



# ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Typically your president's article would list and describe all the recent great events we have done, make a plea for more membership involvement and support, and then finish with a signoff of well wishes to y'all and the motorcycling community. I will try a different approach with this article.

Since June, but not exclusively June, there have been offerings for all of us to ride our bikes together, share meals together, lambast each other with bragging of our other biker exploits together, share a joke or two together, GIVE each other new and unique road names together, EARN new and unique road names together, tell each other more about ourselves together, update each other on our current lives together and did I mention, ride our motorcycles together on interesting routes with interesting destinations? And.. we started the summer with our good will Charity Ride~ together!

The operative word here is "together". This seems to be the summer of events... with missing members. We have a robust membership combining old ("seasoned") veterans, members of moderate duration and new members of 1-3 years. But what is most regrettable is, from all these groups, is not seeing YOU guys and gals at our Top Cat's events. Your road captains and activities committee have put on some terrific rides. These rides are attended by the

same members with almost no exception. They are a terrific team which we have termed "The Dirty Dozen".

But where are the rest of the troops? Recently, I have attended some really fun rides with cool destinations and routes. Maybe the lack of participation is due to conflicts of scheduling during this busy summer period. Maybe the issue is what we are offering you. Some of you may disparage the lack of certain types of events or find what is offered is not what you want to do as a club. Maybe the preference is for longer multi-day rides than single day rides.

We need to get member feedback indicating what the issues may be. To reconcile this, a survey will be given to our membership to learn from you, what is most desired for riding events. You Membership Director, Emil Kornecki and the Board are generating a list of questions and will be asking you by the next general meeting what you really want to do with the Top Cats - Illinois. We need to hear from YOU to ensure that we remain a strong healthy club with active members...

Well here's to getting "together" more and roaring "together" ~ on and off our motorcycles!!!

See you on the road,  
Michael "Motorcycle" Bradbury  
President Top Cats - Illinois

*"4 wheels move the body,  
2 wheels move the soul"*

*And it's even better when the souls are  
moved TOGETHER!*

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### Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST

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

#### SEPTEMBER

- 4 MARSH MADNESS
- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 10-11 GREEN BAY
- 13 BOARD MEETING
- 25 MEMORIAL RIDE

Talk to Gene Rigsby  
and get your ideas on





## KAUTION KORNER

Experienced riders have learned that unexpected situations are all too frequent when riding. They range from bee stings, to road debris, to loose or falling equipment, to emergency stops to.....you imagine it and, it has probably happened.

What can you do to prepare for unexpected situations? It's easy.....prepare and practice in advance so your immediate action is almost an instinct and not the first time that you have had to do it. Here's a few situations....

**SITUATION 1:** When exiting an Interstate Highway late one night, at perhaps 60 mph, I counter steered by pushing on the right side of the handlebar to exit right. Unexpectedly, the throttle bolts had vibrated loose and the entire throttle assembly slid off of the right bar. I had a loose throttle in my right hand heading straight off of the exit ramp toward a guard rail. My reaction was to pull my left bar back which had the same counter steering effect as pushing on the right bar, thereby regaining control, safely exiting and coming to a stop for immediate repairs.



### **SOLUTION 1:**

Pulling back on the left bar has the same counter steering effect as pushing on the right bar. However, if this is the first time you tried it, then you're probably going to crash. While you are out riding and, when it appears safe to you, practice counter steering with the left hand to steer right and the right hand to steer left. Being confident and comfortable with that technique enables you to safely ride and steer with either hand.

**SITUATION 2:** Riding along at any legal speed and you are bit by an insect. Bees do it once and wasps and hornets just keep on stinging. You need to squash that little devil immediately however, this can

## Practice, Practice, Practice

By: 'Traveler', Wayne Kirkpatrick  
Senior Road Captain



bee (pun?) a horrible and tragic distraction if you have never ridden one handed, before.

**SOLUTION 2:** Practice riding with one hand when it is safe to do so. How do you ride with only the left hand without slowing to a stop? Always have your

cruise control or throttle lock ready to engage. If you need to use your right hand, engage your cruise control or throttle lock for the short amount of time that you'll have your hand off of the throttle. Be very cautious with this technique and always clear the road in front of you first.

**SITUATION 3:** We have all encountered road alligators (truck tire treads), or debris in our track immediately in front of us because we were looking off at the scenery, tuning the radio, reading the GPS, following a vehicle too close, or something fell off of the vehicle in front of us. Regardless of what caused it, our avoidance reaction must be immediate and precise. If you've never swerved at highway speed, now is usually too late.



**SOLUTION 3:** Safely practice swerving to avoid hazards. Get used to clearing the lane, leaning the bike and changing tracks quickly. Practice both left and right. When you become proficient at learning and aggressively swerving, proceed to practice by identifying an object, spot, line, etc, in the roadway ahead and, at the last minute swerve to avoid it.

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This will help you refine your skill of swerving in the event that you encounter a hazard at the last minute. Now, experienced riders look far ahead to clear their track of debris and....they don't follow vehicles too close to be surprised by debris. Regardless, aggressive swerving could be one of those life – saving skills.

**SITUATION 4:** Have you ever gotten something in your eye? It is distracting, irritating and difficult to recover from right away. Imagine then, getting something in your eye while



riding a motorcycle at 55 mph. Your first reaction is to close your eye, right? With one eye closed you have effectively eliminated your depth perception. Now, you can't estimate how close you are to anything in front of you, you are distracted, by the irritation and you're probably riding one handed with the other hand over your injured eye. Sound like a pending disaster? You bet it is.....

**SOLUTION 4:** If you think that always riding with eye protection will keep you from ever getting anything in your eye, you obviously haven't been riding very long. Count on it. Getting something in your eye can, and probably will, happen. Be prepared. It is the simplest of all skill techniques to develop. All you do is practice riding with one eye closed and slowing to a stop with one eye closed. (NOTE: Don't practice this in a group ride or if you are riding behind me!!) When you practice one – eyed – riding, do so for both eyes (Not at the same time!) so it isn't a first time experience for you.

**SITUATION 5.** Riding through Gilberts, IL on RT 72 at a moderate 45 mph and looking at the hot air balloon landing in a field. I did not clear the highway before I looked off. The SUV that I was following decided to make a left hand turn. When, I focused back on the highway I realized that I had a perfect situation developing for a rear – end collision at best and a fatal collision at worst. I immediately grabbed a hand full of front brake, shifted my weight to the

rear, applied the rear brake and kept my knees tight into the tank while looking for an exit to this pending disaster if I couldn't stop in time. Fortunately, I did because of practice.

## **SOLUTION 5:**

Emergency stopping will never work if it is your first time at trying it. Motorcycle dynamics are such that, when braking at normal



roadway speed, 30 – 55 MPH, your weight and the bike's weight shifts to the front wheel. That weight gives the front wheel better traction than the rear wheel hence, better stopping power. The tradeoff is that the rear wheel then wants to take the path of least resistance and will tend to slide right or left. Leaning rearward puts more weight on the rear wheel and gripping the tank with your knees helps keep the bike in a straight line. ABS helps prevent locking up your brakes and the newer, linked, brakes automatically apply both front and rear brakes at the same time usually above 30 MPH. But, nothing will work well if you're not proficient at using it. So, practice doing emergency stops regardless of the type of brakes that you have. With ABS, keep the pressure on evenly using both front and rear brakes. With linked brakes, use the same technique. With old school independent, non ABS, non-linked brakes, practice applying the brakes just to the threshold of locking them up. Locked brakes are not the way to effectively stop. With all types of brakes, squeeze the tank with your knees and keep the bike in a straight line.

Now, think of this....it's a gorgeous riding day, fantastic temperatures, the bike is running great, you're out on back roads alone having the time of your life when you get stung by a bee in the eye so you slow down to pull off on the right side of the road when your entire throttle assembly falls off and you're headed directly toward a big piece of road alligator. Possible? Yes! Probable, no. But, if you haven't become proficient at riding with one eye, riding with one hand, swerving, or emergency breaking, you better hope that you were proficient at keeping your life insurance premiums paid.

**THINGS TO COME!**

**August 14th**  
The Mendota  
Sweet Corn  
Festival

**August 27**  
DeKalb Sweet  
Corn Festival

*Just in case you didn't get  
enough corn in Mendota... or  
you just love corn!*



**September 4**  
Marsh Madness..  
Horicon, WI



**September 10th & 11th**  
Green Bay Highlights!

**Oil Spots**

By: Traveler

**Motorcyclist Breaks  
World WRecord!**

Deena Mastracci never says no to a new challenge. Refusing to be outdone by her fiancé, professional endurance driver Carl Reese, (who set the fastest time on a motorcycle from Los Angeles to New York), Mastracci decided to set her own long distance motorcycle record; but first, she needed a motorcycle license, no easy feat in itself.

Mastracci's cross-country trip of more than 11,000 miles began June 1 in Santa Clarita, California. She had no prior on-road experience other than that gained at a one-day class at Streetmasters Motorcycle Workshops—on a closed racetrack—as part of her preparation and a Motorcycle Safety Class given at the local college for her motorcycle test.

The coast-to-coast ride by way of the Arctic Circle was no vacation as Mastracci encountered

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**August Celebrations!*****Birthdays!***

***16th Mano Gawat***

***17th Jane Smith***

***24th Greg Smith***

**Anniversaries**

**17th Greg and Jane Smith**  
**28th Gene and Noelle Rigsby!**

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





## Oil Spots, Continued...

a variety of challenging road conditions, including snow, mud, ice, 50 mph wind, flooded roads and golf ball sized gravel. Her route included the full length of the Dalton Highway (one of the world's most dangerous roads), a treacherous road that leads to Dead Horse, Alaska over the Brooks Mountain Range. Her journey included pit stops in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; Denver, Colorado; Brookfield, Connecticut; and Grand Rapids, Michigan before concluding in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Mastracci covered an average of 400 miles per day. During the third week of her journey, she travelled 1,000 miles from Denver, Colorado to Hammond, Indiana within a 24-hour time period, a feat that is only attempted by the most seasoned riders, often referred to as an "Ironbutt Challenge."

Mastracci's total mileage of 11,236 miles surpassed the previous record of 9,000 miles held by Clif Chu set back on July 23, 2012. Clif's journey was witnessed by William Schoetteler.

Mastracci's very first motorcycle ride was not only a successful attempt to set a record for "Longest Distance Traveled by a New Motorcycle Licensee," but was also a way to bring attention to the work of the Motorcycle Relief Project, a nonprofit charity that helps veterans with PTSD and other injuries. The group arranges multi-day motorcycle tours and other activities and also offers counseling for veterans in an effort to decrease suicides. Additionally, Mastracci hoped her ride would inspire other women who may feel intimidated by driving a motorcycle.

Reese, who followed Mastracci on the journey on a separate motorcycle as a safety precaution, said, "It was remarkable to see how Deena evolved as a rider over the course of her journey. Going from no on-road experience to tackling more than 11,000 miles over the course of 27 days is nothing short of epic! I am so proud of her for taking on and conquering such a challenge."

No stranger to setting records, Mastracci (together with Reese and Rodney Hawk) already holds the Guinness World Record for the "Shortest Charging Time Cross-Country Trip in an Electric Vehicle" and as part of Reese's driving team, has helped set records for the "Fastest Time for Crossing the USA in an Electric Vehicle." This attempt was Mastracci's first individual

record, and has been submitted to Guinness World Records book for formal verification.

## Analyst: Leverage Buyout of Harley-Davidson 'Could Work'

On Friday, HOG shares rallied 20 percent with credible sources, such as CNBC, MarketWatch, and Barron's, reporting that private equity firm KKR may have interest in offering \$65 per share to acquire the company.



Here's how BMO Capital Markets analyst Gerrick Johnson

summed up the rumors in a research note:

"We have no particular insights into the veracity of these reports, but given the company's strong balance sheet, solid cash flow, superior brand name, and encouraging new product strategies, we think a leverage buyout could work. At minimum, a \$65 deal would appear to be sustainable, with cash flow better than potential interest expense. Given an inexpensive valuation, if the acquirer could improve business performance, such a deal could provide value over time, in our opinion."

"We continue to rate the shares of Harley-Davidson Market Perform, but are raising our target to \$54 from \$50. Our estimate represents a 13x multiple on 2017 EPS estimate of \$4.20, which is unchanged. We are increasing the earnings multiple we use in valuing HOG to 13x from 12x to account for the increased probability, even if it may be small, that the company could be 'in play.' Risks to our target include a decline in consumer confidence and spending or an inability to bring compelling new products to market on a timely basis."

## A New Twist on Motorcycle Helmet Safety From 6D

6D motorcycle helmets looks to tackle rotational injuries head on.



This is a 'cut away' view of the 6D Helmet

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

How highly do you value your brain? In the classic 1973 comic science-fiction film *Sleeper*, Woody Allen's character shouts out: "My brain? It's my second favorite organ!" Given such an authoritative source, you gotta figure your brain ranks pretty near the top. Which is why smart motorcyclists always wear helmets.

It's fair to say helmets have developed gradually, with new composites technologies—including carbon fiber, Kevlar, and even tried-and-true fiberglass—and innovative ways to build less-expensive plastic helmets emerging over the years. We've also seen new face-shield technologies emerge, and integration with Bluetooth audio systems remains a fast-growing part of the market.

But there's significant new thinking in the field from 6D Helmets, with its Omni-Directional Suspension (ODS). Think of ODS as a suspension system fitted into the helmet liner to reduce shock energy transmitted to the brain under impact. Elastomeric isolation dampers serve as the key element. Depending on helmet size and type (street or dirt), between 26 and 29 of these rubbery little hourglass-shaped nubs sit between the layers of the multi-part EPS liner.

Once these dampers bottom out, the separate portions of the crushable EPS liner come into contact, deforming to absorb energy in the manner of conventional helmets. 6D also incorporates outer composite helmet shells constructed of a strong layered blend of carbon fiber, aramid fiber, and fiberglass—again, very similar in design and action to many other premium conventional-style helmets.

Testing shows that 6D's ODS technology dramatically reduces the transfer of angular acceleration energy compared to conventional helmets, resulting in less force transferred to the brain, which may reduce the likelihood of concussion or brain injury. ODS starts working the instant any force is applied to the shell, lowering peak acceleration and also spreading it out over time, which makes the helmet much more compliant and progressive in action.

6D's technology has found suitors outside of motorsports too. In recent years, another group has gotten serious about addressing the causes, severity, and long-term effect of concussions—the National Football

League. They're serious about pursuing answers, working hard to advance development of technologies that can improve brain protection. They've committed up to \$20 million to fund innovative solutions through their Head Health Initiative.

6D Helmets



This ATS-1 is a comparable size to conventional helmets, despite incorporating an extra layer of technology. The \$895 MSRP is also within range of other premium lids.

In Sweden, neurosurgeons, research scientists, and engineers collaborated to create the Multi-directional Impact Protection System, or MIPS, to allow helmets to better protect the human brain. This technology was created to reduce rotational forces on the brain caused by angular impacts. In 2014, MIPS AB entered into a partnership with BRG Sports, parent company of Bell Helmets and other helmet companies. In addition to Bell, MIPS technology is now available in a wide variety of motorcycle helmets, including Fox, Fly, Answer, MSR, and O'Neal.

## Harley-Davidson Bikes Investigated for Brake Failure

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is investigating the anti-lock braking system on 430,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles after receiving complaints about brake failures.

Forty-three riders have reported their brakes failed without warning, the Associated Press reported. The NHTSA has received three reports of crashes and two reports of injuries involved with brake failure.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

The bikes under investigation are those from model years 2008-11 with ABS brakes.



A possible cause for the failure may be that some riders didn't change their brake fluid every two years, as recommended. Old

fluid can corrode the valves in the ABS system.

## AMA Warns Riders of Booby Traps

Motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders in three states have discovered booby traps along trails on public lands that place riders, hikers and others at risk, the American Motorcyclist Association reported.

In Idaho, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, someone or some group is deliberately trying to harm off-highway vehicle riders who use trails on public lands. Booby traps also have been reported in recent years along trails in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico.

"This type of activity is extremely dangerous," said Rob Dingman, AMA president and CEO. "A motorcyclist who hits one of these traps can be seriously injured or even killed. We want anyone with information about these tactics to contact law enforcement immediately."



*This photo, courtesy of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, shows a booby trap that was found in 2014.*

Already this year:

- ✦ Off-highway riders in Massachusetts found cables strung across trails in four state parks, according

to the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

- ✦ Members of the Mount Moosilauke ATV Club Riders near Warren, N.H., discovered boards with nails in several places along the multi-use trail system. Before anyone was injured, club members removed the boards, along with scattered nails and broken glass. The ATV club is offering a \$1,350 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.
- ✦ In Custer County, Idaho, riders found a piece of barbed wire strung across a trail about 4 feet from the ground, endangering off-highway-vehicle riders and mountain bikers, according to Share-trails.org.

"The AMA is issuing AMA Action Alerts to riders in areas where these incidents have occurred," Dingman said. "But, at the same time, riders everywhere should use due caution on the trails, because we know there are people out there who would do us harm."

In addition to contacting local law enforcement authorities, the AMA asks that you send an email to [grassroots@ama-cycle.org](mailto:grassroots@ama-cycle.org) about these incidents, so other motorcyclists can be alerted.

## AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame to Induct Gloria Struck in October

Motorcycling enthusiast and pioneer Gloria Struck will be among the honorees that the American Motorcyclist Association welcomes to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame this October.



"It's my pleasure to announce the members of the Class of 2016," said Ken Ford, a member of the AMA board of directors and chairman of the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation board.

"Gloria Struck has inspired generations of women to take up motorcycling for both sport and pleasure, and she remains a vibrant reminder of the emotional connection we can have with two wheels. (Continued on page 8)

## Oil Spots, Continued...

The 2016 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held during the American International Motorcycle Expo, which runs Oct. 13-16 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

Born in 1925 in an apartment attached to her family's motorcycle shop in Clifton, N.J., Gloria Tramontin Struck is the reigning matriarch of the women's riding community. A member of the Motor Maids since 1946, she embodies the mission of the organization by riding her Harley-Davidson to events such as Sturgis and Daytona from her New Jersey home.

In her lifetime, Struck has ridden in all 48 continental states several times over as well as in Europe. In the 1950s, she earned continental notoriety by completing a high-profile adventure ride in Canada from Toronto to Montreal.

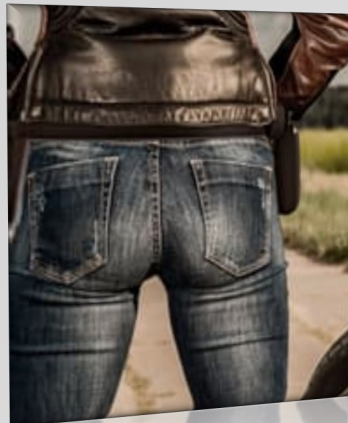
The AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame induction ceremony is open to the public and, for the third consecutive year, takes place in conjunction with AIMExpo. AIMExpo brings together consumers, dealers, manufacturers, and the world press in one location for global product launches, demo rides, motorcycling seminars, and much more.

## MiClimate Keeps Bikers hot (or cold)



MiClimate is designed to keep motorcyclists cool in hot weather and warm in cold without risking their safety.

Being exposed to the elements as they are, riders face the prospect of sweating through hot days under their leathers, or shivering as frigid winds blow on cold ones. There are some heating and cooling options out there, as well as air-conditioning units designed specifically for motorbikes, but not everyone is keen to strap one of these to the back of their bike. Enter MiClimate, a belt designed to keep bikers at a comfortable temperature without adding too much bulk.



core unit draws ambient air in and heats or cools it using a thermo-electric system. Once it's been conditioned the air is directed upwards through a flexible manifold, before a flexible internal structure releases it under the jacket.

As cool as this sounds, there are a few issues we can foresee with the MiClimate. For one, there's no guarantee the air will actually be able to circulate around the inside of a tight leather motorbike jacket, especially on a hot day when things tend to get a bit sticky and sweaty. We're also not sure about the holster-style mounting for the core unit, which could make people think you're packing heat of a different kind.

## Samsung and Yamaha develop Smart Windshield concept



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The Samsung Smart Windshield concept can display information from a smartphone directly in the rider's line of view

The Italian branches of Samsung and Yamaha have announced their collaboration in developing a new platform to promote road safety. The Smart Windshield concept involves a screen that allows access to information displayed on the rider's smartphone in the least distracting manner.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

Using a phone while riding or driving is obviously neither smart, nor legal in most countries of the world. Despite the apparent risks involved in a rider focusing on something other than the road, When introducing the Smart Windshield concept, Samsung and Yamaha point to statistical data from reports by Automobile Club d' Italia/ Istituto Nazionale di Statistica which reveal that this trend is prevalent in Italy's young population.



The Smart Windshield concept is a transparent screen placed beneath the windshield and above the instruments of a scooter. It connects wirelessly to a smartphone and, with the help of a dedicated application, displays the phone's notifications in a similar fashion to a head-up display system. The information displayed on the Smart Windshield can include calls, messages, email, browser data and possibly a lot more.

Samsung is developing this technology as part of its global Launching People communication project, while Yamaha offered the ideal test vehicle in the shape of the Tricity scooter.

Apart from simply displaying notifications, the Smart Windshield concept could also be used to display useful data from applications such as maps or GPS, further enhancing its practical side. Yet the benefits from adding a second screen to the bike's instrument panel may be disputable, as the abundance of information can prove to be an even bigger distraction.

## Indian recalls 18K bikes

Indian Motorcycle Company has issued a recall due to elevated exhaust temperatures that may result in an increased risk of fire.

This recall affects certain model year 2014-2016 Chief Classic, Dark Horse, Chieftain, Roadmaster, Vintage and Chieftain Dark Horse motorcycles manufactured April 15, 2013, to June 16, 2015. In the event

of an engine misfire, unburned fuel may pass through parts of the exhaust system, raising the exhaust temperatures.

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will update the engine control module (ECM) software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2016. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-16-02.

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](http://www.safercar.gov).

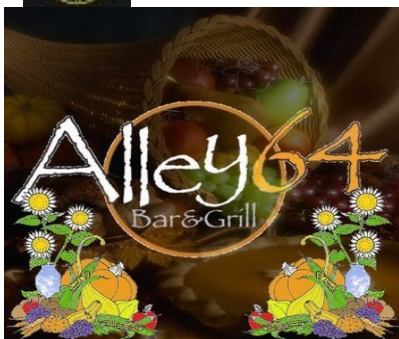
***Are you Creative?***

***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!***



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

**Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick**

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JULY 5TH 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: Bob Morrison, Friend of Ric Case from the Palatine Hog Chapter

### **President's Report: Mike Bradbury**

- ◆ Event Participations
- ◆ Rides! Mike would like to have more people become actively a part of the rides. There have been many rides this summer that have been attended by a regular 'few'.
- ◆ Mike would like to survey the members to find out what they would like to have as future destinations.
- ◆ Available Positions on the board RIGHT NOW include:
  - \*Secretary: Responsibilities include taking notes at the General and Board Meetings, keeping and updating records for the Master Roster and Annual Attendance.
  - \*Two Directorships: Responsibilities will be determined as the persons are identified. There are a variety of areas within the club that are presently combined. They can be divided as they fit the new directors.
- ◆ Meeting Jokes included, sex, guns, and politics... covered a bit of humor for everyone.

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

- ◆ The next G.R.A.S.S. Class will be held at Keller Williams on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Meet one of the requirements to remain a member in good standing by attending this safety class!
- ◆ 7/30 - Bike Safe confirmation were reviewed and the open position was filled by Mike Gilfillin. The class should be a great opportunity to confirm that you are riding well. Eight very fortunate Top Cats will be going through this experience.
- ◆ Kaution Korner was reviewed by **Bard Boand** who wrote a full article on the importance of packing your bike correctly for a long distance ride. The full article can be seen and read in our July edition of ROAR.

### **Charity: Noelle Rigsby**

Overall Results included:

Participating bikes = approx. 150.

Most successful event since 2010 because of many factors! Weather, Volunteers, Great Ideas... Valley of the Kings was a great draw and we even ran out of ride pins!

N.I.S.R.A. and VOTK donation Announcement

VOTK was given \$2,085 and they were very happy to have this total.

N.I.S.R.A will receive approximately \$5,000.

### **Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby**

- ✦ Gene Rigsby reviewed the event schedule for the next 2 months. There are many opportunities to ride on the calendar. COME ALONG!!!
- ✦ Sturgis is filled! **Bard Boand will be in contact with those who are going on this year's ride.**
- ✦ Post Sturgis is being planned by **Wayne Kirkpatrick** and those who are going will be informed on the ride.

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## General Meeting, continued...

### Past President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Wayne recognized the loss that Bard Boand has experienced this past week. His son died a week ago and all members offer their condolences and support through a very difficult time.
- ✦ Wayne then reviewed the events of the past rides with a few light stories. He encouraged all to join the rides and experience these light hearted stories for themselves!

### Membership: Emil Kornecki

#### New Member Announcements:

- ✦ Mike Gilfillin was given his new member packet.
- ✦ Brad Wilson and Rich Flynn will receive theirs when they are in attendance at their next general meeting.
- ✦ A Don Delardo Update was given by **Jim Purcell**. Don is presently going through speech therapy to improve his speed in speaking. He is spending 6 hours a day in Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy.

### Products: Jim/Lisa Purcell

Available at the meeting, Men's, Women sized t-shirts and baseball caps:

- T-Shirts; M, L, XL; \$18 each
- T-Shirts; XXL; \$22 each
- Caps; \$15
- Long Sleeves and Decals (ready for PU) available for August meeting

**50 / 50 Raffle, drawn by our Sergeant at Arms, Jim Purcell, was won by Emil Kornecki  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.**

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...





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12TH, 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. Gene Rigsby*

**President: Mike Bradbury called the Meeting to Order at 7:30**

- ✦ Next Club Projects were discussed. Some of the conversation included Bob Morrison's photographic ability.

**Vice President/Safety: Ric Case**

- ✦ 7/31 - G.R.A.S.S. preparations. Ric will ensure that there are instructors for that day.
- ✦ Bike Safe on 7/30/16 now has 10 positions available and 2 open slots. Ric will monitor the interest and inform Ben of the situation. Ben will then be able to make an accurate request for volunteers for the class.

**Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick**

- ✦ 2017 Elections were discussed by the board. The positions open were reviewed and then potential candidates were identified.
- ✦ The board reviewed some of the past structures of the board and decided that there were changes that could be made at this time that would benefit the club.

**Activities: Gene Rigsby**

- ✦ Gene reviewed the activities for the next two months. The calendar is filled and there are many good options to ride.
- ✦ The General Meeting and the Board Meeting for August were discussed and it was decided to have the General meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, so that all of the riders can get together and exchange stories about their riding experiences. If the board has any business, they can meet briefly after the general meeting.
- ✦ Gene is waiting for information on a few of the scheduled rides so that he can put out a blast.
- ✦ Gene brought a template of a participation trifold that he designed. The printer needs a vortex file in order to print these, but Gene felt we could print them ourselves on cardstock and get them out with little expense. Mike Bradbury supported the idea and offered to help get these done.

**Secretary/ROAR: Mary Kirkpatrick**

- ✦ Mary will send out new member questionnaires so that their bios can be added to the next edition(s) ROAR.
- ✦ The Rosters will be updated with GRASS information and will be redistributed to the board. The attendance lists will also be sent to the board and can be used to identify other candidates for this year's elections.

**Treasury: Mike Bradbury**

Noelle Rigsby orientation for filling position will be done by September and Noelle will begin to attend the Board Meetings as well. With the vacancy, her appointment can be implemented before the elections.

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## Board Meeting, continued...

### Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ Emil will be developing a survey that will be developed and given to the membership in September.
- ✦ Membership Card distribution to membership will be done at the next general meeting.
- ✦ New member notifications to Bob Morrison, Rich Flynn, Brad Wilson has been made and they will be contacted for their biography.

### Products: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ The next order of products is ready to be picked up in Gurnee. Mike Bradbury will call them and arrange to make payment and Mary Kirkpatrick will pick them up on Thursday.
- ✦ Website: Rox Adonis and Mike Bradbury
- ✦ Mike is in the process of uploading the missing editions of ROAR and the pictures.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Bradbury at 8:35.



## Elections, Part Two

By: Ric 'Clutch' Case

**Elections: Our Club is facing the annual Elections. Here are the details on terms, pre-requisites and voting requirements:**

- ✦ President and Vice President are elected to hold office starting in odd years.
- ✦ Secretary and Treasurer are elected to hold office in even years.
- ✦ Two of the four Directors are elected to hold office in odd years and the other two hold office in even years.

### *Requirements for officers to be nominated to the positions:*

- ✦ President and Vice President must have served as a committee Chair (person).
- ✦ For all other positions, including President and Vice President:
- ✦ Be a current Top Cat member for a least one year.
- ✦ Have served on a committee as a participant or better yet as a Chair (person).
- ✦ It also helps to have a demonstrated a passion for the Top Cats organization.

### *The election process includes:*

- ✦ The nominations are submitted to the Board for approval in September.
- ✦ The slate is presented to the Members in October.
- ✦ The candidates present themselves to the membership in November including a Top Cat bio for Roar.
- ✦ The elections take place in December.

### *Only members in good standing can vote. Good standing means:*

- ✦ Dues paid for the up and coming year and have attended five Top Cat events. Events include meetings, social events, and of coarse, rides.
- ✦ It also means having taken GRASS within the last three years.

The elected officers take over in January of the New Year.

Let's get ready for some quality elections.... And show the politicians how this is done!



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

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





## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
August 2—?	Sturgis	McDonalds at Rt 12 and Ela Rds	Lake Zurich	8:00 am	Boand
Saturday, August 13th	Mendota Sweet Corn Festival	Behind the Shell NW Corner of 12 and Lake Cook Rd.	Mendota	8:30 am	Smith
Tuesday, August 16th	General and Board Meetings	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, August 27th	DeKalb Sweet Corn Festival	BP, NE Corner of Rts 120 and 12	DeKalb	10:00 am	M. Kirkpatrick
Sunday, September 4th	Marsh Madness	BP, NE Corner of Rts 120 and 12	DeKalb	9:00 am	M. Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, September 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sat/Sun September 10th & 11th	Green Bay Greatness	TBA	Green Bay	7:00	Purcell
Tuesday, September 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, September 25th	TC Memorial Ride	TBA	TBA	TBA	Case

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



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