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- 8 BOARD MEETING
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- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 RIDE FOR DREAMS

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



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

And Now a Word from your President...

In my opinion, the 2018 riding season has already started. I know for some it may have started before when temperatures were more "South" than "North" or lower rather than higher in comfort levels. And precipitation and gray days were prevalent vs. the now more sunny weather typically associated with this time of the year in Chicagoland. And all this means now it's time to have fun riding our motorcycles!



And fun was had at our Kick Off Ride, held on Sunday, 04/29. A collection of kitties had a 200 mile riding day. A

brunch and ice cream helped too. I guess it was fairly successful because we returned with the same number of bikes as we left with. It sure doesn't get any better than a nice ride with good people and friends.



long standing charity, N.I.S.R.A. will be a destination ride to Volo Auto Museum. To kick it up a notch, the charity committee is putting on a bike show with neat trophies for the 1st and 2nd place winners. Dust off your vintage, antique, custom and otherwise wonderful rides and bring them to the event. Pass the word to other bikers to spend their day with the Top Cats having a good time and supporting our charity.



And a shout out to our Road Captains to please, please, please create one ride each and add it to our calendar. In order to have club group rides, Top Cats needs your support! IF all Road Captains led 1 ride each and with support of the weather god, we will be well on our way to have a great year riding our motorcycles together.

Sincerely,
Mike Bradbury

"To ride or not to ride, that's a stupid question!"

~ Anonymous



KAUTION KORNER

Bikers...

Start Your Engines!

After the checklist is complete!

By: Don DeLordo, Road Captain



The riding season is finally here! I had to get the cleaning supplies including bug removers out to the front of the shelf. These are all good signs of great riding. Like they Say..."Live to Ride, Ride to live".

I have been watching the RC Rider clips on YouTube, ever since Gene brought them to the meeting. They are great Safety videos and it prepares you before getting out there. As we all know SAFETY is the foundation of Top Cat's, and it is addressed in our GRASS classes, in our Pre-Ride Briefings and in Every edition of our ROAR, right here in the Kaution Korner.

You're ready to ride but how about your bike? Don't forget that your motorcycle needs some TLC before you jump on the bike and ride.

The easiest way to winterize and de-winterize your ride is to have it stored over the winter at your favorite dealer! No need to worry about changing the oil, charging the battery, etc., since they do it all for you...All you have to do is give the service department a call and let them know when you would like to pick up your ride... Many of the dealers ask for a 2 week target date so they are not rushed and may overlook something. No hassles, and you start off the season right.

However, if you are like many of us who store the bike(s) in our garage, you need to take some time and familiarize yourself with the steps to insure a safe startup. I like to get out the owner's manual and follow the steps recommended by your bikes manufacturer. The AMA also makes reference to "TCLOCK"

TIRES & WHEELS – How is the tread? Use a penny for a helpful gauge...put Lincoln on his head in the tread. If you see the top of his head, it's time to replace the tire. Don't forget to check the pressure and the wheels too. It is normal to lose some pressure in the winter.

CONTROLS – Check all levers, cables and throttle to insure they function smoothly.

LIGHTS – Check your turn signals, brake and wiring. If your ride is an older model and the headlamp or highway

lights are foggy, this will reduce your visibility. You might consider replacing them or updating to LED's. You won't be disappointed with your investment.

OIL – Check under the bike and around the frame for any leaks or oil build up. Check all the fluids: Oil, brake, and primary.

CHASSIS – Check the bike frame and suspension (shocks & forks) for any leaks. This is a great time to also check the belt (chain) for ware and tare. One thing I found last year was my exhaust crossover bracket had cracked and was making a banging noise. Who would have thought?

KICKSTAND – Check the condition and retention spring.

Now that you conducted these checks, it time to treat your bike to a SPA treatment with a great detailing including washing, waxing and treating the leather. This will help keep the finish showroom new. It's still cold out but in a month or so the sun will be scorching hot and the SPA treatment will help protect the finish and really make your routine clean up much easier.

The last recommendation I would like to make addresses your first aid kit, rain gear and where you carry them on your bike. First Aid Kit - Make sure your kit is complete and the expiration dates are all good for the whole season. If not replace them. Rain Gear – Make sure there are no rips or tears. Remember the first rain gears, they were black. If you are still using one of those, please get rid of it and get one with a reflective color. Your life depends on it! Where should you carry these items? If you have saddle bags, you might want to consider keeping them in the right side or the curb side. It is much safer if you need to make an emergency stop and you are not in the line of traffic.

The AMA recommend we perform TCLOCK before every ride. Before you head out for the first ride of the season, take a little extra time during your bikes de-winterization, and your riding season will be more enjoyable.





V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby

Spring is here....Maybe???



I hope you have enjoyed the 3 days of spring we recently had. We will now go directly to summer. 80 predicted for tomorrow.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my brother and sister Top Cats for the fruit basket that was sent after the passing of my mother. Moreover I would like to say thank you for the many kind words, warm thoughts and prayers that were given and surely felt. Yes, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We just had our kick-off ride this past Sunday. It was a bit cold starting out but the weather turned out great and the company was even better. A big thanks to our President Mike Bradbury and our Tail Gunner Rich Lanute.

Way too early on Saturday, but well worth it, Mike and I also pre-rode my Sunrise Ride planned for May 12th. The route looks great and with clear weather like it was on Saturday, it is a great opportunity to get a picture of you and your hardware with the one and only, globally recognizable Chicago skyline in the background. The extended forecast says It will be a chilly 41 starting off at 4:30a but it will warm up to a high of 61 with 1% change of precipitation. This is not a "regular" ride. Don't miss the opportunity.

Our calendar is pretty bare so far this year so, I have been trying unsuccessfully to organize a meeting with the RC committee to get more rides on the calendar. In lieu of a meeting, I will be reaching out real soon to the RCs and those who are planning to become RCs this year to get your ride ideas so starting getting the details together or reach out to me if you want the pick of dates before someone else takes them.

And as usual, don't forget to send Jim, our activities committee chair, or me a note if you have a ride or event idea that you would like to share with your Top Cats family.

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

Ride to the Lake Front to catch the sunrise,
head down Lake Shore Drive to
Walker Brothers and then Home!
Here are the details!

Meet: BP Gas Station on the NW Corner of
Rtes 21 and 176.
4AM for coffee and Briefing
KSU: 4:30 AM

Dress Accordingly for the weather!



May 12th
Sunrise Ride
and
Breakfast

Gene Rigsby



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Bi-wheel and bipartisan: The Senate Motorcycle Caucus



Just when you think that government is all messed up, meet U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Joni Ernst (R-IA). In April 2017, the pair formed the first-ever Senate Motorcycle Caucus with the ex-

press purpose of advocating for motorcyclists' safety, U.S. motorcycle manufacturing and industry, and educating federal lawmakers about the value of motorcycling as an efficient transportation solution. The senators will co-chair the caucus, an impressive bipartisan commitment to the motorcycling cause.

Senator Joni Ernst
Riders first, senators second

As lifelong motorcycle riders, it's a given that Senators Peters and Ernst know that motorcycles are

fun. So instead of focusing on the recreational aspects of bikes, the caucus is intended to educate Capitol Hill lawmakers about the value of motorcycling in America, and to seek to support it and protect it during the years ahead, which are projected to include the arrival of Level 4 auto-



mous vehicles (when the car completely drives itself in almost all conditions potentially without a steering wheel or pedals) by 2021.

Representing motorcycles

It's fair to ask what will happen to motorcycling if and when car traffic should largely become driverless. You can't, after all, expect to get on the back of a robotic motorcycle and just ride along while the machine does all the steering, braking, and leaning into turns. And even if you could, would you want to? Bikes are profoundly different than cars in this way, making autonomous transportation and motorcycles an odd pairing.



Motorcycle Caucus initiatives

Safety —

"Vehicle-to-vehicle communication, and the autonomous vehicle

world, is happening sooner than anyone thinks. I want to make sure that this new world will leave a place for traditional motorcycling."

Manufacturing — "We focus on U.S. manufacturing every day. However, the Senate Motorcycle Caucus broadens this to include a healthy motorcycle manufacturing ecosystem."

Infrastructure — "As autonomous vehicles arrive, the road infrastructure will also become smarter. Infrastructure-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-vehicle systems will develop to direct traffic, and the road will actually begin speaking with your car. But there will always be a place for old vehicles and motorcycles."

Efficiency — "Motorcycles are more energy-efficient than cars, and there is a place for electric-powered motorcycles to further improve this advantage. We also want to promote the mobility advantages motorcycle offer."

Celebrating 60 years of Harley-Davidson Sportsters

By the late-1950s, demand had grown in the American market for a middleweight motorcycle with outstanding capability and versatility. With British bikes surging in popularity, Harley-Davidson countered. For 1957 it offered the XL Sportster, which many consider the first superbike and finest street motorcycle ever built. In fact, the Sportster has been in constant production for 60 years, with six models in Harley's current lineup.

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The Sportster's introduction coincided with the appointment of new Vice President of Engineering William J. Harley, son of company co-founder William S. Harley. A University of Michigan engineering graduate, the

younger Harley had already served 23 years in the company and displayed the vision to move H-D into a new era.

Harley-Davidson had long made middleweight bikes, as exemplified by the 1929 D-series, which used a 742-cc flathead V-twin. The 1952 K-series had an advanced chassis and suspension but used an 888-cc flathead that struggled to match performance of British bikes' overhead-valve 650-cc parallel twins.

The K-series provided the basis for the Sportster, and the new bike brought with it a new overhead-valve engine. For \$1,103—a \$78 increase over the KH—the '57 Sportster flaunted a stripped-down look on a compact 57-inch wheelbase. It emphasized the new 45-degree V-twin. In a nice flourish, the Sportster name was embossed on the bottom case.



Cylinder barrels and heads of the new 883-cc twin were of cast iron, earning the nickname Ironhead. Bore and stroke were 3 x 3 3/16 inches. A single-lobe cam operated each valve. The compression ratio was 7.5:1. Kicking the twin to life with fire coming from an ignition magneto produced a husky bellow and 40 horsepower at 5,500 rpm. Weighing about 500 pounds, the Sportster joined the fray with Triumphs and Nortons. Around 2,000 were sold.

The next year, the Sportster lineup added models and potency. The XLH had a higher-compression engine, while the XLCH offered newfound potential in track and trials events. This "Competition Hot" model had staggered dual pipes, peanut tank, and bobbed rear fender. In 1959, it sold for \$1,285.

How formidable was the Sportster? *Cycle World* reported

122 mph as its top speed in 1962, but many wondered if that test was dubious. Nevertheless, the magazine concluded the XLCH "is clearly the fastest mass-produced motorcycle we have had."

1986 brought the new Evolution V-Twin engine to the Sportster lineup.

Even as the Japanese multi-cylinder revolution began, Sportster sales kept pace in the expanding market,

soaring to 8,500 units in 1970. Harley remained competitive on the track, and Evel Knievel soared from ramp to ramp on an XR 750, giving the brand a cool factor (until the daredevil and a couple of henchmen assaulted a promoter with a baseball bat). There was also a limited-run Confederate Edition, which today seems like a terrible idea. Even with the occasional flop, Harley began selling more than 20,000 Sportsters annually.



XLCH CAFE RACER

Harley took another risk in 1988 with the Sportster XLH 883 Hopper, a low-seat variant meant to entice new riders who may have previously been rear passengers. Today's Sportsters comprise six

models, ranging from the XL 1200T SuperLow touring bike to the XL 1200X Forty-Eight, which Harley calls an "urban brawler."

Entering its seventh decade, the Sportster appeals more than ever, and that just shows the soundness of the original superbike's formula.

American Pickers' top bikes: **Harley, Royal Pioneer, and Von Dutch**

Every collector has a personal Holy Grail. Few collectors seriously pursue theirs; fewer still actually find what they're looking for and have the financial means to purchase it.

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Oil Spots, Continued



In a recent best-of episode of *American Pickers*, however, Mike Wolfe defied the odds by scoring *two*. Let's look at

"Mike's Bikes," featuring Wolfe's top motorcycle and bicycle picks (including those two unicorns).

1910 Royal Pioneer

Wolfe and Fritz travel to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they meet a longtime motorcycle enthusiast who owns a 1911 Flying



Merkel and 1910 Harley-Davidson, both original right down to the paint. The fact that the bikes are in the guy's house is a pretty good sign that he is emotionally attached to both, and he confirms as much by placing stratospheric "not-for-sale" prices on both.

The owner explains that this particular motorcycle is one of four built for 1910, spared from a fire at the factory in late 1909 only because it was headed to the New York Motorcycle Show. Mike offers \$35,000; the owner wants \$60K. After both sides make counter offers, the deal stalls at \$55,000, and the *Pickers* depart.

Then Mike makes a call to "Jersey Jon" Szalay, an early-1900s motorcycle expert who calls the bike "the Holy Grail" (there's that term) and scolds the two for walking away from such a rare find.

"Go down there and get that bike before the guy changes his mind," Szalay tells them. "... or I'll go down there and buy it myself."

Wolfe heeds Jersey's advice and buys the bike. "Royal Pioneer (and) Mike Wolfe," he says, practically shouting. "Those two names go together now!"

1937 Harley-Davidson Knucklehead

Following a tip, Mike and Frank visit a collector in Kansas who is using a 1920s theatre to house an impressive array of cars, bikes, and memorabilia. Focus turns to a 1937 Harley-Davidson Knucklehead, which Wolfe says "is the

kind of bike that guys stay up at night dreaming about."

After consulting a friend, who confirms Mike's suspicions that some pieces aren't original to the bike—it has a 1938 fork and 1939 frame—Wolfe pays \$20,000 for it. Like the Pioneer, he says the bike is going into his personal collection.

1920s Harley-Davidson frame and 1900s Orient bicycle



Mike drools over an 1880s Columbia high-wheeler in New Hampshire and even takes it for a spin, but the owner deems it not for sale. All is not lost, however. He buys

the "carcass" of a Harley-Davidson JD and also purchases an early-1900s Orient bicycle.

1942 Harley-Davidson/Von Dutch XAVW

How big is Von Dutch? "If pinstripers had a Mount Rushmore, Von Dutch's face would be on it," Mike says. So scoring the Von Dutch XAVW is about as good it gets.



Von Dutch's 1966 creation features a Harley XA frame, Volkswagen engine, Honda 450 tank, and Moto Guzzi components. It carries Von Dutch pinstripes, of course, along with his name engraved on the side of the motor. The trail of ownership includes hot-rodder Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, another pinstriping legend and creator of the popular Rat Fink character.

"It's everything I love about old Harleys and Volkswagens rolled into one," Mike says of the bike, which he buys for \$21,000. "Right now I'm having an emotional love affair, and I'm not selling it." Five years later, Wolfe still owns it. It's his Holy Grail, after all. OK, his second Holy Grail.

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Oil Spots, Continued

April is National Motorcycle Safety Helmet Month



With April being Motorcycle Helmet Safety Month, it's a good time to check your helmets to make sure they are safe to use for the season ahead. It's also a good time to replace the ones that are unsafe.

Helmet Safety Tips:

- ★ -Did you know that a helmet should be replaced every 3-5 years even if it's not damaged? General wear and tear can cause materials to break down over time and cause the helmet to not fit as snug as it did in the beginning. Also, the sun's UV rays can cause damage over time to the shell materials that will compromise the helmet's safety aspects.
- ★ Any noticeable damage after an accident and the helmet should be replaced. Helmets that have been involved in a crash may have compressed the EPS liner and therefore will not absorb further damage. If you have dropped it and see scuff marks that go through the painted surface then it may also be a good idea to replace it.
- ★ – Helmet fit is critical to its ability to protect the rider. If the helmet moves around or slides back and forth it is a good idea to find a helmet that fits properly.



Today's helmets are put through more stringent testing procedures to pass certifications such as DOT, Snell or ECE. Have you heard about MIPS? MIPS stands for multi-directional impact protection system. This system reduces rotational forces to the brain from angled impacts by allowing the helmet to slide relative to the head. It provides a large area of coverage without worrying about sweat being absorbed or comfort.

Ducati to feature front and rear radar by 2020

Ducati has always been at the forefront regarding safety: the only motorcycle manufacturer world-wide to have a vehicle able to interact with the jacket-integrated D'air system (not yet available in North America), and the first company in the industry to equip a heritage/classic model, the Ducati Scrambler 1100, with the ABS Cornering system. This level of safety awareness, combined with the constant drive towards innovation, have led the Bologna-based manufacturer to define its safety strategy until 2025.



At the basis of this many-sided strategic plan is the implementation, in the short term, of ARAS (Advanced Rider Assistance Systems) on Ducati motorcycles. Advanced assistance systems increase rider safety

levels via a number of sensors, including radars.

Ducati started developing these systems as early as 2016, in conjunction with the Department of Electronics, Information and Bioengineering of the Politecnico di Milano University.

Again in 2017, the Italian manufacturers selected a primary technological partner to ensure system suitability for production – by completing the package with a second radar sensor positioned at the front. The purpose of this device will be to manage the adaptive cruise control, allowing a given distance (which can be set by the user) to be maintained from the vehicle in front, and warning the rider of any risks of distraction-related head-on collisions. All these systems, together with an advanced user interface designed to alert the rider to any existing dangers, will be available on one of the Ducati models coming in 2020.



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Oil Spots, Continued

The first actual step of this strategy called "Safety Road Map 2025" has already been implemented and includes the progressive extension of Bosch ABS Cornering to the whole product range. This system enhances active braking ensuring top-level safety. The more advanced Cornering version allows full braking grip control even when cornering, effectively ruling out the risk of falling during the delicate corner-entry phase.

Additionally, in 2014, Ducati introduced the only motorcycle in the world able to interact with the Airbag jacket, the Multistrada 1200 D|air. This system, now available on Ducati's Multistrada 1260 D|air, is designed to deploy in just 45 milliseconds (much faster than a stand-alone system), protecting both the rider's and passenger's exposed body parts by absorbing impact forces via an airbag expertly built into the rider's jacket by Dainese. The airbag is capable of split-second inflation before the rider and possibly passenger collide with the obstacle, and is intelligent enough to sense the difference between a potentially dangerous accident and a low-speed incident or a stationary motorcycle simply falling over.

Harley-Davidson scores its largest-ever trademark win



Harley-Davidson has secured a company-record \$19.2 million in statutory damages in a trademark

clash with t-shirt designer SunFrog, according to a report from the World Intellectual Property review.

Last May, Harley-Davidson accused SunFrog of selling counterfeit merchandise such as shirts, leggings and mugs. Michigan-based SunFrog operates a platform which designs and sells print-on-demand clothing products to consumers, who are invited to upload designs onto the website.

According to the claim, the online platform had infringed Harley-Davidson's 'Bar & Shield Logo', 'Willie G. Skull Logo' and 'Number 1 Logo' trademarks, and Harley-Davidson's copyright in the 'Willie G. Skull Logo'.



SunFrog was also accused of facilitating the advertisement and promotion of the products on social media sites by providing its sellers with sales-tracking tools and offering tutorials for social media marketing.

SIC training powersports technicians for the latest technology

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The technology in today's powersports equipment has taken great leaps in recent years, and Southeastern

Illinois College (SIC) in Harrisburg is training students who want to get in the business of keeping those machines in working order.



For students like Wyatt Hall those changes are what makes fun."I love learning new things, especially with engines," he

said, "It's something I've always enjoyed doing. My grandfather was a mechanic, my uncle is a mechanic, it kind of runs in the family.



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He said that need is about to get much worse because the average powersports technician ranges in age from 40 to over 50.

Hall says folks like him are eager to take their place when the time comes.

SIC has offered Powersports Technology as a certificate program, but this Fall will begin a full degree program for the growing industry.

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Oil Spots, Continued

Harley-Davidson releases first quarter financials

Harley-Davidson, Inc. today reported first quarter 2018 results and confirmed its 2018 outlook. The company also announced it is accelerating its strategy for growth, anchored by its objective to build the next generation of riders globally.

First Quarter 2018

- ✦ • EPS of \$1.03 (\$1.24 excluding manufacturing optimization costs)
- ✦ • Consolidated revenue up 2.7 percent
- ✦ • HDFS operating income up 20.8 percent, year-over-year credit losses down
- ✦ • Increased dividend 1.4 percent, repurchased 1.4 million shares
- ✦ • Growth in international retail sales
- ✦ • Manufacturing optimization initiative on-track
- ✦ • Confirmed full-year shipment guidance
- ✦ • Strategy enhancement and acceleration planned
- ✦ Harley-Davidson international retail motorcycle sales were up 0.2 percent in the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017 and U.S. retail sales were down 12.0 percent. Worldwide retail sales decreased 7.2 percent.

Strategy to Build Riders Globally

During the first quarter, the company continued progress on its 2027 objectives: build 2 million new riders in the

U.S., grow its international business to 50 percent of annual volume, launch 100 new high impact motorcycles and do so profitably and sustainably.



Considering prolonged softness in the U.S. industry and given what the company believes is untapped potential in international markets and in certain high-growth spaces globally, the company is crafting strategy accelerants to deliver significant value through 2022.

The company is currently refining its plans and this summer intends to reveal significant additional steps to improve performance and value creation through 2022.

Building Riders

As Harley-Davidson continues to make progress building the next generation of riders, the company increased its reach and impact during the first quarter through a wide range of efforts including:

- ✦ • Added to the long legacy of its Sportster motorcycle line with the introduction of the Iron 1200 and Forty-Eight Special models. The latest in a line of 100 high-impact motorcycles the company expects to introduce by 2027, these new Sportsters combine throwback styling trends from the custom-bike scene with the solid foundation of the Sportster platform and the punchy performance of the Evolution 1200 V-Twin engine. The U.S. MSRP of the new models start at \$9,999 and \$11,299 respectively.
- ✦ • Continued to grow the appeal of motorcycling by debuting Harley-Davidson Snow Hill Climb at X Games Aspen alongside ski, snowboard and other action sports competitions.
- ✦ • Increased brand access by adding new international dealers and new apparel and lifestyle boutiques in popular shopping areas in China and India.
- ✦ • Welcomed riders and non-riders to celebrate freedom as the company recognizes 115 years of continuous motorcycle manufacturing in 2018. Fans were invited to join the global freedom movement on social media using #HD115 and join celebrations in Prague in July and Milwaukee over Labor Day weekend.
- ✦ • Invested in a collaborative agreement with Alta Motors, an innovator in lightweight electric vehicles, supporting Harley-Davidson's commitment to lead in the electrification of the sport of motorcycling to reach new customers in new spaces.

Harley-Davidson Retail Motorcycle Sales

The U.S. 601+cc industry was down 11.1 percent in the first quarter compared to 2017. Harley-

Davidson's first quarter market share was 50.4 percent in the U.S. The 601+cc industry in Europe was down 7.3 percent in the first quarter compared to 2017. Harley-Davidson's first quarter market share was up 1.3 percentage points to 10.4 percent in Europe.



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2018 Outlook

The company continues to expect the following for the full-year 2018:

Motorcycle shipments to be approximately 231,000 to 236,000 motorcycles. In the second quarter, the company expects to ship approximately 67,500 to 72,500 motorcycles.

Operating margin as a percent of revenue to be approximately 9.5 to 10.5 percent including manufacturing optimization costs of \$120 million to \$140 million.

Capital expenditures of \$250 million to \$270 million including approximately \$50 million to support manufacturing optimization.

Effective tax rate of approximately 23.5 to 25.0 percent.

The company now expects Harley-Davidson Financial Services operating income to be flat to down modestly.

Indian 2018 model recall related to bike starting unexpectedly

The National High Traffic Safety Administration announced on April 19 that Indian Motorcycle Co. is recalling certain 2018 Indian Chief, Chief Classic, Chief Dark Horse, Chief Vintage, Chieftain, Chieftain Classic, Chieftain Dark Horse, Chieftain Elite, Chieftain Limited, Springfield, and Springfield Dark Horse motorcycles.



Corrosion may develop within the right combination switch, potentially resulting in the motorcycle starting without the user's intent if the key

fob is near the motorcycle and the required safety interlock conditions are met.

If the motorcycle starts unintentionally and is parked in an enclosed space, exposure to carbon monoxide may increase the risk of injury. The potential number of units affected is 3,341.

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will replace the

right-hand combination switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 19, 2018. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-18-04.

MotoChic debuts Moto Angels contest in celebration of International Female

Ride Day

In celebration of International Female Ride Day 2018, women's lifestyle brand MotoChic is debuting the Moto Angels Video Contest, in partnership with leading companies run by and for women who ride.

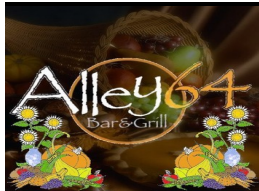


This year, International Female Ride Day is on May 5, 2018, and the Moto Angels Contest will run until May 7, 2018. The winner will receive a grand prize package of moto goodies worth over \$1,600.

The Moto Angels Grand Prize includes:

- ✦ MotoChic Lauren Sport Backpack, Antimicrobial T-Shirt, and Performance Socks with Compression
- ✦ Gigi Montrose Moto Couture Women's Motorcycle Jacket
- ✦ Gift Certificate for a Beginner or Intermediate Riding Class at Bay Area Motorcycle Training in California (travel & lodging not included)
- ✦ Biker Gear Club's "Gear Box for Her"
- ✦ Wind & Throttle \$150 Gift Certificate
- ✦ Plutonium MOTO Donna Reflective Shrug
- ✦ VnM Sport Women's Compression Top
- ✦ Modern Moto Magazine One-year Print Subscription (6 issues)
- ✦ Encourage your friends & followers to like and share your video
- ✦ The video that generates the most accumulated likes by May 7, 2018 will win the Moto Angels Grand Prize.

The Moto Angels Contest Grand Prize winner will be announced on May 14, 2018.



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES MARCH APRIL 3RD, 2018

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

7:03 pm, Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance

President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ 7:10 pm, Meeting called to order
- ✦ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✦ Guests introduction – Clyde bell & Annalise Hayes



Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ 3/18 G.R.A.S.S. public class being held at American legion Hall was well received with 33 attendees.
- ✦ Kaution Korner / “ A Great Find”- “ The Lazy Motorbike.EU” video series on the innerweb presented by Mary Kirkpatrick see also the Roar for further details.

Membership: Emil Kornecki

- ✦ Nothing new to report.

Communications : Mary Kornecki

- ✦ Website continues as a “ work in progress”. Mary K. stated there has been much effort put forth by American Creative.

Activities : Mike Bradbury for Gene Rigsby

- ✦ 4/7 Dinner outing at “Reflections” – Deep Lake presented by Noelle & Gene Rigsby
- ✦ 4/14 Annual “ Open House” Woodstock Harley – everyone asked to come out and support the Charity Committee at this event.
- ✦ 4/29: Kick-off ride, meet at Thornton’s Rt. 12 in Volo – watch for blast – surprise destination, all day event – Mike B.
- ✦ 5/12 Sunrise ride – Lake Shore Drive – Gene R.

Charity Ride : Lisa Purcell

- ✦ Lisa P. gave detailed updates and progress on the June 10th. Charity Ride, she feels it’s going well.
- ✦ If there are any donations or sponsorships they must be presented now prior to final printing of event flyers.
- ✦ The “ Bike Show” is expected to be a huge draw for the event

Video Presentation : Noelle Rigsby and Ron Kostus

- ✦ MC Rider video presentation – “ How to deal with Fear”. Upcoming videos to be geared to riding techniques since we are at the season’s beginning.
- ✦ Ten minute post discussion. Video was informative and well received. Meeting video presentations shall continue.

Meeting Adjourned : Mike B. 8:12

No Board Meeting was held in April!



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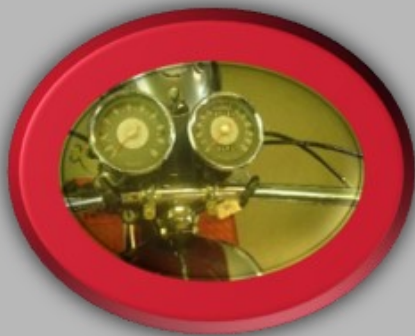


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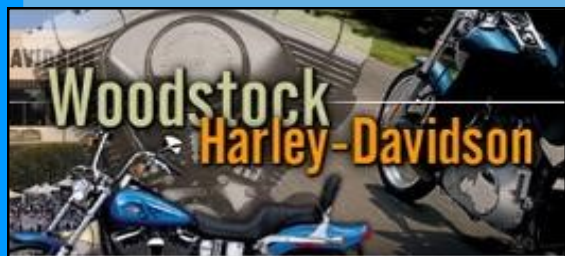
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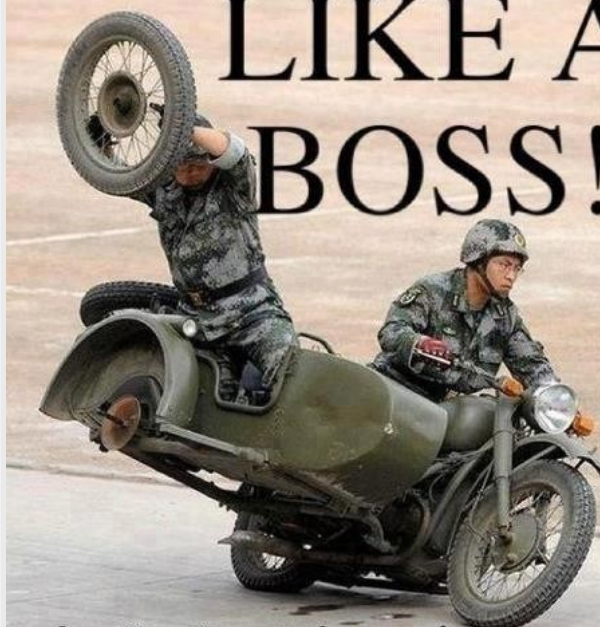
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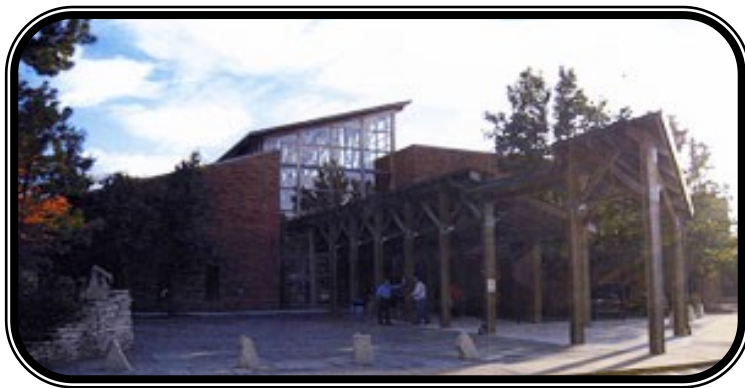
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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, May 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, May 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, May 12th	Sunrise Ride	TBD	Sunrise on the Lake	TBD	G. Rigsby
Tuesday, June 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, June 10th	Ride for Dreams	Woodstock Harley Davidson	Volo Auto Museum	9:00 am	L Purcell

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