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## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING
- 16 IMS AND BREAKFAST
- 16 TOP CAT BANQUET

### MARCH

- 3 SHOOT OUT
- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING
- 17 ST. PATTY'S AT KIRKPATTY'S

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



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## PRESIDENT'S POINT

### And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats!!

I can't believe we are at the end of January, and of course the coldest days are upon us....

This does not stop the Top Cats.... On no!!

This past weekend was a blast. First we had our Annual Chili Cook Off, which was a great event in itself. Providing 6 wonderful chili recipes to sample. And we also added a dessert competition, with 6 great dessert options. I really had to pace myself so I could try them all. Tough job, but somebody had to do it...

We wrapped up the day (folks that attended will get it) with a couple of great games which were just as much fun to watch as to play. Thanks to Lisa, Mary and Noelle for putting this together. (Check out some pictures on page 11)

We also had our first G.R.A.S.S. class for 2019. Thank you Mike Bradbury and Ric Case for putting this together and running the show. During the Road Captain Committee segment, Mike spoke about the important role our Road Captains have and how they are key element in making the Top Cats the great club (more like a big group of friends) that it is.

Mike also challenged all the Road Captains to get at least 1 ride on the calendar for 2019 and did they respond. So far....

13 total rides presented

5 multi day rides

2 rides over 2 days long

Rides starting in May and going through December. Yes, December

Actually 9 months of riding with the TBD Kick-off ride in April.

Who says we have a short riding season???

AND, only Half the Road Captains responded.

There was one added social event presented for March as well.

Keep in mind we are only 1/12th through the year..... Much much more to come. Jim is working on adding the rides to the calendar, so check the Top Cats calendar on our website ([www.topcats.org](http://www.topcats.org)) in the next week or so, and get the dates into your calendars as soon as possible ~ so you can be there.



Up next in February is breakfast and a trip to the International Motorcycle Show, Feb 16. And, that same day is our annual club Award dinner.

One last item to cover for now is the process of growing our membership. We have a lot of great folks in our club, and our great folks know other great folks. So talk to your "other" friends, family and neighbors about our group. Tell them to stop in at a club meeting or

join us on a ride. Noelle and I attended the Ride for Dreams way back in 2010, attended a few meetings through the year, volunteered at the next R4D ('11) and rode to Davenport with the group that year and we joined in October.

We will be working on more membership activities throughout the year, but why wait.... Start now.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at anytime via my email: [Gene.rigsby@gmail.com](mailto:Gene.rigsby@gmail.com), or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there....

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby







## KAUTION KORNER



### Intersections

The Most Common Road Hazzard!

By: Mike 'Motorcycle' Bradbury, Sr. Road Captain

The most common road hazard area is intersections. Intersections can come in many shapes and sizes. How many intersections do you think you can name?

In no particular order there is; four-way, T-junctions, Y intersections, "forks", traffic circles, Superstreet, Diverging Diamond and more. While it's very interesting to consider them all, the purpose here is to expose you to some of the dangers that you will encounter in the new types of intersections and to give you a few tips to handle them safely.

Intersections can be broken down to controlled or uncontrolled types. Controlled types are what we are most familiar with. They have stop signs or traffic signals. Uncontrolled ones do not. The new types we will review are uncontrolled types. They typically do not have stops. Whew, already I feel informed.

New types of intersections like traffic circles (otherwise known as Roundabouts), Diverging Diamonds and Superstreets require you to be very aware of the traffic flows around you. You must yield to traffic while timing an insertion and egress to traffic flow that is also doing the same with your vehicle. Ultimately, after time you will find there is a sense of rhythm to the flow. The most dangerous thing you can do is to stop outright or pilot your craft in an unpredictable way.

Roundabouts come in different shapes and sizes. Some have multiple or single lanes encircling a center island with multiple entries and exits.



The inside lane is useful if you are encircling most or all of the circle and are intended for drivers to go back in the direction they came from. While it looks confusing, making assertive decisions timed

with your awareness of the corresponding traffic flows is the safest way to handle this type of intersection.

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An uncontrolled intersection may look chaotic but that does not mean it is a chaotic one. It is incumbent that all drivers learn and familiarize yourselves with them to use them safely. Each driver is relying on the others predictability and rate of motion so each one can navigate them successfully.

Diverging Diamond intersections, with their geometry limit conflict-points. A good example of one is where Elmhurst Road crosses I-90. Here is a photo of that intersection. The right sided lane becomes a left sided lane then back to the right side after crossing the highway. With no left turn from the right sided lanes, those main conflict points are eliminated in either direction of traffic flow.

A Superstreet intersection is also known as a restricted crossing U-turn, J-turn or reduced conflict intersection. This intersection is a variation of the Michigan



Left. In this configuration, in contrast to the Michigan left, traffic on the minor road is not permitted to proceed straight across the major road or highway. Drivers on the minor road wishing to turn left or go straight must turn right onto the major road, then, a short distance away, queue (wait) into a designated U-turn (or crossover) lane in the median.

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## KK, Continued...

When traffic clears, they complete the **U-turn** and then either go straight or make a right turn when they intersect the other half of the minor road. The superstreet typically requires four **traffic light**-controlled intersections, and most traffic must pass through two of them, but each light has only two phases, greatly increasing average traffic flow; there is no need for numerous left-turn phases where most traffic is waiting for only a few cars to clear the intersection. Turning movements on roads with lower cross-traffic volumes may be controlled with **stop** or **yield signs** for turning traffic rather than with signals.

To handle these roads safely, be aware of other traffic, be alert, be assertive and match the flow timing your ingress and egresses to avoid issues. These new types of intersections allow higher traffic flows causing more and more of them to pop up in our travels. Find these roads and practice, practice, practice. Practice will help you become confident, adept at handling these new

Learn  
Practice  
Improve



No Birthdays  
For February!

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

2nd - Jim and Lisa  
Purcell

## V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



We are one more month closer to our riding season! The excitement is growing for sure! And after the frigid temperatures, that is a very warm thought!

But, take a minute and stay in the moment. Let's look at the **BENEFITS** of the cold. After watching (Yes, I'm retired!) Racheal Ray this morning, I've been thinking... Her guest, Max Lugavere states:

*Studies have shown that cold water therapy can also improve memory. This is due in part to the robust increase in the neurotransmitter norepinephrine, which plays a key role in executive functioning **regulating cognition, motivation, and intellect**. The battery of positive "nootropic" effects (**R**) doesn't end there: Cold water exposure can cause a significant decrease in tension fatigue and stress. The ability of cold water to reduce stress may be a key mechanism by which it can improve memory.*

Check out his blog at <https://www.maxlugavere.com/> and 'Upgrade Yourself' with other very interesting topics... But, for today, here is my thought:

With all of the **cold weather therapy** we are experiencing, we should all have improved cognition, motivation and intellect... our creativity factor should be at a high! Let's begin planning and creating rides to great destinations for our **warm weather therapy**!

The Road Captains met the other day and are planning many new adventures for this summer, but the plans won't be complete until you create a few adventures too! Take your Top Cat family along with you to the places you would like to explore! Seeing new things or going back to old favorites have an extra level of satisfaction when shared with others... so use your cold creative advantage now and let us know what you are dreaming of on these winter days! Lets make them reality! Map them out and pass them on so that we can get them on the calendar!

Enjoy the cold! And all of your  
heightened intellect!

Trooper.. Talented Trooper that is!



## February Birthdays and Anniversaries!





## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Ducati Car-to-Bike Technology



Ducati continues its safety-focused research by taking part – together with Audi and Ford – in the first U.S. demonstration of a communication system that interlinks vehicles, street infrastructure and pedestrians.

This test follows the [one completed](#) in Germany last July. The latter saw the ConVeX (Connected Vehicle to Everything) project – a key part of Ducati’s “Safety Road Map 2025” strategy which aims to develop new safety systems and technologies – showcased in Europe for the very first time. The initial stages of this strategy will see ABS Cornering extended to the entire Ducati range and the market launch, in 2020, of a bike with front and rear radar.



Ducati, Audi AG, Ford Motor Company and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc., announced the companies’ continued joint efforts to help accelerate commercial deployment for C-V2X direct communication technology for roadside safety, traffic efficiency and automated driving.

As a part of the Consumer Electronic Show 2019, a Ducati Multistrada 1260 as well as Audi and Ford vehicles, demonstrated driving situations utilizing C-V2X direct communications. All vehicles were equipped with C-V2X technology utilizing the Qualcomm 9150 C-V2X chipset to demonstrate a cooperative intersection use case, exhibiting how C-V2X can be used between vehicles to negotiate the right of way in entering a four-way, non-signalized intersection where intention sharing and non-line-of-sight conditions make the use of a wireless sensor such as C-V2X ideal.



The companies also exhibited additional Vehicle-to-Vehicle, Vehicle-to-Pedestrian and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure safety scenarios, demonstrating the maturity and potential of C-V2X technology.

The V2V use case featured the Intersection Movement Assist scenario, which is a key countermeasure to address angle collisions at intersections, while the V2P scenario exhibited how C-V2X can be used to protect vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

The V2I use case featured the Work Zone Warning scenario, which is designed to provide drivers advanced warning of road construction ahead allowing them to maneuver in a safe manner.

Because C-V2X can be easily integrated into all wireless modems to offer direct and network communications, its implementation is cost-effective, which is especially important as the automotive industry continues to move towards adding wireless connectivity in all vehicles.

### Wintertime Reads For Motorcyclists

The best time to start or catch up on a book is wintertime. Brew a pot of coffee, start a fire, and chill out in your favorite chair. Whatever type of bike you ride, and whatever type of rider you are, there’s a book that will capture your interest this winter. Let’s take a look at five worthwhile reads.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

### 1. Ride Out!: Motorcycle Road Trips and Adventures

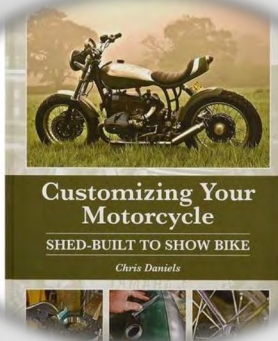


Maybe you've made a coast-to-coast cruise at some point in your life but, have you ever wondered what a motorcycle riding trip would be like in regions of South Africa, Japan, China, Patagonia, and New Zealand?

The authors of *Ride Out!: Motorcycle Road Trips and Adventures* delivers just that—breathtaking photography, stories, and detailed maps of some of the most unforgettable locations in the world. This is a journey that can be appreciated by any type of motorcycle rider. In a single day, you can follow these two-wheeled nomads into corners and curves that very few riders can boast about experiencing firsthand.

### 2. Customizing Your Motorcycle: Shed-Built To Show Bike

Chris Daniels' book explores the methods of customizing different makes and models of motorcycles to truly make them personalized pieces of individual expression. Daniels shows that a rider can take a factory bike and transform it into something they can be proud to ride and show.

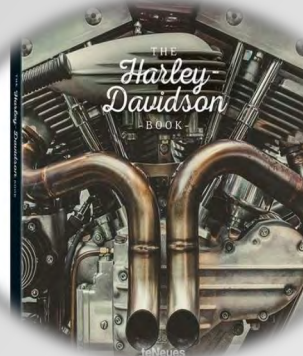


Projects showcase how to make custom parts, explore workshop setup ideas, and explain bike components and essential maintenance, as well as introducing readers to welding, cleaning, and painting prep. This really is a great all-encompassing companion for riders of all ages and experience levels.

### 3. The Harley-Davidson Book

There's a sense of true appreciation for the machines that were made available from the very

beginning stages in H-D's early years. Flipping through this book by authors Dirk Mangartz, Sven Wedemeyer, and Philipp Wentz will take you through some great photos from events and shots on the road.



Hundreds of photographs capture the freedom and the love affair riders all over the globe have with their Harley-Davidson. Take a visual journey through photo-rich stories and articles about the lifestyle that we all love and hold dear.

### 4. Cross Country And All The Bullshit With It

Now, we'll trip back to the continental United States in a coast-to-coast ride like you have never experienced before. You may have ridden the same roads author Hood



Lodo did, but we're sure that he was taking a course into a direction like you never could've imagined—until now.

In *Cross Country And All The Bullshit With It*, Lodo gives a true account of his travels as a member of one of the most shadowy motorcycle organizations in the world. Prepare to take a gritty look into one man's truly unique trip across this great, crazy country.

### 5. Indian Motorcycle: America's First Motorcycle Company

Indian Motorcycle: America's First Motorcycle Company tells the complete story of America's first mass-produced motorcycle maker, from its start as a bicycle manufacturer to its purchase by Polaris in 2011, and beyond.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

If you're an Indian enthusiast like author Darwin Holmstrom, you'll appreciate every one of his book's 200-plus pages. Read about the company's early years of the 20th century and its rich race history, and the hard times it faced in the early '50s and prepare to be enlightened. Holmstrom has published a similar book that focuses on Harley-Davidson's history as well.



## Harley-Davidson Opens LiveWire Preorders And Announces Pricing



Harley-Davidson opened up preorders for the 2020 LiveWire electric motorcycle and revealed the price of the brand's first ever e-bike: \$29,799. The news comes following Harley's presentation at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas,

where it also showcased two additional prototype electric machines. These two concepts are electric bicycles, one clearly built with mountain bikers in mind and the other a somewhat squat-looking casual bike, presumably for use in urban environments.



One of two electric concepts Harley revealed, this one clearly based on the style and function of a mountain bike.

Harley is primarily focused on the LiveWire launch however, a project that's been years in the making. The bike marks a significant shift for the brand as it works to generate a new rider in the 21st century.

The second electric concept from Harley that looks to be right at home on congested city streets.



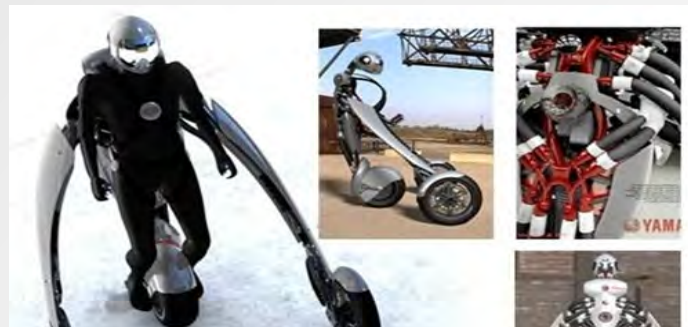
The LiveWire will come to market in August 2019. Preorders are now being accepted and the bike will start at \$29,799.

Back in November, Harley released a thorough rundown of the LiveWire's features and specs. It promises to be a technologically sophisticated motorcycle and completely different from anything currently in Harley's lineup.

Speaking purely in terms of innovation and progress, it will be exciting to see how LiveWire fares. It marks a significant moment in motorcycling; the first major manufacturer bringing a full-fledged production street e-motorcycle to market. And for that bike to come from Harley-Davidson, a brand intimately associated with V-twin gas-burning engines that give off a sound as ingrained in American culture as apple pie, is remarkable.

## Yamaha Features Autonomous Mobility

The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas this year hosted a handful of brands with robust motorcycle divisions, including Yamaha. Three concepts were presented that aren't really in the purview of a strictly motorcycle-focused audience, but they're interesting as far as Yamaha's vision of its place in the future of mobility.



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## Oil Spots, Continued...

The first centers around a Public Personal Mobility concept. This is an autonomous and low-speed conveyance with a 1-mile range that can be used to transport either passengers or cargo. Passengers aren't without recourse to correct course if need be, thanks to AI facial recognition which allows the riders to control the AI "conductor."

Autonomously propelled vehicles are growing quite a bit in popularity, as far as research and development is concerned at least, and BMW is another of the manufacturers this year showing their efforts in this regard. Take a look at the self-driving R1200GS to see what we mean.

Then there's the Tritown concept, which was first unveiled at the Tokyo Motor Show in 2017 but comes packing a new design for 2019.



This is a stand-up, three-wheeled scooter that moves according to the rider's posture. Sort of like those hoverboards that were the craze a few years ago. Thankfully the Tritown

appears to be much more stable and will likely be really useful for folks in highly congested urban areas.

And finally there's a new generation of unmanned helicopter on display, another example of Yamaha's focus on autonomously driven vehicles. Yamaha has been in the industrial-use, unmanned helicopter



segment for 35 years, according to a company release, but the latest concept improves its performance in a variety of ways. Better aerial delivery, photography and surveillance, measurement and inspection. It can also carry 154 pounds, so will definitely be able to deliver that new Snap On toolbox you ordered on Amazon, no problem.

But what does all this have to do with motorcycles? Yamaha Motor's global grand strategy through 2030 is to, essentially, expand "human possibilities." This is the phrasing used in a late-December outline of the company's mid-term and long-term plans. Part of the plan that will likely affect the motorcycles Yamaha produces directly are the three focus areas listed as part of efforts to transform mobility.

The Yamaha Tritown uses Leaning Multi-Wheel technology and moves based on the rider's posture.

The first is increased use of the LMW (Leaning Multi-Wheel)

technology, currently featured on the Niken and Tritown, which the company figures will allow for an expanded customer base since they promise to be more approachable vehicles compared to those with two wheels only.

The second focus area is control. Clearly, this is where the development into autonomous technology fits in, and like BMW, Yamaha will take the lessons learned in riderless tech and apply them to more sophisticated rider aids on motorcycles in the near future.

The third is EV, electronic technology. Harley-Davidson will soon have a full-fledged production electric motorcycle, and the Japanese companies like Yamaha and Honda won't lag behind for long. These two in particular have expansive experience in sophisticated tech for other means of transport, robotics, communications, and a whole lot more. If the market demand makes it worth the effort, an electric motorcycle from Yamaha is something we wouldn't be the least bit surprised to see.

## BMW Showcases Autonomous R1200GS

BMW made riders obsolete during a demonstration of its autonomous R1200GS motorcycle at this year's Consumer

Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The self-driving bike starts, turns, accelerates, slows and stops all on its own and is a remarkable thing to see.



The intention isn't to get rid of riders, however, but to show the features and technology that BMW is developing in safety and rider assistance.



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## Oil Spots, Continued...

In recent years these advances have included tech that allows motorcycles and cars to communicate with one another and head-up display devices for helmets, in addition to refinements to traction control systems, ABS, and dynamic suspension.

Your eyes are not playing a trick; that bike's moving on its own, without a rider.



BMW doesn't offer any specific details on the tech that actually makes this marvel work and stresses that the bike will help propel research forward for systems on rider-piloted bikes. These areas include hazard detection, optimal line selection, and other riding dynamics.



The self-driving motorcycle is meant to propel research forward as BMW develops more sophisticated rider-aid systems.

We do learn, though, that the machine uses only those inputs a rider would make, rather than gyroscopes, to stay upright and perform its maneuvers.

We're not far from the day when a light will blink at the optimal braking point in a corner, or offer an LCD map for where you need to be in a corner at a given speed. BMW is definitely at the forefront of these efforts, and we're excited to see what it'll think of next.



## Lightning Strikes

Lightning Motorcycles has announced the coming release of its first mass-market electric motorcycle. The Lightning Strike will officially launch in March 2019, carrying a competitive \$12,998 price tag.

The news is scant as far as details on the machine at this point, but the company did release some enticing information on range and charge time. According to Lightning, the Strike will be capable of 150 miles on a charge and reach a top speed of 150 mph. Riders will be able to juice up the machine in as little as 35 minutes with a DC charge.



Lightning Motorcycles has been on the electric scene since 2009, and its first product was the exclusive LS-218, a 200-hp beast capable of reaching 218 mph. That mark gave Lightning the distinction of producing the fastest production electric motorcycle at the time.



While the Strike doesn't compare to these eye-popping numbers, it is an alluring machine, even with what little we know about it. The teaser image shows the head-

lights illuminated in the dark, and it's evident the Strike will have a similar visage to the LS-218.

Electric sportbikes have up to now been much like the LS-218, boutique items priced beyond the reach of most consumers. Electric standards, dirt bikes, and dual-sports have been much more common in the marketplace.

With the rising profile of electric sportbikes in racing, more advanced charging technology, and increased range, the Lightning Strike will be the tip of the iceberg.



## Sturgis, Second Call???

By Traveler

When we hear "First Call" it typically indicates the first chance to get in on something. When we hear "Last Call" it typically indicates the pending loss of an opportunity to do something that we enjoy. It's no different when it's applied to our annual trek to the Black Hills and Sturgis Bike Week.

This year is the 79th Anniversary of the legendary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and, possibly one of the most exciting Top Cats' group rides to Sturgis.



The increasing interest of our members in this iconic Black Hills Rally, combined

with better negotiated travel and rally expenses appears to be generating the excitement we traditionally experienced as a club over our annual rides to Sturgis.

If you have the interest and you can afford the time and the cost of the trip, then you'd better make your hotel reservations for Sturgis ASAP for what might be the best, long – distance Top Cats' ride to the Black Hills Rally yet....



As we do every year, we will take a leisurely ride to Rapid City, SD staying in Mankato, MN the first night, Pierre, SD the second night, and new for this year,

we'll stay at the Franklin Hotel in the wild-west town

of Deadwood, SD for two nights on the way to Rapid City the fifth and remaining nights.



**WARNING:** As this edition goes to publication, we are close to 120 days away from our cut-off date of 1

June 2019 for making or cancelling hotel reservations at the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City, SD.



As most riders realize, it is difficult to plan a ride if you have no idea of how many riders will participate. Once we have an idea of how

many Top Cats are going to Sturgis, this year, we will publish our group departure times and location and, canvas our riders for interest in returning home via, Natchez Trace, Santa Fe Trail, Pikes Peak, Angle Fire, Dodge City, Kansas back roads, or a direct return home.



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## Sturgis, continued

So, if you are "on the fence" about this year's Sturgis trip, or you just haven't gotten around to making hotel reservations, better saddle up and make them now. Remember, you can always cancel reservations, but you can't re-negotiate our contract room rates after the cut – off dates.

If you can even get a hotel room, typical Bike Week hotel rates will run from between \$350 / night to \$700 / night for a luxury hotel equal to the Alex Johnson. We have negotiated our annual contract with the Hotel Alex Johnson for a special rate ranging from \$169 / night to \$214 / night.

Here's the info for hotel reservations. You must state that you are reserving your room under the Top Cats block to receive our rates.

**Mon, 29 July 2019 :** City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN. (Arrive 29 July, Depart 30 July) \$89.00 / night + tax, Contact Front Desk, (507) 345-1234,. **Cut-off: 15 July**

**Tue, 30 July 2019:** Baymont Inn, Pierre, SD. (Arrive 30 July, Depart 31 July) Single \$62.00, double \$65.00+ tax Contact: Ron or Sonia (605) 224-4140 **Cut-Off: 15 July**

**\*NEW! Wed & Thur, 31 July and 1 August 2019:** Franklin Hotel/Casino, Deadwood, SD, (Arrive 31 July, Depart 2 August) \$145.00 / night + tax. [Contact Front Desk](mailto:ContactFrontDesk@franklinhotel.com), (800) 584-7005, ext 3, **Cut-Off: 10 July**

**Fri to Tue, 2 - 6 August 2019:** Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD. (Arr 2 Aug, Dpt 7 Aug or Anytime) Thurs: \$169, Fri: \$214 forward: \$214, Contact Front Desk, (800) 888-ALEX (2539) **Cut-Off: 1 June or you PAY one night booked!**

Please let Wayne; [wkirkpal77@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpal77@aol.com), Cell: (847) 915-8428, or Bard; [bard.boand@att.net](mailto:bard.boand@att.net), Cell: (847) 721-7470, know when you make your hotel reservations so we can finalize our departure times and start to develop our return trip route / plans.

*Remember, life is like one tank of gas....it eventually runs out and it's up to us to decide how to use it. We can burn fuel idling or we can ride through life with a wide – open throttle...*



## 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off Highlights!

Compliments of Top Cats... And Lisa Purcell!



Hot Chili of many kinds..

Fun Games that challenged the minds...

Sugar and Sweets to finish the dinner!

Horserider and Lucky were the final game winners...

OR ... Everyone went home feeling like winners!





## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8TH, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary



### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ 7:00 pm, meeting called to order
- ✦ Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- ✦ Birthdays: 1/1: Wayne K.
- ✦ 1/2: Noelle R.

- ✦ Wayne K. light hearted joke
- ✦ New board / committee members:
- ✦ Thanks to past board members: Mike Bradbury as President, Emil Kornecki for Membership
- ✦ New Directors:
  - ✦ Greg Smith – Activities
  - ✦ Ted Makarewicz– Membership
  - ✦ Ric Case– Staying on as Safety Director
- ✦ New Committee Chairs
  - ✦ Mike Bradbury– Road Captain Committee Chair
  - ✦ Don DeLordo – Road Captain Safety Chair
- ✦ Vice President: Mary Kirkpatrick

### Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ 1/27/19 Senior Road Captain and Road Captain meeting, Keller Williams, 600 Hart Rd., Barrington – open to all members.
- ✦ Kaution Korner – “Rides vs Risk” refer to the Roar for complete details by Wayne Kirkpatrick

### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ✦ New members, type of members, who are these members – presentation at next meeting.

### Activities/Awards: Jim Purcell

- ✦ 1/15: Top cats board meeting – Alley 64.
- ✦ 1/19: Top cats shoot-out – On Target, Crystal Lake, Ric C.
- ✦ 1/26: Chili cook off – Mc Henry Harley – Lisa P.
- ✦ 1/27: Senior Road Captain and Road captain meeting – Keller Williams, 600 Hart Road, Barrington.- open to all members.
- ✦ 2/16: International Motorcycle show – Gene R. to put together breakfast and show meeting.
- ✦ 2/16: Top cats annual awards dinner: The Onion in Barrington – Mike B.
- ✦ 2/23: Cabin fever – Woodstock Harley.
- ✦ Sturgis ride review: Bard B. & Wayne K.- time to make your intentions known and reservations made.

### Top cats products review: Lisa Purcell

- ✦ The group voiced their opinions of what new T/C products they'd like to see available – Lisa to do further investigation. Discussions to continue at next meeting.

### Video presentation: Ron Kostus

- ✦ MC Rider “How dangerous are motorcycles ? ” The video was again well received.

**50/50 Raffle: Jim Purcell** Winner was Lisa P. – donated to charity.





## BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15TH, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

### **President's Section: Gene Rigsby**

- ✦ 7:00 p.m. meeting called to order.
- ✦ Welcome new board members: Ted M. and Greg S., Mary K. as Vice-president, Ric C. as continuing Safety Officer.
- ✦ Club tax filing 501-C3: Ted M. to take over filing due to his familiarity with the process.
- ✦ Club website "welcome screen to updated by Mary K. and Gene R.
- ✦ New member packet to be updated by Gene R. packet to now include T/C t-shirt as standard.
- ✦ Club Tax Filing: Ted M. working on reinstatement policies and documentation requirements.
- ✦ Rockers awarded to Mary K., Ted M., and Greg S. for their new Board positions.
- ✦ Committees are forming and Gene R. would like to meet with each separately to discuss future direction.

### **Vice President: Mary Kirkpatrick**

- ✦ Would appreciate additional help with the website ?
- ✦ Website suggestions and Historian Chair suggestion ?
- ✦ Barrington library to continue to archive our clubs history.

### **Activities/Awards: Greg Smith**

- ✦ Rick A. Jim P. and Greg S. are working on this committee; Greg would like to have two more persons to help out.
- ✦ Gene R. asked for approval of \$800.00 for the Annual Awards Banquet ; Board approved.
- ✦ 1/19: Top cats Shoot-out – On-Target, Crystal Lake, Ric C.
- ✦ 1/26: Chili cook-off, Lisa P. – McHenry Harley, 11:30 am.confirmed, board approved \$150.00 for this event. Lisa P.
- ✦ 1/27: Senior road captain / road captain meeting; Keller Williams, Hart Road, Barrington. Ric C.
- ✦ 2/16: Annual banquet: Onion Pub, Barrington. Mike B.
- ✦ 2/16: International motorcycle show – Gene R. to put together breakfast spot and gathering at the show.
- ✦ 2/23: Cabin Fever – Woodstock Harley.

### **Safety: Ric Case**

- ✦ Mike B. Road Captain Committee Chair is in charge of reports, points and mentoring.
- ✦ Don de Lordo Safety Committee Chair is in charge of documentation and records.

### **Membership: Ted Makarewicz**

- ✦ Emil K. turned over membership packages to Ted.

### **Charity: Lisa Purcell**

- ✦ Flyer update – Gene R. - Posse flyers have been completed and distributed – 75 copies.
- ✦ 2/23 – Cabin Fever- Woodstock Harley – we have two tables available for our displays.
- ✦ \$500.00 for the Charity ride grand prize to come out of the Charity budget.

### **Treasury: Noelle Rigsby**

Treasury balances available upon request.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm: Gene Rigsby**

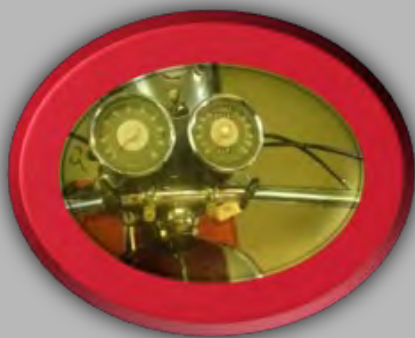


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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, February 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, February 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, February 16th	Breakfast & IMS	Des Plaines Rosemont	Tiffany's Café Donald E Stevens Convention Center	8:30 am - Breakfast at Tiffany's	Rigsby
Saturday, February 16th	TC Banquet	Lake Barrington	Onion Pub	6:00 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, March 2nd	Shoot-Out	On Target	Crystal Lake	7:00 am	Case
Tuesday, March 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, March 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, March 17th	Kirkpatrick's Corned Beef	Bunker, Hooch, Shop & Kitchen	Algonquin, Illinois	12:30 pm	Kirkpatrick's

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



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