



ROAR

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Hello Top Cats. When the group is having an uproariously good time, I have heard it said by a fellow

Top Cat at a recent event or two that "morale must be way too high" And from my vantage point, it certainly is. Your club has had an eventful month worthy of an organization that will be 21 years old as of September, 2016. Welcome to summer and our prime riding season.

We started the month with Gene Rigsby's "Chicken BBQ Ride" up to Racine County fairgrounds in Union Grove, Wisconsin for a chicken barbeque lunch at an auto show. What a beautiful day for riding, great route and "Wisconsinable" ride, great chicken and awesome variety of dream(?) hot rods, muscle cars, classics and modified combinations definitely pleasing to ponder, price and peer at. Oh, that's why they're called dream cars.

Our June 7th general meeting was at Alley 64 and had its usual merriment and comradeship. It included special guest speakers, Frank Dugan and Gene Lambert from Woodstock Harley Davidson and was a lot of fun. We had our charity ride, Ride For Dreams to The Valley of

The Kings or VOTK on June 12th. This was a phenomenal event and I wish every Top Cat could have joined in on it. We had 200 motorcyclists all eager and excited to see the Big Cat Sanctuary, support our charity and maybe win big in our raffle. I am proud to say as your President and a participant that we did have a strong showing of Top Cats supporting, participating and enjoying the event. And I must say, culminating a near year long process involving hard work and effort, fun monthly meetings, organizing, coordinating and solicitation, your Charity Committee and their leader, Noelle Rigsby deserve your appreciation, congratulations and honor for a job very well done. It was a great day to be a Top Cat too!

The subsequent final tally of charity proceeds has generated a generous donation to the Valley of The Kings of \$2,085. The final figure we are donating to N.I.S.R.A. is still in development and will be reported later.

On June 26th, we had the day ride "Ride Wisconsinably" that went to Stolley's Hogg Alley in Oconomowoc for lunch. The day started moistly but for the brave, we traversed the local weather woes and had sunny weather up North, fun roads, an Elk burger for your author for lunch and a stop at Wisconsin Harley Davidson.

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Upcoming Events

JULY

- 2-4 DRIFTLESS RIDE
- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING
- 22-24 CRYSTAL LAKE, IA
- 30 BIKE SAFE
- 31 GRASS

AUGUST

- 2—STURGIS
- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 MENDOTA SWEET CORN FEST
- 16 BOARD MEETING
- 27 DEKALB SWEET CORN FEST

Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on





One flag, one land, one
heart, one hand, One
Nation evermore!

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

President's Perspective, Continued..

Coming up, you can look forward to doing; the Driftless Weekend Rides, July 1-5, our general meeting on July 5th, Crystal Lake Cave June 23-25 and on July 31st our Group Riding and Safety Seminar. And then the legendary Sturgis ride led by Bard Board.....

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Now that I have your attention, can we get serious? Seriously, we need volunteers to come forward, support your club, fill current openings and step up for new electable positions to fill for next year. Open now is a Director, Secretary and Committee head positions. Please support your club in any way you can. It is satisfying and fulfilling to give back.

And when asked if I have any final words, “in closing”. As one veteran of Top Cats, Wayne Kirkpatrick, would say, “Morale is way too high here”.

Be good and ride safe,
Motorcycle Mike
President
Top Cats - Illinois



KAUTION KORNER



Low, Center, Tight and Secure!!

Packing Tips

By: Bard Boand, Senior Road Captain



We aren't going to talk about what to bring as there is enough information for a whole article on that! But, this article will be on HOW to load what you do bring. ***Low, center, tight and secure*** is the key to carrying a month's worth of stuff for your weekend get-a-way. Loading a motorcycle properly is very similar to getting the weight and balance factor correct on a cargo aircraft, or even a small plane. The CG, or *center of gravity*, is critical for a proper and safe flight. On a motorcycle, keeping your bike balanced means your gear needs to be as close to the middle of the bike and as low on the bike as possible. Heavy tools should be in the front of the saddle bags, and on the bottom, NOT up in your tour pack on top of your rain gear. ALL heavy items should be in the lower bags. Save the light items for storage in the tour pack. And also remember that items you may need to access in a hurry, like rain gear, should be on top in the bags or the tour pack.

What you are trying to accomplish is the elimination of a "polar moment" caused by having excess weight hanging off the rear of the bike, which would aggravate handling and may cause the rear of the bike to come swinging around towards the front in a panic stop or in wet conditions. If you are traveling solo, favor using the rear seat area for storage of heavier luggage vs. the tour pack.

Now that you have the basics, here are some other *Words of Wisdom*:

- ✦ Tie downs: Check out the ROK Straps

Here is a video that will show you the advantages that ROKs have over



Bungee straps....

<http://www.rokstraps.com/index.html>

Once you watch this video and I guarantee once you've used a ROK strap, you will never use a bungee again. They are safer, tighter, adjustable, and the only way to ensure a load is fastened securely.

- ✦ Use plastic garbage bags to wrap or cover stuff you want to stay dry. Even HD hard bags and tour packs sometimes leak.
- ✦ BEFORE departure, pre-load your bike and go for a 10 mile ride and cross a few RR tracks and hit some bumps. Then back in your garage see what came loose and shifted...surprise, surprise, surprise.
- ✦ Also, pay close attention to recommended tire pressure and shock absorber settings and air pressure as outlined in your owner's manual for heavier loads. Recommended settings and pressures are much different for a fully loaded up bike.

Oh, did I say, don't bring so much? The tendency is to over pack. Do you really need 6 tee shirts knowing you're going to buy 3 or 4 tee's while at Sturgis? If you must have them all, consider the use of the post office, UPS or FedEx to ship extra stuff to your destination or to home the day before you leave. All three have a variety of boxes you can choose from.

Sooo in the end, If you can't pack light, at least pack RIGHT! Think ahead and find the Balance!

Have a nice trip!



VP's Vision: Be Involved!

By: Ric 'Clutch' Case



The elections are coming! The elections are coming! The elections are coming! This article is designed to get you to think about who might be willing to be an active board member and who might make a good board responsible member.

Yes, now is the time to start considering who should represent Top Cats on the board. The board has been short-handed for quite some time. We are looking for qualified members to take on some additional responsibility. Board members are required to have been a Top Cat member for at least one year. They should have served on a committee and possibly been a Chairperson. This does require a certain amount of commitment and dedication. Two of our director positions will be open.

Mary has been Secretary for a very long time. She would like to be replaced. The charity committee Chairperson, which along with Safety committee are the most important Chairpersons within our organizations. Our charity chairperson will be accepting other responsibilities and therefore that chair needs to be filled. If you have any interest in full filling any of the positions mentioned above please discuss it with any existing board member or executive committee members so that you can understand the responsibilities of any position. Those board members and executive members are more than willing to discuss the position (s), responsibilities and commitment with you.

Sincerely your Vice President,
Ric "Clutch" Case



July Celebra-

Birthdays!

7th David Whiteside

8th Lisa Purcell

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries for July

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



Pajamas or Rain Gear?

By: Traveler



Sunday morning, cloudy, some drizzle, wet roads, early morning start. Radar and forecast look "iffy" for this area. Most riders, particularly new riders, would take one look out the

Riding away from the gloomy weather while some of our less optimistic Top Cat brethren remained home and lamented the woeful weather.

The destination for lunch was a biker roadhouse Mike had found months earlier, Stolley's Hogg Alley, outside of Oconomowoc WI. Adding to a great ride



window and go back to bed rather than ride.



Experienced riders, however, know that if it's wet and raining where you are at, simply ride away from there to better weather.

That's exactly what 5 Top Cats did on Sunday, 26 June, on a ride led by our President.... "Motorcycle Mike".

What a great decision it proved to be. Mike led us on great Wisconsin back roads consisting of rural twisties, scenic woodlands, and only minor construction.

Shortly after the safety briefing and a few miles down the road, the drizzle stopped, the roads dried out, the sun peaked through and....we were off.



What could be better? A great ride home with the traditional stop at Wisconsin Harley – Davidson in Oconomowoc. We returned on roads that Rand – MacNally didn't even know existed. They were so far off of the grid that the GPS screen kept flashing "WTF?" whatever that means.

Lesson Learned? Obviously, if it's poor weather where you are at, don't stay there and be miserable, simply leave and find some sunshine.

Thanx Mike and Kathie for a great Sunday ride...



Harley-Davidson announces recall



June 7, 2016

Harley-Davidson Motor Company has issued a recall on 2014-16 Dyna Low Rider motorcycles (FXDL 103) when it was found that engine vibrations may damage the ignition switch internally and, as a result, the engine may shut off while riding in the affected vehicles. If the engine shuts off, the motorcycle could stall, which increases the risk of a crash.

This recall affects approximately 8,060 Dyna Low Rider motorcycles manufactured January 6, 2014 to April 7, 2016.

Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will install an improved ignition switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2016. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0168.

MORE RECALL INFORMATION: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Utah-made autocycle retails for \$77K

Vanderhall Motor Works has begun production of the Laguna Roadster, an exotic autocycle manufactured in Provo, Utah, for 2016. At \$77,000, Vanderhall seeks to provide exclusivity with limited production models and performance through racing inspired maneuverability, braking and acceleration. The autocycle segment is growing, and Vanderhall seeks to fill the void of exclusive, high-performance options within this market.

Oil Spots

By Traveler



"It has been a long and passionate process, and we are excited to have a product that will truly brings smiles and garners attention. The design is timeless and will provoke admirers for many years; an instant classic, that's what I feel we've created," president and founder Steve Hall said.



The Utah-made Laguna Roadster will bring an MSRP of \$77,000.

An autocycle is a three-wheeled vehicle, generally with two wheels in front and one wheel in back. While technically registered as motorcycles in most states, autocycles provide a unique and creative platform that opens many options for design characteristics that are otherwise heavily regulated with automotive production.

Vanderhall's design focuses on retro-modern influences with high performance and comfort included as key underpinnings. The patented mono-aluminum chassis creates a low center of gravity that helps keep cornering sticky and skid pad performance similar to of a sports car.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

The 1.4-liter turbo engine is factory tuned to 200 horses and 200 foot-pounds of torque. A six-speed automatic transmission with a selectable manual paddle shift translates the power to the wheels.

Performance is further aided by exclusively using carbon fiber for all body, dash and accessory panels; this keeps weight down to 1,550 pounds dry.

Indian Motorcycle Racing returns to AMA Pro Flat Track

Indian Motorcycle, America's first motorcycle company, is proud to announce its re-entry into the AMA Pro Flat Track series with its first full-factory racing effort since the 1950s.

AMA Pro Flat Track is highly competitive and has evolved into a demanding, technical and specialized event that typically sees bar-to-bar action and sublime motorcycle control at high speeds on varied dirt surfaces. The Indian Motorcycle Racing Team will contest the series with the all-new and proprietary Scout FTR 750 liquid-cooled 750cc four-valve V-Twin competition engine specifically designed for flat track and engineered into a specially built chassis.

Indian Motorcycle has a significant history in flat



track, at one time dominating the sport with legendary riders and motorcycles. Multi-time AMA Grand National Champion

Jared Mees will join the Indian Motorcycle Racing Team as a test rider in 2016. Mees, 30, won the AMA Grand National Twins Championship in 2009, AMA Grand National Singles Championship in 2012, the unified AMA Grand National Championship (GNC1) title in 2012, 2014 and 2015, and is current X Games gold medalist.

"We are very excited to return to the AMA Circuit," says Steve Menneto, president of Motorcycles for Po-

laris Industries. We know that fans of Indian Motorcycle have been anticipating this announcement and can't wait to see Indian Racing back in action."

"Indian Motorcycle was born out of competition, and through its history used racing to develop and improve the product as well as expand the appeal of the brand," says Reid Wilson, marketing director for Indian Motorcycle. "As shepherds for the brand, we will continue that push towards excellence on the street and in competition, and our team is beyond excited to bring the brand back to professional racing."



Indian Motorcycle will race the new motorcycle at a circuit to be determined in 2016 in preparation for a full season of competition in 2017.

Stay tuned to IndianMotorcycle.com and Indian Motorcycle's social media channels for continued updates on our progress and details on the bike's first race as well as additional information on the new racing-only Scout FTR 750 engine that will power it.

Sturgis Motorcycle Museum 2016 Hall of Fame members

A pair of philanthropists will be taking center stage for the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum's annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies as John Paul DeJoria will not only serve as emcee, but welcome his long-time riding buddy and Peace*Love*Happiness Ride co-founder Gary Spellman to the Class of 2016. The 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast will be held August 10, 2016 at the Lodge at Deadwood in Deadwood, South Dakota.

"John Paul DeJoria is not only a brother motorcyclist to the core, he is a true inspiration to all of us," says Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame executive director Myrick Robbins. "We are honored to have him as this year's emcee, but don't forget he is already a member of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum's extended family." DeJoria was inducted into the SMM Hall of Fame back in 2004.

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Oil Spots, Continued...



The founder of John Paul Mitchell Hair Systems, DeJoria is one of those fabled American rags-to-riches stories. After having been homeless, he clawed his way

up from the gutter to become a captain of industry and philanthropy as well as an ambassador for the United Nations Environmental Project. "However the most important part of his story is how his long association with motorcycling and the code of brotherhood and helping others that he learned through motorcycling made this transformation possible," adds Robbins. "His biker background led him to use his success and his extraordinary power to inspire others to benefit not only the motorcycle community but the world at large."

A love of motorcycling and a chance meeting with fellow Hall of Famer John Paul DeJoria 30 years ago resulted in the founding of the Peace*Love*Happiness charity ride in Austin, Texas, back in 2003. Since then, Gary Spellman has brought his dynamic personality to bear on creative initiatives that have resulted in huge impact for charitable causes. Originally Intended to support local law enforcement, the scope of Peace*Love*Happiness expanded to encompass first responders and their families and now charities of all types. In fact the ride expanded to three separate events in 2015, benefitting Infinite Heroes, Meeting The Need as well as Austin's law enforcement community.

Hall of Fame, Class Of 2016

Bert Baker - V-Twin motorcycle drivetrain innovator, businessman and patriot, Bert Baker is committed to using materials, labor, creativity, know-how and grit born of America.

Jerry Covington - Whether it is on TV or the cover of virtually every biker magazine in the world, it is hard to miss custom builder Jerry Covington. What does get overlooked is Covington's behind the scenes commitment to the motorcycle community, his self-

less donation of time and resources to those less fortunate through has various charity projects.

John Penton - One of the most influential figures in off-road motorcycling in the world, John Penton developed a legendary brand of motorcycles that bore his name (better known as KTM today). He also founded Hi-Point, an accessory and distribution company that had 50 percent of aftermarket sales in the U.S. and set the mold for modern distribution powerhouses.

Gary Spellman - Using motorcycle as a means to further charitable causes, philanthropist Gary Spellman has been quite effective in utilizing motorcycles to raise money for charities benefiting first responders and their surviving families. He has also brought major business owners into the family of motorcyclists as well as creating the Peace*Love*Happiness Charity Ride with fellow Hall Of Famer John Paul DeJoria.

Buddy Stubbs - Buddy Stubbs was raised in his father's Harley dealership in Decatur, Illinois and has spent his entire life in and around dealerships, including opening two of his own in the greater Phoenix area. This year marks his 50th year as a dealer and an ambassador to the motorcycle lifestyle.

Join the AMA for the 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast on August 10, 2016 at the Lodge at Deadwood in Deadwood, South Dakota. Breakfast tickets are available for a \$35 donation, tables of eight for \$300. Tickets are available by calling the Museum at **605/347.2001** or purchased online at <http://www.sturgismuseum.com/shop/hall-fame-breakfast>.

[Racing Legend Ben Bostrom Named Grand Marshal for 14th Annual Sturgis Mayor's Ride](#)

BY [GREG JONES](#) ON JUN 23, 2016 [NEWS](#)

Ben Bostrom, will ride his Harley-Davidson Road



Glide Ultra to lead this year's fundraising event for the City of Sturgis.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Ben Bostrom, renowned U.S. motorcycle racer, has been named the Grand Marshal for the 14th Annual Sturgis Mayor's Ride on August 8, 2016, during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Bostrom started his career out strong by winning the AMA National 600 Dirt Track Championship in 1993 then turned to road racing in 1995. Bostrom has won numerous races atop a variety of bikes, including Ducati, Honda and Harley-Davidson in the States and internationally.



"The City of Sturgis is very excited to team up with Ben Bostrom as the Grand Marshal of the 14th Annual Mayor's Ride," said

Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen. "His lifelong dedication to the sport of motorcycling is exactly what the Sturgis Rally is all about."

The 14th Annual Mayor's Ride is Monday, August 8, 2016 and begins at Main Street and Harley-Davidson Way (formerly 2nd Street). It will be police escorted on several of the Black Hill's most spectacular two lane roads and byways. The ride is a fundraiser for the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Police Reserves. Riders are invited to join Bostrom, Sturgis Mayor Carstensen, state and local legislators, industry professionals, celebrities and legends.

More information and registration is at <http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com/events-link/annual-mayors-ride>.

MOTORCYCLE RECALLS?

Is your motorcycle on a recall list? Has the used bike that you might buy been recalled?

NHTSA provides a vehicle recall search using your vehicle identification number (VIN) at:

<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>

Owners may not always know their recalled vehicle still needs to be repaired. NHTSA's new search tool lets you enter a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to quickly learn if a specific vehicle has not been repaired as part of a safety recall in the last 15 years.

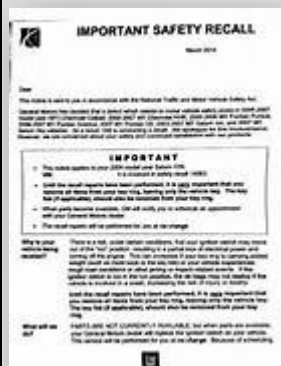
What this VIN search tool covers:

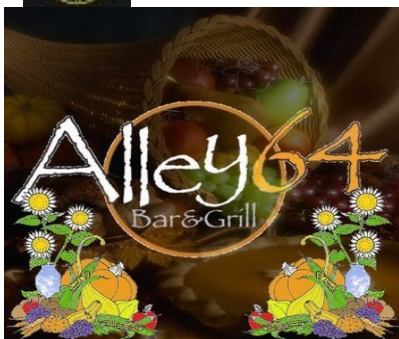
- Safety recalls that are incomplete on a vehicle
- Safety recalls conducted over the past 15 calendar years
- Safety recalls conducted by major light auto automakers, including motorcycle manufacturers.



What this VIN search tool does NOT cover:

- Completed safety recall information
- Manufacturer customer service or other non-safety recall campaigns
- International vehicle models
- Very recently announced safety recalls for which not all VINs have been identified
- Safety recalls that are more than 15 years old (except where a manufacturer offers more coverage)
- Safety recalls conducted by small vehicle manufacturers, including some ultra-luxury brands and specialty applications.





Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MAY 3RD, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Michael
"Motorcycle" Bradbury, President of Top Cat's Illinois



The membership was asked to stand and say the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests: Brad Wilson, Mike Gilfillan and Vince Marchese.

Guest Speakers: Gene Lambert and Frank Duggan from Woodstock Harley Davidson

President: Mike Bradbury

- Mike asked Jim Purcell to give the group an update on Don Delardo's progress. It was noted that the quick thinking of his wife Cindy, has helped to minimize the effects of this situation. He will be attending therapy for 3 hours each day in order to hurry his recovery. We all look forward to SEEING him very soon!
- Mike came prepared with jokes tonight and wowwwwed the crowd!

Vice President's/Report Safety: Ric Case

- Ric gave an update on the G.R.A.S. S. class that was held on May 22nd. It was a good class with great discussions and good information.
- The next scheduled class will be on July 31st. Members need to participate to be sure we are safe all around!
- Kaution Korner was reviewed by the author, Greg Smith. He talked about the importance of having a good updated medical kit. For the details, please read the June edition of ROAR!

Charity: Noelle/Lisa

- VTOK is this Sunday, June 12th! Noelle gave an update on the progress of the event and it looks like it will be a very beautiful day! Attendance is expected to be good!
- Raffle ticket Sales: Lisa Purcell stated that the sales of the tickets was going well too this year! She is going to tabulate the sales for each member and has worked out a way to recognize the top sales.
- Registrate and participate: Noelle Rigsby discussed the fact that the event will be managed well by a few of our members... so others should be looking to register, sell tickets and bring friends!
- Noelle also stated that she will not be chairing the committee next year and encouraged others to think about taking on the responsibility... which is really a lot of fun too!
- Wayne Kirkpatrick also reviewed the ride route and the ease for this ride... to the Valley of the Kings.
- All in all, this event is promising to be a great success! Help us to make 2016 a huge success!

Activities / Awards: Gene R./Bob S.

- Positive report on past events: Gene Rigsby reviewed the ride on Sunday. It was a great day with good people to a great event. Gene encouraged all members to be sure to take advantage of the upcoming rides and to fill open dates with rides that they would like to see on the calendar! Event Schedule for the next 2 months: Bob Stevenson reviewed the upcoming events for the club...

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General Meeting, continued...

- Bard Board spoke about the upcoming trip to Sturgis. He told the members that although the rooms are filled, there could be cancellations. The Club has long-standing relationships with the hotels along the way, and they will let Bard know as soon as there are any openings. He encouraged all to think about going and to let him know if they would like him to watch for rooms.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick previewed the possible destinations for the Post-Sturgis ride. At this time, only 5 members are planning on going, so the ride can become whatever is agreed upon by the group. As he spoke, others in the meeting indicated that they would also like to do this portion of the ride as well.

Products: Jim Purcell

- Available at the meeting tonight were new products, Men's, Women sized t-shirts and baseball caps:
 - o T-Shirts; M, L, XL; \$18 each
 - o T-Shirts; XXL; \$22 each
 - o Caps; \$15
- Decals are coming

Past President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne spoke of the importance of participating in the Charity event. It not only helps the groups that receive our money, but it builds the character and reputation of the club within the community.
- Motorcyclists are known for their big hearts and this is our way to enhance that status. It is also a chance to build the strength of the club and the connections between the members.

Are you Creative?

Do you Enjoy Riding?

***Do you want to see new things
In the ROAR?***

***Here is a chance for you to
enhance the quality of the
club!***

***Talk to Mary Kirkpatrick
And help to fill these pages
with Top Cats Memories in the
ROAR each month!***

Guest Speakers: Woodstock Harley Davidson

Gene Lambert and Frank Duggan were welcomed by the club. Many of the members already know these two, but all were glad to hear that they are happy to be employees at WHD.

It is people like these that make the dealership a great place to shop for clothes and accessories, get bike maintenance, as well as buy a new bike! There is a one stop shop type of attitude that all of the employees work hard to maintain. Gene stated that the source of these ideas come from Doug and Cricket Jackson, the owners. They set the example by making sure that all people that come through the door are welcomed and treated well. Frank was able to discuss the process for helping customers in the service department and he enjoys working with the customers to create a satisfying experience in a situation that can often be very frustrating!

50 / 50 Raffle was pulled by Jim Purcell and won by Roxray Adonis, who donated his portion to the charity.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15, by Mike Bradbury



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10TH, 2016

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick



Present: Mike Bradbury, Ric Case, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Emil Kornecki, Rox Adonis and Mary Kirkpatrick.

Excused: Gene Rigsby

President: Mike Bradbury

- Call Meeting to Order at 7:30 by Mike Bradbury
- Mike updated the board on his view of the club status, which included a very positive reaction to the successful VOTK event. The weather gave us a lift, but Noelle Rigsby led a great team to make sure that all went well. Everyone commended the work that was under Noelle's leadership.
- Ric Case also discussed the fact that some of the Top Cats helped with the jobs needed to keep the sanctuary running. Donations of bread were processed and made ready to feed to the horses and pigs.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick talked about helping with the tours and stories were told on the experiences of the crowds. It was definitely a great day for all in attendance.
- Mike talked about the next club projects that are on the horizon. He identified the elections coming up this year as a very important focus for the board in the months ahead. The treasurer and secretary positions are critical.
- Club Emissary – Special Mission to identify candidates for this year's election was discussed. Mike asked Wayne Kirkpatrick to spearhead this mission and Wayne accepted. The board identified a number of people who would serve the club well.

Vice President/Safety: Ric Case

- Don DeLardo is doing well! From all reports, he has taken this challenge just like he takes all challenges... with everything he's got!
- An Interim RC Chair will be Ric Case who will cover until Don is able to return.
- RC Committee Status was reviewed and all of the road captains have been meeting the requirements by writing their Kaution Korner articles, teaching the GRASS class and leading rides.

Activities: Mike Bradbury

- Mike has added a ride to the calendar for June 26th. It is a one day ride and will fill an empty week-end. Mike stated that creating and leading the rides are what he enjoys most about leading the club.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne discussed the success of the ride, the situation at VOTK and the options that we have as we look to organizing next year.

Secretary/ROAR: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Mary will continue as secretary until the elections.
- She will also continue to do the ROAR, but would love to have other members to support the publication. It will allow for more creativity and time to make sure that each edition is representative of the members as well as the Character of the Club!

Treasury: Mike Bradbury

- The totals for each of the club accounts was reviewed and the club is presently in a good position. There will be enough in the charity account to seed next year's event and a very nice donation will be made to the VOTKs and NISRA

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Board Meeting, continued...

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- Emil reported that there are new membership cards that have been printed by Greg Smith. There is a supply now of 2000 cards. Emil will contact Gene to put out a blast to let the members know that their cards are available for pick-up at the general meetings.
- Three new applicants were brought to the board for approval:
- Rich Flynn: Motion made to accept his membership application by Ric Case, 2nd by Emil Kornecki. Unanimously accepted.
- Mike Gilfillin: Motion made to accept his membership application by Emil Kornecki, 2nd by Ric Case. Unanimously accepted.
- Brad Wilson: Motion made to accept his membership application by Wayne Kirkpatrick, 2nd by Mary Kirkpatrick. Unanimously accepted.
- All will be contacted by Emil to let them know that they have been accepted. They will then be contacted by Mary Kirkpatrick and asked for New Member information for the ROAR.

Products: Mike Bradbury

- Club query – Positive interest and shirt sizes were discussed. Mike reviewed what he is ordering and the board was asked to approve money for the order. New Products Order was \$576. The board approved \$600 for this order. The order included:
 - ⇒ Mock Turtle Long Sleeves; 5 each of 3 sizes
 - ⇒ X-Large Women's T-Shirts; 6
 - ⇒ Clear Clings and Solid Decals; 50 each

Website: Rox Adonis and Mike Bradbury

Website Update identified partial progress. Roberta Glasgow has been working on the list that Mike gave her and she is more than half way through completing the changes. Mike will be uploading the ROAR copies from the last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 by Mike Bradbury, after a number of very confrontational comments passing between the board members identifying reasons for Wayne's smaller stature, Rox's flesh wounds from passing arrows, and Emil's attire. Please someone, save me! Become the secretary!!!

Proud of your Top Cat Membership?

Want to celebrate? Need new ideas for Gift Giving?

What Products would you be interested in?

Let the board know...





Top Cats **Buy, Sell, Trade....**

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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, July 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, July 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Fri-Sun, July 22-24	CL Cave	TBD	Crystal Lake, IA	TBD	Rigsby
Saturday, July 30th	Bike Safe	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:00am	Case
Sunday, July 31st	GRASS	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:00 am	Case
August 2—?	Sturgis	McDonalds at Rt 12 and Ela Rds	Lake Zurich	8:00 am	Boand
Tuesday, August 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, August 13th	Mendota Sweet Corn Festival	TBA	Mendota	TBA	Rigsby
Tuesday, August 16th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, August 27th	DeKalb Sweet Corn Festival	TBA	Mendota	TBA	Rigsby

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