



ROAR

The Official Publication of the TOP CATS OF ILLINOIS

PRESIDENT'S & VP'S PERSPECTIVE



I have been a member of Top Cats for 13 years and must say, the Top Cats – Illinois is one of the best if not THE best motorcycle club in our area! And why is that so? Because of the many things the club offers.

We have the best safety program, the Group Riding and Safety Seminar which is a modularized system held in high esteem in the motorcycling community. Other clubs are annually asking us if they can attend it and some of them have used our system as their own. We freely share it with other clubs, not only to be generous, but more importantly to spread riding safety. If others can be safer when group riding we all are safer. Safe riding behavior is infectious and can lead to years and years of safe, healthy riding.

Your road captains met on Sunday, 01/28 and reviewed the G.R.A.S.S. material with the intent to question, include new and approve it. We discussed and modified some RC recommendations, discussed ride conditions to re-consider and re-confirmed our commitment to creating and doing safe, interesting and fun rides for all Top Cats to enjoy. As ride leaders, this crew exemplifies all of our club member's great qualities of leadership, involvement, generosity and hard work all to effect enjoyable rides for us members. They all deserve our praise and support. The best way to support our Road Captains is by attending rides!

Our rides are scenic, interesting, entertaining and organized. They consist of day, weekend and multi-day rides of all types and varieties. They are led by competent, proficient Road Captains who work hard to show everyone the best of the best with tried and true motorcycle friendly routes.

Top Cats of Illinois works hard to give back to the community too. The Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association also known as N.I.S.R.A., has been our charity for 23 years. Our club has tirelessly and generously worked to support this worthy charity whose beneficiaries are located in 13 communities around our demographic center of Barrington. With our member's support and efforts, we have contributed over \$270, 000 and, going forward, expect to continue to grow this tradition. This year we will ride to the Volo Auto Museum, who has also partnered with us to support NISRA. It looks like it will be a wonderful ride and another Great Top Cat Memory.

Top Cats of Illinois is a respected member of the motorcycle community. We have built a solid reputation as a friendly club willing to support its members and to be a good representative of lawful, safe motorcycling.

All of these things are great but they are not the most important reason we are the best club around. Our people are what make us so great. Our members are friendly and embracing. The general meeting is planned with fun and filled with wonderful comradeship, companionship and stories; oh the stories! I implore all our members to join in on the monthly fun. Our meetings are the place to make your opinions known and to collaborate on our adventures together.

2017 is the year for all of us to be involved and show up. Ride the rides, contribute to support your charities, come to our social gatherings, take a G.R.A.S.S. class to refresh your skillset and be involved. If you do these things, I think you would agree, Top Cats of Illinois is the best club to be in!

*Michael 'Motorcycle' Bradbury
President Top Cats of Illinois*

February, 2018

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 3 AWARDS BANQUET
- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BREAKFAST & THE IMS
- 13 —BOARD MEETING

MARCH

- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 BOARD MEETING

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





KAUTION KORNER

Winter Riding!

By: Bard Boand



In 2006, Kathy and I, along with the Globeriders, spent 3 months riding around the world. 31 days of which were across Siberian Russia where every morning it was well below freezing. Here are a few tips researched before the trip and learned along the way. I have continued to learn how to ride in these conditions and have used these strategies ever since.

Motorcycle Prep:

- ✦ If bike is water-cooled, check anti-freeze with a hydrometer to insure protection below 0 degrees F.
- ✦ Have a good windscreen, and hand guards are especially nice...like most BMW GS models have. Extremities like your fingers are the first to freeze.
- ✦ Tire pressure drops in cold weather, rises in hot weather, check it before you leave.

Clothing:

- ✦ Layer your clothing.....long underwear, warm shirt, warm riding jacket. Micro-fiber synthetic underwear is best as it isolates and wicks away moisture, and breaths.
- ✦ LD Comfort is what I wear, www.ldcomfort.com, Patagonia is also good. Large outfitters like Erewhon Mountain Outfitters in the Deer Park Shopping Center in Kildeer, IL. Has several types of warm undergarments. Socks...."smart wool" socks are the best, along with waterproof boots.
- ✦ High top neck collars are a must too, and of course, warm winter riding gloves.
- ✦ FYI...after 31 days in Siberian Russia, Mr. Gerbing of www.gerbing.com became my hero for life. His electric heated
- ✦ jacket liner and gloves complete with thermostat made riding in below freezing Siberian weather feel like summer time in Arizona. * Caution with any electrically heated riding gear....they soak up a lot of voltage, and periods of low RPM idling or driving can drain your battery dead in no time. Always check the voltage draw of each piece of heated clothing, add them together and compare to the voltage output of your bikes alternator. Add a few volts for a margin of safety.

Tires:

- ✦ Not only does air pressure drop in cold weather, and increases in hot weather, tire adhesion and

traction is similarly

- ✦ effected. Cold tires do NOT grip nearly as well as warm tires. Remember this when braking and cornering.

Road Conditions: Things to keep in mind when facing snowy conditions.

- ✦ Dried salt is like [sand....!@#\\$%^&*\(\)](#)
- ✦ Watch out for black ice which forms when the temp changes quickly.
- ✦ And do you know what snow plows and their heavy trucks do to pavement? Watch out for those cracks and holes!
- ✦ Combine this with the ever expanding and contracting pavement cause by freezing and thawing and you'll understand why Chicagoland is the pothole capital of the world.
- ✦ Due to this, increase the distance and visibility. Consider using as much as double the distance, so you can scan ahead looking for hazards. Also, remember that your reaction time is slowed by cold weather, and cold brakes and tires don't work as well or as fast.

EAT and Hydrate:

- ✦ We don't feel thirsty when it's cold, but make sure to drink liquids high in nutrition and antioxidants, as dehydration leads to fatigue. Coffee and alcohol may make you feel warm, but they both increase the blood flow causing faster loss of body heat.
- ✦ Food....carbohydrates, fruit, soup, ginger and spicy foods are good. Hot foods may make you feel warm, but a piece of fruit and be just as effective

Have motorcycle specific towing service, such as AMA, HD, or Road America

Don't be a dummy and take off into a forecasted snow storm. If caught in one, GO HOME immediately or stop and check into a hotel and call someone with a trailer.

If you don't listen to any of the above...move to a warmer climate. Not Arizona though..too many damn people here already!



Road Captain Annual Meeting By: Ric 'Clutch'



Road Captain Senior Road Captain Meeting Status Report

Road captain is the name for the rider who coordinates a multiple-bike ride. Road captain can refer to both the leader and the sweepers who, among their other duties, check that other riders are safe.

Quote from: It Still Runs!

On Sunday January 28th, 2018, the Road Captains and Senior Road Captains met for our annual review of the GRASS presentation, Road Captain, and Senior Road Captain criteria.

The first order of business was the presentation and review of the GRASS class, looking for any needed revisions. All five modules were presented. Group Riding and Hand Signals by Wayne, Day of the ride by Mike, Co-riders by Mary, Accident Scene Management by Gene and Road Captain Planning course by Ric. A few revisions were suggested to update pictures with current members and some grammatical fixes.

Next Road Captains created a list of rides and potential rides for the 2018 riding season. Approximately fourteen potential rides were suggested. There is plenty of room on the calendar for additional rides so please feel free to bring suggestions to any of the ten (10) RC/SRCs.

After that activity, the group reviewed and discussed changes to

- ✦ requirements to become a RC,
- ✦ requirements to retain your RC rocker,
- ✦ requirements to be nominated as a Senior RC and
- ✦ requirements to retained your SRC.

All agreed that no changes are needed, so they will remain the same.

The last topic for discussion was what constitutes

a certified Top Cats Ride. The final variables are:

It must be planned and ridden by a Top Cats RC, potential RC, or a SRC. Points will be awarded when the RC ride criteria with a list of those attending has been submitted to the GRASS committee administrator (currently Don De Lordo) and

to the record keeper (currently Jane Smith) within one(1) week after the end of the ride.

The Mentor will be expected to submit their report to the administrator within two weeks after the end of Ride.

After these reports are completed and submitted. Points will be awarded. One (1) point for a ride of 50 miles or more up to two hundred miles in a day. Two points for a ride in excess of 200 miles in a day.

Awards will be presented to RC/SRCs as follows:

- ✦ 5 points a bronze star
- ✦ 10 points a silver star
- ✦ 20 points a gold star
- ✦ 40 points an in-search of excellence gold star
- ✦ 80 points superior achievement gold star
- ✦ 160 points and above and beyond gold star

Because of the many crossover members between Top Cats and Rolling Thunder, there was a discussion held to clarify the lines between the Road Captains. The Road Captains will get credit ONLY in the club that is legally responsible for the ride. This is an important clarification because other clubs do not use the same requirements for their Road Captains. If Top Cats Road Captains lead rides for other clubs, they will NOT be given points toward the Top Cats Mentor totals.

The Senior Road Captains met separately, but no names for new SRCs were presented. See a Road Captain if you would like to know how to join a very great group of ride leaders!





VP's Vision

By: Top Cat's VP: Gene Rigsby



1st Place!

Hello Top Cats!! I hope your 2018 is off to a great start!!

Actually, 2018 is off with a bang!! The second annual Chili cookoff was

held in January. What a great annual event this is becoming.

nounce that Jim Purcell has graciously excepted the post of Activities Chair. He will be your point of contact for everything activity related. With help from the event organizer, he will be arranging the event ballasts detail and timing and posting event information on the calendar as well as reviewing events during the general meetings. Please tell him thanks for volunteering and let him know if there is an activity suggestion you have.

And a big activity reminder... for the Top Cats charity event. The 22nd annual Ride For Dreams which is June 10th this year. Save the date and participate. As usual, the charity committee was looking for exciting locations and activities to combine with our event to make it stand out against the other rides and this year Lisa Purcell was able to make a connection with the Volo Auto Museum. This is a great venue to have as an ending point for the ride as attendees will have

access to the museum which is included with their ride fee and NISRA participants will also receive an entrance ticket for each ticket we generate from our event. What a great opportunity for all.

Also, in January we had a club shootout and the RC G.R.A.S.S. class too. And right around the corner in February, we are having our annual award dinner, then the International Motorcycle Show is coming right after that. We will also plan a movie matinee and lunch for later in the February.

Well that's it for now. Make sure to look for blasts and check the calendar and get out to attend upcoming events, and wear your gear.

That's a lot of activity so far and we are not even through the first month of the year. And more over.... Not even into RIDING SEASON.... Woohoo.

For the riding season, as mentioned, we just had our Road Captain/Senior Road Captain GRASS class, which brought out a couple future RCs who already have rides ideas and are planning for an opportunity to lead their Top Cats family along to travel roads, visit places and sometimes meet people that are special to them.

Speaking of activities, I want to make sure to an-

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



Save the Date:

Top Cat's 22nd Annual Ride for Dreams Benefitting NISRA!
Northern Illinois Special Recreation



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Harley-Davidson Considering Bid to Buy Ducati



According to a recent [Reuters report](#), Harley-Davidson is considering making a bid to buy rival Ducati. The deal could be worth up to \$1.67 billion. The Italian motorcycle is being put on the market by owner Volkswagen..

Harley-Davidson has hired Goldman Sachs to work on the deal, one source said, adding tentative bids were expected in July. Volkswagen, whose Audi division controls Ducati is working with investment boutique Evercore on the sale which will help it fund an overhaul following its emissions scandal.

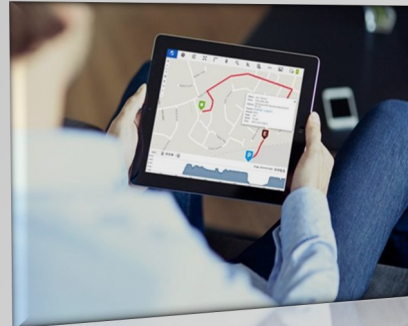
Harley-Davidson, which commands about half the U.S. big-bike market, has seen demand for its motorcycles continue to decline as its loyal baby boomer demographic ages and competitors such as Indian and Honda offer discounts.

Volkswagen's labor unions are opposed to selling the Italian company. "Ducati is a jewel, the sale of which is not supported by Volkswagen's labor representatives," a spokesman for VW group's works council said. "Harley-Davidson is miles behind Ducati in technology terms," he added.

In 2016, Ducati delivered 55,451 motorcycles to customers all over the world, an increase of 1.2% compared to 2015. The U.S. is Ducati's biggest market, with customers receiving a total of 8,787 new bikes in 2016.

GPS for tracking motorcycles in real time

DB1-Lite GPS tracker from Rewire Security is a real time



GPS tracking for motorbikes and cars. It comes ready to use and does not require any technical knowledge whatsoever. Once installed the DB1-Lite will automatically start reporting its position

to our cloud servers allowing the user to view the location of their motorbike using a PC, tablet or smartphone.

This device has the latest GNSS positioning system that combines GPS, GLONASS, AGPS and GALILEO satellite systems to deliver up to 1-2 meters accuracy anywhere in the world.

You can also monitor unauthorized movements of your motorcycle at any time using your smartphone.

The [GPSLive](#) website and mobile app allow users to locate their assets using a web-browser on any internet-enabled device. Manufactured in Europe, the device is suitable for installing in all vehicles where a live GPS tracking solution is required. It features a quad-band GPS chipset and built-in overvoltage protection. It's compatible with all voltage systems starting from 9v to 30v DC. GPS trackers track a bike's location and send alerts if it leaves a pre-designated area, and offer additional features like mileage analytics and crash alerts.

Harley-Davidson Unveils Eight New Models on Social Media

As part of the Harley-Davidson's plan to launch 100 high-impact



motorcycles by 2027, the company introduced eight new cruisers at its annual dealer meeting last night. Each model

has been redesigned from the ground-up and features the Milwaukee-Eight engine, all-new frame and advanced technology.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

To build excitement, the company partnered with celebrity and motorcycle enthusiasts around the world to be among the first to experience the new models. Each will reveal the new bikes to their fans with unboxing sessions across their social media channels. Check out #FreedomMachine to see who's involved and what happens next.

"The new Softail models are the result of the most extensive research and development program in the company's history," said Paul James, manager of product portfolio, Harley-Davidson. "Thousands of hours of testing were put into the complete redesign of these new cruisers. We focused on taking the total rider experience to a higher level, where authenticity, heritage and soul meet the modern edge of technology for a ride that must be felt to be believed."

The aggressively styled 2018 Softail models merge the hard-riding performance of the Dyna line with the custom look of the Softail line. With stiffer and significantly lighter frames to harness the torque of the new dual-counterbalanced Milwaukee-Eight 107 and 114 engines, each bike is faster, lighter and handles better than any Big Twin cruiser predecessor, according to the company.



improved electrical system charging, new instrumentation and fuel tanks.

The eight new Softail models include Fat Boy, Heritage Classic, Low Rider, Softail Slim, Deluxe, Breakout, Fat Bob and Street Bob.

BMW Motorrad USA Outperforms Industry in 2017, Still Down Slightly



BMW Motorrad reported sales of 13,546 motorcycles for 2017, down just 1.3% from the 13,730 motorcycles sold in 2016. However, despite the

slight downturn, BMW outpaced the rest of the motorcycle industry (which was down 3.2%) and its relevant competition (which was down 6.3%).

"We are proud to report these impressive results despite current market conditions," commented Michael Peyton, vice president, BMW Motorrad North America. "BMW Motorrad USA achieved all-time record sales in November, while December 2017 was our best December since 2004 and our fourth consecutive month of sales growth."



Sales of BMW motorcycles increased 37.3% in December 2017 (1,270 units) compared to December sales in 2016 (925 units), capping eight months of steady growth over the

previous year in BMW Motorrad's strongest export market. BMW Motorrad USA posted a 15% growth in sales from September through December compared to the same period in 2016 and showed a 27% growth in sales from November through December in 2017 compared to the previous year.

According to Peyton, strong year-end results were driven by the ever-popular BMW R 1200 GS Adventure, which accounted for 15% of December sales volume.

Harley Stops Counterfeiters with Injunction

According to a report from *World Intellectual Property Review*, Harley-Davidson has obtained a permanent injunction against a group of



counterfeiters allegedly running online e-commerce sites that sell fake goods. U.S. District Judge Ruben Castillo signed a final judgment order on December 20, after the defendants failed to answer Harley-Davidson's complaint.

As part of the order, the defendants were restrained from making or selling products featuring the Harley-Davidson trademarks and the online marketplaces were ordered to cease providing services for the defendants. Harley owns numerous registered trademarks in the U.S. including number the 'Harley-Davidson' name, first registered in 1949, and the skull logo used for "a full line of jewelry in class 14."

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Harley-Davidson dealership in Illinois sold

Harley-Davidson dealership broker George C. Chaconas of Performance Brokerage Services announced the sale of Nees Harley-Davidson in Galesburg, Illinois, from Phil Nees and Mike Nees to George Tragos. Tragos now owns three Harley-Davidson dealerships in Illinois.



The Nees duo established Nees Harley-Davidson in 2006, and in 2007, relocated it to its current location at 131 South Soangetaha.

Nees Harley-Davidson made for a great strategic acquisition for Tragos. He renamed the dealership Iron Eagle Harley-Davidson and expressed that he has big things planned for 2018.

The Quail Motorcycle Gathering To Honor Ness Family, Announces Special Classes



The Quail Motorcycle Gathering, presented by GEICO Motorcycle, has announced three special classes to celebrate its 10th Anniversary on May 5, 2018,

along with a host of activities for hardcore riders and casual bike fans alike.

The 10th annual show will feature new marques in addition to a host of classes for pre- and post-war motorcycles. Legendary customizer Arlen Ness, who is credited with helping create the chopper and show bike industry from his Northern California based Arlen Ness Enterprises, along with his son Cory Ness and grandson Zach Ness, will be honored and given their own class featuring wild and famous bikes from the Ness Museum.

"The Quail Motorcycle Gathering is proud to present these new special classes for our 2018 show," said Gordon McCall, director of motorsports for The Peninsula Signature Events. "We love the idea of featuring bikes that not only pay homage to the timeless purity of motorcycling

but also give insight into the future of the motorcycle industry. We are also thrilled to feature some of the wildest bikes ever built straight from the minds – and collection – of the Ness family, who are legends both in the bike world and here in Northern California."

Exploring the dichotomy between the art of craft showcased in hand-built bare bones custom bikes versus the technological revolution of the current era, a field of contemporary and classic Café Racers will be exhibited on the field alongside a new class of Electric Motorcycles.

As always, the show will take place on the pristine lawns of Quail Lodge & Golf Club. Featuring a variety of activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

5 motorcycle T-Shirts you won't be complete without

Let's face it, motorcycling is probably the best thing there is. We're not biased, it's just fact. Even those who put their bike up over winter needn't be walking around without letting everybody know they're awesome because they're into bikes.

So, here are 5 tees that will prove your brilliance...

Does your life revolve around bikes and bacon? Thought so, ours too



*Clearly
A shirt*

*For
Millennials!*



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Oil Spots, Continued



Philosophy to pass on to your grandchildren



Optional "Built in the forties..."

Harley-Davidson Snow Hill Climb to debut at X Games



Davidson Snow Hill Climb will make its debut at X Games Aspen as a medaled event alongside ski, snowboard and other action-sports competitions. The new medal sport closed out X Games Aspen 2018, which aired January 25-28 on ESPN and ABC.

In the Harley-Davidson Snow Hill Climb, riders will race modified twin-cylinder motorcycles up the flat bottom of the SuperPipe course. In each heat, riders will line up side-by-side at the start line at the base of the SuperPipe for a head-to-head race.

The first racer to ride the length of the SuperPipe and clear the finish line at the top will earn the "W." Each Harley-Davidson Snow Hill Climb race motorcycle consists of an extended swingarm widen frame and a high-torque, twin-cylinder motor.

"There's a story behind every mile you ride on your Harley-Davidson, and I'm honored to be one of the first to ride mine up the Snow Hill Climb during X Games 2018," said Josh Mueller, who'll be racing a modified Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle. "History will be made in Aspen, and every athlete will look on with envy as we race up the SuperPipe."

So...Who will be our Award Winners for 2018?

To find out, Attend the Banquet on Saturday, February 3rd, at the Onion Pub in Lake Barrington!



Could it be One of These Feisty Top Cats?



Or do we have some surprises in store?





Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2ND, 2018

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ 7:30 pm, Meeting called to order
- ✦ Welcome to our New Year
- ✦ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✦ Meeting Jokes – Mike B., Wayne K.



Past President : Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ "What did the Top cats do in 2017" ??
- ✦ Membership attended 17 meetings.
- ✦ TC hosted 12 events.
- ✦ TC held 22 rides.
- ✦ 60 total days of riding.
- ✦ 9,760 miles were ridden.
- ✦ Average daily ride was 162.66 miles
- ✦ Somebody told 39 stupid jokes ?

Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ 1/28 G.R.A.S.S. + Road Captain and Senior Road Captain meeting – Keller Williams, 600 Hart Road, Barrington.
- ✦ Kaution Korner presented by Wayne Kirkpatrick – see December Roar, detailed explanation of TC Safety committee roles.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ Non-riding season – interest is low currently.

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Detailed event plan presented for the June 10th. Charity ride was presented.
- ✦ Destination to be Volo Auto Museum.
- ✦ Next steps to be taken have been refined and will be carried out.
- ✦ Committee members roles have been defined and will be reviewed at the meeting after the Chili Cook Off.

Activities / Awards: Jim Purcell

- ✦ 1/14 - Chili Cook Off at McHenry Harley – Charity committee meeting to follow cook off and games. Cook Off details by Lisa Purcell.
- ✦ 1/27 - Shoot Off – On Target – See Ric C. for details.
- ✦ 2/3 - Awards banquet – Onion Brewery - Barrington
- ✦ 2/9 – 2/11 - Progressive 2018 Motorcycle Show – Donald Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont – Gene Rigsby to arrange breakfast stop prior to leading the group to the show. Details TBD.

Website: Mary Kirkpatrick

Continuing to update information from 2017.
Updating 2017 photos for website.

50 / 50 Raffle

Mary Kirkpatrick the winner; donated back to club charity.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:45 Mike Bradbury



February
Anniversaries!

February 2nd
Jim and Lisa Purcell

Happy Days to our Top Cats
Celebrities for February
Let us know your special dates ,
so that we can celebrate with you!



ROAR



A Warm Start to the New Year...
Lots of HEAT in this CHILI Cook Off!



With great leadership from Lisa Purcell, This year's 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off was SMOKIN'!



First Place Winner was Diana Lanute with her GAGABOOMSKI Chili!

Between bites and yummy noises, people could be heard planning how to get seconds!

The English Toffee Crunch Bars also topped the Desert list.
Thank you Vita Kostus!!



Overall, there was fun, food and a game of finance... RLC!
Jane Smith came out the winner on that one, which made Greg happy too!

A great time was had by all and the pictures are worth 1000 words!

Enjoy!



The
Maker of
Fun!

Can't you
just hear
the
YUMMM?





A Warm Start to the New Year...
Lots of HEAT in this CHILI Cook Off!



Contestants
are filling the
kitchen with
spice!



The
Wiseman
is learn-
ing how
to vote!



Mouths
are
watering
already!



Cindy is
passing off
a good
luck hug!

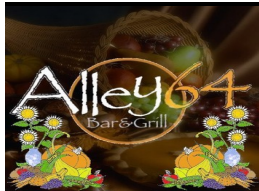


The Visior,
Emil
Kornecki is
trying to shift
the winnings
with his mind!



Waiting
for the
good stuff
to heat
up!

There will be a 3rd Annual
next January....
Start testing your recipes
now!
And... Lets get ready for
a great 2018 by making
memories at the Awards
Banquet. February 3rd
Onion Pub!!!



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9TH, 2018

Vice President: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm
- ✦ Jokes by anyone who wished to tell some.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Wayne mentioned our upcoming insurance statement and tax commitment.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ The board reviewed the membership policies, procedures and process for approval.
- ✦ Emil K. suggested that all original applications be sent back to him after approval.

Safety Committee: Ric Case

G.R.A.S.S.

- ✦ 1/28/18 – Road captain committee meeting + potential RC meeting – Keller Williams
- ✦ 3/18/18 – GRASS class open to the public – Wauconda – American Legion

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- ✦ Noelle R. presented current account balances for the general and charity fund.

Activities: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ Non-Riding Season activity developments:
- ✦ Jan. 14th. Chili cookoff – 11am. McHenry Harley Davidson – Lisa P. has purchased prizes; budget has been met.
- ✦ Jan. 27th. Shoot off – On Target, Crystal Lake – contact Ric C.
- ✦ Jan. 28th. Senior Road Captain and new candidate class – Ric C.
- ✦ Feb. 3rd. Awards banquet – Onion Pub and Brewery – Barrington. \$30.00 / person / guest. Feb. 11th. International Motorcycle Show; Gene R. to host, breakfast prior.

Secretary: Ron Kostus

- ✦ Ron K. was asked for his “Words of Wisdom” for the month
- ✦ Ron K. suggested the board look at MC Rider on YouTube; short programs to help you improve your riding techniques which we could

watch on the meeting room TV.

- ✦ Have short demonstrations at meetings-“ how to check your tire wear correctly “,etc.
- ✦ Meeting format to include “old business” and “ new business” to help get more people involved at the meetings.
- ✦ Try to limit “old business” and get on to new interesting topics. Invite the membership “In”.

Communication: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ✦ May K. reported that work continues on improving the “Roar”, documentation and photo files.
- ✦ Ric C. suggested that each Road captain prepare an article for “The Roar” in the upcoming year.

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Charity committee meeting scheduled for Jan.14th. after cookoff
- ✦ Event to originate from Woodstock Harley Davidson and terminate at the Volo Auto Museum
- ✦ June 10th. is the confirmed date.
- ✦ Lisa P. presented a highly detailed report of each committee’s roles and responsibilities.

Closing: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm.

Top Cats Banquet and Awards!

Saturday, February 3rd, 6pm

Onion Pub, Lake Barrington!





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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



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



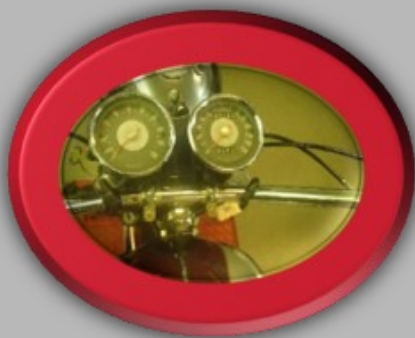


Top Cats Buy, Sell, Trade....

The best way to ensure good quality at fair prices!

1970 Triumph Bonneville T120R

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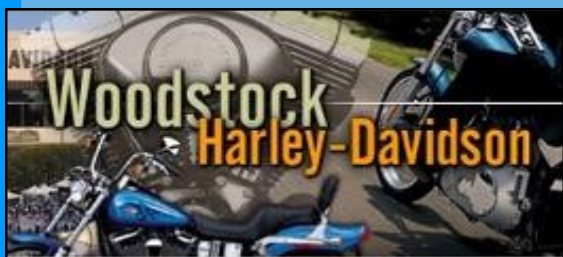
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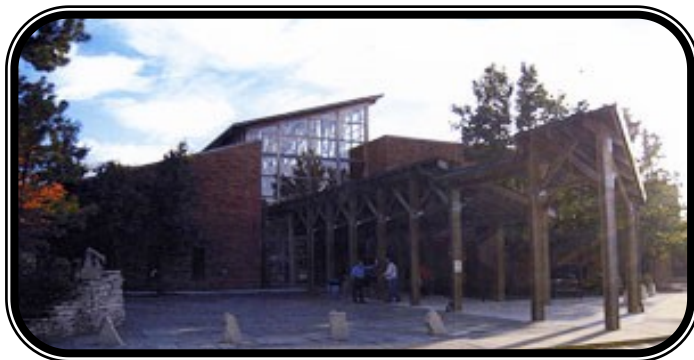
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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, February 3rd	Awards Banquet	Barrington	Onion Pub		G Rigsby
Tuesday, February 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, February 11th	International Motorcycle Show	Chicago	Stevens Convention Center	8:00 am Breakfast	Rigsby
Tuesday, February 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
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