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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



POST – STURGIS rides excited (and likely exhausted) from their traditional, scenic Bard Boand led South Dakota adventures and the extremely natural scenic riding with mountain range topographies and healthy rains on their “iron-butt” like adventures on the POST – STURGIS ride lead by our venerable Past President, Wayne Kirkpatrick. Pity if you missed out on these awesome rides... but fear not! We are planning to do them again in 2017 so there is still a chance to put in multiple days and miles of pure riding filled with many traditions, awesome roads and scenery!

The rescheduled August 16th General Meeting was a good time! Pity that more of our members could not come and enjoy the immense comradeship we had, new guests to share with and member tales from the road about the STURGIS rides. Come to our club's meetings so we can catch up with each other and enjoy our evening together!

Well it is almost Labor day and Kaenel and Wally Elliot from the month of A.B.A.T.E. - DuKane Chapter, Judy August went so fast it seems like about recent Illinois state legislative actions concerning motorcycling interests. Their talks to our club have become a tradition so show your club support and come to the meeting.

STURGIS and

One requirement of full membership is to attend a Group Riding and Safety Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) class. Currently 22 out of 56 members or 39% have not attended G.R.A.S.S.! Attending G.R.A.S.S. class is one of the requirements to obtain full membership from probationary status. Attendance is also a requirement to vote so all members should attend the class. It is important for us all to ride together as safely as possible and our system is considered second to none in learning how to do that!

We have many opportunities to commiserate and share time together in September. Currently there is (1) multi-day weekend ride and (2) single day rides. Also the general meeting at Alley 64 on September 6th. So I'm looking forward to seeing our regulars and just as importantly, others who have been less present coming together in our September activities.

Let's Roar and Ride!

Mike Bradbury

President, Top Cats – Illinois

On that note, come to our September 6th General Meeting to see our guest

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover” - Mark Twain“

And ride with your brothers and sisters..
Mike Bradbury



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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 15 & 16 GREEN BAY!
- 23 GRASS

Talk to Gene Rigsby and get your ideas on





KAUTION KORNER



Probably something you never think about except at the table...I recently had an opportunity to visit a friend who is a farmer and Harley rider; as we spoke on the deck, we talked allot about this year's summer riding season and how it had gone so fast.

My friend was going to begin harvesting his crops very soon. Thinking a bit, we walked out to look at his driers and silos which were full and I look



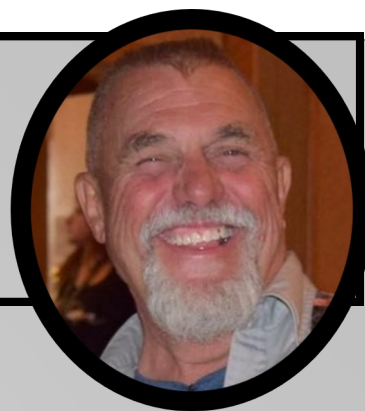
toward the ground to see these specs on the surface of the asphalt. They were hard as a rock and round like ball bearings; it happened to be

a mixture of soy beans and corn and they were in little piles. He chuckled a bit and said as he grew up his father had loaded this mixture in shotgun shells and brought small game down.

As inquisitive as I am, I asked how much he loses on the highway in route to his farm...he then replied a couple gallons at least. This gives thought to what can it feel like to drive a 2-wheel vehicle over 2 gallons of ball bearings.

CORN PEAS and BEANS

By David Whiteside



I tell this story as the Harvest season begins so that everyone will start to watch for those farm vehicle orange triangles and remember the dropping from some of this equipment can be very dangerous due to hardness and or in some cases from the liquidity/slick chaff. We all know how much we enjoy the back roads and those roads are full of equipment pre-positioning to begin the harvest. Most of the equipment which is involved in harvest has a maximum speed of 20 MPH but as a general rule go about 15 MPH plus most do not have chase or lead vehicles. Use caution all year around but particularly in rural areas this time of year.

Drive safely with farm machinery on the roads.

From 2005-2014 Wisconsin had:

1,400 Crashes

708 Injuries

25 Fatalities

With farm machinery on the road





ELECTIONS 2017....

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 22nd 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:

President
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.



VP's Vision

Remembering....

Karl "Virgo" Bender

By: Ric 'Clutch' Case

Virgo envisioned Top Cats in '94 or maybe even earlier. He saw the organization primarily made up of entrepreneurs and executives. Being a business owner he wanted peers to ride along with. Formal rides, informal rides and impromptu rides would make up the early Top Cats adventures. He saw Brotherhood and Yes, Sisterhood as the basis for this organization. He also believed networking and symbiotic business relationships along with a Charity to support, would be major components of Top Cats. His vision lives on in many phases from his early conceptions.

He embraced the earliest version of GRASS. Our first banquet was nothing more than a dinner get together with just four couples in March of '95. Oh how we have grown since the early days. He loved Top Cats as much as he loved his family and saw it as family.

We have grown in Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and family as well as safe riders, a well-rounded structured set of bylaws, officers, board and committees. Yes our world has changed immensely over the last fifteen years as has Top Cats. Sometimes, the club even spearheaded the changes...such as safety.

Lots of members have come and gone and yes, we are smaller (in terms of member count) from our zenith, but we are stronger, more dedicated, quicker on our feet, (motorcycles) more fluid than we have ever been. Come ride with us on Sunday September 25th to a place that serves brunch just northwest of Lake Geneva. Details to follow. Help us celebrate the lives and stories of those who have passed on, but were part of formulating and contributing to great organization.

Oil Spots

By: Traveler



Harley-Davidson launches Milwaukee-Eight engine

Harley-Davidson unveiled the all-new Milwaukee-Eight engine, the ninth Big Twin in its history, plus all-new front and rear suspension for its Model Year 2017 Touring motorcycle lineup.



These are the most powerful, most responsive and most comfortable Touring motorcycles ever offered by Harley-Davidson," said Scott Miller,

Harley-Davidson Vice President of Styling and Product Development Strategy. "You truly have to ride one to feel the difference – so we're inviting all riders to visit a Harley-Davidson dealer and take a test ride."

Power. Comfort. Control.

Retaining the classic 45-degree V-Twin cylinder angle, The Milwaukee-Eight Engine produces 10 percent more torque and features four-valve cylinder heads that offer 50 percent more intake and exhaust flow capacity than previous year models

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September Celebrations!

Birthdays!

11th - Mary Kirkpatrick

Anniversaries

4th- Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick
20 - John and Jamie Curry

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





Oil Spots, Continued...

The Milwaukee-Eight engine is counter-balanced to cancel 75 percent of primary vibrations at idle, retaining the classic feel of a Harley V-Twin engine while being very smooth at highway speeds. A new heat management strategy improves rider and passenger comfort.



New engine and much more for MY 2017

Along with the Milwaukee-Eight engine unveiling, Harley-Davidson also announced:

New Touring Suspension: All-new front and rear suspension components enhance the comfort, control and performance of all 2017 Harley-Davidson Touring models. New dual bending valve front suspension technology provides the performance of a racing-style cartridge fork with linear damping characteristics and reduced weight. New emulsion-technology rear shocks offer 15 to 30 percent more pre-load adjustment than previous standard Touring shocks, with a single, hand-adjustable knob to hydraulically dial in pre-load.

Screamin' Eagle Performance: Harley-Davidson will offer a full selection of street-legal performance components for the Milwaukee-Eight engines, including Screamin' Eagle Milwaukee-Eight engine Stage kits that deliver up to a 24-percent increase in torque over the stock engine (availability varies by market).

Harley-Davidson Custom Vehicle Operations: Harley-Davidson Custom Vehicle Operations (CVO) models combine prestige and performance in three limited-edition factory-custom motorcycles for 2017. The CVO Limited and CVO Street

Glide models feature the refined performance of the new Twin-Cooled Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine, while the CVO Pro Street Breakout motorcycle is powered by the Screamin' Eagle Twin Cam 110B air-cooled V-Twin engine.

Powerful Cruiser lineup: With the High Output Twin Cam 103 standard for all 2017 Softail models and Dyna models (U.S. models only) except the Street Bob model and the S Series cruisers with the Screamin' Eagle Twin Cam 110 engine, Harley-Davidson continues to offer its most powerful cruisers ever.

"We want all riders to save the date of Sept. 23," said Dino Bernacchi, director of U.S. Marketing at Harley-Davidson. "That weekend, Harley-Davidson dealers across the country will host open house events so riders can throw a leg over our Model Year 2017 touring motorcycles and feel the difference of the all-new Milwaukee-Eight engine for themselves."

Harley-Davidson touring motorcycle with Milwaukee-Eight 107 engine.



Harley-Davidson, EPA reach settlement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced a settlement with Harley-Davidson, Inc., that requires the companies to stop selling and to buy back and destroy illegal devices that increase air pollution from their motorcycles, and to sell only models of these devices that are certified to meet Clean Air Act emissions standards. Harley-Davidson will also pay a \$12 million civil penalty and spend \$3 million to mitigate air pollution through a project to replace conventional woodstoves with cleaner-burning stoves in local communities.

The government's complaint, filed along with the settlement, alleges that Harley-Davidson manufactured and sold approximately 340,000 illegal devices, known as "super tuners," that, once installed, caused motorcycles to emit higher amounts of certain air pollutants than what the company certified to EPA. Aftermarket defeat devices like these super tuners alter a motor vehicle's emissions controls and are prohibited under the Clean Air Act for use on vehicles that have been certified to meet EPA emissions standards. Harley-Davidson also made and sold more than 12,000 motorcycles that were not covered by an EPA certification that ensures a vehicle meets federal clean air standards.

"This settlement immediately stops the sale of illegal aftermarket defeat devices used on public roads that threaten the air we breathe," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "Harley-Davidson is taking important steps to buy back the 'super tuners' from their dealers and destroy them, while funding projects to mitigate the pollution they caused."

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**Oil Spots, Continued...**

Since January 2008, Harley-Davidson has manufactured and sold two types of tuners, which when hooked up to Harley-Davidson motorcycles, allow users to modify certain aspects of a motorcycle's emissions control system. These modified settings increase power and performance, but also increase the motorcycles' emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides (NOx). These tuners have been sold at Harley-Davidson dealerships across the country.

Harley-Davidson released its own press release of the settlement, read below for more information:

Harley-Davidson, Inc. (NYSE:HOG) has reached a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the sale of one aftermarket tuning product used to calibrate motorcycles intended for off-road and closed-course competition. As part of the settlement agreement, the company will no longer sell its competition-only tuner in the U.S. The company will continue to sell a performance tuner designed to ensure Harley-Davidson motorcycles retain 50-state and EPA on-road emissions compliance. The settlement has no impact on the company's other performance product offerings.

The EPA alleged that by selling its Pro Super Tuner through its U.S. dealer network, Harley-Davidson enabled dealers and customers to tamper with motorcycles used on public roads. Harley-Davidson disagrees with the EPA's position, noting that the tuner was designed and sold as an after-market, competition-only product used to adapt engine parameters for use with Harley-Davidson after-market equipment.

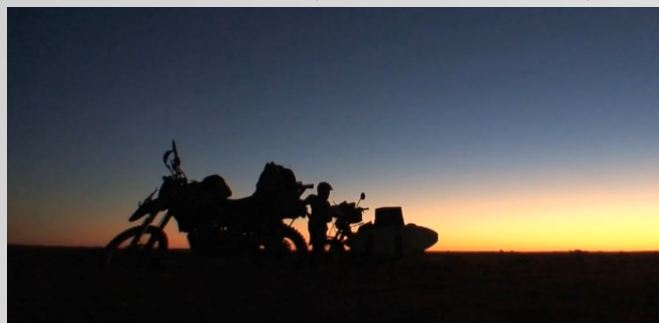
"This settlement is not an admission of liability but instead represents a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently, particularly EPA's assertion that it is illegal for anyone to modify a certified vehicle even if it will be used solely for off-road/closed-course competition," said Ed Moreland, Harley-Davidson's Government Affairs Director. "For more than two decades, we have sold this product under an accepted regulatory approach that permitted the sale of competition-only parts. In our view, it is and was legal to use in race conditions in the U.S."

Harley-Davidson, one of many suppliers in the aftermarket performance parts industry, has safeguards in place to educate dealers and customers on the implications of installing Harley-Davidson performance products on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles. This includes clear product labeling of competition-only products and detail on what performance enhancements are considered street legal and for competition-use only, the legal consequences of tampering

with emission controls and components, and what enhancements would void the vehicle warranty.

"Concern for our U.S. customers and dealers weighed heavily in reaching this compromise with the EPA," said Moreland. "By settling this matter, we can focus our future attention and resources on product innovation rather than a prolonged legal battle with the EPA."

Harley-Davidson is and has been committed to meeting or exceeding all emissions requirements for its motorcycles in every market it serves. It will continue to offer a broad range of industry-leading, compliant performance products that enable customization and performance enhancements that meet all emissions requirements and maintain the company's vehicle warranty.

**Arrows of Fire;
The Newest Motorcycle Documentary**

A powerful motorcycle adventure taking audiences across the vast Australian outback *Arrows of Fire*, was released on September 6, 2016. What began as documentary filmmakers taking a respite from everyday life by taking an extreme adventure — became instead a very personal story testing the bonds of friendship and family as the group came face-to-face with their own mortality, when one member suffers a terrible accident in the remotest part of the journey.

A true-life adventure filmed by the riders themselves without the assistance of support (vehicles, using only on-board



cameras, the film brings audiences closer to the action and ultimately the dramatic story. More than just a chronicle of a picturesque ride in the Australian outback, *Arrows of Fire* is a compelling, thought-provoking tale of comradeship, discovery and endurance, through the eye of the rider.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Sauk Prairie Harley Davidson to close in September

For 37 years bikers parked their Harleys in front Sauk Prairie's Harley Davidson dealership. For nearly 30 of those years, Crystal Mundt, the current general manager, watched the business grow. "I think probably the biggest thing is sadness," she said. "Being here every day, it's going to be tough."

By the end of next month, the dealership in Sauk City will be gone. The owner, Virgil Schulenburg says the crew will merge with the one at the location in Madison on Millpond Road. However, for the employees at the closing business, Mundt says they'll miss the entire community most.

"The transition is going to take a little bit of time, as you can imagine. 30-plus years of inventory and paperwork and fixtures -- it will all take a while to move that product out but we have a plan in place," she explained.

Still, even with the move to Madison, Mundt says Sauk Prairie will always be home.

The dealership will continue everyday operations until September 30 at 8p.m. Mundt says it has always been the owner's dream to have a dealership in Madison.

Every employee was given the opportunity to continue working at the Madison location, according to the company.

His motorcycle's totaled, but he's fine, thanks to high-tech gear



*Emergency personnel surround Jim Rasmussen at the scene of his motorcycle accident. Rasmussen was talking with the Milona First Responders telling them he was fine.
(Forum News Service)*

It was late in the afternoon on July 29, a Friday, when Jim took off from their home in Milona and headed down

Minnesota 29 on his motorcycle.

The 74-year-old had gone less than two miles, to the intersection of County Road 5, when a vehicle pulled out in front of him. "I hit the front of the car and apparently, I went flying," Rasmussen said.

When Milona Fire Department assistant chief and a first responder Kyle Grinager heard his pager go off alerting him to a motorcycle crash, he immediately started "... this was going to be a bad, ugly deal," Grinager said. "I was expecting to see a mangled, bloody mess."

However, Grinager was in for a surprise. "I walked up to him (Rasmussen) lying on the ground and he was talking," he said. "He was telling us he was OK. There was no blood. I thought, this just isn't right."



Jim Rasmussen shows some of his gear he wears when he takes to the road on his motorcycle.

Grinager he saw a tethered cord and asked Rasmussen what it was. Rasmussen told him it was his vest — a Helite airbag vest. When Rasmussen was thrown, a cord tethered to the Can Am motorcycle instantly inflated air pockets in the vest, breaking his fall and stabilizing his neck and head, which was covered by a helmet.

"It was crazy. After a complete T-bone crash and being thrown 12 to 15 feet in the air, I thought there was no way he could have survived," Grinager said.

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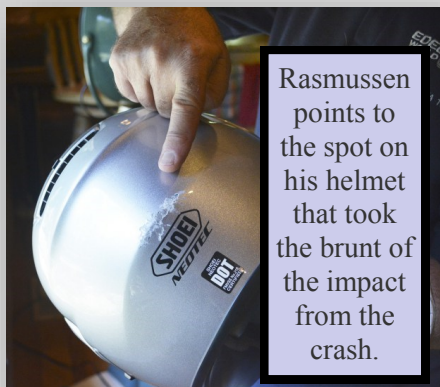
Rasmussen doesn't remember exactly what happened. All he knows is that a car pulled out and he hit his brakes; the next thing he remembers, faces from the Milona first responders were staring down at him.

Whenever they ride, the Rasmussens are fully outfitted in specific motorcycle gear including helmet, jacket, pants, gloves and boots that Jim says "won't fall off." The pants and jackets are made of special material that they noted is like Kevlar. It is breathable and stiff, designed specifically for motorcyclists. It is a heavier material than the leather gear usually associated with motorcycle riders.

While at the national BMW rally, the Rasmussens bought the Helite airbag vests — one for each of them. Rasmussen thought they were a bit expensive, but his wife thought.

After the crash, both Jim and Jaque really believe in the worth of their gear. "We have always had gear on," said Jim. "It's hideously expensive, but definitely worth it."

Jim said that although he spent the night in the hospital, he basically "walked away" from the crash, something he believes wouldn't have happened had he not been wearing the protective clothing. He did end up with a broken wrist and a concussion and must follow up with a neurologist.



Rasmussen points to the spot on his helmet that took the brunt of the impact from the crash.

As for his gear, Jim said the back of his helmet was slightly crushed and scratched and there were two very small scrapes on his clothing — one on his pants and another on a vest pocket. His Can Am motorcycle, however, was

totaled. As for when he'll get a new one, Jim isn't so sure.

The Helite vest provides a rigid neck brace, as well as firm support to the spine and back, chest, rib and kidneys and also provides hip and pelvic protection. The vest can be tethered to the handlebars of a motorcycle. Upon activation, a spring-loaded piston pierces the CO2 cartridge on the front of the vest and rapidly inflates the airbag around the neck and body. The air chambers are designed to stabilize the neck, spine and torso, reducing the impact to vital organs. Once the vest is deployed, it stays inflated for about 15 TO 20 seconds, then deflates. Once the used CO2 cartridge is replaced with a new one, the vest is ready to be used again.

Game of Thrones' Harley and the Davidsons Mini Series



SCREENSHOT VIA
DISCOVERY

How do you lick your wounds after you get dumped by the Mother of Dragons? By hopping on a motorcycle and letting all your troubles melt away.

Michiel Huisman, best known as *Game of Thrones'* Daario Naharis, is the star of the upcoming Discovery Channel miniseries *Harley and the Davidsons*, scheduled to air in three parts in September. *Harley and the Davidsons* is a historical drama chronicling the story of the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company, which began in a shed in Milwaukee and grew into the most recognizable motorcycle brand in the world. The first episode will premiere September 5, 2016.

Huisman stars as Walter Davidson, opposite fellow Harley-Davidson cofounders Arthur Davidson (Bug Hall) and William Harley (Robert Aramayo, who *Game of Thrones* fans might recognize as the actor who played young Ned Stark in last season's Tower of Joy flashbacks).

2017 Indian lineup features



Infotainment
System

Indian Motorcycle, America's first motorcycle company, announced its lineup of Model Year 2017 bikes.

The 2017 family carries forth all 2016 models including the recently released Scout Sixty, Indian Springfield, and Chieftain Dark Horse models, while featuring an array of new features, new color choices, awe-inspiring infotainment, and much more.

Indian Motorcycle raises the bar yet again, redefining the premium motorcycle segment with Ride Command,

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Oil Spots, Continued...

motorcycling's most advanced yet user-friendly infotainment system. The breakthrough new Ride Command infotainment system comes standard on all 2017 Chieftain and Roadmaster models. Features include:

- ✦ 7-inch display, 800x480 pixels, 2-finger capacitive with swipe and pinch to zoom
- ✦ Fastest boot time – about 10 seconds
- ✦ 100-watt premium audio system (Chieftain) output (Chieftain), 200-watt Roadmaster, with touchscreen and handlebar controls
- ✦ Bluetooth, AM/FM/weather band, USB flash drive support with USB song shuffle
- ✦ GPS with turn-by-turn directions, points of interest, compass, and more
- ✦ Critical information displayed; clock, air temp, compass heading, fuel and fuel range
- ✦ Phone features available through Bluetooth, including phonebook download, incoming call notification with name display, voice activated calling, incoming text notification, and more.



Indian Scout — This middle-weight cruiser's weight has been reduced to 538 pounds (dry) and extends its legacy

of dominance with perfect balance, precise handling and category-leading power and quickness. With a low 25.3-inch seat height and available extended and reduced reach accessories, the Indian. Featuring a liquid-cooled 69 cubic inch V-twin engine, an exhilarating 100 HP of raw power, and starting at \$11,299, the 2017 Indian Scout is the thoroughly modern rebirth of an American classic. Available in Ivory Cream, Thunder Black, Silver Smoke and Thunder Black Smoke. Indian Scout featuring ABS is offered in Burgundy Metallic plus a pair of two-tone finishes starting at \$12,299.

Scout Sixty — For 2017, the Scout

The Scout Sixty is offered at a very attainable \$8,999 starting price. Powered by a potent 60 cubic inch engine mated to a silky smooth 5-speed transmission, this mid-size cruiser



is arguably the best buy in motorcycling today. Available in Thunder Black and Pearl White. Scout Sixty with ABS is offered in

Indian Motorcycle Red starting at \$9,999.

Chief Classic — Powered by the proven and award-winning Thunder Stroke 111 engine, the aptly named Chief Classic has set a new benchmark as the classic American cruiser. The 2017 Chief Classic is available starting at \$18,499 and is available in Pearl White and Burgundy Metallic over Thunder Black.



Chief Dark Horse — Embrace the darkness with the 2017 Indian

Chief Dark Horse, the baddest, boldest bike on the road. With the endless power of the award-winning Thunder Stroke 111



engine, end-to-end matte black finish and just a touch of chrome, every other bike on the road seems tame. Featuring ABS, remote key fob for keyless ignition, electronic cruise control, a dry weight of 751 pounds and starting at just \$17,499, the Indian Chief Dark Horse has it all — including a seriously bad attitude.

Chief Vintage — The 2017 Chief Vintage is the ultimate retro-vintage bagger, turning heads with its classic styling, iconic soft-sided saddle bags crafted from Desert Tan Genuine Leather - dripping in fringe and Indian Motorcycle nostalgia.

The Chief Vintage is offered in Thunder Black and three gorgeous two-tone vintage color schemes. MSRP starting at \$19,999.

Chieftain & Chieftain Dark Horse — Both feature the Thunder Stroke 111 engine, TPMS, ABS, fairing with integrated driving lights and power windshield, cruise control, remote locking hard bags, keyless ignition, and much more.



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The Chieftain Dark Horse, starting at \$21,999, is the newest addition to Indian's bagger family. Sporting a premium 100W audio system and an ominous nose-to-tail matte black finish with minimal chrome for a menacing presence that refuses to be ignored.

The Indian Chieftain starts at \$23,999 and comes standard with the



all-new Ride Command system, blasting out 100W of premium audio and all the infotainment features a rider leading the pack could ever want. The Chieftain is available in

Thunder Black Pearl, White Smoke, Silver Smoke, and a pair of two-tone palettes.

Indian Springfield — The Springfield can be quickly converted into a



cruiser with the quick-release windshield and saddlebags removed, or transformed into a high-capacity touring model with Genuine Indian Motorcycle

accessories. Remote locking hard bags and adjustable passenger floorboards come standard along with genuine leather seating, ABS, TPMS, cruise control, and a powerful headlight and dual driving lights. Indian Springfield is offered in Thunder Black or Indian Motorcycle Red. New for 2017 are Steel Gray/Burgundy Metallic and Blue Sapphire/Star Silver finishes. Starting at \$20,999.

Indian Roadmaster — Powered by the rock solid

Thunder Stroke 111 engine and offering nearly 38 gallons of storage. It offers a power-adjustable windscreen, heated grips, individually controlled heated seats for driver



and passenger, ABS, TPMS, keyless ignition with remote locking storage, electronic cruise control and adjustable passenger floorboards. Roadmaster comes standard with the Ride Command infotainment system, delivering a glorious 200W premium audio experience. Offered in Thunder Black, Burgundy Metallic, and three two-tone palettes starting at \$28,999.

Harley-Davidson recalls 27K bikes

Harley-Davidson has issued a recall on 27,232 model year 2016 motorcycles. In the affected motorcycles, the clutch master cylinder may lose the ability to generate enough lift to disengage the clutch, especially if the motorcycle has been parked for an extended period of time. When the engine is running and the motorcycle is in gear, if the clutch cannot be fully disengaged, the motorcycle may move unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

The affected motorcycles include certain model year 2016 Electric Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU), Electra Glide Ultra Classic Low (FLHTCUL), Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL), Ultra Limited (FLHTK), CVO Street Glide (FLHXSE), Street Glide (FLHX), Street Glide Special (FLHXS), Road Glide Special (FLTRXS), Road Glide (FLTRX), Police Electra Glide (FLHTP), Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU), Fat Boy S (FLSTFBS), Softail Slim S (FLSS), and CVO Softail Pro Street Breakout (FXSE) motorcycles.

Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the clutch master cylinder for the presence of gas in the fluid, if so, the dealer will flush the clutch system and rebuild the clutch master cylinder, free of charge. The recall began July 25, 2016. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 800/258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0169 or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888/327-4236 (TTY 800/424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

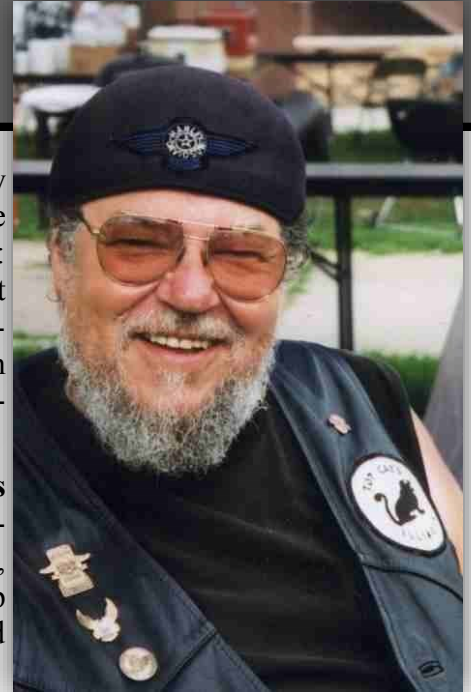
RIDE SAFE. RIDE SAFE. RIDE SMART. RIDE SMART.



Honoring Carl “Virgo” Bender September, 1941 to September, 2001

He enjoyed riding and talking about business. That was the primary reason Carl ‘Virgo’ Bender founded Top Cats. He knew there *had* to be other business owners and busy executives who enjoyed motorcycles: people who share the same interests and deal with the same issues that come with owning a business or running a company and found a wonderful escape in motorcycling. When he discovered there wasn’t an organization for like-minded people, he created one. That was the beginning of Top Cats.

The first club meeting took place in May of 1995. Today, **Top Cats** boast approximately 90 active members! Leaders, Company Presidents, Corporate Chairmen, Business Owners, Proprietors, Partners, Principals, CEO’s: they’re all represented in the **Top Cats** membership roster, all from large, medium and small organizations, institutions and companies.



It was Carl ‘Virgo’ Bender’s entrepreneurial spirit and passion for great rides, great conversation and great people that birthed Top Cats.

Thanks for inviting us along for the ride, Carl.

**Join us for the memorial Ride for Carl and other Top Cats... and hear more of our Club’s History!
September 25th.**

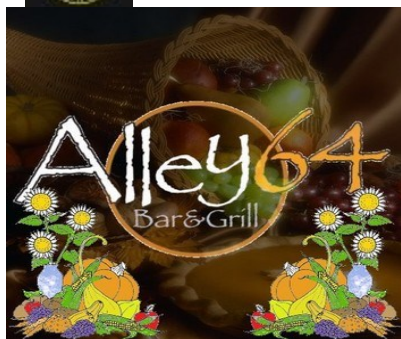
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Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16TH, 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 of Rich Lanute: Bill Wampach and Mike Hardesty.

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- ★ The guests were introduced and spoke for a few minutes on their backgrounds in the motorcycling community. Both are long time riders with a true love of riding.
- ★ 2017 Elections
- ★ Open Positions: Secretary and 2 Directorships. Mike encouraged all of the members present to consider
- ★ Mike discussed a charity benefit for Phil Smith, being sponsored by *Ally 64*. Cost will be \$20 for rider and \$10 for the co-rider.
- ★ Meeting Jokes were presented by Mike Bradbury... after a few laughs (and groans), the meeting continued.

Vice President's/Report Safety: Ric Case

- ★ The July 30th Bike Safe Results were presented, and the class was determined to be a good opportunity for the riders to improve their skills.
- ★ Open Positions in the Safety Committee were identified and the members were encouraged to get involved in the club by becoming Road Captains and teaching one of the five segments of the class.
- ★ The July 31st G.R.A.S.S. results were reviewed along with the contents of the class. Questions by the guests included the price and requirements to attend. It was noted that the GRASS class is being used in a number of states that have asked permission to use the information. Although the club has proprietary rights to the presentation, it is not exercised. The club has historically been glad to share the information and make riders around the country more aware of the things that can make motorcycling safer for all!
- ★ Next G.R.A.S.S. class will be on October 23rd at Woodstock Harley Davidson.
- ★ The Kaution Korner information was presented by **Wayne Kirkpatrick**. He described various situations that can become a challenge to riding safely. Bee stings, road kill, dogs running into the street and other obstacles require skills that we do not use regularly, but should be practiced. Riding with one hand, swerving, quick stops are all things that you should take time to work on in a local parking lot. See the August Edition of ROAR for the full article.

Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- ★ Gene presented information on the *Participation Card Program* that will be implemented. Each member will receive a card and when they have attended 5 activities or rides, they will turn in the card. Every month there will be a drawing with prizes.
- ★ The *Event Schedule* for the next 2 months was reviewed by Gene Rigsby.

Event Hosts/RC's activity presentations for their ride or events. See the Calendar on the Website for all of the details.

Past President's Report: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ★ Recent Ride Reports were given on recent rides that included impressions, organization, success, comradeship, and road stories from the Road captains. The reviews included positive participant comments by riders.
- ★ Sturgis was discussed by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Bard Board.
- ★ Post Sturgis was also reviewed and commented on...
- ★ All participants had wonderful things to retell! Talk to them if you are interested in being on the road for this event next year!

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General Meeting, continued...

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ★ Member Card Presentation was made to the members present.
- ★ The members got to hear a Don Delardo update by **Jim Purcell** who reported that he is doing very well! He has completed his therapy and will be returning to work soon.

Products: Jim/Lisa Purcell

- ★ New products were made available at the meeting and include:
 - ⇒ Short sleeve T-Shirts; M, L, XL; \$18 each
 - ⇒ Short sleeve T-Shirts; XXL; \$22 each
 - ⇒ Caps; \$15 each
 - ⇒ Long Sleeve T-Shirts; \$22 each
 - ⇒ Decals; \$3 each

50 / 50 Raffle : Jim Purcell and was won by Roxray Adonis.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16TH, 2016

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

There was a call to order at 8:50 by Mike Bradbury to check on any issues that may have been brought to the attention of board members. There were no emergency matters to be addressed so the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

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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



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
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
Saturday, September 10th	Sunrise Ride	TBD	Chicago Shore-line	TBD, but you can bet it will be EARLY!	Rigsby
Tuesday, September 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, September 25th	TC Memorial Ride	TBA	TBA	TBA	Case
October 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
October 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
October 15th-16th	Green Bay Grand	TBD	Green Bay Area	TBD	Purcell
23	GRASS	Keller Williams	Palatine	8:00 am	Case

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



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