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Inside This Issue



Calling All Top Cats!!

Hello to all! I am hoping things went well for Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 and

Top Cat club members who rode to Washington D.C. and participated in the Memorial Day, Thunder Run. Some are still returning home as I write this! I am sure we will be regaled with hearty stories of their travails, travels and triumphs! I for one am looking forward to it.

It is time now to stand up and support the club's charities, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (N.I.S.R.A.) which has been the Top Cats of Illinois charity for the last 22 years and the Valley of the Kings, a big cat and exotic animal sanctuary well known in the motorcycle community. At risk of sounding like a broken record and with apologies to all who have heard me say it repeatedly at our general meetings, our ride is June 11th at Woodstock Harley Davidson. Registrations starts at 9:30 but come early and enjoy a breakfast offered by Woodstock Harley Davidson. It is its own reward to support those who are less fortunate than us such as the beneficiaries of N.I.S.R.A. and doing our ride is a great way to donate to both of these worthy causes. If you can, donate your time to help with the event as well. I'd love to see us all pulling together, serving our cause and generating a great donation to our charities.

All of our events are imagined, inspired,

created, planned and executed with a major goal in mind. That goal is to host a fun event for as many members as possible. Please support your club by doing the most basic of things and participate in its events. It can be fun and enjoyable creating memories together!

Sincerely,
Mike Bradbury
President – Top Cats - Illinois

Details on the Upcoming Ride with our President:

THE ROUND THE LAKE RIDE is a 4 day ride that takes us around Lake Michigan in a counterclockwise fashion.

Day 1: Riding the Badger This ride takes us North into Wisconsin on a traditional motorcycle friendly route going past Milwaukee then goes east to Sheboygan for lunch at Harry's Diner. After lunch, we will be arriving at Manitowoc to ride the S.S. Badger Ferry to Ludington, MI where we will lodge overnight.

Day 2: The Lake Michigan Lakeshore Ride. This day includes Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park. Afterwards we will stop for lunch at Boone Docks in Glen Harbor. Then on to Traverse City, Elk Rapids, Yuba, Torch Lake, Charlevoix, Petoskey and then Harbor Springs and the "Tunnel of Trees. Lastly, we arrive in Mackinaw city for the dinner at the Dixie Saloon and to spend the night.

Day 3: Mackinaw Bridge. After crossing, we will travel North going to the Tahquamenon Falls State Park and Picture Rocks National Lakeshore along Lake Superior. We then travel West and South to Lake Michigan, finally arriving in Escanaba at our lodging with a fine dinner and bayside view.

Day 4: All Roads Lead to Home Ride. It is 283 miles to our start point and we should all be home by 5:00.

Hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 4 UNION GROVE BBQ AND CARS
 - 6 GENERAL MEETING
 - 11 RIDE 4 DREAMS TO VOTK
 - 15-18 THE ROUND THE LAKE RIDE
 - 24 HOLY HILL
- #### JULY
- 4 GENERAL MEETING
 - 8 RIDE TO THE SHED
 - 22 OCONOMOWOC
 - 30 GRASS
- AUGUST 1 LEAVE FOR STURGIS!**

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





KAUTION KORNER



Techniques to Minimize the Possibility of Being Hit from Behind.

By: Senior Road Captain,
Ric 'Clutch' Case



When I took *Bike Safe*, the recommended scanning frequency when there is traffic behind you, was every 2 to 5 seconds. The recommended MFS curriculum scanning sequence is:

1. Start by scanning behind you.
2. Then to the immediate front
3. Traffic approaching from your left and entering your right of way
4. And last, but not least, traffic entering your right of way from the right.



Keep in mind that *Right of Way* is a misconception when riding a motorcycle, because if you think you have the right of way, without taking precautions, you will probably get scared by or hit by another vehicle.

Now that we have reviewed what you should remember to do all of the time, let's look at managing traffic from behind. First, when stopping, flash your brakes lights by either pulsing the brake lever or pulsing the rear brake pedal. Second, if turning, use your turn signal in ample time for the trailing vehicle to have adequate time to react. These two strategies will increase the probability that you will be effectively communicating with the vehicles behind you.

In the case of tailgaters, create plenty of space in front of you so you can stop slowly and have room to maneuver out of the way if the tailgater is not paying attention. If the tailgating continues, encourage the tailgater to pass you by going around you by maintaining a slow speed. If that doesn't work, turn off on a different route, or make a stop for fuel, so that the tailgater can continue on their merry way. On the off-chance that the tailgater continues to follow you, go to a well lighted location with a lot of people nearby to frighten them off or to get help should they instigate trouble. By using these techniques you can help reduce that possibility of becoming a statistic.



Ride Aware, Ride Safe, Arrive Home!



Time to Ride!

V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby

Hello Top Cats!!

Summer is upon us!!

The time to ride is now, so let's get out and ride.



We've had some great rides already this year and lots of good rides coming up this summer season.

Starting off in June is our charity ride which is the 11th, 9a at Woodstock HD. You can register at the June general meeting (June 6th) to come out and see the big cats. Make sure to wear your Top Cats gear too.

Continuing in June, Mike has a ride leading his group around Lake Michigan and Mary has a ride shaping up which is out to Holy Hill. Check the calendar often and watch for blasts for details.

Remember, these rides are not just an opportunity to get out and ride but an opportunity to not ride... an opportunity to get to know your fellow Top Cats and before you know it the more rides you attend the more Top Cats you get to know, then the more rides you attend because of the Top Cats you know, and... Well that's it for now. I'm sure you get it.

Take care of each other and next time you see me, ask me about but my last adventure where I lived up to my road name.

Looking forward to seeing you there....
Gene "Lucky" Rigsby

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Oil Spots

By Traveler



Honda 2018 NM4



While it's the NM4's disruptive form that earns headlines and double takes, the model absolutely delivers in the function department as well.

A low center of gravity, enabled in part by the forward-rotated mounting of the powerful, liquid-cooled 670cc parallel-twin engine, results in a comfortable, light-handling motorcycle with a low-slung, feet-forward cockpit from which it's very easy to reach the ground at stops.

The passenger seat converts into a flip-up, adjustable backrest, and the bodywork provides ample wind protection and four separate storage compartments. Gear changes are accomplished via a high-tech, smooth-shifting Dual Clutch Transmission, which has standard and sport automatic modes but can also be manually shifted via handlebar-mounted buttons.

The innovative, customizable LED dash display features color-coding for the transmission modes and delivers a host of information, including fuel-mileage tracking. Competent for applications from commuting to cruising, the NM4 more than holds its own on the road. Just don't expect to go incognito.

Color: Matte Black Metallic

Price: \$11,299

Availability: June 2017

Harley-Davidson, Jeep renew European deal



Harley-Davidson and the Jeep brand have renewed and strengthened their European partnership for the fourth consecutive year. The Jeep brand will be a key partner and official sponsor of Harley-Davidson events throughout Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Brands don't come much more iconic than Harley-Davidson or Jeep and both feature long, storied histories on the world stage. And both today produce vehicles that encapsulate the essence of freedom and adventure.

Building on the success of the last three years Jeep will have a larger presence at three major Harley-Davidson European events, kicking off with Euro Festival in Saint-Tropez, France (11-14 May) followed by the European H.O.G Rally in Lugano, Switzerland (June 29-2 July) and culminating in European Bike Week in Faaker See, Austria (5-10 September).

Jeep will also attend other Harley-Davidson events in the year including Africa Bike Week in South Africa (27-30 April), Thunder in the Glens in Scotland (25-28 August) and the Benelux HOG Rally in the Netherlands (2-4 June). In addition, the Jeep brand will showcase vehicles at local events in Ukraine, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Estonia and the Czech Republic.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

[Find It Now Recovers a Victory Vegas 8-Ball Motorcycle](#)



At 4:28pm, the Find It Now USA theft recovery team received notice of a stolen

2014 Victory Vegas 8-Ball motorcycle. Utilizing the FIN GPS security device installed at purchase from Mountain Motorsports of Roswell, a FIN theft recovery expert was able to immediately start tracking the location of the motorcycle, relaying GPS coordinates and movement information to local authorities.

The FIN customer stated that he had mechanical issues with the motorcycle, leaving it on the side of a busy I-285 bypass. While going to seek assistance, the owner received an alert that the motorcycle had moved. Immediately, the customer contacted FIN, local authorities, and started using his phone app to monitor and track the location of his stolen Victory motorcycle. Eventually, the motorcycle stopped moving, reporting its location in the backyard of a residence, 19 miles away.

After a short period of time, the customer noticed the motorcycle was moved again, this time to the front yard of the same residence. Concerned that his motorcycle may be moved yet again, the customer quickly headed to the last reported location to meet with police. Upon arrival, a man was seen throwing the motorcycle down and fleeing into nearby woods. At 5:01pm, 33 minutes after report of theft, the customer successfully recovered his motorcycle, with police arriving shortly thereafter.

For more information: FindItNowUSA.com

[Nicky Hayden dies following bicycle crash](#)

Nicky Hayden, 2006 MotoGP World Champion, died Monday, five days after a crash in which a bicycle he was riding was hit by a car in Italy. He was 35.



The following is a statement from the Red Bull Honda World Superbike Team: "It is with great sadness that Red Bull

Honda World Superbike Team has to announce that Nicky Hayden has succumbed to injuries suffered during an incident while riding his bicycle last Wednesday."

Nicky passed away at 19:09 CEST [Monday] evening at Maurizio Bufalini Hospital in Cesena, Italy. His fiancée Jackie, mother Rose and brother Tommy were at his side.

Throughout his career Nicky's professionalism and fighting spirit was greatly valued and carried him to numerous successes, including his childhood dream of being crowned MotoGP World Champion with Honda in 2006. As well as being a true champion on the track, Nicky was a fan favorite off it due to his kind nature, relaxed demeanor, and the huge smile he invariably carried everywhere.

Nothing says more about Nicky's character than the overwhelming response expressed by fellow racers and his legions of fans over the past few days. Jackie and his family are truly grateful for the countless prayers and well wishes for Nicky.

The 'Kentucky Kid' will be sorely missed by all that ever had the pleasure of meeting him or the privilege to see him race a motorcycle around a track, be it dirt or asphalt.



The racing world says goodbye to one of its dearest sons. Rest in peace Nicholas 'Nicky' Patrick Hayden.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Report:
Harley-Davidson to build factory in Thailand

Harley-Davidson is building a new factory in Thailand, *The New York Times* reported. The plant will build motorcycles for Asia, as Harley-Davidson looks to avoid paying Thailand's up to 60 percent tariff on imported motorcycles.

"This is absolutely not about taking jobs out of the United States," said Marc D. McAllister, a managing director of international sales at Harley-Davidson based in Singapore. "This is about growing our business in Asia."

United Steelworkers (USW) International President Leo W. Gerard released the following statement after *The New York Times* published the story. The USW represents members at Harley's plants in Wisconsin and Missouri. "Harley-Davidson has been the crown jewel of American manufacturing. It's an iconic brand that represents true American spirit. Management's decision to offshore production is a slap in the face to the American worker and to hundreds of thousands of Harley riders across the country.

"This decision puts in jeopardy one of the few remaining genuine U.S. brands. "Our members have been true partners with this company, working in good times and bad to make great products that fostered its growth and success. We remember the U.S. government stepping up in the 1980s to save Harley-Davidson and contributing to its revival.

"Harley owners and prospective buyers across the globe want to continue to enjoy machines made in America that provide quality rides and unique experiences. Harley's potential outsourcing of production puts all of this at risk. Offshoring production is the wrong path to prosperity. It puts in jeopardy the success that has propelled Harley over the years: It is a brand of excellence that enables riders to confidently know that they are joining a special community of enthusiasts.

"Harley-Davidson should abandon their offshoring plans and expand their operations here in America."

Harley-Davidson & Wounded Warrior Project Surprise Veterans



Harley-Davidson has teamed up with Adam Sandoval – the founder of ScootinAmerica, an initiative that focuses on giving back to our military members – to launch MISSION: "THANK YOU." Harley-Davidson believes every American should be able to experience the profound freedom of motorcycle riding, especially those who risk their lives to protect ours.



MISSION "THANK YOU" launched at San Diego Harley-Davidson recently. Harley-Davidson and Sandoval worked with Wounded Warrior Project to honor a WWP alumnus and veteran from San Diego with a new Harley-Davidson powered by the Milwaukee-Eight engine. Shane Kruchten, the surprised recipient and U.S. military veteran, was in shock and full of gratitude learning about his new Harley-Davidson motorcycle. (Continued on page 7)



Oil Spots, Continued



Kruchten is the first of eight honorees that will get bikes this year. Sandoval is asking every American to nominate a mili-



tary member – past or present – who has dedicated their life to protecting our freedom by submitting their story of sacrifice, strength and courage of service. His cross-country MISSION: “THANK YOU” aims to thank those who have served, and are serving, to protect our freedom by giving away eight Harley-Davidson motorcycles powered by new Milwaukee-Eight engines. A panel consisting of Sandoval, Wounded Warrior Project representatives and Harley-Davidson leadership will select which seven other deserving military members will be honored with new motorcycles. The honorees will also receive a lifetime membership to the Harley Owners Group and they can give a free Harley-Davidson Riding Academy class to a loved one.

Based on America’s nominations, Sandoval will make seven special stops along his cross-country journey to give away the new Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Along with MISSION: “THANK YOU,” Harley-Davidson does a lot to serve veterans and active duty personnel. H-D can also provide free motorcycle storage for deployed military personnel. Additionally, Operation Extend the Ride extends the factory warranty for the number of days deployed to account for the balance of the remaining warranty period.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

Young Guns' Scout Sprint Racer Unveiled at Art & Wheels Show



This special machine – with a nitrous oxide system mated to the Scout's 1133cc v-

twin engine – is set for a summer of sprint racing with the first race at the Café Racer Festival near Paris in mid-June.

“It’s been an incredible six months with over 700 hours of work invested in this build,” exclaims Nik Heer. “Myself and Fabian have built many bike projects before but Miracle Mike has been our most ambitious. We’re blown away by the reaction we’ve had here at Art & Wheels.”

Miracle Mike, named after Mike the Headless Chicken, has been built with the official support of Indian Motorcycle and is a true American/European collaboration with parts sourced from motorcycling brands such as Öhlins (Sweden), Brembo (Italy), Wizards of NOS (UK), LSL Motorcycle Parts (Germany), Metzeler tires (Germany) and Motogadget (Germany).



Marc Baier, says he was thrilled that Indian chose his show to unveil the bike for the first time. “Our show began to share our

love of art and motorcycling,” he says. “We’ve known the Young Guns for a while now and were happy they wanted to unveil this bike for the first time in their home country and at a show they’ve supported for many years.”

The Young Guns will now travel to the Essenza race soon after the Café Racer Festival in Montlhéry on Saturday, June 10.

Most expensive auction bikes

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Think some of the latest superbikes and adventure bikes cost a pretty penny or two? They're nothing compared to some of the most expensive bikes ever to sell at auction.

**1976
Captain America
Harley-Davidson
\$1,350,000**

The legendary ‘Captain America’ Harley-Davidson from



the 1969 movie Easy Rider thumped its way to a whopping \$1,350,000 as part of Profiles in History’s Hollywood Entertainment Memorabilia auction in October, 2014. It’s claimed to be the highest price ever realized for a motorcycle at auction.

**1915
Cyclone
Board Track
Racer US
\$852,500**

There were only 12 of these motorcycles known to exist, until



this one, which was owned by none other than Steve McQueen showed up. When it was auctioned in 2008 it fetched the highest price of any motorcycle sold, until the Captain America bike came along.

1907 Harley-Davidson Strap Tank \$715,000

If you’re after a Harley-Davidson with history then the Strap Tank’s the model that you’d be after. They’re the first motorcycles that were built under the H-D banner





Oil Spots, Continued...



**1910
Winchester 6 HP
\$580,000**

Only 200 Winchester 6HPs were built by the Edwin F. Merry Company between 1909 and 1911, and this example, which sold at auction in

2013, is one of only two examples known to still exist. The single-cylinder engine pumps out a mighty 6bhp, as you might have guessed from the name. And yes, it's the same Winchester that's famous for making guns. This example was bought by an anonymous gun collector.

**1932 Brough
Superior 800cc
model BS4 project
\$425,000**



One of only seven survivors out of a production run of 10, this particular example was owned by Hubert Chantrey and it's believed he rode it during the Land's End Trial in 1932. The bike, which has two wheels at the back, is powered by the 747cc four-cylinder engine from the Austin Seven, but Brough bored it out to 797cc after initial tests on the first prototype revealed the 13bhp from the standard engine to be insufficient.



**1929 Brough
Superior SS100
'Alpine Grand
Sports' \$419,100**

Sold by Bonhams in November 2014, this bike

took part in one of the toughest and most arduous races of the time, the Alpine Trial, with George Brough at the controls in 1925. George won six trophies during the event on the 968cc SS100.

**1939 BMW RS255
Kompressor \$480,000**

Also auctioned by Bonhams in 2013 this Kom-



pressor is a bit of a mutt. This example was built in the 1980s using a genuine 1939 engine and a 1951 Rennsport "plunger" frame and also has a host of other modifications which make it an authentic recreation of the Kompressor spanning both pre and post war eras.

**1951 Vincent White
Shadow \$434,000**

1507 Series C Black Shadows were built between 1949 and 1952. Even rarer than the Black Shadow is the White Shadow, of which just 15 were built. The White Shadow differed thanks to bare metal engine cases in place of the Black Shadow's black crank-cases. This example is even rarer, in fact it's one of a kind. records show this White Shadow is the only one ever to be finished in the Chinese Red normally reserved for the Vincent Rapide.



**1911 Flying
Merkel Board
Track Racer
\$423,000**

There were believed to be no examples of this model left, until this one showed up.

The bike was owned by the Suttle family and raced regularly until the onset of WWI, when it was put into storage for 70 years. Unbelievably it still ran and before it was sold in 2015 it was used and exhibited regularly



**1942 Crocker V-
Twin Big Tank
\$385,000**

This bike is one of only 72 V-twins ever made by Californian company Crocker. 1942 was the final year of production for Crocker when war-time restrictions came into effect and he decided not to resume motorcycle manufacturing after the war. Crocker was so confident in the speed of their machines they offered full money back guarantees if owners were beaten by Harley-Davidson or Indian machines.





Alley 64
2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2ND , 2017**

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

President: Mike Bradbury

7:30 pm, Meeting called to order

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



- ✦ Guests –Introduction
- ⇒ Holly Dorn, Manager of Fund Development for NISRA
- ⇒ Michael Asher, Special Olympian / NISRA participant
- ✦ Club Announcements
- ⇒ Roxray Adonis has taken a job in Phoenix, AZ and suggests that everyone plan on riding West for a visit! The club wishes you well on your new venture, Rox!
- ✦ Birthday/Anniversary Announcements for May include Mike Gilfillin who celebrated his birthday on the 7th.
- ⇒ Cookies were passed and everyone wished Mike a great YEAR!
- ✦ Meeting Jokes uprooted those newly planted cookies as **Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury and Ric Case** ‘entertained’ the crowd!

Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ The next GRASS Class will be held on July 31st. The class will be held at Keller Williams in the small conference room. There is still time to sign up and information will be sent out in a blast.
- ✦ Bike Safe is planned for June 3rd. Updates will be sent to members as information is clarified.
- ✦ Kaution Korner was reviewed by **Ric Case** who stood in for **Bard Board**. The entire article can be reviewed in the May edition of the ROAR. The article addressed riding in hot weather and highlights included:
 - *Dress in light colors. Black may look cool, but dehydration does not!
 - *Drink water at each stop – 1 qt./hour is the guideline. In hot water, you do not have to be concerned about finding a bathroom stop as he body sweats out the liquids.
 - *Watch for dark color in your urine as that is a sign of dehydration.
 - *Invest in jelly bags that absorb water and can be worn around the neck.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Wayne gave a recap of the important information given at the last Posse Meeting. The topics included:
 - ⇒ Details of the Vehicle Noise Bill were reviewed.
 - ⇒ Blocking intersections during charity rides. This is not legal, but can be done if proper protocol is followed.
 - ⇒ E-15 Gas is HARMFUL to motorcycle engines. Watch out for single handed pumps where E-15 may have been used before you arrived.
 - ⇒ If you Conceal-Carry, do not have your gun chambered.
 - ⇒ There was a survey being taken on the direction for the Governors ride. Discussion was had on whether it should be planned North to South or South to north. The date of the ride will be announced after the results of the poll are tallied.
 - ⇒ The Rockford area is starting a new POSSE-like group called *815 Motorcycles Ride*. (Continued on pg 11)



General Meeting, continued...

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ Our newest members, Sharon Langlotz-Johnson and Luis Bonilla were not in attendance tonight and will receive their packets at the next event.

Activities / Awards: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ Event Schedule for the next two months was reviewed and all of the information can be found on the website.
- ✦ Mike stated the benefits – both personal and for the good of the club - when the event participation is high. Not only do you get to ride and to experience these great opportunities to see our corner of the world, but you also bring YOUR individual ‘character’ to the events. The uniqueness of our club is the quality of our ‘characters’. Good people make for good memories!
- ✦ Participation Card Reminder was made. When you have logged in 5 events, you turn in your card and are eligible for a ‘gift’ from the club! See what the possibilities are.. and make some suggestions for these ‘gifts’ as well!

Meeting Speaker: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Holly Dorn is the Manager of Fund Development for NISRA and she brought a short video that explained the benefits for the 1800 participants that are a part of NISRA. She stated that the people who enjoy the NISRA programs are always commenting on how much they love to be involved. The staff and volunteers feel the same. It is an organization that is based on living life to it’s fullest, no matter what the challenges are that we face! All are grateful for these programs.
- ✦ Michael Asher is a participant in these programs. He has participated as a Special Olympian, and loves to be a part of the cooking, writing, basketball and power-lifting activities/ A van picks him up to take him to the events and he enjoys the independence, time with friends and he loves to cook! He is a graduate of Barrington High School and works at Jewel.
- ✦ These are the stories and the lives that are transformed by the NISRA organization. Our lives are also changed by knowing that our actions are making a difference in the lives of others!

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Lisa updated the members on the status of donations, sponsorships, raffle and pre-registrations. The Event is already a success!
- ✦ **Mike Bradbury** asked the members to think about how they could add to the success. He encouraged everyone to continue to promote raffle ticket sales, promote member participation, register for your ride, ask your friends to join us on that day!

50 / 50 Raffle winning ticket was pulled by the Sargeant at arms, **Jim Purcell**. **Wayne Kirkpatrick** was the winner and he donated the money back to the Charity.

Meeting Photo was taken by **Bob Morrison**. Meeting Adjourned by **Mike Bradbury** at 9:10.



8 Jim Hennif
13 John Curry
25 Bard Board
26 Roxray Adonis

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for June!

Let us know your special Dates so that
we can celebrate with you!



10th
Mike and Kathie
Bradbury



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9TH, 2017

Alley 64

2001 N. Rand Rd, Palatine, Illinois

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick



Attendees: Emil Kornecki, Gene Rigsby, Lisa Purcell, Mary Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury, Noelle Rigsby, Ric Case and Wayne Kirkpatrick.

President: Mike Bradbury

✦ The board began with a discussion of the open positions and possible candidates.

⇒ Secretary Position

*Ron Kostus has indicated that he is interested and has been sent copies of agendas and completed minutes so that he can visually see what the job entails.

*Mike will contact him to let him know that his history with the club and his business acumen will be a great addition to board discussions.

✦ Director's position

*Replacements for Rox and the open position were discussed. Possible candidates will be contacted.

Activities Chair: Gene

✦ Gene is still enjoying the position and discussed the strategy that he is using to manage the calendar and rides at this time.

✦ His energy and passion was acknowledged.

✦ Others will be approached to help him as he is moving forward with the riding year.

Products Chair: Lisa Purcell

✦ Ink and Ts will be contacted to create a flyer with our products on them so that we can take orders at the general meeting with delivery the next month.

Club Financial Status (Noelle)

✦ Main Account current balance and overall status was reviewed and all is well.

Charity Chair: Ric Case

✦ Ric stated that all is well. The day is organized and ready to go. Updates include: Road Captains for the day: Gene Rigsby, Mike Bradbury, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Bob Morrison, Greg Smith, and Mary Kirkpatrick.

✦ Breakfast will be headed by Noelle Rigsby and assisted by Greg Smith, Emil Kornecki and possibly Greg Ludwig

Mike Bradbury then turned the meeting to a reflective discussion on the value, purpose and character of the club. This was a great opportunity and it built pride, common understanding and a strong motivation to move forward with the Top Cat Mission.

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Board Meeting, continued...

Suggestions for building the club:

Friday Night Happy Hour at the Hooch

Movie nights

Pizza

Social Settings... more!

Activities at the Car/motorcycle nights

More open events that will give the new members a chance to build the friendships that make the club strong

Every six weeks get a week-night event for a dinner somewhere fun.

Switch Up the General Meetings

New venues

New leads – running the meeting - from the Board

New and more energetic guest speakers

Pay for new members first event

At a meeting

On a ride

Adjourned: at 8:55



*Does a picture truly say 1000 words?
Would you like to choose pictures for
the publication and give the members
YOUR 1000 words?*

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!*

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...



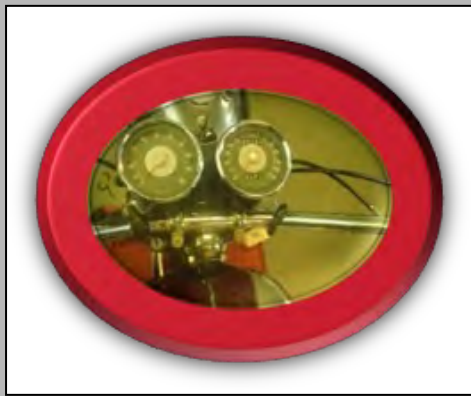


Top Cats
Buy, Sell, Trade....

The best way to ensure good quality at fair prices!

1970 Triumph Bonneville T120R

Immaculate and 99% original, iconic Triumph Bonneville, 650cc. Restored engine with 4+ hours on it. 4,900 original miles. New period paint, original parts with no upgrades, Perfect condition and ready to roll. \$7,500. Contact Traveler: wkirkpa177@aol.com



GREAT DEALS!



Harley Davidson XL Sportster.

883cc. VERY clean and fast. 10,000 miles. Custom paint, engine upgrades, S&S Super E carburetor, windscreen, passenger seat and backrest. Good tires, major service performed. Ready to roll. \$3,600.

Contact Traveler: wkirkpa177@aol.com





TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

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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, June 4th	UG BBQ and Cars	Thorton's in Island Lake	Union Grove	8:00 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, June 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, June 11th,	Ride 4 Dreams to VOTK	Woodstock HD	VOTK	8:00 am	N. Rigsby
June 15th—18th	Around the Lake	Thorton's—Hwy 12 Volo	Around the Lake in just 4 days!	7:45 am	Bradbury
Saturday, June 24th	Holy Hill	Thorton's—Hwy 12 Volo	Hubertus, WI	8:00 am	M. Kirkpat4rick
Tuesday, July 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sat/Sun July 22-23	Oconomowoc	TBD	Oconomowoc, WI	TBD	L. Purcell
Sunday, July 30th	GRASS	Palatine	Keller-Williams	8:00 am	Case
Tuesday, August 1	Sturgis	Mc Donalds Lake Zurich	Sturgis, SD	8:00 am	Boand

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



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