting more of the members active in the writing of the publication.

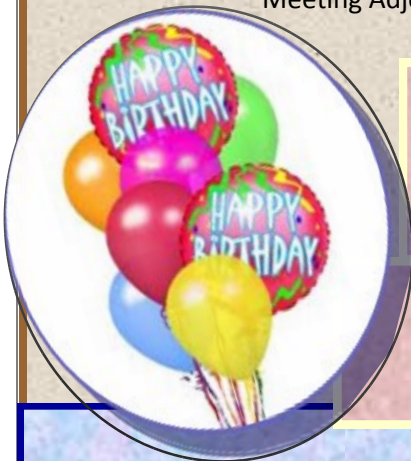
### Website: Jeff Tietz

- Jeff showed the Board the new website and all of the members discussed the changes that could be done/made before it goes live.
- All members will send suggestions to Jeff who will forward the information to American Creative.

### New Business:

- Emil Kornecki suggested that when a road captain is doing a pre-ride for a new ride, the club should compensate the road captain.
- Jeff Tietz suggested that since the club has a 501(c)(3) status, suggest to the club members that they keep receipts and use them as tax write-offs.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick suggested that the club track and record the mileage for each of the road captains and offer a reduction in their membership fee for the following year, based on the number of miles led. He also suggested the ride captains submit requests and the Board makes the decisions on an individual basis.
- The information will be presented to the Road Captains at the next meeting of the Safety Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55.



## August Celebrations!

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



16th - Jane Smith

24th - Greg Smith

17th - David and Laura

Whiteside

28th - Gene and Noelle Rigsby



## Top Cats

Buy, Sell, Trade....

*The best way to ensure good quality at fair prices!*

### 1970 Triumph Bonneville T120R

Immaculate and 99% original, iconic Triumph Bonneville, 650cc. Restored engine with 4+ hours on it. 4,900 original miles. New period paint, original parts with no upgrades, Perfect condition and ready to roll. \$7,500. Contact Traveler: [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@aol.com)



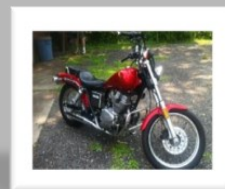
### 1993 Harley Davidson XL Sportster.

883cc. VERY clean and fast. 10,000 miles. Custom paint, engine upgrades, S&S Super E carburetor, windscreen, passenger seat and backrest. Good tires, major service performed. Ready to roll. \$3,600. Contact Traveler: [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@aol.com)



### 1985 Honda Rebel CMX 250

7,500 miles, Custom Saddle bags by Kelly's Leathers. Low, easy – to – ride bike with 27" seat height. 50 mpg+. \$1, 500. Contact Stef Levy [stefanlevysearch@gmail.com](mailto:stefanlevysearch@gmail.com)



### 1998 Harley Davidson Road King Classic

Old reliable. Great over the road bike. 1340 cc fuel – injected Evo engine. Leather covered, classic saddlebags. Many new parts, fresh engine overhaul, good condition all around. \$6,800. Contact Traveler: [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@aol.com)







## TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

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

*Network with  
your fellow  
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*See Mary Kirkpatrick for  
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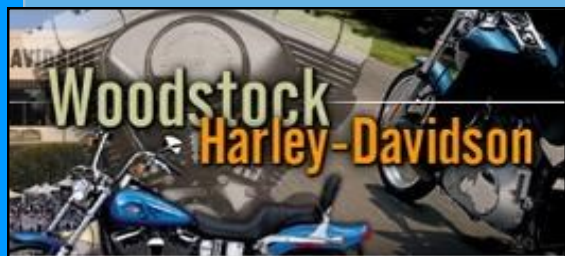
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Top Cats Get 15% Off Certain Parts and Merchandise at City Limits Harley-Davidson

### Membership Has Its Privileges!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

## HELP WANTED WEBSITE EDITOR

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

The primary responsibility will be to work with the webmaster and various individuals who 'own' certain areas of the website to ensure our content is fresh and inviting as well as come up with ideas for additional content and enhancements to the site to bring more value to our members.

For more information contact any board member or

Richard Flynn

[RichFlynnJr@aol.com](mailto:RichFlynnJr@aol.com)

## WANTED



## Top Cats Historian

The Top Cats Board is looking for a member to become official historian for the club.

Over the next year we want to create a written and oral history of our club that we can share with existing, new, and potential members.

The club turns 15 in 2010. Many of our legacy members have or will be moving on. We want to capture their and others' stories of our humble beginnings as well as favorite tales of the road.

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





## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Sunday, August 9th	Mendota Sweet Corn	Citgo Rt 60 / 176	Mendota	9:15am	Rigsby
Tuesday, August 11th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30	Bradbury
Tuesday, August 18th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, September 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, September 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, September 13th	Memorial Ride	Mobile Rt 12 / Ela	TBD	9:30	Case

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at [www.TopCats.org](http://www.TopCats.org).



### Barrington Library

#### Location and Hours

505 N. Northwest Highway  
Barrington, IL 60010

847-382-1300  
[balibrary.org](http://balibrary.org)

See the Top Cats Archive

## FREE ADVERTISING in ROAR for TOP CATS Business Owners

### Attention all Top Cats business owners!

As part of our ongoing philosophy to support our members and goal to provide a more value-rich publication, we are now offering free advertising space in ROAR for Top Cats business owners.

Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

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

This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.

Submit your ad along with contact information to the ROAR editors at [ROAR@TOPCATS.org](mailto:ROAR@TOPCATS.org)



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