



ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Hello Top Cats,

Greetings fellow members and motorcyclists! The month of September seems to have rushed

by at an alarming pace. It is tough to say goodbye to summer. With the advent of fall, our riding opportunities may lessen but do not disappear altogether. We still have some beautiful fall weather with warmer days and cooler nights to do some riding together. Like a Fall Colors Ride? And as our riding season comes to an end, we'll also have other opportunities to socialize and share our life's wisdoms together. For me that might mean a 5 minute diatribe but the nature of our club and our membership means we are comprised of intelligent, diverse, interesting and downright pleasant people. Getting Top Cats together is always a good fun time.

September had a lot of Top Cats and motorcycle community activity. We had (4) rides which included the addition of (3) new rides to Ric Case's previously scheduled Memorial Ride. Thanks Ric! And thanks to Greg Smith for stepping up and leading the "Winner – Winner Chicken Dinner!"

Developments are ongoing to add more

activities to the calendar. Recently I asked for more Road Captain and membership support to add events to our calendar and the response has been good! The response we received represents the strong character and high caliber of our membership. To All Top Cats; let's continue this momentum for members to chair, host and participate in fun, entertaining and interesting events we can all do together. See our Director of Activities; Gene Rigsby, myself or a Senior Road Captain with your ideas and ways you can support our Top Cat's activities.



We are approaching two significant annual club events. The first is our yearly membership dues which must be received by October 31st. You will receive an invoice shortly by mail or at the October general meeting. Please make your payments as soon as possible. Your dues are required to participate in Top Cats elections which is the other critical event being held at the November general meeting. The open positions are Secretary and (2) Directors. Please see and review all requirements in the "Elections 2016" article written by Wayne Kirkpatrick in the September edition of our ROAR newsletter and will be repeated in this edition as well.

Be Good Everyone!
Mike Bradbury
President
Top Cats – Illinois

*"American by birth,
biker by choice"*

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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 BOARD MEETNG
- 18 FALL COLORS RIDE
- 25 GRASS CLASS

NOVEMBER

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETNG

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





KAUTION



Autumn Leaves... Beauty and the Beast

By: Greg Smith, Road Captain



Fall has arrived and will soon award us with its beautiful colors. There may be no better way to experience these colors than riding a motorcycle on the open roads. Fall also starts the winding down of our riding season and at the same time, gives us some of our best and most colorful scenic rides.

As the leaves start showing their vibrant colors, they also start to fall, blow around, and pile up. This piling up of leaves happens not only on our lawns and driveways, but also on the roads causing multiple road hazards. This is the Beast side of fall that we must endure.

We may assume that wet leaves offer less traction than dry leaves; this might be true. The real question is how dry are the leaves. Leaves hold moisture and as they start to decay they generate more moisture. The leaves on the top of a patch or pile may appear to be dry and blowing around. However the leaves underneath, on the road surface, may be wet and starting to decay causing very slippery oil like conditions. This condition can be very dangerous especially when stopping, accelerating and cornering. When riding you would always do your best to avoid oil on the road. Likewise, you should do your best to avoid leaves.

Another serious condition caused by falling leaves is the covering and camouflaging of road hazards. What may appear to be a small pile of leaves may not be a pile at all but in fact a few leaves covering an obstruct

tion on the road such as a rock, stick, or chunk of asphalt. Patches of leaves may also cover other serious road obstructions such as potholes, large cracks, and uneven road surfaces. All of these serious obstructions could cause you to lose control of your motorcycle.

The best thing to do while enjoying all the beauty of a fall ride is to make an effort to avoid riding through those tempting piles and patches of leaves.

Enjoy the fall, ride safe, and get out there and see those beautiful colors!

TOPCATS

Fall Colors Ride

Oct 18th Sunday

Holy Hill, Hubertus Wis

Fox and Hounds Restaurant

Starts at BP Station at RT12 & RT176

RSVP Jim Purcell at jpurcell333@gmail.com





VP's Vision

By: Ric 'Clutch' Case



Our 2015 ride season is winding down, but our **Social Season** is coming up. Not that we don't socialize when we are on a ride, but Winter events can add substance to our relationships and keep us dreaming together through the winter months. These months will build strength within the Top Cats Club and will make the next riding season even better! So check out these events and make plans!

First, there is the NISRA Fashion Show always held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year it will be held on November 21st at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn located at 3 Oaks Road and Route 31. It is a gala event that includes lunch, a silent auction, a 50/50 Raffle that's worth thousands of dollars. They usually have five themed Christmas trees including gifts. Each tree is raffled separately and each is guaranteed to be worth more than two thousand dollars. Tree raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Just drop a raffle ticket in the box for the tree(s) of your choice. After viewing the trees and having a great meal, there is the show itself put on by NISRA participants and their families. They strut their stuff in outfits provided by local stores with an unbelievable amount of energy! Their marvelous personalities are on stage and they enjoy the opportunity to entertain us. For this event, we want to fill two tables of ten. The Club will subsidize the \$45 ticket with \$10, as we have done in the past. This is a great opportunity to build our club connections... All for just \$35 person. Each member may bring one guest at that price. The meal all by itself is worth the money.

Next we are planning a Movie Matinee. There are some great new motorcycle movies out there to view. I'm sure that just like in the past it will be great. Watch the calendar because the date is yet to be determined. Probably in Late November or early December.

AND... there will be another shootout. In the past, we have used ON TARGET. The details still need to be determined. To participate, you must have a FOID card or be with someone who does. No weapons? No problem. You can rent from them at the facility. You can also buy ammo, rent ear protection and eye protection and get help with all the rest you will need to make this a memorable experience. Ranges for rifles as well as hand guns will be

reserved. Exact cost to be announced but it is reasonable. Approximately \$15 per person. Limit two persons per lane. One of which one must have a FOID card. Again, date to be determined, blasted and added to our magnificent Web page. I have some fun ideas for this one!

Last, but not least, is our annual Awards banquet. Usually on a Saturday in early February at the Mill Rose banquet hall located at Barrington Rd and the Tollway, I-90. Watch for the details... and plan on a great event for this 20th anniversary celebration!

Written by Your Vice President Ric "Clutch" Case with assistance from SIRI.

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bradbundy@comcast.net

The Board of Directors



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Full Throttle Saloon — Sturgis, S.D., biker landmark — burns down



After nine people were killed in a shootout between rival biker gangs in Waco, Tex., earlier this year, authorities braced for violence last month at the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, S.D. — the Woodstock, if you will, of biker rallies.

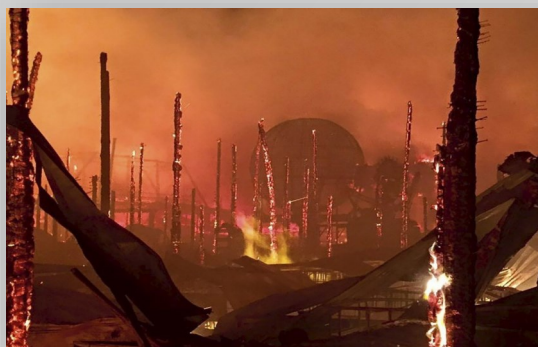
Though a record 1 million people came to the rally, violence largely didn't.



“With everything that’s going on in Waco and just all the stuff with the clubs, for their own preservation, they’re go-

ing to want to try to keep this mellowed out and not have a problem,” Pat Matter — president of the Minneapolis chapter of the Hells Angels until he went to prison in 2003 — told the Associated Press in August. Sturgis “wasn’t the typical place we was going to solve our problems at.”

Yet though the rally came and went without a major incident, one of its centerpieces — the Full Throttle Saloon, billed as “the world’s largest biker bar” — is now gone. The bar, which inspired an eponymous reality TV show, burned early Tuesday. The cause of the fire is not known. No injuries were reported, but the main building was reportedly totally destroyed.



The Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis, S.D., on Sept. 8. (Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department via Reuters).

The Full Throttle Saloon wasn’t just a shack by the side of the road where crimes were planned and scores were settled. Founded in 1999 by Michael Ballard, it was more like a compound that claimed 15,000 visitors per night during the Sturgis rally. It had a distillery — where 500 gallons of grain alcohol, unfortunately, fueled the flames. It had Angieland — another bar run by Ballard’s wife, who is known for her, ahem, “sculptured behind.” It had a wine bar and zip lines and a donkey mascot. And it had cabins.

“The Full Throttle is the number one blue collar biker bar in the United States,” Ballard wrote on the bar’s Web site. “Everyone is welcome, but it’s well known that factory workers, construction workers and any kind of guy who busts his ass and saves his money all year is gonna be welcome at the Throttle.”

“They have boobs, midgets, crazy tattoos, weird hats, awesome concerts and a little bit of everything else mixed in here,” one viewer told the Rapid City Journal in 2013. “Anything goes.”

Forty-five firefighters, however, couldn’t prevent flames from destroying the landmark. A lack of fire hydrants also complicated efforts — water had to be hauled in.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

“We tried making access through the west side walk-in doors, but they were locked,” Shawn Barrows, Sturgis’s assistant fire chief, told [the Rapid City Journal](#). “We came around to the front-side garage doors on the north side of the building and cut a hole in it to make entry to the building.”



A Guns and Roses tribute band plays at the Full Throttle Saloon in 2006.

Early Wednesday, Ballard, reportedly out of town in Tennessee, had yet to comment on the fire.

“I’m waiting on him to call,” Ballard’s older brother Raymond “Cass” Ballard told [the Daily Beast](#). “The moment Michael heard he was up all night long, but he couldn’t get a flight out last night.”

Woodstock Harley-Davidson Creates Veterans Memorial

Dedication ceremony to be held Nov. 7

When the new Woodstock Harley-Davidson opened in May, Timothy Crabb from Ingleside saw it as an opportunity to do something unique for veterans.

“We do not do enough in this country to honor those who put their lives on the line to protect this country,” said Crabb, a Marine Corps veteran who served in 1969 and 1970.

With the expanded space of the new location, Crabb thought it would be a good place to build a permanent veterans memorial.

“This is just one of my ways to help people understand the necessity of things like this,” Crabb said.



Personalized bricks will surround the base of an 80-foot flagpole and American flag, which already is in place. There eventually will be a black granite engraved monument dedicated to the military and veterans.

The deadline for the first installment of bricks is Tuesday. All bricks donated by that time will be installed and ready before the dedication ceremony Nov. 7, Crabb said. So far, 450 bricks have been sold, Crabb said, and the goal is to sell 1,000.

He said donating a brick to the monument allows anyone to show their commitment to veterans and the armed forces. Bricks still can be bought after Tuesday, but they will be installed after the ceremony, said Ashley Lambert, marketing director at Woodstock Harley-Davidson.

Lambert said the dedication also will include a patriot celebration. The company has several employees who are veterans or who have family members who have served, Lambert said, “so it’s very personal to us from that aspect.”

“They deserve to be honored and heard,” Lambert said of veterans and people who have died serving in the military, and the memorial will honor those people.

For anyone interested in purchasing a brick, Visit:

www.thatsmybrick.com/woodstockhdivmfund or pick up a form at Woodstock Harley-Davidson or [McHenry Harley-Davidson](#).

Philly Police on Harley Davidson Motorcycles During Papal Visit

The Philadelphia Police Department received a gift Wednesday that will make its debut during the Papal weekend. It’ll protect officers, while making Philadelphia look good

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Eight fully-outfitted 2015 Harley Davidson police road motorcycles will replace older two-wheelers in the Philadelphia Police Department's Highway Patrol unit fleet.

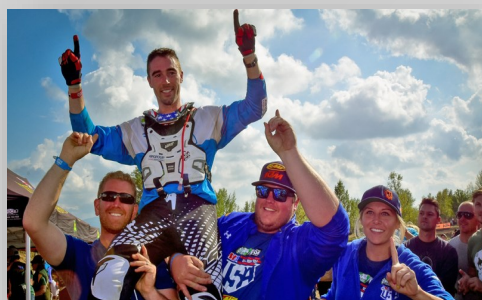


"These eight motorcycles will make us look very professional as we are escorting the Pope and other dignitaries that come to town," says Captain Jack Fleming, who leads the unit. "It's really going to make Philadelphia shine."

To donate, go to phillypolicefoundation.org.

Ryan Sipes Tops Riders at 2015 International Six Days Enduro

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The United States sent 33 riders to Kosice, Slovakia, Sept. 7-12, to compete against the best off-road racers in the world at the 90th International Six Days Enduro.

For the first time in history, an American rider topped all individual scores at the historic event.

Kentucky's Ryan Sipes, competing in the E2 class, was the week's fastest rider, beating Australia's David Milner by 43 seconds for the best time overall.

"Participating in the ISDE is a year-long commitment, and the riders, volunteers and sponsors who make that commitment have earned our gratitude and respect," said American Motorcyclist Association Director of Racing Bill Cumbow. "The AMA thanks all these riders for their effort — and especially recognizes the world championship performance of Ryan Sipes, who has accomplished what no other American rider has before him by winning overall individual honors at the world's most prestigious off-road racing event."

This was Sipes' second time competing at the ISDE and his first time racing in the World Trophy division.

"It's unbelievable, to be honest," Sipes said. "I didn't expect to be here, let alone at the top for most of the week. Everything about this week has been awesome. My bike has been awesome. Everything just went my way this week. It's an incredible feeling."

Despite Sipes' triumph, U.S. team results fell short of their early potential. Injuries, mechanical failures and even a provisional disqualification marred the team's efforts. Of the four U.S. riders to retire before the



end of this year's Six Days, two were on the U.S. World Trophy Team and two were on the GraU.S. Junior Trophy Team.

In the final tally, the U.S. Trophy Team finished 22nd, and the U.S. Junior Trophy Team finished 13th. The U.S. Women's World Trophy Team was fifth overall. The highest-placing U.S. club team was the GoFasters.com team, which finished fourth in the club division.

Prior to losing any riders, the U.S. Trophy Team was in first place, and the Junior Trophy Team was comfortably on the podium with just three of four riders competing.

"The outcome of this Six Days can be looked at like a bump on the road, as it takes more than speed to win," said U.S. Team Manager Antti Kallonen. "We just need to stay healthy, keep our bikes running and hold it together. As a team, we all have to carry the responsibility of the outcome, and if we have problems or make mistakes, we need to learn from them so we are that much better prepared next year. I think it'll come, as each year we get better at those details."

In team results, France won the World Trophy division, and Australia won the Junior Trophy division and the Women's World Trophy divisions. VAMC Drie Musketers from The Netherlands won the Club Team Award.

In addition to Sipes, the U.S. World Trophy Team included Mike Brown, Thad Duvall, Taylor Robert, Kailub Russell and Gary Sutherlin. The U.S. Junior Trophy Team included Grant Baylor, Steward Baylor, Nick Davis and Layne Michael. The U.S. Women's World Trophy Team included Rachel Gutish, Mandi Mastin and Jamie Wells.



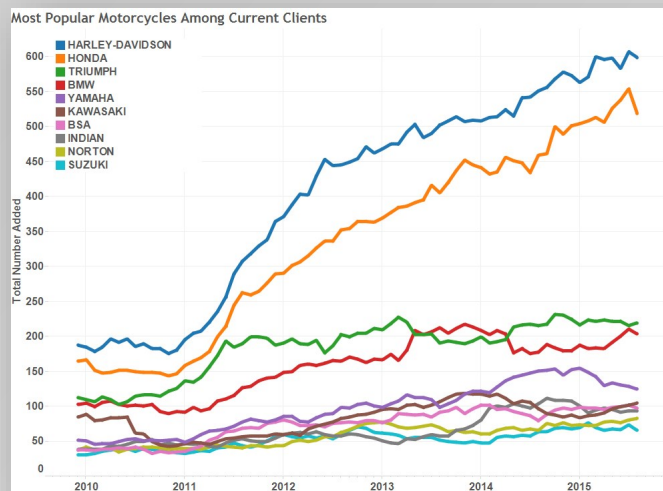
Oil Spots, Continued

A U.S. team has never won the World Trophy. It has brought home the Junior Trophy five times: in 1973, 1991, 2006 and 2014.

Graph of the Week: Most Popular Motorcycles

By: Andrew Newton

The world of classic motorcycles is almost as diverse as the world of classic cars, but a handful of makes and genres of bikes make up the majority of what enthusiasts find appealing. Larger cruisers and more nimble sport bikes make up most of the bikes on this graph, and volume motorcycle manufacturers from the U.S., Great Britain and Japan make up nine of the 10 most popular makes.



Top 10 most popular classic motorcycle makes

Harley-Davidson's spot on top makes sense given that it was the only large-scale American motorcycle manufacturer for decades after Indian stopped building bikes in 1953. More performance-oriented riders in the 1950s-70s, when most of the bikes that make up this graph were built, had a wider range of choices. British bikes from companies like Triumph had a huge share of the market until the Japanese started arriving in the 1960s with more modern and reliable bikes, and by the end of the 1970s had more or less taken over the market that the British once enjoyed.

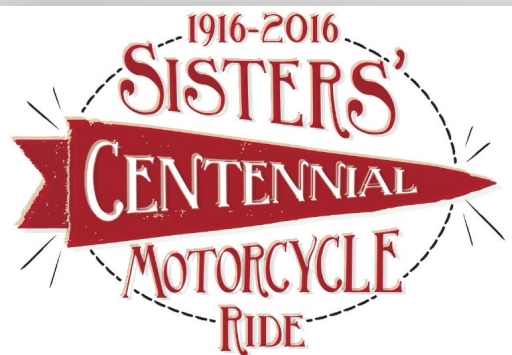


People shopping for a classic bike are drawn to these bikes in large part thanks

to affordability, relatively easy maintenance and parts availability, and an abundance of choice (Honda made over half a million CB750s). Especially with Harley-Davidson and Honda, as the graph shows, it's the high-volume, easy to own classic bikes that attract enthusiasts.

Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride Celebrates 100 Years with 100 Women

Alisa Clickenger has recently announced plans for the Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride, July 4-24, 2016.



A cross-country motorcycle adventure for women, the event commemorates the 100th anniversary of Adeline and Augusta Van Buren's historic ride across the United States from New York to San Francisco.

In 1916 the Van Buren sisters set out to prove they could ride as well as anyone. With World War I looming, they intended to show the U.S. government that women had what it took to be dispatch riders in the army, and they set off on their transcontinental journey on a pair of motorcycles. "This was a phenomenal accomplishment by two courageous women at a time when few roads were paved, Victorian attitudes were in full flare and women did not yet have the right to vote," says Clickenger. "Our ride will honor their achievement and promote the growth of modern-day women motorcyclists and the adventure community."



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Oil Spots, Continued...

The family of the Van Buren sisters has joined forces with Clickenger to promote the event, which launches from the east coast with at least 100 women riders, including Adeline's great-granddaughter, Sofie Ruderman, and Sarah Van Buren, great-great-niece of Adeline and Augusta. Riders will follow the 1916 route as closely as possible, often along the Lincoln Highway. Combining scenic routes, community events, and important stops along the Van Burens' journey, the route will allow for great touring and promote women as role models by demonstrating their capability as cross-country travelers.

"The Sisters' Centennial Ride celebrates our family legacy by raising visibility for women motorcyclists while raising funds for charities supporting women in traditionally male-dominated careers," says Robert Van Buren.



Conceptualized as a way to highlight the "then and now" aspects of two-wheeled travel, community events are planned across the country to showcase the accomplishments of female role models of the last century.

"We hope many will join us in this celebration of American motorcycle heritage, pioneers, and the freedom to ride," adds Dan Ruderman, Adeline's grandson.

The event concludes with a group ride into San Francisco on July 23, 2016, where festivities will celebrate the ride's completion and riders' accomplishments. Options for participation include a fully supported tour and self-guided tours. Registration is open on this special event website at www.SistersMotorcycleRide.com.

REAL or AMAZING?

The Fremont, Elkhorn, and Missouri Valley Railroad Was the first PASSENGER train that came to Deadwood in 1890...

Right Bob Brizzolara?? T.C.s Resident Train Expert!

For Sale 2013 BMW K 1600 GTL Touring Motorcycle

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This K 1600 GTL takes technology and visual styling to the extreme and will make all your 6-cylinder dreams come true.

Contact Dennis for full details!



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.

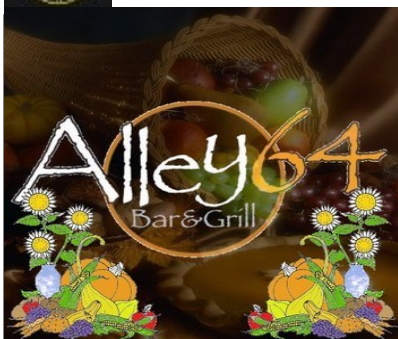
Please be cautious of candidates who violate Club policy of no campaigning or who try to influence voting. That kind of lack of integrity will only result in a negative impact on one of the finest Clubs in this area....Top Cats – Illinois.



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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Ric Case, Top Cat Vice President. Our President, Mike Bradbury is out of town this month.

There were four guests tonight

- ✦ John Curry: Friend of Jim and Lisa Purcell
- ✦ Rich Lanute: Friend of many of our membership.
- ✦ Frank and Andrea Kuhne: Friends of Jurgen Lutz, our German member, Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick... and now friends of many of our members...



The members were asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker: Jurgen Lutz

Jurgen spoke on the differences of riding in Germany compared to riding in the U.S. This presentation began a discussion on the pros and cons of American rides as well.

- ✦ Riding in Germany is very expensive.
- ⇒ Gas = \$8 / gal
- ⇒ Germany has restrictions on bike modifications. All changes must be documented and carried along with the bike.
- ✦ Riding on German roads is a very scenic adventure
- ✦ Pipe noise is severely restricted in comparison to American levels

Many others made comments about their trips within the U.S. and abroad which allowed the members to begin thinking about the possibilities for future adventure trips

Vice President: Ric Case

- ✦ Ric explained the 'road' that a member should take to become a Road Captain in the club. The details are in the September ROAR and can also be identified by talking with one of the Road Captains.
- ✦ Ric also highlighted the content and importance of the Club's GRASS class.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Wayne spoke about the upcoming elections and urged the members to read the qualifications for running in the September issue of ROAR.
- ✦ Wayne also discussed upcoming rides and events...
- ✦ Greg and Jane Smith discussed an upcoming ride that they are planning for the 27th of September. Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner is the name of the ride.
- ✦ Check the New Website for details on all of these rides.
- ✦ Bard spoke about the Sturgis '16 trip and the details will be coming soon so that we can begin the planning for the Ride as well as a post-Sturgis ride.



General Meeting,, Continued

Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

- ✦ Greg was not in attendance, but all accounts are in order.

Secretary: Mary Kirkpatrik

- ✦ History of the club is represented in this month's ROAR, along with some highlights from the Sturgis Trip, 2015.
- ✦ There were copies of the 1995 ROARs on the table in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the first Top Cats Board meeting! It was a great opportunity to see the beginning of our Legendary Club!

Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ Ric reviewed the KK article on storing your bike for the winter. There was a good discussion on best practices of winter storage by the whole membership.

Charity Update:

- ✦ The Ride for Dreams date has been set for next year. Mark your calendars for **June 12th, 2016**.
- ✦ The venue has been under review by the Committee, but at this time, it looks like it will be Woodstock Harley again for 2016. The Dealership has been very supportive of our charity and it is difficult to find sponsorship at this level in any other venue. Thank you WOODSTOCK HARLEY!
- ✦ The 50/50 was held and won by Rich Flynn.
- ✦ The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 and all members were given time to meet with Jurgen, Andrea, Frank, John, and Rich... Good Spirits were present in the room for the entire meeting!
- ✦ Sept 28 = Stephan Levy's Birthday will be added to the rosters.

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Be Sure to Check out the new

Top Cats.org

Website...

It is a beautiful thing!





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2014

Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

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

Excused: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Greg Ludwig

President: Mike Bradbury

- Mike began the meeting by identifying the issues that will be addressed tonight. The main focus of the meeting tonight will be the upcoming elections.
 - ⇒ Gene Rigsby will send out a mass blast to the members to remind them of the upcoming elections and to begin thinking of who they would like to see on the board. The blast will detail the information so that people will be able to identify quality candidates for the ballot.
 - ⇒ All members of the board will also be identifying present members who would serve the club well as board members. They will be asked for their service in the positions available, and any interested members will be identified to Mike Bradbury for inclusion on the ballot.
- Mike then asked Ric to cover the information and the presentation made by Jurgen Lutz at the General meeting on the first.
 - ⇒ Ric stated that the meeting went well and was well attended
 - ⇒ Jurgen's presentation was received well by the group and all enjoyed hearing about the riding experience in Germany.

Vice President: Ric Case

- The Road Captain Meeting has been set for January 31st. The Grass Class with the Road Captain meeting will be held from 8am to approximately 2pm.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne was unable to attend tonight. He has been touring the countryside with the German guests who attended the September meeting.

Activities: Gene Rigsby

- Gene reviewed the upcoming events.
 - ⇒ Ric will lead a ride on the 13th to the Cotton exchange
 - ⇒ Ric will also lead the ride to the *Thunder Run* on the 20th
 - ⇒ Greg Smith will lead a ride to Ladd, Illinois for a chicken dinner.
- The board discussed other options for Club rides. Jeff Tietz has suggested a ride to Fitzgeralds

ROAR: Mary Kirkpatrick

- There was nothing new to report tonight.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- Emil presented two new candidates for membership. John Curry and Rich Lanute. Both candidate were reviewed and Mike made the motion that they both be accepted as new Members of Top Cats. Gene was the 2nd and the board agree unanimously to accept their applications.



Board Meeting, Continued

Treasurer: Greg Ludwig

- Greg was unable to attend tonight, but Mike Bradbury stated that the books are in order.
- Greg will be asked to get the invoices out within the next week. Gene Rigsby and Ric Case volunteered to help him to get these out in time for the October 30th deadline for the 2016 renewal.

Safety: Ric Case

- Ric stated that the club must insist that the RCs present their KK article to the club at the General Meetings.
- Jeff Tietz has agreed to discuss his article at the October General meeting.

Charity: Ric Case

- The 2015 Donation that will be made to NISRA in the amount of \$3,000.

Website: Jeff Tietz

- Jeff and Mike discussed the needs that the club now has in connection with the new Website.
 - ⇒ Who will be the keeper of the website?
 - ⇒ There is nothing else left for American Creative to complete.
 - ⇒ Jeff asked them to complete another piece for the club... and he paid for that portion.
 - ⇒ Roxray Adonis has been asked by Gene Rigsby to be the Top Cats contact for the Website and has agreed.
 - ⇒ American Creative will be asked for an administrative guide for the website.
 - ⇒ A products catalogue will be added to the website in the months ahead.
 - ⇒ Jeff Tietz has paid for the 2016 domain hosting for the website. Mike will give Jeff a letter recognizing his donation to the club in the amount of \$300.
 - ⇒ Jeff stated that the board needs to complete a review of the real-time website for any grammatical errors and other changes.
- American Creative has asked that they be able to use the website as references. The board was asked if they would allow this and unanimously agreed. If someone identifies Top Cats as the reason for contracting with AC's, our website will be credited for each contract.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 by Mike Bradbury.



October Celebrations!

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8th- Ron Freudenberger

22nd - Ric Case

30th - Gene Rigsby

25th Ric and Jacquie
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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
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 18th	Fall Colors	Rt 12 and Rt 176	Holy Hill	9:00 am	Purcell
Sunday, October 25th	GRASS Class	Keller-Williams	Palatine	8:00 am	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

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



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