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a single word. WOW!!

That is my reaction after

doing our Top Cats annual ride to Sturgis rally considered the ultimate motorcycle mecca of the year. This year was extra special as it was the 75th Sturgis Rally and while it takes some time and tallying before the official attendance result is concluded, the initial results for this year's rally is over 1 million people in attendance.

More amazing and extra special was how fun and enjoyable were the Top Cats Sturgis rides to the rally, at the rally and on the way home from the rally. Bard Boand did a terrific job getting us there, with his typical goal of military precision with occasional whistle blasts to remind us we had to get going! In addition, the riders were really enjoyable to be with and we had a ton of fun together. Chris Heller, Bard Boand, Wayne Kirkpatrick all contributed for day ride lead-



ership as RC's and more. Finally Wayne led a Kick-a** ride home that tested everyone's mettle and offered many interesting stops with beautiful scenic views. We rode together, ate together, laughed together, slept.....apart (mostly) and overall I was very recharged again with enthusiasm for the club I like to call home; Top Cats of Illinois! WOW!!

The planning for our 2016 Top Cat's year is already underway. This year's Ride for Dream's committee has met and is beginning the ideas for next year's event. The date for the Ride for Dreams will be June 12th. All Top Cat members should reserve the date now and come to the ride! Our charity beneficiary supports 13 of our local communities and is something we all should support. Come support your charity, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association and make the 2016 Ride for Dreams the best Top Cat's event ever!!! Our year, 2015 really seems to be flying by.



An annual event is fast approaching that is extremely important to the club's overall health, sustainability and future operations. Elections!

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 BOARD MEETNG
- 13 TOP CAT MEMORIAL RIDE

OCTOBER

- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 BOARD MEETNG
- 25 GRASS CLASS

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





TOP CAT HEADLINES FROM 1995... SEE THE ENTIRE COPY OF THE FIRST NEWSLETTERS AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING!

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Barrington, Illinois 60010

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DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT of TOP CATS - ILLINOIS

Top Cats - Illinois serves its members, motorcycle enthusiasts that also own a business or are in charge of a business which is owned by private investors or stockholders. *(1) HOLD A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN A GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION.*

Top Cats - Illinois provides a monthly forum for the exchange of ideas; fosters member development through business, educational and social opportunities; and acts as a motorcycle interest advocate.

MAY 29, 1995 DRAFT TOP CATS - ILLINOIS BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND OFFICE

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be "TOP CATS - ILLINOIS"

SECTION 2. Top Cats - Illinois shall be an Illinois not-for-profit corporation whose principal location and mailing address shall be 618 S. Northwest Highway #218 - Barrington, Illinois 60010

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

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September 1995



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER


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NEWS FOR YOUR CRUISE

TOP CATS - Illinois is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts with similar interests. Membership must consist of responsible leaders, Presidents, Chairman, Owners, Proprietors, Kings, Queens, Partners, Principals, CEOs & other "TOP CATS" of large, medium and small organizations, institutions, companies and /or countries..

BIKERS WHO MEAN BUSINESS!

THE MEETING

 The Barn of Barrington was a great success, the room was nice and so was the service and the food. It looks like we have found a new home. So, from now on all of our monthly meetings will be at the Barn of Barrington restaurant (that's the first Tuesday of every month).

There is one change though, instead of 6:30 PM the Board has changed the meeting start time to 7:00 PM. Actually, people will start showing up at 7:00 PM to mingle and place their food orders. The meeting won't officially start until 7:30 PM.

We had a quorum at this meeting as defined by our by-laws of "...20% of the total membership". This enabled us to make some changes and put some new ideas into place, we also elected the officers and directors that will be running TOP CATS until the next election. Our new Top Cat President is, Rob "Mow-Man" Mann and our Vice President is, James "Hook" Tossing. The elected Secretary/Treasure is now, Don "Marlboro" Dorgan. Our three new directors are: Michael "Trikey Mikey" Garceau, Jordan "Jordy" Glazov, and

Herb Kaiser. Congratulations to our new officers and directors, I'm sure they will do great things for Top Cats.

Other modifications to our by-laws were dropping the President-elect position, reducing the number of directors from 6 to 3 and opening up the membership requirements to include executive level department managers for a period of 1 year.

Once the new Board was in place, their very first task was to appoint committee Top Cats to assume responsibility for various ongoing projects as well as new ones, as follows:

Activities: James "Hook" Tossing
Mbr. Benefits: Don "Marlboro" Dorgan
Public Relations: Herb Kaiser
Membership: Jordan "Jordy" Glazov
Products: Richard "Slick" Green

Probably the most time consuming part of the meeting was spent on introducing the new membership classification "GOLD CHARTER MEMBER". This was really a hot topic. As most of you know, the members that joined Top Cats in the beginning were offered a "Charter Lifetime Membership".

Consequently, TOP CATS has many many more non-dues paying members than regular dues paying members.

The Board felt that without a financial benefactor TOP CATS - ILLINOIS couldn't possibly continue on its current economic path. The dues paying membership potential growth rate was grossly over estimated in the beginning, resulting in potential financial disaster.

So, a decision was made to ask each of the CHARTER members to volunteer to convert their membership from a CHARTER status to a GOLD CHARTER STATUS, which basically means they will become a dues paying member. And in return they will receive a chevron indicating that they are a GOLD CHARTER MEMBER and a new membership card.

I was pleasantly surprised how every single CHARTER member at the meeting stepped right up and had no problem converting to a "GOLD CHARTER MEMBERSHIP". I sent a letter to all of the rest of the CHARTER members asking for their help.

The next meeting at the Barn will be on October 3, 1995 - Hope you're there.

Virgo



KAUTION KORNER

Winter Hibernation

By: Dennis "Wombat" Dougherty, Road Captain



As the 2015 riding season comes to a close it's time to find a comfy spot for your iron steed as it hunkers down for a long winter's nap. But before you extend your farewell with a heartfelt, "See you next Spring", there are a few things you should do to help it weather the winter and be ready to go when you first push the start button or give it its first kick start when the road first beckons you to hop on board next year.

Give Your Bike a Thorough Cleaning

Remove road grime and insects. Clean and polish all the shiny stuff. And while you're at it, finish it up with a good coat of quality wax. If you have a chain, clean and lube it.

Add Fuel Stabilizer to Your Gas Tank

Fill the tank to the top and run the bike to make sure the gas and stabilizer mix. Shut off the fuel valve, if you have one, and let the bike run dry.

Drain the Carburetor, (if you have one)

Shut off the gas and follow MOM on how to do it. Don't let gas pool in the carburetor over the winter.

Change the Oil and Filter

Once the engine is warm, drain the crankcase and change the filter. Don't leave old or high mileage oil in the bike over the winter. The suspended particulates condensate out and end up as sludge at the bottom of your crankcase. Changing your oil and filter is probably the best 'mechanical' insurance you can buy for your bike.

Lubricate the Slidey Parts and Seals and Lube any Cables and Pivot Points

Bounce the bike up and down to work the front suspension. Lubricate the exposed tubes and rubber seals. Do the same for other 'friction' points and all cables on your steed.

Add a Teaspoon of Oil to each Cylinder

Remove the wires and plugs carefully. Add the oil and spin the motor a few revs to spread the oil around in the cylinder. It helps to keep moisture from clinging to your cylinder walls and can help keep all the parts moving freely. Clean and gap the plugs and put them back in. Reinstall the plug wires.

Tend to the Battery

Remove the battery and bring it inside, (if in cold storage) and put it on a Battery Tender designed for your type of battery. If you leave it in the bike, put a thin film of lubricant (e.g. Vaseline) on the terminals to help thwart corrosion.

Check the Coolant Levels

If your bike has a liquid cooling system, check the level of anti-freeze and top it off as necessary. Drain and refresh the anti-freeze as MOM recommends.

Replace any Dirty Filters

Check the air cleaner and any fuel filters. Take a look at the brakes while you're at it. Give the bike a good once over. Fix anything you can before you park it for the winter. Make note of those items you'll need to repair before you take your first ride next year.

Clean and Treat All Leather with a High Quality Dressing

Animal hide, like your skin, likes a good moisturizer to keep it supple and moisture tolerant. Use one that is specifically designed for your type of covers.

Store Bike on Its Center Stand

Remove the weight from the wheels if possible. Keep the bike away from ozone-emitting devices like motors, freezers, furnaces, electric heaters, etc. The gases can deteriorate rubber parts. If you're storing the bike on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood underneath to insulate the bike from the damp ground.

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Cover the Bike with a
Quality Cover that Breathes

It not only keeps the dust off, but it helps to manage the moisture that is naturally attracted to cold metal surfaces.

Pat your Favorite Summertime Friend on the Headlight and Bid it Adieu Until Spring

As much as you may want to wake it from its winter hibernation just to hear its reassuring purr and throaty roar, avoid doing so until you're ready to ride in the Spring. Short engine runs can lead to condensation from engine and combustion byproducts in the oil.

Have a Happy Winter and Always Ride Safe!
Wombat

Attention Top Cats

It is that time of year again to anticipate an invoice for your 2015 Membership Dues. Very soon you will receive 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 2016. Check with a Board member if in doubt.

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:

bradbundy@comcast.net
The Board of Directors

VP's Vision

By: Ric 'Clutch' Case

Road Captains Requirements Responsibilities and Awards.



If you are already a RC/SRC skip this paragraph. If you have any interest or just want to try Road Captaining here want you need to do.

- Take the Road Captain planning module that is the optional in GRASS.
- Then plan and lead a ride with the assistance of a SRC.
- Successfully lead the ride you planned.
- A mentor will write a detailed report upon the completion of the ride. The mentor will make a recommendation.

Once you are a Road Captain you will earn points for each ride you plan and lead.

Based on the following criteria a number of point will be assessed.

- ♦ Plan and Lead a ride to the start of another such as a Charity ride. One (1) point.
- ♦ Plan and Lead an extended one day ride. Two(2) points.
- ♦ Plan and Lead along distance day ride of 400-500 miles or an overnight ride to location approximately of similar length. Three (3) points.
- ♦ Plan and Lead a multiple day and overnights ride. Four (4) points.
- ♦ Lead a ride for a week such as Sturgis. Five (5) points.

Next the awards are broken down by accumulated points:

Award.	Points
Bronze	5
Silver	10
Gold	20
Gold Shining Star	40
Commitment to Excellence	80
Above and Beyond	160

Our. Next Road Captain/Senior Road Captains meeting is set for Sunday Jan 31st from 8a to 1p for Road Captains. Seniors expect to stay until about 2p.

Oil Spots

By Traveler



New owner of Erik Buell Racing plans to rekindle business in East Troy



Courtesy of Bruce Belfer

Bruce Belfer, the new owner of Erik Buell Racing motorcycles.

The new owner of the Erik Buell Racing motorcycle company, in East Troy, says he wants to rehire former employees and rekindle the business that was shut down in April and [sold this week](#) in a court-ordered auction.

Bruce Belfer of West Allenhurst, N.J., bought the manufacturing assets of Buell for \$2.25 million, while Hero MotoCorp. of India paid \$2.8 million for

Buell's consulting business.

In an interview Friday, Belfer said he's partnering with company founder Erik Buell to get the company back on its feet as soon as possible.

Belfer said he's planning to keep a company presence in East Troy where Buell employed 130 people manufacturing high-end sport bikes.

Erik Buell Racing was the sequel to Buell Motorcycle Co., which Harley-Davidson Inc. owned for more than a decade before dropping the brand in 2009 and leaving Erik Buell to start over on his own.

Court records showed the company had \$20.8 million in assets and \$20.4 million in liabilities when it shut down in April and sought court protection from creditors.

A motorcyclist for more than 30 years Belfer is an engineer who admired Erik Buell's work.

For decades, [Buell has been an underdog](#) in an industry dominated by large companies. He's also been known for some radical designs.

"I run a number of businesses, and you don't run a business by remote control. So, yes, I will be actively involved in the business and in the engineering and design of products," he said.

They will have different roles in the company, though.

"Erik is a tremendously gifted engineer...He's an exceptional leader, who has earned exceptional loyalty from his team and legions of Buell and EBR riders. But he was distracted by Hero's demands in its consulting contract, resulting in a vacuum in the senior management of running the manufacturing business," Belfer said.

"I think the combination of (Buell's) skills and mine makes for a solid business model," he added.

"I define myself as a manufacturer...It's all I have ever done, and it's the cornerstone of my identity. So, I am not going anywhere," he said about his commitment



Oil Spots, Continued...

THE WORLD'S FIRST HELMET COMMUNICATION AND ACTION CAMERA ... IN ONE DEVICE.

The 10C is the world's first look at a fully integrated Bluetooth helmet communication system and HD camera rolled into one powerful device. It's capable of full HD video (1080p:30fps and 720p:30/60fps) with 3.5 MP still shot image capture and shot, burst and time-lapse photo modes. It is the complete solution for in-helmet communication and action videography under challenging conditions.



The 10C has a water-resistant, all-in-one helmet clamp design that is made for the demands of riding in any condition. Meanwhile, Sena 10C technology lets you stay focused on the rolling horizon while playing your favorite FM radio station from the built-in tuner, or piping in your favorite playlist from your MP3 player, hearing GPS directions, or listening to your buddies howling over the intercom. The design makes for easy installation while simplifying the operation of multiple video and photo modes. Voice prompts make learning and using all of the 10C's features a snap!



ONE-MILE RANGE. 4-WAY UNIVERSAL INTERCOM CAPABILITY.

Stay in touch with up to four of your companions, riding up to one mile 1.6 km (1 mile) away. Even if they aren't using Sena gear, Universal Intercom™ technology allows the 10C to work seamlessly with other brands of Bluetooth headsets on the



Linking up your 10C with the Sena Headset app (for Android or iPhone) allows you to configure device settings, set groups of intercom friends, and access a Quick Guide. The 10C also offers the ability to pair with up to two mobile phones for convenient hands-free calling.

AMA land speed at Bonneville canceled for 2015

THE AMA Land Speed Grand Championship/Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials 2015 has been canceled due to poor conditions at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, BMST announced.

Conditions at the flats were improving but not enough to hold the event, the organization stated. "We are unable to sustain the minimum standards for a premier event," stated Delvene Manning, event manager/owner of Delicate Promotions LLC. "Due to this, we are cancelling the 2015 Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, AMA Land Speed Grand Championship."

According to the organization, conditions were looking good until the last couple of days. "Water from earlier rainstorms in most affected areas was being absorbed/evaporated at the normal rate, weather was warming and we had a good forecast," Manning said. Preparation had started on the International "long course."

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Oil Spots, Continued...

"We evaluated moving the course, such as last year, and could not find better conditions to support two courses or a viable alternate pit location," the organization explained. In addition, after evaluation it was decided that the International course would deteriorate rapidly once racing started. BMST said it will be contacting participants in the coming weeks with additional information and details on the cancellation procedure.

Harley-Davidson launches 2016 lineup

Two new hard-hitting Dark Custom models, the most powerful cruiser lineup in company history, and a broad range of performance and styling enhancements throughout the range highlight Harley-Davidson's powerful new model lineup for 2016.

- ✦ New Iron 883 and Forty-Eight models assert Harley-Davidson's Dark Custom leadership with motorcycles inspired by the rebellious spirit of the past updated with modern design and new suspensions that put a little extra smooth in the Harley-Davidson soul.
- ✦ New S series limited-edition cruisers feature big power and cutting-edge style. The Fat Boy S and Softail Slim S combine rich finishes with the impressive Screamin' Eagle Twin Cam 110 engine to deliver head-turning style and performance.
- ✦ Previously only available in Harley-Davidson Touring bikes, the High Output Twin Cam 103 engines upgrade the power for all Softail and Dyna models (except Street Bob), rounding out the most powerful cruiser lineup in Harley-Davidson history.
- ✦ Project RUSHMORE's touring revolution expands with the return of the Road Glide Ultra

Dark Custom Soul



2016 Iron 883

The new Iron 883 is intentionally raw and rough around the edges, with a modern design inspired by garage-built bobbers past and present. All-new front and adjustable rear suspension, lighter-weight mag wheels and improved seating increase comfort and control to smooth the road ahead. The new Forty-Eight achieves its menacing stance with a burly front tire, new mag wheels and a massive front end with new 49mm forks, and also benefits from improved adjustable rear suspension and seating. Retro styling cues and a perfect ratio of black, color and chrome give this bike a bold visual presence. Riders navigating rough and tumble urban streets on the lean and nimble Harley-Davidson Street 750 and 500 models will appreciate the improved confidence from new front and rear braking systems.



2016 Street 750

Rear tires will beg for mercy with the most powerful cruiser model lineup in Harley-Davidson history. Powered by the Screamin' Eagle Twin Cam 110 engine, the new Fat Boy S and Softail Slim S cruisers deliver power and performance once reserved for Custom Vehicle Operations (CVO) models. Both limited-edition models feature dark styling for menacing looks that match their muscle. The Softail Slim S is available in a new Olive Gold Denim color with military-inspired styling, paying homage to the post-war customs that launched the bobber movement. Harley-Davidson gives more riders a dose of Project RUSHMORE performance by making the High Output Twin Cam 103 engine standard in every other 2016 Softail model. The High Output Twin Cam 103 is also the new standard engine for all 2016 Dyna models except the Street Bob model. (Continued on pg 9)



Oil Spots, Continued



2016 Fat Boy S

New Sportster Suspension

All 2016 Sportster models have all-new front and rear suspension and improved seats working together to enhance rider comfort and control. Nitrogen gas-charged shocks resist oil aeration and feature an internal valve stack with 36mm pistons and high-performance oil to provide superior compression and rebound damping control that reacts quickly to small bumps and keeps the tires in contact on uneven road surfaces. Progressive-rate spring pre-load is adjustable by a threaded collar using a spanner that stows under the seat. Tuned to complement the shocks, the stout forks feature a calibrated piston and valve stack and progressive rate springs for consistent feel throughout the compression and extension range of the suspension.



2016 Road Glide Ultra

Road Glide Ultra

A two-year absence from the Harley-Davidson Touring line was time well spent infusing the Road Glide Ultra with enhanced style, outstanding aerodynamics and optimized touring ergonomics for rider and passenger. Propelled by the Twin-Cooled High Output Twin Cam 103 powertrain, the new Road Glide Ultra will exceed the expectations of the most demanding touring motorcyclist.



Heritage Softail Classic

Combining nostalgic style with smooth, modern Softail performance, the Heritage Softail Classic receives refreshed styling for 2016 plus the High Output Twin Cam 103 powertrain, standard electronic cruise control, and a new and improved saddlebag support structure.

Royal Enfield relaunching 144-year-old brand in North America



Royal Enfield, the fastest growing motorcycle company in the world, today announced its first wholly owned subsidiary outside India, in North America. This strategic announcement is in line with Royal Enfield's international focus on leading and expanding the global mid-sized motorcycle segment (250-750cc), with North America representing a priority market for the company.

Its current product line-up in North America includes the iconic Bullet 500cc, Classic 500cc and the Continental GT 535cc cafe racer ranging from \$4,995 to \$5,995. Royal Enfield has been exporting motorcycles to North America for 15 years.

Mr. Siddhartha Lal, CEO, Royal Enfield said, "Our motorcycles are inspired by the classic bikes throughout motorcycling history, in form and in simplicity; and they capture the feeling of freedom, fun and responsiveness that riders were trying to achieve then,

Oil Spots, Continued...

possibly the most engaging mid-size motorcycles out there. We use traditional craftsmanship and modern technology as a means to achieve the perfect balance between the rider, the machine and the terrain."

The company's regional office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the leadership team will be led by Rod Copes, President, Royal Enfield North America, responsible for managing its operation in the market including marketing, communications, sales, warranty, service, dealership development and finance. All manufacturing will continue to remain in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India where Royal Enfield has been manufacturing since 1955. Global headquarters will continue to reside in Gurgaon, Haryana, India.

"In a post performance era where American riders are looking for machines that are easy to own and maintain, Royal Enfield offers evocative and unintimidating modern classic motorcycles, with timeless appeal. Royal Enfield's first fully branded retail store in the United States will soon be launched in Milwaukee that will retail its entire product line-up of motorcycles and gear. Over the next 18 months we plan to launch several such stores in key metropolitan areas across the US. We are also focusing on building a strong independent dealer network that will maximize our brand awareness and sales," said Rod Copes, President Royal Enfield North America.

In 2014, Royal Enfield sold more than 300,000 motorcycles globally. Parent company, Eicher Motors Ltd., recorded its highest ever total revenue of \$1.4 billion USD, with large contributions from the Royal Enfield business unit.

About Royal Enfield

The oldest motorcycle company in continuous production, Royal Enfield made its first motorcycle in 1901. With its manufacturing base in Chennai, India, Royal Enfield is able to grow its production rapidly against a surge in demand for its motorcycles. With 50% growth every year for the last 5 years, Royal Enfield is fast becoming a very important player in the global mid-sized motorcycle market and is working towards re-inventing this space with motorcycles that are evocative and engaging and great fun to ride.



Harley-Davidson to sell co-branded motorcycle tires

Michelin and Harley-Davidson announced an agreement to sell the Michelin Scorcher, a co-branded motorcycle tire

and brings it into the modern context. Royal Enfields are through all authorized Michelin and Harley-Davidson dealers.

The Michelin Scorcher 11, the Michelin Scorcher 31 and the Michelin Scorcher 32 tires, original equipment tires on Harley-Davidson Sportster, Dyna, V-Rod and Harley-Davidson Street motorcycles, are now available more widely on the replacement market. These tire ranges previously were sold only through Harley-Davidson dealerships.

The wider availability of these tires as a replacement option allows Harley-Davidson owners to benefit from the outstanding grip, enhanced tread life, exceptional comfort and precise handling of the Michelin Scorcher tires.

Michelin Scorcher tires are currently being shipped to Michelin distributors and should be available shortly to all authorized Michelin motorcycle tire dealers.

Real... or Amazing???

The following story was submitted for your review by one of our members who traveled to Deadwood this summer... It was there that the term 'amazing' was used on many occasions when things just didn't seem right. "That's Amazing" became the mantra and was more socially acceptable than the usual 'That's Bull...'

After reading the story, you can decide if it is *Real* or *'Amazing'*.

*Praise the Lord and place your bets...
I'll take your money with no regrets!*

Alice made her way to Deadwood, South Dakota around 1890. While there, she met a man named Warren G. Tubbs, who worked as a housepainter in Sturgis, but sidelined as a dealer and gambler.

Though she routinely beat Tubbs at the gaming tables, he was taken with her and the two began to see each other outside of the gambling halls. On one occasion when a drunken miner threatened Tubbs with a knife, Alice pulled out her .38 and put a bullet into the miner's arm. Tubbs and Alice eventually married and the couple would have seven children. A painter by trade, Tubbs, along with Alice's gambling profits, supported the family.

Tubbs died, so Alice returned to work and she ran a house of ill repute, gambled, and eventually died in Rapid City in 1930 at the age of 79. She claimed that she had made over 250,000 dollars in her lifetime without cheating. She is buried in Sturgis at St. Aloysius Cemetery...





ELECTIONS 2016....

By Traveler



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

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

Ideally, with our vote we are continuing the great legacy of Top Cats – Illinois into our 21st 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, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.

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

NOMINATIONS. We have a wealth of eligible candidates this year and we are very fortunate to have each incumbent accept a nomination for another term. The positions up for election / reelection this year are:

Secretary
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 2015.

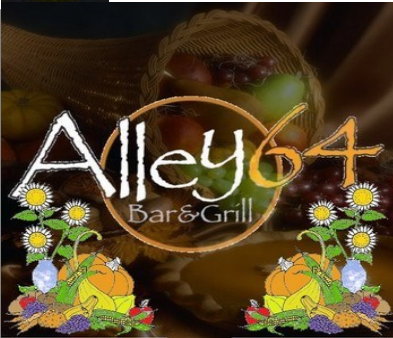
Please be cautious of candidates who violate Club policy of no campaigning or who try to influence voting. That kind of lack of integrity will only result in a negative impact on one of the finest Clubs in this area....Top Cats – Illinois.



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, attend GRASS within the first year of membership and within the past three years thereafter, and attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year.

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

Your Responsible Actions
Will Build A Strong Club!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2015

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



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

President: Mike Bradbury

Mike welcomed everyone and invited the group to open the meeting with stories or jokes that would begin the night with a little levity. The group obliged and the evening started with good laughter among great friends.

Vice President: Ric Case

Ric reminded all the members to begin thinking of who they would like to see running the club as the elections draw near. He reminded the membership that taking on the responsibility of the club's future is an important aspect of being a member.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne commented on the professionalism of our club and the ability of the members to understand the importance of looking for the good of the club when nominating candidates for the election.

Secretary: Mary Kirkpatrick

Mary explained a new section that will be appearing in the ROAR and had two of the members report on their research on Deadwood Characters.

The August Birthday and Anniversary dates were celebrated with cake.

Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

Greg reported that the club is financially sound and that all bills have been paid.

Safety Tip: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne discussed the importance of hydration when riding in the hot weather. As riders travel in heat, it is important to remain covered to keep moisture in the body and not evaporating off of uncovered skin. Also drinking plenty of liquids is essential in these kinds of conditions.

Director of Activities: Gene Rigsby

Gene reported on the rides that are coming up and asked that the members add to the calendar for the next two months.

Road Captain Bard Boand reported on the success of the Sturgis ride for 2015. He highlighted the main events along the way and commended those who were on the trip on their riding skills as well as their social interaction that created a good experience for everyone!

Mike also encouraged all of the members present to consider leading a ride. Jim Purcell stated his intention of becoming a road captain soon.

The members discussed the possible rides that they would like to see the club do in the future. Great ideas were brought to the table, but the important piece that is needed are ROAD CAP-



General Meeting,, Continued

Director of Products: Emil Kornecki

Membership

Emil recently traveled to Spain and found some people interested in joining Top Cats. He volunteered to go back if all members would pitch in to buy the ticket. It was decided that we will wait until they come to the United States to get them an application.

Products

Lisa reported that the Antigua shirts are still available. She took orders and they will be available within the week.

Director of the Website: Jeff Tietz

Jeff was unable to attend tonight, but the membership was encouraged to enjoy and comment on the new website.

New Business:

Wayne Kirkpatrick discussed the post-Sturgis ride. He highlighted the great riding skills that were evident in all of the riders that came along. The heat, the miles and the terrain created challenges that were met by all! It built camaraderie as well as skills as the group supported each other in the rougher times and celebrated the accomplishments each night.

David Whiteside commended the ancillary variables that truly completed the ride. The GRASS class that allowed all the riders to know what to expect. Wayne and Bard planned the ride so well.

Mike's efforts to make things happen even when he was in pain and Noelle's tailgunning with her van were all small things that had a BIG effect on the success of the ride.

Rox Adonis also commented on the level of camaraderie that was built along the way. He stated that he watched as the club got closer as the miles accumulated... All agreed.

Mike Bradbury and Lisa Purcell highlighted the exceptional riding experience that people have when riding with Top Cats. The formation, the safety, as well as the good spirits are second to none!

The 50/50 raffle was pulled by Genie Stevenson and Ric Case won \$20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

President's Perspective, Continued...

Our annual elections for open positions for officers and directors is coming up in November. See my other article in this edition of the Roar for the specifics of what positions we need to fill, our club requirements consistent with our by-laws and all the other specifics pertaining to this important process.

It still not too late learn to be a Road Captain, for existing Road Captains (RCs) and SRC's to lead a ride or for members to host an event. All it takes is an idea and willingness to share it and the gumption to organize something and oila! You got something

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Top Cats - Illinois



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18TH, 2014

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

Present: Mike Bradbury, Ric Case, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mary Kirkpatrick, Gene Rigsby, and Emil Kornecki

Excused: Jeff Tietz, Greg Ludwig

President: Mike Bradbury

- Mike called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He opened by speaking to the board concerning his view of the Club Status. He would like to capitalize on the Sturgis energy and build rides and other events that will continue to build the camaraderie and friendships.
- General Meeting Speaker Ideas included:
 - ⇒ Jurgen Lutz from Germany could speak on the European standards for motorcycles
 - ⇒ Judy Kaenel of Dukane Abate would update the club on the new policies that are and will be on the legislative docket in Illinois.
- 2016 Open Board Positions include the Secretary and Treasurer and 3 directors. The present members who hold those positions were polled to see if they would like to continue to serve. Emil Kornecki has agreed to run again for the membership Director. Mary Kirkpatrick will step down in order to allow others within the club to have a way to become more involved. The positions, making changes in director responsibilities and other possible members who may want to serve on the board were discussed.
- Mike will create a notice to the membership asking them to consider serving on the board to become part of the driving forces that will lead the club into the future.
- Mike will be leaving town at the beginning of September and will not be able to be at our general meeting. Ric Case will take the meeting.

Vice President: Ric Case

- Ric Case discussed the Road Captain Status and identified 4 members who are interested in becoming Road Captains.
- Ric Case also commented on the last GRASS class and stated that the class went more quickly and efficiently.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick mentioned the difficulty of using the bullet points that were a part of the presentation.
- Discussion followed that identified the areas that will be needed to address before the next class.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Bill Yates has been hospitalized on and off with major health issues. Wayne proposed that the club send flowers for his next scheduled surgery. Ric Case was the 2nd. All agreed. September 15th is the date.
- The dues schedule for the next year needs to be clarified. There have been a few suggestions about the 2016 dues structure. One idea suggested would add the registration for the Charity event as well. A motion was made by Emil that we keep the same fee structure as last year. Ric Case was the 2nd. All agreed.
- 2016 Dues: \$75 single/ \$130 family

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Board Meeting, Continued

Activities: Gene Rigsby

- Day rides are still needed for the next two months. Genie Stevenson was tasked with checking with members for RCs and ideas.
- Gene reviewed the rides and events for the next two months.
- The point system was discussed and length of ride will determine the number of points.

ROAR: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Discussion was held on ideas that could make the September Edition very commemorative of the 20th Anniversary of the club which was chartered on September 2nd, 1995.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- No new candidates at this time
- The board discussed ways of generating membership solicitation ideas. The idea of a communication director who would develop ideas that could be used to identify new members.

Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

- Greg was unable to attend tonight.
- Mike will task Greg with sending out the invoices by September 15th, 2015.
- The account balances were not available at this time. Greg will be contacted and the numbers will be sent out to the board.

Safety: Ric Case

GRASS

Don DeLordo has indicated that he would like to teach GRASS

Website: Mike Bradbury

- It was discussed that the board members and directors should be identified on the website.
- A page needs to be added that will allow members to order Top Cats products. A vendor needs to be identified that can be used to sell products

Maintenance is needed by a member and candidates were identified. Gene Rigsby will approach those possible candidates and ask about their interest.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 by Mike Bradbury

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Kirkpatrick



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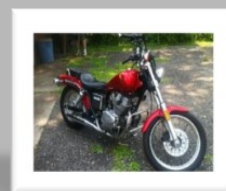
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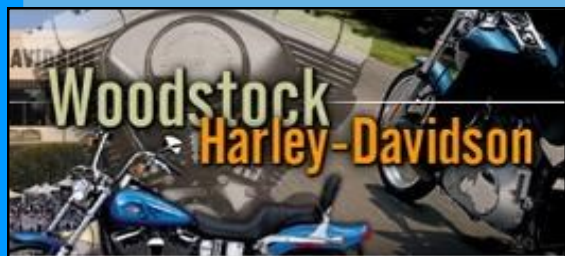
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For more information contact any board member or

Richard Flynn

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

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

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



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, 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
Tuesday, October 6st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, October 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, October 25th	GRASS Class	Keller-Williams	Palatine	8:00 am	Case

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



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