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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



As our year comes to a close, it is important we reflect on the many things that make the Top Cats of Illinois such a great club to have and be in. Our achievements represent what a group of quality individuals we are. Each year the club just keeps getting better and better.

In 2017, we had 34 activities consisting of single day, weekend, multi day and multi-multi day rides. We cooked chili, shot guns, rode to other club charity rides, ate Tacos together, ate a BBQ while viewing hot rods and classic cars, hosted a tremendous charity ride, rode to Sturgis, toured a Frank Lloyd Wright designed company facility and more. We road "Rocky Roads" to go "Around The Lake" and to "The Edge".

All of our achievements are due to the great members that comprise our club. Veterans of the club like Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick, Ric Case, Emil Kornecki, Greg and Jane Smith as well as us "newbies" like Jim and Lisa Purcell, Gene and Noelle Rigsby are just a few of the high caliber of members that our club possesses. Without these and many other members too numerous

to mention, our club would not exist. Their tireless efforts to support our club plus engage and participate with all of us make it a delight to be called Top Cats. At Top Cats we have special bonds because we are not just motorcycle riders but also friends too.

The nominees and incumbent members who are looking to comprise 2018's Top Cat Board and Officers will ensure your club will be supported, lead well and continue to thrive.

We all make up the whole that exceeds the sum of the parts in defining our club. Top Cats of Illinois can be proud of our past accomplishments, our achievements in the year 2017 and going forward into the future.



I wish you all a very Happy Holidays and a Terrific New Year!

**Mike Bradbury**  
President,  
Top Cats  
of Illinois

*"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings."*

- Henry Ward Beecher

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### Upcoming Events

#### DECEMBER

- 3 TOYS WITH TED
- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 SHOOT OUT!
- 12 BOARD MEETING

#### JANUARY

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 BOARD MEETING
- 14 CHILI COOK OFF
- 20 SHOOT-OUT
- 28-GRASS

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 TC BANQUET

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





## KAUTION KORNER

### Have You Been Naughty or Nice This Year?

By: Ric "Clutch" Case, Senior Road Captain



This KK is full of questions that may help you develop that wish list to give to those interested in helping you prepare your motorcycle for the up and coming 2018 riding season. Remember a well maintained motorcycle is a safe motorcycle.

Because of the up-and-coming cold weather, this may be a good time to empty out your saddle bags and your tour pack (if you have one) and those storage pockets. Then inventory all of the items. Many may no longer be of use or value, such as all of those older versions of your Harley Davison Road Atlases, all those old expired registration forms. How about all those old expired insurance cards?

*And here is a list of questions that can help you to 'lighten the load' or 'ring in the new'!*

- ✦ How many kickstand pucks have you accumulated? Do you really need all of them?
- ✦ Do any of any of your additional gloves need attention?
- ✦ Do you have any expired or empty cleaning product containers that may need to be discarded.
- ✦ Are all of your service tools still in good working order such as that hand pump.

*Now let's inspect some of our riding gear.*

- ✦ Does your helmet have a liner in it? Can it be removed, laundered?
- ✦ Have you checked the age of your helmet? Is it due to be replaced?
- ✦ What about those riding boots? Are the soles still in good shape?
- ✦ Don't forget to check those chaps and riding jacket? Are they showing any sign of wear? Now might be a good time to dress any and all of your leather product.
- ✦ Do you have enough leather dressing? (Good stocking stuffer).



*Now let's do a thorough going over of your motorcycle.*

- ✦ Do either of the tires need to be replaced? Check tread depth. Check for dry rot. Are there any slow air leaks? What about the brake pads? Try to co-ordinate replacing pads at the same time you replace either or both tires. You should experience some labor cost savings.
- ✦ Clean the motorcycle before it's put away for the rest of the winter.
- ✦ Don't forget to stabilize or C-foam your full tank of gasoline.  
Do you need to check to make sure all the lights are working properly?
- ✦ Do those shocks need to be replaced, need oil, or air?
- ✦ Let's not forget to check for fluid leaks.  
A trickle charger with a overcharge override is a good idea. (Another good gift idea).

These are just some of the items that you can work on over the next several months as the weather gets colder and nastier.

Whatever your Christmas wish list **does not** produce, you can still add them to your list and shop for savings as winter specials materialize.

*Here is hoping you enjoy the Holidays!*





*Wishing You and Yours the VERY BEST  
In this Holiday Season!*

*May your days be Merry and Bright!*

*And*

*May 2018 bring us many good days to RIDE with our  
Top Cats Family!*





## V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigby

## This Year is Not Over Yet!!!



Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you are taking advantage of the remaining mild weather while it last. If not yet, we have one last opportunity to get in some group riding this season.

Ted Makarewicz is putting on a ride called "Toys with Ted, the Abbreviated Chicago Version".

This is an abbreviated version of the FULL Toys for tots ride, where we will go for breakfast at Ted's favorite Polish restaurant named

"Podhalanka" located at 1549 W. Division Street.

The food is all homemade from the soups to the sausage. Breakfast is about an hour or an hour and a half.



When finished, we proceed west on Division until we get to Western Avenue, where we would join the parade. On Western Avenue we continue to Lane Tech which is just past Belmont which is the terminus of the ride. We deposit our toys and take some picture and call it a day.

The ride is just long enough to get a flavor of the event without the early start. We should be done by 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. the latest.

Ted would like for everyone to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot across the street from the Copernicus Foundation located on Lawrence Avenue just off the Kennedy Expressway. Coming from the north on the Kennedy, you would exit at Lawrence and make a right going west on Lawrence. The Copernicus Foundation is immediately on your right and the parking lot is across the street.

Please send your RSVP by Thursday, November 30, 2017 to Ted's cell phone at 845-456-0717 or email [hogski@hotmail.com](mailto:hogski@hotmail.com).

Though this is the last ride for the season, it is not the last opportunity to meet up with your Top Cat family. There are a couple range days ahead to look forward to as well we are currently working on another chili cook-off. And, there will be other events like a matinee or 2, motorcycle show and our annual award banquet.

At the close of the year I would like to say have a Merry Christmas, great New Year and wonderful holiday season. Take care of yourself and each other, have a great month and plan to meet up at the December meeting!!!

*Looking forward to seeing you there.... Gene "Lucky" Rigby*





## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Federal Highway Administration Motorcyclist Advisory Council

The Federal Highway Administration has appointed 10 members to the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, which will advise the agency director on infrastructure issues affecting motorcycle riders. Mike Sayre, AMA government relations manager for on-highway issues, has been named chair of the council.



"This is an important step toward ensuring that motorcyclists are deeply involved in the planning and implementation of infrastructure changes and improvements and that motorcycles are considered at

all stages, especially with regard to emerging technologies," said AMA president and CEO Rob Dingman. "We are elated that our own Mike Sayre is chairing this group. The Motorcyclist Advisory Council can become a powerful mechanism for promoting motorcycle safety."

The first MAC meeting is Dec. 5 at the National Highway Institute in Arlington, Va. The council was authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, passed in 2015.

The council's task is to coordinate with and advise the agency on such concerns as barrier design; road design, construction and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technology.

Duties of the council include advising the FHWA on how to improve roadways for motorcyclists and providing a forum for developing and communicating information from an independent perspective.

### BMW Motorrad: Motorcycle revenue up 14 percent

BMW Motorrad announced its third quarter results, including the highest recorded delivery volume figure to date in the motorcycle segment.



The motorcycles segment performed well in the third quarter. Deliveries to customers in the period from July to September rose by 11.7 percent to 39,429 units (2016: 35,290 units).

During the first nine months of the year, a total of 127,818 BMW motorcycles and maxi-scooters were delivered to customers (2016: 116,044 units; +10.1 percent). Revenues grew by 11.1 percent to € 1,833 million (2016: € 1,650 million). Profit before financial result improved significantly, rising by 25.9 percent to € 282 million (2016: € 224 million).

The segment EBIT margin came in at 15.4 percent (2016: 13.6 percent). Profit before tax increased to € 281 million (2016: € 223 million; +26.0 percent).

### Indian Motorcycle issues recall due to crash risk

#### **NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V682000**

Indian Motorcycle announced a recall of 11 models and approximately 2,096 motorcycles when it was found that an



incorrect headlight was installed. The light output from the incorrect headlight can affect the motorcycle's visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

This recall affects certain 2017-2018 Chief, Chief Classic, Chief Dark Horse, Chief Vintage, Chieftain, Chieftain Classic, Chieftain Dark Horse, Chieftain Elite, Chieftain Limited, Springfield, and Springfield Dark Horse motorcycles. These motorcycles may be equipped with a European-market, not U.S.-market, halogen headlight assembly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the motorcycle and replace any incorrect headlight assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2017. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-17-03.

## [Vintage motorcycle auction site now live](#)

Motoauct.com is an auction site dedicated exclusively to vintage motorcycles. Founded by two vintage motorcycle enthusiasts who understand both auction platforms and the vintage motorcycle world, Motoauct.com is the first site of its kind.



Here's how Motoauct.com works: Users register with a credit card (eliminating people who think it's funny to bid on something and then not pay for it). Those who want to sell click the "Sell Your Bike" option and are provided with clear and easy instructions for posting photos, a thorough description and how to establish a realistic price/reserve. Your bike goes live shortly thereafter.

Auctions run for seven days. Communication between potential buyers and the seller is facilitated and encouraged. Once a successful bid is established, the buyer and seller are connected, and they work out payment and transport.

Auctions are interactive, and the social platforms on the site encourage membership and community.

You can opt to receive alerts for bids and comments or not, as you choose.



The only stipulation for bikes is that they be 25 years old or older. There is no proxy bidding allowed, and members of the Motoauct community will be able to vet bikes as they're posted. Insertion fees for sellers are \$98 a bike, and buyers pay a commission fee of 6 percent based on the final bid price of an item.



## [Deer Facts EVERY Rider Should Know](#)

Written by: Melissa Juranitch, MSF

When the leaves are changing, deer are more active. Here are five fast facts that you NEED to know as a motorcyclist on the road. Because deer collisions are so prevalent in Wisconsin, we are using Wisconsin Statistics and resources. Keep in mind that these tips can be used by anyone, anywhere!



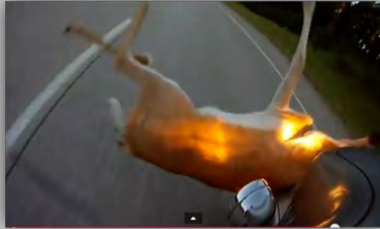
1. **October and November record the highest number of vehicle collisions with deer.**

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## Oil Spots, Continued



**2.**  
**Over 90 percent of collisions with deer happen at dusk & dawn, between 5-8 a.m. and 5-11 p.m.** According to the Skilled Motorcyclist Association (SMA).

ings — the Interceptor 650 and the Continental GT 650 Twin. Both feature the recently introduced 650 parallel twin engine.



The popular Himalayan model will be available to North American dealers in summer 2018. The Himalayan's 9-inch ground clearance ensures it can take on obstacles comfortably.

**3.**

Typically, the best course of action if a collision with a deer is imminent, is to **brake hard in a straight line and release before impact.** This slows your speed as much as possible while still maintaining useful momentum at the point of impact.



An optimal wheel size combination allows for better control while riding over rocks and ruts. The Himalayan is powered by an overhead camshaft engine platform that forms the base for its new long-stroke LS 410 engine.

The engine delivers high torque and usable power at lower RPMs to make for smooth riding in higher gears at lower speeds, making it easier to climb hills or maneuver through traffic. Modern design and materials translate to increased efficiency and low maintenance.

The Himalayan will be available in two colors - Graphite and Snow — and will retail for \$4,499 MSRP with a full range of motorcycle accessories.

**4.**

**Swerving usually doesn't work.** This is because deer react in a zigzag pattern, making them almost impossible to predict.



Reviving its rich twin heritage, Royal Enfield North America will be bringing twin action to North America via the Interceptor 650 and the Continental GT

**5.**

**Deer can look right through you.** Much like drivers, just because a deer looks at you does not mean it has seen you. Deer react more to proximity than noise, which is why they tend to jump out “at the last second.”



650 Twin.

The Interceptor 650 ushers in the idea of 1960s fun — with its classic teardrop-shaped fuel tank, quilted twin seat and distinctive wide-brace handlebars, the Interceptor 650 looks every bit the stunning roadster that it is.

The wide-braced handlebars offer comfortable ergonomics and a confident and commanding riding position, allowing the rider to make the most of the agile chassis. The motorcycle is equipped with classic 18-inch front and rear Pirelli tires and twin shock absorbers, along with front and rear disc brakes with ABS.

A ground clearance of 6.85 inches and a seat height of 31.5 inches ensure that the Interceptor 650 gives a superlative riding experience.

Also new to the Royal Enfield Interceptor 650 is the six-speed gearbox, especially developed for this motorcycle. The gearbox is augmented by its “slip/assist” clutch that facilitates easy riding in traffic —

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## [Royal Enfield Showcases Three New Motorcycles for North America](#)

Royal Enfield is gearing up for 2018 with the addition of three new models to its lineup of middle-weight motorcycles. The entries are led by the highly anticipated Himalayan model to the North America market.

The Himalayan is purpose-built for adventure — allowing for a less extreme and more accessible form of adventure touring. 2018 will also bring the company's newest offer-

## Oil Spots, Continued

This 'slip-clutch' is also a first for Royal Enfield.

Royal Enfield also showcased the ground-up, all-new Continental GT 650 Twin. The motorcycle retains its central cafe racer character while bringing in new engineering and design improvements. Like the Interceptor 650, the Continental GT 650 Twin sports disc brakes front and rear with ABS. The upswept exhaust and rear-set footrests give the motorcycle plenty of lean angle, essential for any true cafe racer. The single seat, sculpted tank and clip-on bars complete the authentic look.



The motorcycles are powered by the first modern Royal Enfield 650 Parallel twin engine. This new platform is a single overhead cam, 8-valve air/oil-cooled 648 cc parallel twin, producing 47 hp.



Both the Interceptor 650 and the Continental GT 650 Twin are targeted to be

available in the back half of 2018 in a variety of colors and two distinct styles — Standard and Retro Custom, with a target price of less than \$7,000.

## AMA defends motorcyclists against 'unlawful search and seizure'



The American Motorcyclist Association filed an amicus brief with the highest court in the land defending the rights of motorcyclists against unlawful search and seizure as protected by the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The amicus brief was filed in case No. 16-1027, Ryan Austin Collins v. Commonwealth of Virginia. The Supreme Court of Virginia ruled that, because Collins' vehicle was a motorcycle and not a car or truck, the officers who searched under Collins' motorcycle cover did not need a warrant to do so. The AMA's brief argues that the judgment of the lower court should be reversed.

AMA president and CEO Rob Dingman stated that the amicus brief points out an example of how motorcyclists' rights can be threatened at all levels and branches of government.

The brief points out that a motorcycle cover is commonly used to protect motorcycles from the elements, to provide privacy and to prevent theft. "By removing and looking beneath the cover of the motorcycle parked in the curtilage of the home, the police conducted a warrantless search in violation of the Fourth Amendment," the brief continues.



While the AMA's brief expresses no opinion regarding the petitioner's ultimate guilt or innocence of the alleged crime, it emphasizes that motorcycles should not be subjected to unreasonable searches and seizures. The consequences of the erosion of motorcyclists' protections under the Fourth Amendment would be severe.

## Indian's Stage 3 Big Bore Kit

Indian Motorcycle today announced the next evolution of its performance accessory offerings with the Thunder Stroke 116-Cubic-Inch Stage 3 Big Bore Kit. The Stage 3 Performance Kit is compatible for all Indian Motorcycle heavyweight models, powered by the Thunder Stroke 111 engine.



With the Indian 116-Cubic-Inch Stage 3 Big Bore Kit, riders will experience 15 percent increase of torque and a 20 percent increase in horsepower when compared to the stock Thunder Stroke 111.



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## Oil Spots, Contin-

Priced in the U.S. at \$1,999 plus installation, the new 116 Stage 3 Performance Kit will be available for order from dealers in December. Sr. Category Manager - Indian Motorcycle Accessories.

For more information about Indian Motorcycle and its complete line of accessories, visit [IndianMotorcycle.com](http://IndianMotorcycle.com).



## Ducati planning electric bike 2030

The Volkswagen Group has done everything short of sky-writing to promote its electric push. At last month's Frankfurt Motor Show, Volkswagen Group Chairman Matthias Mueller told his audience that every Group brand would have electric vehicles by 2030. With Italian motorcycle maker Ducati included — for now — among those brands, that suggests Italian engineers somewhere toying with a battery-powered, two-wheeled red-head.

Admittedly, the news here is the 2030 deadline, not the fact of an electric Ducati. Company CEO Claudio Domenicali's stock answer to the question of a juiced Duc is the same one we once heard from every major automaker: An electric Ducati will come, but the batteries aren't there yet.

At the reveal of the motorbike maker's new V4 engine in September, Domenicali said, "We will have an electrical engine before later."

So, VW, Domenicali, and the rest of us will watch while engineers convert their Ducatis to battery power. Mission Motors worked over a Multistrada almost 10 years ago. Zero Motors Thailand lashed up an electric Hypermotard in 2015.

Earlier this year, students from the Milano Scuola Design worked with Ducati on a school product, producing the Zero electric concept. Critical mass and the genuine,

in-house article will come for the rest of us by 2030.

## Vespa electrified Elettrica scooters will hit city streets (quietly) in 2018

Shown in concept form, the Vespa Elettrica scooter has reached production form. Piaggio, the company producing Vespa scooters, has announced the Elettrica will ship next year, and that it's good for a range of 100 kilometers or 62 miles. Crucially, though, there was not mention of a selling price.



A regular-issue, gasoline-powered Vespa from the cheaper end of the portfolio has a range of 174 miles, but thanks to the wonders of an electric motor, the silent Elettrica should be far perkier than the non-electric version.

Piaggio says the Elettrica delivers "continuous" power of 2 kilowatts, with peak power at 4 kilowatts. The Elettrica will charge fully in four hours, and the projected lifetime of its lithium-ion batteries is 10 years or roughly 40,000 miles. After 1,000 charge cycles the batteries' capacity will be down to 80 percent. A hybrid version called the Elettrica X will have double the range to more than 120 miles.

## Hold onto your ape hangers, American Chopper returns



*American Chopper* returns to the Discovery Channel in winter 2018. The reality show, which was set in a custom motorcycle shop, aired 223 episodes from 2002 to 2012.

Discovery tells us the reboot gets father and son together to "reclaim their preeminent

bike brands and — hopefully, rebuild some sort of relationship."

In early 2018 we'll discover if gold-studded tangerine gloss and 18-inch-wide rear tires can claw their way back into the public's love. Until then, we'll chuckle at one writer's sentiment about the show's return, "Great! Can't wait to watch it on my metal flake green TV, which by the way, leaks oil."





## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

### MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary



**President: Mike Bradbury**

7:30 pm - Meeting was called to order

The members were ask to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance

**Guests: Cheryl Lutz** – possible new member – Welcome !

**Birthdays: Mike Bradbury, Jim Purcell, Kathy Bradbury, Doug Jackson**

**Anniversary: Rich and Diana Lanute**

- ✦ **Jim Chavalier** and his son **Jeff** gave a big “thank you” to the Top Cats for their interest and concern for his full recovery after his accident in Utah. **Jim** explained in detail what had happened and the great work of the EMT’s and Doctors who helped him at and after this this serious accident.
- ✦ **Wayne Kirkpatrick, Mike Bradbury** – Jokes and Observations – Always something humorous or challenging to think about ??

#### Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ Two Shoot-outs planned for December 9<sup>th</sup>. and January 20<sup>th</sup>. contact Ric Case if you have interest in either date. Ric Case – 847-363-1542; riccasc@comcast.net
- ✦ Kaution Korner was presented by **Mike Bradbury**; “**Riding around trucks and buses.**” See detailed article presented by Mike in the November “Roar”.

#### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Upcoming elections – Wayne explained the eligibility requirements and nomination procedures for the upcoming election.
- ✦ Current openings to be voted on: Secretary & two Director positions.
- ✦ Nominations are due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Election to be held Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Mary K. – Director of Communications
- ✦ Emil K. – Director / Membership chairman
- ✦ Ron K. – Secretary and all around good guy

#### Charity : Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Reminder that the NISRA fashion show is coming up on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Top Cats have sponsored one full table for the event.
- ✦ NISRA 2017 donation will be announced at the upcoming Awards Banquet.
- ✦ 2018 charity ride is in the planning stage. Woodstock HD has set aside June 10<sup>th</sup>. as a possible date for our venue.
- ✦ Destination for this charity ride has yet to be decided – suggestions are welcome ! Volo Auto Museum a possibility.

**Treasury:** Noelle Rigsby was not present at this meeting

#### Activities / Awards: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ **See Calendar for details.**
- ✦ Winter time event suggestions – movies, dinners, motorcycle shows, comedy clubs; what can we do together as a group during the cold months ?

#### Website

- ✦ **Mary Kirkpatrick** has taken over the website management.
- ✦ Event photos are to be submitted to Mary K.
- ✦ Email submissions to be sent to Mary K. and also to Mike Bradbury.

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## 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 22d year and selecting the best possible candidates to run our Club consistent with our By Laws. Ideally, each of us will cast our vote to select or confirm candidates based on their proven performance, dedication, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.

When you find yourself faced with a selection decision, simply look at your choices and determine 1.) Who has the best interest of the Club at heart, 2.) Who has a proven record of dedication to the Club, 3.) Who has the experience for that particular position and, 4.) If all else is a tie, ask yourself who you see at every ride, every meeting, every committee activity, every Club event, and every charity ride. That should help you decide.

**NOMINATIONS.** We have a wealth of eligible candidates this year and we are very fortunate to have



each incumbent accept a nomination for another term. The positions up for election / reelection this year are:

Secretary  
Two Directors

Eligibility for nomination includes; dues paid, attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, service on the Board or on a committee. We ask that nominations be received by a serving Board member by 15 November 2017.

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.





Respectfully Submitted by:  
Mary Kirkpatrick, substituting for  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14TH, 2017

### President: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ Call Meeting to Order at 7:30
- ✦ Mike asked the board if a 7:00 pm start time would work for the group. All agreed that it would be nice to have the meeting end earlier.
- ✦ Mike discussed the possible 'off season' events that we could begin to plan. Ideas included:
  - ◊Reflections Dinner
  - ◊Governor's Supper Club
  - ◊Chili Cook-off
  - ◊Comedy Club – Comedy Improv Sports

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- 2018 Election updates:
  - ◊All positions have one candidate each.
  - ◊Nominations will close tomorrow
  - ◊If there are no other nominations, a voice-vote can be made at the December meeting.

### Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ The guests of the past year were discussed and their reactions were analyzed. The summary was that there can be no way to know why some do not return after an initial ride.
- ✦ Any new interest or potential candidates include Prinya Bu and Dr. Cheryl Lentz
- ✦ The list of paid members for the 2018 year was presented and discussed.

### Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- ✦ The list of paid members for the 2018 year was presented and discussed.
- ✦ Payees/Non-Renewing Members from 2017 Roster were identified.

### Activities: Gene Rigsby.

- ✦ Non-Riding Season activity development
- ✦ Any new ideas to promote club activity involvement should be directed to Gene.

### Secretary: Ron Kostus

- ✦ Ron was out of town for this meeting. Mary Kirkpatrick took notes for this meeting.

### Communications (ROAR/Website): Mary Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Website is in good standing. A few picture batches are missing, but they will be updated.
- ✦ Pictures and other information can be sent to Mary for uploading.
- ✦ Pictures, as the place holders, can be changed to reflect the most recent events.

- ✦ Mary will contact Roberta to find out how we can standardize the ID for each page to simplify the process of change.
- ✦ If Roberta brings up cost, Mary will ask for a written proposal and it will be presented to the board.
- ✦ **ROAR** - New ideas were discussed and a suggestion was made to use old ones for article submissions.

### Charity: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ June 10<sup>th</sup> charity event date confirmation
- ✦ Possibilities for this year's ride include a route that begins and ends at Woodstock or make Volo the end of the ride.
- ✦ Lisa will continue to do the research and keep the board informed.

### Safety Committee: Ric Case

- ✦ Senior Road Captain Meeting will be held at 600 Hart Rd, Barrington Il.
- ✦ Gene submitted the Road Captain Report for Ted Makarewitz and he will be given his RC tab at the next meeting.
- ✦ 2018 G.R.A.S.S. classes are being scheduled along with a new venue for the classes.

**Closing was made by Mike Bradbury at 8:45.**

### General Meeting, Continued

### Products: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Lisa suggested that for the 2018 season we develop a new type of order form for TC products.
- ✦ Possibly an internet based order form or ?
- ✦ Further formats to be discussed.

### **50/50 Raffle**

I believe **Ric Case has won again !!!** He donated his winnings to the club charity fund.

**Meeting adjourned by Mike Bradbury at 8:32**





## Top Cats

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*The best way to ensure good quality at fair prices!*

### 1996 HARLEY DAVIDSON FXDL LOW RIDER

**Meticulously maintained**  
**and very reliable.**

1340cc. Clean and fast. 34,000 miles. Custom saddlebags, windscreen, passenger seat and backrest. Ready to roll. \$4,800.

Contact Traveler: [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@aol.com)



### 2001 HARLEY DAVIDSON FXDL LOW RIDER

**Literally new**  
**and extremely clean.**

Twin Cam 88, 5,000 miles, Badlander seat or custom Mustang solo seat, windscreen, forward controls, good tires, recently serviced. Low seat height, good highway cruiser or starter bike. \$6,000.

Contact Traveler: [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@aol.com)



## December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for December!

The birthday list has been lost... Please send your special dates to Mary Kirkpatrick, so that we can recognize them and celebrate with you!



## Top Cats Buy, Sell, Trade....

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Sunday, December 3rd	Toys with Ted	Podhalanka -1549 W Division Street	Toys for Tots	9:00 am	Makarewicz
Tuesday, December 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30pm	Bradbury
Saturday, December 9th	Shoot –Out	On Target	Crystal Lake	TBD	Case
Tuesday, December 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, January 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, January 7th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30pm	Bradbury
Sunday, January 14th	Chili Cook-Off	McHenry	McH H-D	11:30am	L. Purcell
Saturday, January 20th	Shoot –Out	On Target	Crystal Lake	TBD	Case
Sunday, January 28th	GRASS	Keller-Williams	Barrington	7:30 am	Case
Saturday, February 3rd	TC Banquet	Onion Pub	Barrington	5:00 pm	Rigsby

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