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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



And Now a Word from your President...

As an old friend of mine said, "any day you put your feet on the ground and get up out of bed is a good day." Thanksgiving is another good day to be grateful for all our blessings and reflect on a great year for the club.

As is the custom, we have met and overcome our year's challenges. From the June 10th Ride for Dreams disrupted by little attendance due to poor weather evolved a successful rescheduled event with a Bike show and beginning a new tradition of partnering with the Volo Auto Museum to enhance our possible yearly donation to N.I.S.R.A.

From an event schedule that had less events this year than last year, we saw 3 events in the last 2 weekends reminding everyone that it is the most fun to be a Top Cat when your club has enjoyable, interesting activities that invites everyone to spend together.

Your club continues to demonstrate that it is a great resource for opportunities to have friendships, lively banter, organized safe group rides, fun year round things to do and of course, a phenomenal place to share our love of motorcycling.

Coming up next is the election and designations of the club board and officers for 2019. Our next general meeting will continue the collection of nominations to create the slate to vote on in the December general meeting. This is an important administrative change consisting of changes to the President, Vice President and 2 director's positions. Your new president will bear the mantle to lead our organization well into the future. Just as importantly, your board is entrusted to support the club and its chosen endeavors. I am supremely confident that the future leadership will be strong for all members and the club.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the strength, integrity and passion of your 2018 board exhibits. From Ric Case; Safety Director, Emil Kornecki; Director of Membership, Lisa Purcell; Director of Charity, Mary Kirkpatrick; Director of Communications, Ron Kostus; Secretary, Noelle Rigsby; Treasurer, Wayne Kirkpatrick; Past President and last but not least, Gene Rigsby; Vice President, your leadership concerns itself with presenting the best we can to our membership. I am grateful for their support of the club. We all should thank them every opportunity we can.

As we approach our traditional Thanksgiving holiday, let us take the opportunity to realize and appreciate how fortunate we have been over this last year as Top Cats. We should all appreciate the contributions of our fellow Top Cats in making our 2018 season exciting, interesting, informative and, above all, safe.

Sincerely,
Mike Bradbury
Top Cats – Illinois President



"When life throws you a curve, lean into it." - Anonymous



KAUTION KORNER



Winterizing Decisions... BRRRR And ARGGGH!

By: Mary Kirkpatrick, Sr. Road Captain



This has been a very challenging summer for motorcycle riding. The stats in our area show that we had the second coldest April on record in Illinois. We started the season with a month that averaged 8.1 degrees BELOW normal! June, July and August had above normal temps but were accompanied by above normal rainfall. (climateillinois.wordpress.com)

So... I've been hearing that many of us, even without surgeries, didn't ride as much as usual this summer. Sad, isn't it? Not as much time on the bike... and not much chance to ride again until next summer! AND, for a final sad thought... it is time to think about storing our bikes for the winter months. Many of us have our usual routine in place. For me, it has been letting Wayne follow HIS usual routine because the comfort level is better for us both! Here are some quick tips should you choose to winter your bikes at home. They are visualized in a quick video that is easy to watch and adds some detail to the following points. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md4P57Hkm7s>

Fill the gas tank and add fuel stabilizer. Keeping the tank full will minimize the possibility of rust in the tank near the top due to air/moisture in that gap. Here is an article that you can use to research the ten best Stabilizers to choose from and you can *access information for each of the ten* from this site. <https://carcaretotal.com/best-fuel-stabilizers/>

Wash the bike to remove all of the dust and dirt that can damage the surfaces when left over winter. Add a coat of your favorite wax to ensure a seal on those surfaces and minimize any damage that could occur during the changing temperatures of the winter months.

Go over the bike and look for cracks in hoses, chips in paint or other finishes, damage to tires and other issues that you will want to take care of during the winter or in the spring before the season starts. If you are waiting until spring, make a list and attach it to the bike so that you will remember to address those issues before riding. This insures your safety as well as the safety of your fellow riders!

Battery Tenders are suggested. Some will just try to start the bike occasionally during the winter and

let it run to engage and charge the battery, but the reality is that the starting process will drain more of the battery charge than the running time can regenerate. So a tender is the preferred strategy because it will maintain a constant charging process and maintain the integrity of the battery.

Storage: Because of some friends, Wayne's been looking into several options, and for this article, so have I. Maybe someday our garage will hold cars for the winter! I will always have DREAMS!!!

Here are the results of one part of our research: **WHERE TO STORE THE BIKES.**

WOODSTOCK HARLEY DAVIDSON has a number of plans. All of them include some services... read below for their options:

Basic \$299 Storage on your battery tender; Get 10% off battery tender purchase; \$10 off H-D® cover. Fuel stabilizer added to bike.

Basic + \$399 Storage on your tender; free oil change 20W50; free spring multi point inspection; 15% off H-D® cover at time of storage; fuel stabilizer added to bike.

Concierge \$499 Storage on your tender; free oil change 20W50; free spring multi point inspection 15% off battery tender purchase at time of storage; 15% off H-D® cover at time of storage; 10% off all P&A installed during storage; fuel stabilizer added to bike; top of tank; free pickup at your home for winter storage within 60 miles.

Concierge + \$599 "Concierge" plus upgrade to Syn 3 and Free Bike Delivery in spring within 60 miles, scheduled at pick-up in fall.

STORAGE PROGRAM STARTS 11/1/2016 AND ENDS 3/31/2017. (5 months)

The dealership also suggests that winter is the best time to transform your ride. Why not do it while you're in for storage? Let our certified technicians help you plan your upgrades. Ask if the storage will be discounted in conjunction with the transformations you have chosen! Contact: [\(815\) 337-3511](tel:8153373511)

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Public Storage OPTIONS. *There are many available, but here are two options.*

Storage Mart: 5x5 with climate control is \$56/month. Five Months would be \$280.00. There are many convenient locations to choose from and you can contact them for more information. This option is Self-Storage with no services available.

Public Storage: 5x5 with climate control is \$35/month. Five Months would be \$175.00. There are many convenient locations to choose from and you can contact them for more information. This option is Self-Storage with no services available.

Finally: A new business is sprouting in Marengo, Illinois. It includes bike storage as well as services...

THE BUNKER. Here are the details of your storage option for the **LIMITED CLUB PRICE of \$99.00:**

- ✦ Store from October 8th – May 1st
- ✦ Free pickup within 100 miles of facility* starting on November 1st.
- ✦ Free multipoint inspection
- ✦ Fuel stabilizer
- ✦ Battery maintained
- ✦ Sunny day in/out^Δ access
- ✦ Free wipe down at pickup
- ✦ Climate Controlled Facility • 24 Hour Video Surveillance • Monitored Security System
- ✦ Contact: 866-927-7373

Now that you have your bike safely tucked away, we do have options for keeping in touch over the winter months! Top Cats meeting will remain the first Tuesday of every month. AND... keep your eyes out for the ROAR with news for events. ALSO...use our TopCats.org Website for all of the details!



Think of sunny days while hoisting cheers during all the upcoming Holidays, Good Riding Buddies!

V.P.'s Vision

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby



Just a few quick words to bring in the 'winter season'... and to encourage your winter thoughts of Spring Rides!

To date, we have a number of rides for the 2019 Season already in the planning stages:

Locals:

⇒ The Prime Table Steak House was tried out this fall and it was determined to be a good destination for the spring.

⇒ The Mississippi River around Prairie du Chen and the surrounding areas for a week-end retreat

Possibles: Round the Lake (again) and Trempealeau

Definites: Sturgis and Beyond

So... get your ideas together and contact Jim or I with your ideas for the 2019 season and for the winter socials as well!

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Finally... have your nominations ready to give to Wayne Kirkpatrick by the 12th of November. Our elections will take place at the December meeting with the new board in attendance at the December board meeting ready to get into action. We are fortunate to have so many qualified and willing members! Be active and ready!

Lucky...
to be a Top Cat!



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

5 Mike Bradbury
9 Jim Purcell
17 Kathie Bradbury
18 Doug Jackson

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

20 - Rich & Diane Lanute



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Motorcycle Helmets Provide Insufficient Protection Against Hearing Damage

The Dutch motorcycle magazine *Promotor* recently published a large-scale motorcycle helmet test. The study focused on how noise-insulating a motorcycle helmet can affect hearing and if riding without earplugs is an option with a good system helmet.



Hearing damage within a few minutes, even with a helmet

For the wind noise measurement, the helmets were tested at speeds of 50 km per hour, 100 km per hour and 150 km per hour. The helmet which was rated best in the test admits 85 decibels (dB) of noise at a speed of 50 km per hour. This is the same as the noise level in a busy playground. At 100 km per hour, the same helmet admits 100 dB. This is even more noise than a jack hammer produces (95 dB). The helmet with the worst performance in terms of noise admits 92 dB at a speed of 50 km per hour (comparable with a train speeding past), and at 100 km per hour 106 dB (louder than the noise of a chain saw or in a club).

But what do these decibel numbers mean in terms of risking hearing damage? Your hearing can already become damaged from 80 dB. You can safely stay at a noise level of 80 dB for eight hours a day. Every three decibels more halves this time. So you risk hearing damage at a level of 83 dB after four hours. At 86 dB, you risk permanent hearing damage after only two hours.

Therefore, a helmet – no matter from which price category or brand – offers insufficient protection on your bike. Even at low speeds your hearing can be subjected to damage in a short time, which is unfortunately permanent and untreatable. Luckily you don't need to rely on your helmet to prevent hearing damage. More and more motorcyclists are wearing hearing protection.

Filter earplugs versus foam earplugs

When talking about earplugs, many people think of the standard foam earplugs first. These earplugs are more economical and of course dampen harmful noise, but nevertheless have a number of drawbacks.

First of all, foam earplugs completely close the ear canal, so that not only the wind noise is attenuated, but also your navigation system, the intercom and other road traffic. Alpine MotoSafe makes filter earplugs that bring the wind noise back to a safe level with the acoustic filters. Furthermore, the comfort of wearing filter earplugs is considerably better than that of foam earplugs. Foam earplugs irritate ears after a few hours, filter earplugs can be worn for a whole day without any problems. The thermoplastic material offers a high degree of comfort and the earplugs adjust to the ear with your body heat.

Finally, filter earplugs can be used more than 100 times. This is in contrast to foam earplugs, which are not reusable. Do you want more attenuation on some occasions than others? Then consider filter earplugs.

Safer and more relaxed on the road with earplugs

In addition to the fact that motorcycle earplugs protect you from hearing damage, riding with hearing protection offers a number of other advantages. You can concentrate much better on the traffic around you because you are not distracted by the loud noise of the wind. Concentrating on the road also costs you more energy when you are distracted by wind noise. With hearing protection your riding is not only safer but also a lot more relaxed.

Harley-Davidson GPS Updates & Downloads

Dealer database updates are now available for three of the Garmin Zumo GPS units at the following links:

Zumo 590 and 665 Dealer Database

https://www8.garmin.com/support/agree.jsp?id=5693&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%253A+garmin%252FVKiE+%2528Garmin+%257C+Software+Updates%2529

Zumo 660 Dealer Database

http://download.garmin.com/software/Harley-Davidsonzumo660DealerDatabase_1100.gpi

Here's How Likely It Is You'll Hit A Deer In Illinois

State Farm released its 16th annual deer-vehicle collision study this month. Here's what they found for Illinois.

By Shannon Antinori, Patch National Staff | Oct 9, 2018 10:13 am ET

ILLINOIS — The odds a driver in Illinois will hit a deer increased slightly in 2017, at odds with a nationwide decline. State Farm released the results of its 16th annual deer-vehicle collision study last week. (Continued on page 6)

Oil Spots, Continued...

Overall, American drivers were less likely — one in 167 — to experience a crash involving a deer, elk, moose or caribou.

In Illinois, the odds of having a deer-related crash were one in 200, good for a ranking of 32 in the country. In 2016, those odds were one in 204, 2.3 percent higher. State Farm designated Illinois as a medium-risk state.

For the 12th consecutive year, West Virginia retained the top spot as most likely state in which to hit a deer, according to the study. One in 46 drivers in that state are involved in an insurance claim stemming from a deer crash, down three points from 2016.



Montana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Iowa rounded out the top five states where deer collisions are most likely. Here's the list of the top 10:

1. West Virginia (one in 46)
2. Montana (one in 57)
3. Pennsylvania (one in 63)
4. Wisconsin (one in 72)
5. Iowa (one in 73)
6. South Dakota (one in 75)
7. Minnesota (one in 77)
8. Michigan (one in 80)
9. Wyoming (one in 88)
10. Mississippi (one in 91)

On the flip side, Hawaii was the lowest risk in the country, followed by California, Nevada, Arizona, District of Columbia and Florida.

November, October and December are the months where most animal-involved crashes occur, the company noted, particularly around dawn and dusk.

The company also offered tips to avoid hitting deer, though they aren't anything you shouldn't already be doing.

- ✦ Slow down, particularly at dusk and dawn.
- ✦ If you see one deer, be prepared for more deer to cross the road.
- ✦ Pay attention to deer crossing signs.
- ✦ Use your high beams to see further, except when there is oncoming traffic.
- ✦ Remain focused on the road. Scan for potential dan-

gers, including animals.

- ✦ Avoid distractions. Devices might cause you to miss seeing an animal.
- ✦ Do not rely on products such as deer whistles. They are not proven effective.
- ✦ Always wear protective gear. Keep focus on the road ahead).



Vehicle damage from an animal collision is covered under most policy's optional comprehensive coverage. This means that if you only have collision coverage or liability coverage, your insurance carrier likely doesn't cover vehicle damage stemming from an animal collision. Reach out to your insurance carrier to verify your coverage.

How To Check Engine Codes On Harley-Davidson's Touring Models

The ins and outs of Harley's Touring model onboard diagnostics.

By Jon McDevitt

Seeing your Touring model's check-engine light come on can give you a bad feeling in the pit your stomach, but it's not always



going to be a worst-case scenario. It's also a pretty simple process to check and see what exactly is going wrong with your Hog. Your Harley-Davidson has an onboard diagnostic system that not only gives you the code, but breaks it down into categories so you'll know in which electrical

system the fault lies. There are four separate electrical systems with their own specific codes on your Harley-Davidson Touring model. The categories are ECM (engine control module), BCM (body control module), SPDO (speedometer), and RAD (radio). (Continued on pg 7)

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Throttle Actuation Control Management

The ECM constantly monitors throttle actuation and throttle component positioning. Several safety features are programmed into the ECM to limit performance (refer to Table 4-67) when an error or fault in throttle actuation is detected. These DTCs will always accompany another code.

Table 4-67: Code Description

DTC	DESCRIPTION
P1510	Throttle actuator control limited performance mode
P1511	Throttle actuator control power management mode
P1512	Throttle actuator control broadside mode

Performance limitations are identified by code, as follows:

- **P1510 Limited Performance:** This DTC enables near normal operation of the vehicle, guarding against inadvertent "wide open throttle" conditions. Typically this code will be the result of one of the Throttle Grip Sensors (TGS) or Throttle Position (TP) sensors, or one of each, has failed.
- **P1511 Power Management:** This DTC provides more limitation on drivability, due to failure of the Throttle Control Actuator (TCA), without a TGS, MAP or sensor faults. The TCA is de-energized and the throttle plate

returns to its idle detent position. The ECM will monitor the operation of the TGS and adjust the spark advance and cylinder shuttles timing, allowing the vehicle to reach traffic speeds (mpg home).

- **P1512 Broadside Mode:** This DTC provides extreme limitation of drivability, due to a failure of both TGS, TGS validation, or failure of one TGS and the Throttle Switch. The TCA is de-energized and the throttle plate is locked to a "half off" position providing enough torque to operate at a high idle speed.

DIAGNOSTICS

PART NUMBER	TOOL NAME
HD-41424-B	HARNESS CONNECTOR TEST KIT
HD-41424-B	DISCONNECT BOX

Diagnostic Notes

Each reference number below correlates to a circled number on the flow chart(s).

1. Connect DISCONNECT BOX (Part No. HD-41424-B) to the ECM and ECM harness. See 4.7 DISCONNECT BOX (EE).
2. Use HARNESS CONNECTOR TEST KIT (Part No. HD-41424-B), probe pin probes, socket probes and patch cords.

Diagnostic Tips

DTCs P1510, P1511 and P1512 may remain for one extra ignition cycle after other codes are cleared.



Oil Spots, Continued

To enter DIAG (diagnostics), you simply press and hold the trip button while cycling the ignition on. DIAG will pop up in the speedometer window, and from that point you can then cycle through all the categories by using the trip button. If the category has a code, it will have a “Y” after the abbreviation, and if not, it will have an “N.”



Vance & Hines’ plug-in Code Read is available to dissect your codes and give you a nudge in the right direction for a resolution. Vance & Hines makes a pretty cool gadget that will read the codes, give a description of what the code is, and, in some cases, even give suggestions as to what may cause said code. The device is called Code: Read and is offered by Vance & Hines for \$99.99.

Indian FTR 1200 Breaks Cover on the Web: 120 Horsepower Standard is no Cruiser



At least one [web site](#) has begun displaying Indian FTR 1200 photos, and specifications. The official unveiling was scheduled for much later, but it is now out in the

wild!

This is no cruiser. After taking the flat track championship this year (not just “taking”, but “dominating”), Indian is giving us a true, high-performance motorcycle. Although everyone thoroughly enjoyed the punched-out, 1179cc



twin in the Victory Octane that unit’s 104 horsepower pales compared to the reported output from the FTR 1200.

The new v-twin reportedly displaces 1202cc and, in a machine weighing

less than 500 pounds, makes a claimed 120 horsepower

and 85 foot/pounds of torque. The pictures reveal some nice kit, including Brembo brakes and, on the higher trim level, a modern TFT instrument panel.

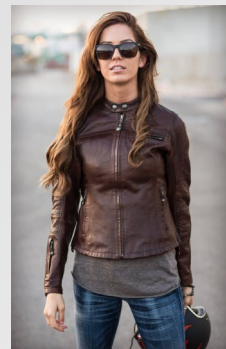
The pictures reveal a very un-cruiser rider triangle with ergonomics more typical of a performance standard machine.



The FTR 1200 will be available in both a standard and a 1200S model priced at \$12,999 and \$14,999, respectively, with availability at dealers next spring. In addition

to the nicer instrument panel, the upgraded model reportedly gets much more tech, including ABS, ride modes and “lean angle-sensitive traction and stability control.”

Best Women’s Casual Motorcycle Riding Gear



They look like casual wear but will protect you if you find yourself in an motorcycle accident

There is more to choosing the right gear than simply selecting the cutest, cheapest stuff that pops up after a search and hoping for the best. In this case, we are going to provide you a look at some of the better casual motorcycle gear that we know works well for women riders. This overview with a look at four different jackets and

three types of pants and another trio of boots that look good while protecting your valuable assets.

Dainese Highstreet Lady D-Dry Jacket

We point out the [Highstreet](#) because this is about as casual of a jacket as you will ever find from Dainese. It is subtle with only a hint that it’s a riding coat. It features armor in the elbows, shoulder, and back plus a tough, waterproof outer shell that looks more like a basic overcoat than a high-end women’s riding jacket.



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Oil Spots, Continued...



Roland Sands Design Riot Jacket

If you want to look your best, you will pay a premium price. And that is exactly what Roland Sands Design jackets are all about. For the ladies, RSD has come up with one of the sharpest-looking leather jackets on the market today. It's available in

black and red like the one shown here. The [Riot](#) features supple leather with offset front zipper, pre-curved arms, and a relaxed collar for casual comfort.

Icon Fairlady Jacket

From the Icon 1000 Collection comes the super-sweet [Fairlady textile jacket](#). Featuring a female-specific sporty fit, with three layers of protection, it starts with a waterproof/breathable outer shell, sealed seams, and waterproof zippers. It is designed in Oregon, so would you expect anything less? It comes with D3O armor and a removable liner to go along with its already good looks. Like Icon says, "Real jacket for real women riders..."



Speed and Strength Fast Times Hoodie

This is a good-looking [armored hoodie](#) that will keep it casual while riding on the road or when walking into Starbucks. Constructed from a denim cotton/poly outer shell

with removable CE armor in the elbow, shoulder, and spine, it also has reflective trim and, of course, a soft hood. It has an adjustable waistband to ensure a nice fit.



Alpinestars Banshee Legging

You have to understand that yoga pants will not protect you in a crash. However, Alpinestars recognizes the appeal of the form-fitting fun wear,



which is why it came up with the [Banshee Leggings](#). They are built from a stretchable form-fitting main fabric with aramid fabric lining and slim-profiled CE-approved knee guards and a foam hip pad insert that can be upgraded to the A-Stars Level Nucleon protector if you want added padding.



Alpinestars Daisy Denim Pants

Another awesome product designed specifically by the A-Stars' women's design department, the [Daisy Denim pants](#) are form-fitting and feature durable, abrasion-resistant aramid fabric reinforcement in the knees along with slim-line armor pads.

They are available in black or denim blue.

Icon 1000 MH1000 Denim Pants

Icon does it again with the casual, relaxed-fit [MH1000 pant](#) for the ladies. It features a Cordura stretch denim outer shell with abrasion-resistant aramid-reinforced layers plus D3O armor knee guards. You can't ask for much more than this.



TCX Blend Waterproof Boots

TCX may not be the first brand you think of when it comes to casual gear but the [Blend boots](#) are a great combination of durable, timeless waf-

flestomper style with a slight touch of modern class. The over-the-ankle design is great for all types of riding from sportbikes to cruisers, even dual-sport if that's your gig. They feature full-grain vintage leather construction with toe and heel reinforcement, anatomical footbed, and a lace-up look. The sole is even replaceable if you use them like you should.



Alpinestars Stella Kerry Boots

Fashionable yet protective gear is always a good thing. The [Kerry](#) features soft, full-grain leather construction with dual-density ankle discs, heel counter, and toe box reinforcement in a small waterproof riding boot.





Oil Spots, Continued...

Dainese Bahia Lady D-WP Shoes

These lightweight, waterproof riding shoes are as tough as they are good looking. Designed in vintage full-grain leather with a rubber sole, the [Bahia](#) conceals metal inserts and nylon heel and ankle protectors in a boot that looks more at home on the sidewalk than perched atop a footpeg.



As with any list of recommended riding gear there are going to be a few that are simply not in a person's price range, and that's okay. Use these suggestions as a guide to help you understand what is out there so you can set a budget, make a plan, and get geared up with the best equipment money can buy.

ELECTIONS 2018....

By Traveler

Annually we have the opportunity to either vote to confirm a slate to choose candidates for our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for the coming year. Annually, we verify our members who are eligible to vote and who are eligible to run for office based on Club participation, dues, GRASS attendance, committee service, etc, consistent with our Bylaws.



As we approach this key, and critical, Club event all of us should be reminded of the impact of our vote....

Ideally, with our vote we are continuing the great legacy of Top Cats – Illinois into our 23d year and selecting the best possible candidates to run our Club consistent with our By Laws. Ideally, each of us will cast our vote to select or confirm candidates based on their proven performance, dedication, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.

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

NOMINATIONS. We have a wealth of eligible candidates this year and we are very fortunate to have each incumbent accept a nomination for another term. The positions up for election / reelection this year are:

President

Vice President

Two Directors

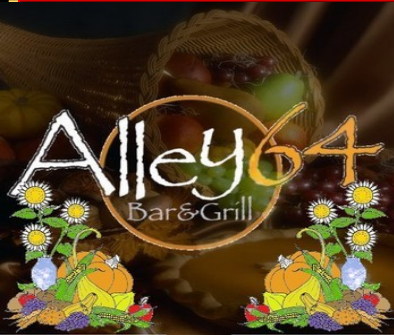
Eligibility for nomination includes; dues paid, attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, service on the Board or on a committee. We ask that nominations be received by a serving Board member by **12 November 2018.**

Please be cautious of candidates who violate Club policy of no campaigning or who try to influence voting. That kind of lack of integrity will only result in a negative impact on one of the finest Clubs in this area....Top Cats – Illinois.



VOTING. To be eligible to vote at the 4 December general meeting...each Top Cat must have been a member in good standing for one year, attend GRASS within the first year of membership and within the past three years thereafter, and attend a combination of 5 meetings/ events per year.

The Board can waive certain requirements on an individual basis for unforeseen hardships or circumstances.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2ND, 2018

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

President's Section: Mike B.

- 7:00 pm, meeting called to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests: Gary Graham, just purchased a 2017 Trike, Joey Rizzo; 2nd time attendee.
- Birthdays: 10/22: Ric Case, 10/30: Gene Rigsby
- Anniversary's: 10/25: Ric and Jacquie Case – 22 years
- Wayne K. light hearted jokes.



Safety: Ric C.

- 10/28 – next G.R.A.S.S. class, Keller Williams, Barrington; see event schedule.
- Ric C. presented an explanation of the five modules of the G.R.A.S.S. class upcoming
- Kaution Korner – “What are the causes of motorcycle accidents “, presented by Jim P. refer to the Roar for complete details.

2019 Election: Wayne K.

- 2019 open positions: president, vice-president, 2 directors, 1 director to be appointed.
- Explanation of open positions, position requirements and process for voting.
- Nomination process open to Nov. 12th.
- Announcement that Noelle Rigsby is our newest Road Captain.

Upcoming
Elections!



Activities/Awards: Jim P.

- Introduction and short discussion of pick-up rides; tabled for board review.
- 10/7: Memorial ride cancelled, Road Captain needed.
- 10/20: Halloween Howl – Prime Quarter Steak House -Janesville,WI. Mary K.
- 10/27: Holy Hill shrine of Mary ride – Ted M.
- 11/6: Top Cats general meeting.
- 11/13: Top Cats board meeting.
- 11/17: NISRA fashion show – Marriot NW. Hoffman Estates – Lisa P.
- 12/2: Toys for Tots abbreviated – Ted M.

Video presentation: Ron K.

- MC Rider no.29 “ Tips for riding in the rain”
- Audience comments and discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned : Mike B. 7:59pm.





BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9TH, 2018

Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

President's Section: Mike B.

- 7:00 p.m. meeting called to order.
- Appreciation / recognition of 2018 Board and Officers.
- Noelle Rigsby to receive Director and Road Captain rockers at next general meeting.
- Ron Kostus to receive Secretary rocker at next general meeting.

Treasury: Noelle R.

- Status of 2019 dues receipts – 18 paid members to date.
- Reminder that 2019 dues are due by October 31st.

2019 Election: Wayne K.

- Positions open: President, Vice president, (2) Directors, 1 Director for possible appointment.
- Wayne reviewed requirements to vote in the election and the requirements to be nominated and elected for each position.
- Wayne to prepare the election slate which will be approved by the board.
- A review of members on the roster who are qualified to vote will need to be completed.
- Our roster needs to be updated with current member information.
- November 12th. is last day for nominations prior to the next board meeting.
- Wayne presented a historical document of past Top Cats officers which is to be distributed amongst the board.
- Some nominees have been gathered, but have yet to be presented to the board.

Activities/Awards: Gene R.

- Pick-up rides were suggested and voted on.
- 10/20: Halloween Howl – Prime Quarter Steak House, Janesville, WI. Mary K.
- 10/27: Holy Hill shrine of Mary ride – Ted M.
- 10/28: last G.R.A.S.S. class of the year, Keller Williams, Barrington, Ric C.
- 11/6: Top Cats general meeting.
- 11/13: Top Cats board meeting.
- 11/17: NISRA Fashion Show – Marriot NW. Hoffman Estates – Lisa P. Club will subsidize 50% of ticket cost for club members; members cost \$25.00, guests \$50.00. last day for payment to Noelle is Nov. 6th.
- 12/9: Holiday Haven – Christkindl Market 2018, Naperville, Mary K.

Safety: Ric C.

- Ric stated his potential new Road Captain Committee Chief hasn't worked out.
- Board discussed the role of this committee head and has decided to send out a "blast" explaining the requirements for this person hoping someone will step-up to the position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm: Mike B.

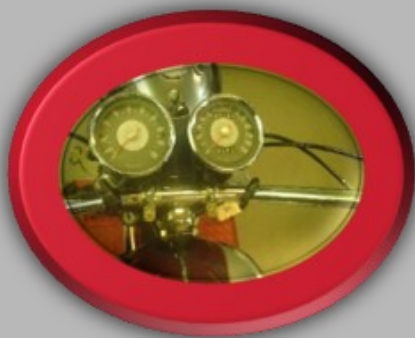


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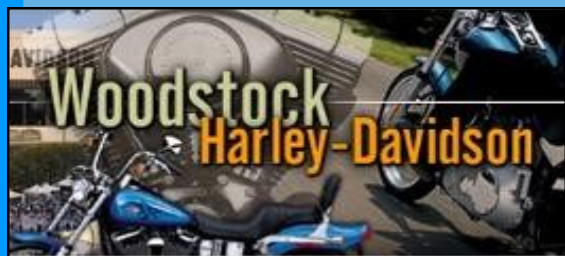
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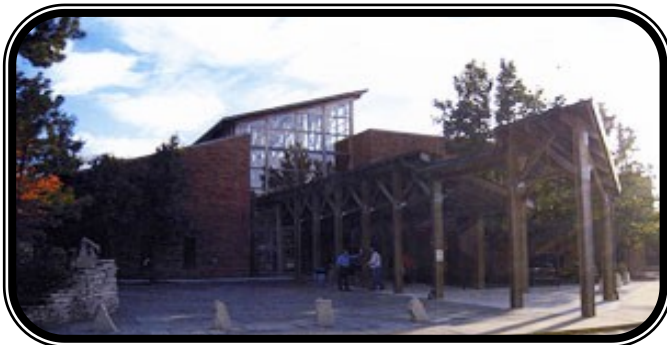




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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Tuesday, November 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, November 17th	NISRA Fashion Show	Hoffman Estates	Marriott NW	10:30 am	L. Purcell
Sunday, December 2nd	Toys for Tots	Podhalanka	Lane Tech	9:00 am	Makarewicz
Tuesday, December 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Sunday, December 9th	Holiday Haven	Naperville	Kris Kindle Market	11:00 am	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury

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