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## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 BOARD MEETING
- 28 KICK-OFF RIDE

### MAY

- 5 BRUNCH, BOATS AND BIRDS
- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 POTOSI RIVER RUN
- 14 BOARD MEETING

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!!

Most folks would argue that it is the sound of motorcycles that signals the beginning of riding season, but I know when you hear the distinctive sound of the Spring Peepers off in the distance, you know spring is here. I'm hearing them!!! Riding season is soon to come!!

March was a bit quiet, with only a few events. But they were quality events. Thanks to Ric Case for getting the first shootout of the year together. We had a good turnout. Also, much thanks to the Kirkpatricks for sharing their Pot O'Gold with their Top Cat brothers and sisters for St Patrick's Day. And, a big thank you to Mike Bradbury for hosting the 2019 RC meeting. It was a great meeting and will help us be ready for the riding season.

You know, it is very cool to look back on our past events and see such a diverse list. Something for everyone. We are very blessed.

Now onto bigger things. April starts off slow but will finish with our first ride of the season.

I will be leading the kick-off this year on Sunday, April 28th. We will be working out some of the winter kinks as we meander our way out to beautiful bustling Hebron Illinois for brunch at the world-famous locality, Crandell's. If you haven't or even have been there, you are in for a treat.

Coming up before the kick-off ride, on April 13th, Woodstock HD will be holding their 2019 open house. We will have a table there, where we will promote the Ride for Dreams 2019 and our club. This is a great opportunity to sell your Ride for Dreams raffle tickets, like Bill Yates (and his family), Noelle, Mary and Jim Wiseman, did at the Woodstock Cabin Fever event. We had our new Top Cats membership fliers on the table at that event and had some interest in the club, which is great to see.

Come on out. Not just to sell raffle tickets or talk to folks about our charity. Of course, these are good reasons to be there. But there is an additional benefit of having a bigger crowd around our table, which helps to attract more attention from the public and draws them over. Do this and the rest will follow...

The Top Cat ride calendar has a lot of rides listed. So check the Top Cat website ([www.topcats.org](http://www.topcats.org)) and get the dates into your calendars as soon as possible so you can make sure to be there.

I have committed to leading:

4/28: Kick-off ride

6/1: BBQ car show

7/13-14: Crystal Lake Cave

8/11: Mendota Corn Fest

9/8: Sunrise Ride

Get the dates saved 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



June 1, 2019...  
Great Cars and Great BBQ  
Gentlemen... Start Your Engines!



2019 Kick-Off Ride.... April 28!  
Crandall's Broasted Chicken...  
Nothing to Bawk at!!!





## KAUTION KORNER



### Gearing up for Spring Riding!

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby,  
Sr. Road Captain



It's one of the most important prerequisites to your first ride of the season... and every ride for that matter. That is why you hear it over

and over. Of course I am referring to TCLOCS.

TCLOCS is an acronym, which was created by the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) to help riders remember to check and verify the condition and function of critical systems of your bike, including Tires and Wheels, Controls, Lights and Electrical, Oil and Fluids, Chassis and Side stand. There are variations of TCLOCS I have heard of, but this is a base.

Your owners manual will have much of the information you will need to perform TCLOCS, but you may need to look online, purchase a shop manual or ask the service folks at your local dealership.

#### T-CLOCK Inspection Checklist

T: Tires  
C: Controls  
L: Lights  
O: Oil  
C: Chassis  
K: Kickstand

Below are the basics. I will have a full TCLOCS form sent out in the next week. This will be in time for your first ride of 2019 (My Kick-off ride April, 28th??) and for each time you ride.

#### T (tires and wheels)

- Tires
- Pressure
- Rubber condition

#### C (Controls)

- Tight/Proper adjustment
- Cables in good condition/Lubrication
- Brake / Clutch fluid

#### L (Lights and electrical)

- Headlight (low/high beams)
- Directions indicators (Left and Right, Front and Rear)
- Stop/Plate
- Dash/fairing/gauges lighting

#### O (Oil and Fluids)

- Check engine oil level
- Check clarity

#### C (Chassis)

- Handlebars
- Head bearing smooth but not loose

#### S (Side stand)

- Make sure it moves smoothly. Lubricate as needed

By performing TCLOCS at the beginning of the season and every time you ride, you can greatly reduce the possibility of having issues on the road.



## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Indian Motorcycle Introduces Limited-Edition 2019 Roadmaster Elite



Indian Motorcycle announced its latest ultra-premium touring motorcycle, the 2019 Roadmaster Elite. With only 200 available, the limited-edition Roadmaster Elite pairs modern touring amenities with iconic Indian Motorcycle styling. The 2019 model also boasts many exclusive premium features including a hand painted custom-inspired design along with top of the line premium amenities.

Every Roadmaster Elite is an artistic masterpiece that features Wildfire Red Candy over Black Crystal paint with real 24-karat gold leaf badging. Each bike undergoes a meticulous paint process that takes nearly 30 hours to complete and is finished by hand.



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saries

### April Birthdays and Anniversaries!

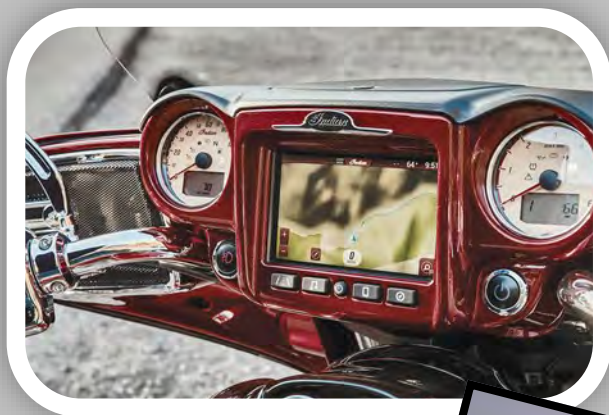
Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities  
for April  
Let us know your special dates so that  
we can celebrate with you!



New for 2019, the Roadmaster Elite receives an upgraded 600-watt PowerBand Audio Plus

system. The high-powered system delivers exceptional sound and clarity from high-output fairing, trunk and saddlebag speakers that are 50 percent louder than the stock audio system offered on the 2019 Roadmaster. The PowerBand Audio Plus system features an enhanced nine-band dynamic equalizer that auto-adjusts specific frequencies to the optimal level at different vehicle speeds to compensate for road, wind, and engine noise to deliver crystal clear sound quality in every riding condition.

Additional premium amenities unique to the Roadmaster Elite include leather passenger armrests, spacious billet aluminum rider and passenger floorboards, a premium touring console, billet aluminum pinnacle mirrors and chrome bumpers.



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No Anniver-  
In April!





## **Oil Spots, Continued...**

“The Roadmaster Elite offers the most refined, premium touring experience for riders that demand the best of the best,” said Reid Wilson, senior director for Indian Motorcycle. “We’ve truly left no stone unturned, packing this bike with style and comfort features that take the touring experience to a new level.”

Along with the powerful Thunder Stroke 111 engine, which produces 119 ft.-lbs. of torque for exceptional power at low RPM, the Roadmaster Elite features the latest ride-enhancing technologies available from Indian Motorcycle, including:

### **► Selectable Ride Modes**

Three selectable ride modes, including Tour, Standard and Sport, allow the rider to adjust the bike’s throttle response to fit their riding preferences. The throttle map for each Ride Mode was designed with a specific application in mind, resulting in one motorcycle with three distinct personalities.

### **► Rear Cylinder Deactivation**

When the Thunder Stroke 111 reaches operating temperature and the ambient temperature exceeds 59° F, the rear cylinder will automatically deactivate when the bike is at a standstill, resulting in less engine heat for improved rider comfort in slow-moving or stopped traffic. The rear cylinder instantly reactivates when throttle is applied for a seamless transition to full power. The bike also features redesigned lowers that provide optimal airflow for improved comfort.

### **► Ride Command**

The Indian Motorcycle Ride Command system is the largest, fastest, most customizable infotainment system on two wheels. The seven-inch, glove-compatible touchscreen features turn-by-turn navigation, customizable rider information screens, Bluetooth compatibility and pairs with the Indian Motorcycle Ride Command mobile app for remote accessibility to key vehicle information. Riders can also plan a ride route with up to 100 points on the Ride Command website and wirelessly transfer it to the bike via Bluetooth.

The 2019 Roadmaster Elite also comes standard with all the premium touring amenities riders expect from an Indian Roadmaster, including full LED lighting, a genuine leather two-up touring seat individually heated

for rider and passenger, ABS, heated handgrips, keyless ignition, a push button power windshield, weatherproof, remote-locking saddlebags, a spacious trunk



that fits two full face helmets and over 37 gallons of storage space.

Among the performance upgrades available for the 2019 Roadmaster Elite are a new Stage 1 Exhaust, a Thunder Stroke Stage 1 Performance Air Intake, Thunder Stroke Stage 2 Performance Cams and the 116ci Stage 3 Big Bore Kit for riders looking for the ultimate in performance. The bike also has many comfort and style accessories available including a mid-rise handlebar, a new color-matched open fender and 19-inch front wheel for riders who prefer a more aggressive look.

With only 200 available, pricing for the ultra-premium Roadmaster Elite starts at \$36,999 in the U.S.

## **Study Proves that Riding a Motorcycle Benefits Health**



Motorcyclists have long championed riding as their main road to stress relief and positive mental health.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

This study, conducted by a team of three researchers from UCLA's Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, yielded pioneering scientific evidence revealing the potential mental and physical benefits of riding. Funded by Harley-Davidson, the study found that motorcycling increased metrics of focus and attention, and decreased relative levels of cortisol, a hormonal marker of stress.

Researchers recorded participants' brain activity and hormone levels before, during and after motorcycling, driving a car and resting. While riding a motorcycle, participants experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate. "Stress levels, especially among young adults, continue to rise, and people are exploring pathways to better their mental and physical health," said Dr. Don Vaughn, the neuroscientist who led the research team. "Until recently, the technology to rigorously measure the impact of activities like motorcycling on the brain didn't exist. The brain is an amazingly complex organ and it's fascinating to rigorously investigate the physical and mental effects riders report."



## Results Highlights:

- ⇒ • Riding a motorcycle decreased hormonal biomarkers of stress by 28 percent
- ⇒ • On average, riding a motorcycle for 20 minutes increased participants' heart rates by 11 percent and adrenaline levels by 27 percent—similar to light exercise
- ⇒ • Sensory focus was enhanced while riding a motorcycle versus driving a car, an effect also observed in experienced meditators vs non-meditators
- ⇒ • Changes in study participants' brain activity while riding suggested an increase in alertness similar to drinking a cup of coffee

"While scientists have long-studied the relationship of brain and hormone responses to attention and stress, doing so in

real-life conditions such as these is rare," explained Dr. Mark Cohen, UCLA professor and senior team member. "No lab experiment can duplicate the feelings that a motorcyclist would have on the open road....."



## New Utah law: Lane filtering different than lane splitting for motorcycles



Changes are coming for Utah roads as a new law is set to take effect in May. Governor Gary Herbert signed House Bill 149 into law on Thursday. The law allows "lane filtering" for motorcyclists.

"Motorcyclists will now have the lawful ability to move in between cars when those cars are stopped," said Sgt. Nick Street, public information officer for the Utah Highway Patrol.

Motorcyclists can only "lane filter" on roads with speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less and they cannot travel more than 15 miles per hour while doing so.

UHP said the new law aims at reducing the number of motorcyclists who are rear-ended in traffic.

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## Oil Spots, Continued...

From 2011 to 2017, Street said, 1,200 motorcyclists have been rear-ended. Not only does the law aim to improve safety, it's meant to help with congestion on Utah roadways.



"I think, ultimately, it's going to be a good thing," said Beau Riddle, manager of Ad-

dicted Behavior Motorworks. In the business of motorcycle repairs, he and his staff have seen a number of wrecks. "I've seen people get rear-ended at stop lights," Riddle said. "It scares the hell out of me when I see some of these riders, the way they do ride," said Ric Lopez, shop foreman. He's worked in California, where lane splitting is legal. "Lane splitting, you're supposed to be able to high speed traffic — you can drive right down the line. With lane filtering, you're not actually driving on the line but you can shift between the vehicles," Lopez said. "It is not lane splitting, this is filtering," Street said there is a major difference between the two.

Motorcyclists in Utah cannot weave in and out of traffic freely. The new law only allows them to move when other vehicles are stopped.

He said he thinks lane filtering will cut down on motorcycle accidents. "It'll help us be more visible if you pull up to a stop light," he said.

## MA Hall of Famer Arlen Ness, 79, passes away



AMA Motorcycle Hall of Famer Arlen Ness, who was best known for his innovative and wild custom motorcycle designs and custom parts business, passed away on March 22 at age 79.

Often called "The King of Custom Motorcycles," Ness grew up in Oakland, Calif., and started as a custom hot-rod car builder before mak-

ing the transition in the late 1960s to customizing motorcycles. Ness' first custom motorcycle build -- a 1947 Harley-Davidson Knucklehead known as "Untouchable" that he bought for \$300 -- was a hit when he entered it into its first show.

Ness' custom bikes were known for their low-slung, stretched-out look. His trend-setting designs have

been studied and copied by other bike builders and factory engineers. He was among the first people in the motorcycle industry to recognize the value of CNC machining technology to the production of aftermarket motorcycle parts.

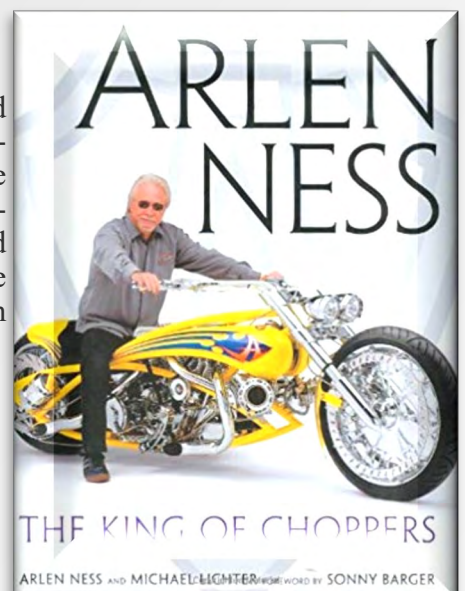


In 2008, the 1992 AMA Hall of Famer was honored for his contribu-

tions to motorcycling with "Awesome-Ness," an exhibit that includes the "Untouchable" and 10 other custom motorcycles his personal collection.

Ness also worked with Victory Motorcycles on the Arlen Ness Vision, a hot-rod version of the Victory Vision touring bike.

RIP, Arlen!





## Road Captains...Ready for the New Year!

By: Mike "Motorcycle" Bradbury

Hello Top Cats,

You would think while the weather is crummy with rain, snow, cold temperatures, etc. we would be sitting around channel flipping on our one-eyed cyclopes while detailing our motorcycles in our living rooms or learning how to crochet. But no, not the Top Cats Road Captain Committee.

Road Captains met on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Alley64 to talk about many things concerning Top Cat rides over a pizza dinner. We started the evening reminiscing (?) and telling stories about some of

the many things we have seen on rides. Both good, less than good and many times humorous, we had a laugh or too about the different things that have happened before on our many rides.

And then we covered the many things we are doing to prepare for this year's ride calendar. Your Road Captains put a lot of work and effort in leading your rides. And this year will be no exception! From planning, making preparations, placing reservations, doing pre-rides, route reviews and refinements all go in to putting on great rides.

All we ask of you is to come on our rides. It may not be possible to do all of our rides but the best way to thank a road captain for leading rides is by participating and doing them.

We look forward to riding season and sharing our rides with you. I hope you all are as excited to get the riding season started like I am.

Sincerely,  
Michael "Motorcycle" Bradbury







## NISRA

Northern Illinois  
Special Recreation Association

Save the Date!  
June 9th, 2019

Talk to Lisa Purcell, Chairperson  
for our RIDE for DREAMS, and  
see what else you can do to make  
this year's event a  
**HUGE SUCCESS!**

Help NISRA as they provide  
quality activities for their families!

**Sell Your Tickets!**

**Invite Your Friends!**

Spread the word and tell others  
about the wonderful memories  
that NISRA makes for people  
with disabilities!







## Sturgis, Almost Last 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 Dead-



wood, 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 60 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 rid-

ers 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.







## 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, (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; [wkirkpa177@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpa177@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...*



## V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



Is your heart feeling the longing for the road? Are you yearning for the deep hollows? The wide rivers? The Pine Trees standing tall upon the hills? All of the places that are enhanced when you see them and feel them from the unobstructed view of a motorcycle...

Have you checked your gear? Read and studied the safety strategies and road maps? Cleared your bike using the T-CLOCK checklist?

Well, it sounds like we are ready for the New Season! In a few weeks, Gene will lead us on the first ride of the year to Crandall's in Hebron, and we'll all be able to see how ready we are! Think of this ride as the 'adjustment stop'! You'll be among friends, shaking out the cobwebs and identifying any last adjustments for the year...

This year, I'll be using the *Vision* section of the ROAR to Highlight the Rides and the Road Captains. So... Let's start with Gene Rigsby!

Gene is an engineer who has a passion for 'fun'! He works at a gaming company, fixes slot machines and Bingo machines for Rolling Thunder's VA partners, keeps Noelle, Charlie and Amanda laughing all the time... AND is the King Pin of our Club! He has taken the lead this year and is confidently moving us into the summer. When you chat with Gene, be sure to listen closely as he tends to slip zingers into the conversation very effortlessly. You may find yourself chuckling a few miles down the road, when clarity has been attained...

To get a first hand experience of his evolving talents, join him as he takes the club to eat Broasted Chicken that comes with a great reputation countrywide. And then to a BBQ Car Show! See the website for all of the details and join Gene and a whole lot of our favorite Top Cats for a memorable start to the season!

Hope to see you there!  
Trooper



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 5TH, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- \* 7:01 pm, meeting called to order
- \* Pledge of Allegiance
- \* Anniversary: 2/2: Lisa & Jim Purcell



- \* Guests: none
- \* Announcements: 3/9 Rich Lanute - Birthday; Greg & Jane Smith - 47<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary.
- \* Awards: Ron Kostus – most active Top Cat ; Emil Kornecki – 20 year member, past director.
- \* Cabin Fever - thanks to all who volunteered for our booth and those that provided tickets.
- \* Wayne Kirkpatrick light hearted joke.

### Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

- \* Mary provided three examples of business cards for all to review and comment on. Mary to present a refined example at April's meeting.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Tip: If you have agreed to a ride and can't go let the Road captain know beforehand so people aren't waiting on you.

### Safety: Ric Case

- \* Ric mentioned that the 3/2 shootout was a huge success.
- \* Kaution Korner – "Safety Associations and Programs" presented by Mary Kirkpatrick refer to the Roar for complete article details.
- \* Ric mentioned there may be opportunity to ride with Ben Chrisihi's bike safety group once again.

### Membership: Ted Makerawicz– absent from meeting.

### Activities/Awards: Greg Smith, Jim Purcell and Rick Agrimonte

- \* 3/7: Road Captains meeting – Mike Bradbury – Alley 64
- \* 3/12: Top Cats board meeting – Alley 64.
- \* 3/17: Pot of Gold party at the Kirkpatrick's = Mary Kirkpatrick
- \* 3/23: Rolling Thunder GRASS class – Wayne Kirkpatrick
- \* 4/28: Kickoff ride – Gene Rigsby " Best Chicken in Hebron,IL."

### Charity Ride: Lisa Purcell

- \* June 9 Charity Ride – Woodstock Harley to Volo Auto Museum.
- \* Lisa thanked all you worked at Cabin Fever.
- \* A \$5,000 check was presented to NISRA as our 2018 support of our charity.
- \* We received a thank you letter from NISRA / Jim Wiseman for our donation which will be used towards the purchase of new vechiles.

### Products review: Lisa Purcell

Lisa to update at the next meeting.

### MC Rider video presentation: Ron Kostus

MC Rider " How to ride with a passenger on a motorcycle – Part 2 ", a well received presentation. Part 1 to be presented at the April meeting.

### Networking: Gene Rigsby

Gene Rigsby & Emil Kornecki to look into expanding networking opportunities once again.

**50/50 Raffle:** Ric Case was the winner – donated to our charity.

**Meeting adjourned :** Gene Rigsby 8:06 pm.

Join our  
next  
GRASS  
Class and  
Learn how  
to Pit...



**Time for a pit stop**





## BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12TH, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- \* 6:59 p.m. meeting called to order.
- \* Club Tax Filing: Ted Makerewicz stated that we must file a new application for tax exempt status for the years 2015,2016,2017,2018. To make us "whole" again with the State.
- \* Gene Rigsby to meet with each committee separately to discuss future direction.
- \* Board members stated no immediate needs at this time.
- \* 3/7 Road Captain meeting was well handled by Mike Bradbury our new Chairman.

**Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick** – nothing new to discuss this meeting.

### Vice President: Mary Kirkpatrick

- \* Suggested that we have a comprehensive check list for all payments, applications and filings which need to be completed each year.
- \* All missing Roar's have been collected for the archives at Barrington Library.
- \* No one has come forward to become the new Website/History chairperson as yet.
- \* Mary to create a finalized version of the business card to be presented at the April meeting for review and comment.

Barrington Area Library has an archive featuring ALL Top Cats Publications! Check them out at :  
<http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org/>



### Activities/Awards: Gene R.

- \* 3/16: Cabin Fever – Woodstock Harley
- \* 3/17: Pot of Gold party at the Kirkpatrick's & Cabin Fever – Woodstock Harley.
- \* 3/23: Rolling Thunder Grass class – Wayne K.
- \* 4/28: Kickoff ride – Gene Rigsby - Crandell's in Hebron – "Best Chicken in the Midwest".

### Safety: Ric Case

- \* Road Captain committee meeting was well handled by Mike Bradbury our new chairman.
- \* Ric Case remains as Safety Committee Chair.

### Membership: Ted Makerewicz

- \* Ted in process of creating and issuing membership cards.
- \* Lisa Purcell may have possible new member in near future.

### Charity/Products: Lisa Purcell

- \* Jim Purcell to place special order for larger size shirts as requested.
- \* Lisa Purcell to provide link to products supplier for future ordering by membership.

### Treasury: Noelle Rigsby - absent

- \* Treasury balances available upon request.

**Secretary: Ron Kostus**—No needs at this time.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm: Gene Rigsby**



## SELL OR TRADE...

## GREAT DEALS!

**Top Cats**  
**Buy, Sell, Trade....**

**The best way to ensure good quality at  
fair prices!**

**Put Your Items Here!**

## FULL GEAR **VS** FOOL'S GEAR

### HELMET

Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, windblast, cold and flying objects. Full faced helmet recommended.

### FACE SHIELD

Saves face! Any rider who's been hit in the face by stones, insects or debris can tell you the benefits.

### GLOVES

Keep hands comfortable, functional and protected. Come in infinite variety for all seasons.

### JACKET & PANTS

Long sleeves and trousers resist abrasion and protect against sunburn, windburn, dehydration or hypothermia. Light colors or reflectives increase a rider's visibility.

### BOOTS

Provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and give you a good grip on footpegs or road surfaces.

### BOTTOM LINE

Proper riding gear protects in the event of an accident and minimized injuries, when allowing you to enjoy the sport in comfort.



### HEAD

Considered precious by knowledgeable riders and never exposed by the pros. When fully in view, allows immediate identification of untrained person not using his. Hand out rider education info on site!

### EYES, EARS & FACE

Known to experienced riders as "bug and garbage collectors." Common "bare-face" symptoms include windblast-deafening and deformed, narrow-sit, watery eyes.

### HANDS

au naturale (not for long). Known to seize into curled position when exposed to cold; not genetically evolved to withstand abrasion.

### BARE LIMBS

A phenomenon seen only on riders deemed impervious to any unavoidable accident or inclement weather. Subject to ridicule in riding circles.

### FLIP FLOPS

Terminology for what sandals, toes and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, shift lever, brake pedal, footpegs, or windblasts.

### BOTTOM LINE

Fool's gear identifies an untrained rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule and injury, while gaining skills and knowledge by contacting the Rider Course nearest you.

## THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE BETTER IT GETS.





## TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

*BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS*



### CHASE PRIVATE CLIENT



**Lisa Purcell**  
Mortgage Banker  
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Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Telephone: 847 857 0913  
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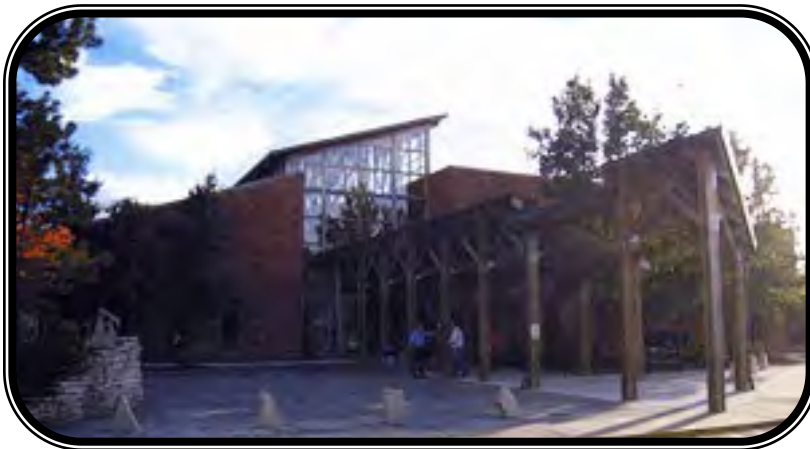




## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, April 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, April 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, April 28th,	Kick-Off Ride	BP at 12 & 176	Crandell's Broasted Chicken	9:30 am	Rigsby
Sunday, May 5th	Brunch, Boats & Birds	Thortons, Volo	Mayfield, WI & Horicon Marsh	8:30 am	M. Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, May 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, May 11th	Potosi River Run	TBD	Potosi WI Brewery & Mississippi River	8:30 am	Malia
Tuesday, May 14th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby

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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