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## Upcoming Events

- SEPTEMBER**
- 1 SUNRISE RIDE
  - 4 GENERAL MEETING
  - 11 BOARD MEETING
  - 28-29 MISSISSIPPI MUD RUN
- OCTOBER**
- 2 GENERAL MEETING
  - 7 TC MEMORIAL RIDE
  - 9 BOARD MEETING

Talk to Gene Rigsby or Jim Purcell to get your ride on the Calendar!



September  
28th—29th!  
Mississippi Mud

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

And Now a Word from your President...

Hello Top Cats,

Well it is almost Labor day and the month of August went so fast it seems like a blur! The STURGIS and POST – STURGIS rides sounded exhausting but exciting! And, as usual immensely scenic motorcycle riding fun. Bard Boand led the tradi-



tional South Dakota adventures and Wayne Kirkpatrick as well as Jim Purcell led part of the return ride home with extremely natural scenic riding interspersed with mountain range routing. Pity if you missed out on these awesome rides but fear not! Bard is planning to do Sturgis next year with

some new ideas for lodging, etc. Watch for pending information to plan ahead for another chance to put in multiple days and miles of pure riding filled with many awesome roads and scenery with your brother and sister Top Cats.



The process to elect your 2019 officers and directors will be starting shortly. Our election protocols will be review at the October meeting, the November general meeting will include a presentation of all nominations and elections will be held at the December 4<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Please note that membership dues invoices will be forthcoming by late September. Your payment is a requirement per our club by-laws to be eligible to vote in the December elections. Payments are due by 10/31.

★ ELECTION ★  
★ 2018 ★

Another requirement of full membership is to attend a Group Riding and Safety Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) class Since this is required to maintain your full membership and if you have not done so in the last year, you should attend a class before the December election. Besides the membership requirement alone, It is important for us all to ride together as safely as possible and our system is considered second to none in keep up your training in how to do that!

We have some opportunities to ride in September. Currently there is 2 single day rides and a multi-day ride on the calendar. Also the general meeting at Alley 64 on September 6th. So come to our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, hear Wayne's jokes, share your riding stories, see and discuss another MCRider video and spend terrific time together.

Let's Roar and Ride!  
Mike Bradbury  
President  
Top Cats – Illinois

*"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them." – Mark Twain, Tom Sawyer Abroad*





## KAUTION KORNER



### To Pee or Not to Pee!

A very important Question!

By: Greg Smith, Senior Road Captain



We are all aware of the need to drink water and to keep ourselves hydrated, especially while riding a motorcycle on hot summer days. It has been discussed so much we unconsciously pick up that cool bottle of water at almost every rest stop. Studies have shown that surprisingly low fluid losses can significantly affect your ability to ride. A 2% drop in body weight due to sweating will impair performance noticeably, 4% drop will decrease your capacity for muscular work, and at 5%, heat exhaustion can become an issue and your capacity for muscular work will drop by up to 30%. At 7%, you'll start experiencing hallucinations and at 10% circulatory collapse, heat stroke and even death become possibilities.

So why are we reviewing this subject again? Because the BIG question is – How much water DO we need?

Studies have produced varying recommendations over the years. But your individual water needs depend on many factors, including your health, how active you are and where you live. No single formula fits everyone. But knowing more about your body's need for fluids will help you estimate how much water to drink on rides and each day.

Water is your body's principal chemical component and makes up about 60 percent of your body weight. Your body depends on water to survive. Every day you lose water through your breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements. For your body to function properly, you must replenish its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water. Only 20 percent of daily fluid intake usually comes from food, so the rest needs to come from fluids.

So how much fluid does the average, healthy adult living in a temperate climate need? The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine determined that an adequate daily fluid intake is:

- About 15.5 cups (3.7 liters) of fluids a day for men
- About 11.5 cups (2.7 liters) of fluids a day for women

#### The Formula

One easy formula to remember is your weight x 67% = the number of ounces per day you should consume. Keep in mind that while riding, the drying effect of the wind and our constant exposure to the elements may increase our vulnerability to dehydration so these amounts would need to be increased.

#### Before You Ride

Expert riders recommend avoiding alcohol the night before and caffeine the day of a motorcycle ride. Both types of beverages are diuretics and can cause your body to force out more water than its taking in. If you must drink coffee to wake up, be sure to drink an adequate amount of water before you jump on your bike.

#### While You Ride

The key point to remember is not to wait until you are thirsty, but to drink a little and often right from the start of your ride. Try to take 2-3 good sized gulps from your bottle every 10-15 minutes right from the start.

#### After You Ride

If you are unable to get enough water into your system before or during your trip, make sure to hydrate as soon as possible after you reach your destination. Slowly and consistently sip water for the rest of your day rather than chugging down a huge amount all at once.

If drinking adequate amounts of water is included in your daily routine, maintaining optimal hydration levels when riding will be far easier.

Knowing this will help you plan wisely! Every day and for every ride!



## V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby



Good Day to Top Cats Members!

Well, we were supposed to be watching a sunrise together this morning, but Mother Nature had other things planned. More water to start the month of September! I hope you are all enjoying your beautifully green yards and colorful flowers. And I hope that all of your bikes are sparkling too! No matter what you are doing, hopefully you are coming up with some great ideas for riding again soon!

Let me or Jim Purcell know your ideas and we will get them on the calendar.

Jpurcell333@gmail.com or Gene.Rigsby@gmail.com

For September there is the Mississippi Mud Run!

Saturday and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

Details:

1. Meet on Saturday Morning, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Rts176 and 14 in Crystal Lake.

There is a BP gas station and a McDonalds... so everything you need for a good start to a motorcycle day will be available!

2. Spend time with friends riding for the morning to Galena. A stop there will include shopping and a light lunch (your choice).

3. The group will then move on to East Dubuque and check into

**Quality Inn.**

7787 Timmerman Drive, East Dubuque, IL, 61025, US

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4. Dinner options include the Timmerman's Supper Club which is across the street, on a bluff and overlooks the area.

**Timmerman's Supper Club:** Old-school American restaurant serving classic entrees & cocktails in a scenic bluffside setting. Address: 7777 Timmerman Dr, East Dubuque, IL 61025

5. Sunday's ride home will include more scenic roads, lunch... and possibly some ice cream too! All with some of the best riders you will ever find this side of the Mississippi!



Main Street, Galena, IL



11 - Mary Kirkpatrick

Hope you can join the gang!  
reservations soon, as this is prime season for vacationers along the river.

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

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

4 - Wayne and Mary  
Kirkpatrick





## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Harley-Davidson to Personalize Motorcycles with Custom Paint

Three brand new 2019 Harley-Davidson Limited Custom Paint Sets allow riders to express their personality and stand out from the crowd with their bikes.

The La Jolla Limited Custom Paint Set was created for the rider who rides to get noticed. Featuring a vibrant chrome-yellow base with a gold pearl sheen and a bright orange undertone, it'll catch everyone's eye. Vivid Black slash graphics add a more subtle touch. The La Jolla Limited Custom Paint



set fits 2018 and later Breakout models.

Visually representing Harley-Davidson performance, the Grandstand Limited Custom Paint Set fits 2014 and later Road King, 2015 and later Road Glide and 2014 and later Street Glide models. The black denim and fierce orange base is split by brushed aluminum and then highlighted with warm red pinstripes. Only 150 sets will be offered worldwide for all three touring models.

The Tagged Limited Custom Paint Set represents what Harley-Davidson has strived to do since 1903: inspire people to find their own freedom. This set is about stepping outside of the comfort zone and living free-er. A gunmetal base with a satin finish and hand-ground metal grind markings add an edgy touch. Tag lines that feature graphic messaging of freedom add unique detailing to this set that fits 2018 and later Fat Bob and Street Bob models. Only 150 sets will be offered worldwide.

The authenticity embodied in all three of these paint sets is proven with a hand-written certificate for each owner.

### ASM LAUNCHES ONLINE CLASSES



Do you know what to do at the scene of a motorcycle crash? Have you wanted to take an ASM Class but weren't able to find one in your area? Or maybe the dates didn't work out, you didn't have a full day

to commit to the class or it has been ages since you took the training. Well, we have **GREAT** news for you! ASM Basic class is now available online!

You can learn what to do at the scene of a motorcycle crash from the comfort of your own home. The course will be available to you for 30 days from the date of purchase and can be done in as many sittings as you prefer. It is compatible to take via your home computer, a tablet or even on your smartphone! The online course takes around 2 hours to complete but will depend on how fast or slow you want to go since you can set your own pace. There will be text, videos, picture and quizzes to give each student an experience that will help you best retain what you learned. You will automatically receive a pdf certificate of completion when you finish.

Want to become certified? Within 6 months you can take the hands-on portion of the class (a half day class) with an ASM Instructor to gain full certification and a patch.

But what if you aren't able to get into a hands-on training? That's okay! While you may not be able to practice the hands-on skills you **WILL** be empowered with the knowledge of what to do! Once you take our online course you will want to continue on to complete a 3-hour hands on class for full certification. Don't see a class?

Contact an Instructor in your area. Be a leader in your community, be prepared and know what to do in case the things don't go right. Prepared motorcycle trained first responders at accidents can make a difference in outcomes. Know what to do before professional help arrives. Go here: <https://roadguardians.org/asm-online-courses/> to sign up for an Online class.

### Indian Motorcycle Announces 2019 Scout Lineup



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## Oil Spots, Continued...

**Indian Motorcycle announced its 2019 Scout lineup** with new paint options on Scout Sixty, Scout and Scout Bobber. Key feature upgrades for 2019 include an expanded ABS offering and a new USB charging port on Scout and Scout Bobber models.

New for 2019, an anti-lock braking system is now standard on every non-black Scout Sixty, Scout and Scout Bobber model. For the Thunder Black color option, riders can choose between a model that's equipped or unequipped with ABS. The Scout and Scout Bobber will also receive a USB charging port in 2019, a convenient feature that allows riders to charge a personal device while riding. The charging port is located near the speedometer for easy access.

Color options for the Scout Sixty, which packs a 60-cubic-in., liquid-cooled and blacked-out engine, include Thunder Black, White Smoke, Ruby Metallic and Star Silver over Thunder Black.

The iconic Indian Scout, which packs a 69-cubic-in., liquid-cooled engine that puts out 100 horsepower, is offered in Thunder Black, Deep Water Metallic, Metallic Jade, Indian Motorcycle Red over Thunder Black and Willow Green over Ivory Cream.

Rounding out the lineup is the aggressively-styled Scout Bobber, now offered in Thunder Black, Thunder Black Smoke, White Smoke and Bronze Smoke.

For current Scout owners looking to add the benefits of the USB charging port, Indian Motorcycle will now offer a USB Charging Port Kit, which can be installed on any 2015-2018 Scout or Scout Bobber model and any 2016-2019 Scout Sixty model.

Indian Motorcycle offers a full line of Scout touring accessories, including bags, passenger seats and windcreens and a full line of Scout performance accessories, including shocks by Fox, Stage 1 Slip-On Exhaust and Air Intake. With Indian Motorcycle Accessories, a rider can customize their Scout with reduced and extended reach seats, handlebars and foot controls to achieve the perfect fit.

Pricing for the 2019 Scout Sixty starts at \$8,999, while the Scout starts at \$11,499. The Scout Bobber starts at \$11,999.

## Vodka-powered motorcycle sets speed record

By Elisha Thakorlal, | [The Sun](#)

A spirit maker has successfully run a motorbike at 113 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats, having

fueled it with his vodka waste products.

Ryan Montgomery completed a speed trial at the famous land-speed record site, and even temporarily held the fastest-ever time in class.

Nicknamed Sudden Wisdom, ironically after the distiller's rye whiskey brand, the bike was built up from a non-running 1980 Yamaha XS650 that was first found abandoned in a field.

As for the fuel, distilling vodka creates a 'head' that is too impure to drink and so is separated and discarded.



(Montgomery Distillery)

However, it also makes a clean-burning fuel - and Ryan collected around 40 liters of it.

Despite not knowing the exact process needed for the bike to run on the vodka waste, the 41-year-old spent months mastering the technique with the help of his friends at his makeshift home garage.

Ryan - who attended Springbank Whiskey School in Scotland - had no previous experience of building a race bike nor had ever raced.

The project was aided by sponsors who contributed \$1,000 (£770), with the bike modifications costing \$5,000 (£3,850) in total.

The 113 mph average speed achieved is even more incredible given that Ryan was only targeting 98 mph - the then-record set back in 2016.

Further to that, the bike had only hit 96 mph in road tests - and the salt surface was expected to reduce performance by 10 percent.

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## Oil Spots, Continued

The amateur race team entered Sudden Wisdom into the class for 1980 and older 750cc modified bikes with alternate fuel.

Having tentatively set the 11 3mph record, the speed was surpassed by another entrant only three days later, with the 1974 Honda CB750 bike hitting a whopping 143 mph.

## Is Inflating Your Tires With Nitrogen Worth It?

Press Release | August 5, 2018

### **Brought to you by Continental Tires**

Why are we asking this question? Because it's a question that you've already asked us. So, let's evaluate the pros and cons of inflating your tires with regular air versus nitrogen.



The air we breathe in the atmosphere is composed of 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen, and 1% other gasses plus water in different proportions depending on where it's located.

You've probably heard recently about the use of nitrogen, but did you know that it has been used in the industry for a long time and has been a fundamental element of many products and services?

How's it produced? Nitrogen is obtained by distilling the atmospheric air, which is collected into containers called washing towers where it is submitted to high pressure and cooling, producing liquid air. Next, after a boiling process, the oxygen and nitrogen separate due to different boiling points for each gas. Nitrogen evaporates first leaving oxygen at the bottom as a residue.

Nitrogen is used to preserve biological samples such as blood, tissues, organs, etc. It is also used in the food industry to keep food fresh while frozen or canned and prevents the oxidation of vitamins in drinks. It has other medical uses too as well as other manufacturing applications like the production of electronic components.

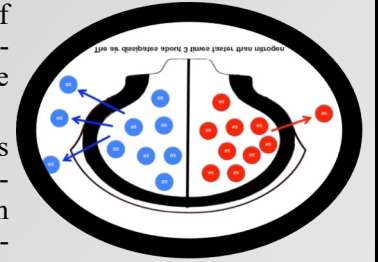
Formula One (F1) and the aeronautic industry have propelled and promoted the use of nitrogen for mainstream vehicles. For that reason, nitrogen generators have been developed for use in motorcycle repair shops.

### **Advantages of inflating your tires with nitrogen:**

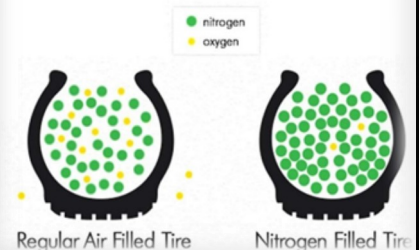
- Longer tire life. Tire wear is one of the biggest problems usually from riding at low pressure due

mainly to a lack of attention to tire pressure and vehicle maintenance.

- Nitrogen molecules are bigger than oxygen molecules which makes it more difficult for nitrogen to escape through the valves, pores, or where the tire connects with the rim. Oxygen escapes about three times faster than nitrogen.
- Because nitrogen is a dry gas and doesn't contain humidity, it extends the life of the tire while preventing internal rust.
- Due to constant and stable pressure and temperature, the tire's performance is improved.
- Increases fuel economy and thus, reduces CO2 emissions.
- Nitrogen is a good ally for demanding road and track riders because it gives better performance. In some motorcycle repair shops, it's included for free with tire installation.



Nitrogen's larger molecules diffuse through tires at a slower rate.



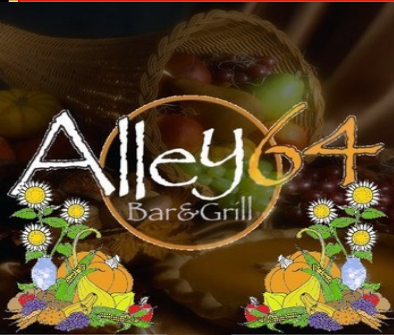
### **Disadvantages of inflating tires with nitrogen:**

- In the case of pressure loss, it's difficult to find a nitrogen source. Although oxygen can still be added, you'll lose all the nitrogen advantages.
- Inflating a tire with nitrogen is usually not free. The average cost per tire is from \$2 to \$6.
- When using nitrogen, it's not necessary to check the tires' pressure as frequently as when using regular air. But, when necessary, only a repair shop with a nitrogen source will be able to adjust the pressure.
- For regular riders, nitrogen has no real advantages.

If you regularly check your tire pressure, inflating them with regular air is good enough and inexpensive. In conclusion, we wanted to remind you that there is more than one option for filling up your tires. We wanted to share with you the possibilities, advantages, and disadvantages of using nitrogen as an alternative to regular air.

For more info on Continental Tires visit :  
[www.contimotousablog.com](http://www.contimotousablog.com)





## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 14TH, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

### President's Section: Mike Bradbury

- 7:06 pm, Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance



- Birthdays:  
8/16: Jane Smith,  
8/24: Greg Smith
- Anniversary's:  
8/25: Ron & Vida Kostus. – 45 years!!,  
8/28: Gene & Noelle Rigsby– 30 years!!

### Safety: Ric Case

- Next G.R.A.S.S. class to be held 10/28 – review calendar for details.
- Kaution Korner – “Patience is a Virtue” by Mike B. “ Being patient allows you to ride less aggressively and consequently more safely”.
- Kaution Korner – “ Dress for the Slide” when going for a ride by Gene R. “Dress for safe riding in all weather conditions”.

### Ride stories: Mike Bradbury, Lisa Purcell, Bard Boand

- Mike B's “Round the lake Ride II” was discussed by some of the participants.
- Lisa P. Purcell's 14 day vacation ride: Discussion of the ride to Sturgis with Bard B. and also an additional post ride from Sturgis. Points of interest were Sturgis, Deadwood, The Badlands, Rough Lock Falls, Spearfish Canyon, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek, Salida, The Arkansas River, The Great Sand Dunes and Adler's Crossing N.M. Overall a great visual presentation of a great ride to take once again. 4,088 Miles of motorcycle adventure.
- Bard B. mentioned that next year's ride to Sturgis will start out with two nights in Deadwood at a great price! – Weds, Thurs. The remainder of the stay will be back at the Alex Johnson in rapid City with rooms going for less than usual Sturgis prices for Friday to Tuesday. Possibly the ride there will also be modified and enhanced to bring on new interest.



### Activities / Awards : Jim Purcell

- 9/1 Sunrise ride – Lake Shore Drive – Gene R. Blast will be sent with further details.
- 9/9 Memorial Ride – Ric C. Blast will be sent with further details.
- Mike B. made a call out to all Road captains to please help and lead a ride yet this year. Commit to a date and get it on the calendar. There's still plenty of dates available.

**Meeting adjourned : Mike Bradbury. 8:11pm.**





## Past Highlights and Upcoming Events!



### Sturgis and Post-

**Sturgis** can be a most beautiful adventure! Make plans for next year and enjoy America's inspiring highways and byways! Bring a friend or many friends and build memories that will last a lifetime! Top Cats has built a reputation of safety, and this trip is tried and true in the area of safety as well as beauty! Come along in 2019!



Join us as we visit the  
Mississippi,  
September 28th-29th.  
Beauty and  
Adventure all in one  
place! See Gene's  
article or the blast  
from August 29th.  
Make reservations  
now!



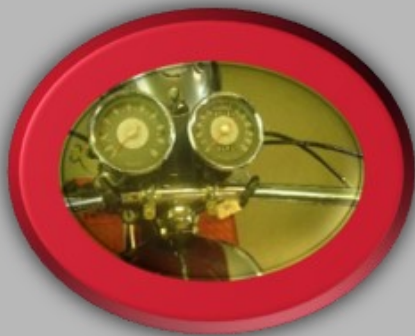


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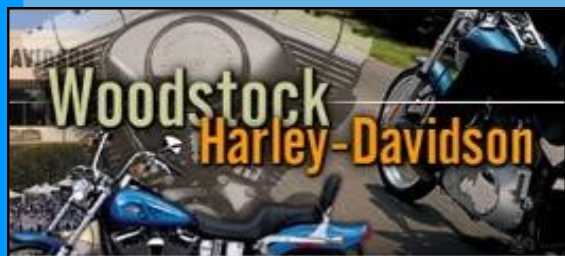
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Riders here...**  
*See Mary Kirkpatrick for  
Information*

**Fall Riding is  
Coming Soon!  
Make Your Plans  
NOW!**





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## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, September 1st	Sunrise	TBD	Lake Michigan, Chicago	TBD	Rigsby
Tuesday, September 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, September 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sat /Sun Aug 28-29	Mississippi Mud Run	Rts 176 and 14	Galena	8:30 am	J Purcell
Tuesday, October 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, October 7th	Memorial Ride	Mobile at the Corner of Rt 12 and Ela	TBD	9:30 am	Case
Tuesday, October 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at [www.TopCats.org](http://www.TopCats.org).



### Barrington Library

#### Location and Hours

505 N. Northwest Highway  
Barrington, IL 60010

847-382-1300

[balibrary.org](http://balibrary.org)

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As part of our ongoing philosophy to support our members and goal to provide a more value-rich publication, we are now offering free advertising space in ROAR for Top Cats business owners.

Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.

Submit your ad along with contact information to the ROAR editors at [ROAR@TOPCATS.org](mailto:ROAR@TOPCATS.org)



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