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Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 1 BBQ CAR SHOW
- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 RIDE FOR DREAMS
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 16 BIG DADDY RIDE
- 22 PSYCO SILO RIDE

JULY

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 BOARD MEETING
- 13-14 CRYSTAL CAVE RIDE
- 21 GRASS CLASS
- 27 FIELD OF DREAMS RIDE
- 29-5 AUGUST STURGIS!

Talk to Greg Smith and Jim Purcell and get your ideas on the calendar!



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PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...

Hello Top Cats!!

Well, it seems just as last month, Mother Nature can't make up her mind and we have missed a couple ride opportunities due to bad weather.

Of course that won't keep us from moving forward, looking forward to future rides. Speaking of, as you are receiving this we may be or have been out on my ride to the Racine County Fairground to the BBQ car show. It's a great show, with a couple hundred cars and some cool bikes as well. And the BBQ'd chicken is pretty good too. All ways a good time.

There is much more going on this month, like the Little Angels ride re-boot. Several Top Cat RC's stepped up to be part of this event, with Mike Bradbury as our head RC. Looks to be a good event for a great cause. It is also a good opportunity to sell your raffle tickets before next weekend.

Speaking of next weekend... our Ride for Dreams is June 9th. Make sure you are there and pitch in when you can. Your help can make our ride a huge success.

I met with the Safety and RC committee this month.

They are working their plans to get the club Road Captains focused on planning rides, getting ride information together sooner and more efficiently. Once it is in the hands of the Activities Committee, we can ensure rides are committed to and better attended because our Top Cat brothers and sisters have the details earlier! We want to count on your attendance! AND... The Activities Committee has some other great ideas which they will be rolling out soon as well.

My next committee meeting will be this month, and I am planning to meet with the Membership committee. But don't tell them.... shhhh



Speaking of rides, As I mentioned last months, the The Top Cat ride calendar has a lot of rides listed. So check the Top Cat website (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 these rides:

6/1: BBQ car show

7/13-14: Crystal Lake Cave

9/8: Sunrise Ride

8/11: Mendota Corn Fest (May have a conflict, and am looking for an alternate RC)

Get the dates saved now!!

And this is only the beginning. Much more to come. Check the calendar and put them on yours!!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at anytime via my email:

Gene.rigsby@gmail.com, or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there.... (I really do...)

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby,
President, Top Cats Illinois



KAUTION KORNER

Practice Living!

By: Traveler, Senior Road Captain

Practicing motor and mental skills results in efficiency of executing those skills. Hence, mega million-dollar sports teams require their athletes to practice, practice, practice.

We too, participate in a sport that requires motor and mental skills, not to win but....to stay alive.

There are an untold number of encounters in motorcycling that can injure or kill us. If we practice responses to those situations, our response becomes quicker and more effective. Here's a simple encounter – response example: We see a red brake light in front of us, we slow down or stop.

Now, let's look at less common, but still probable situations that we can, and should, practice responding to:

INSECTS:

At some point in your riding career you will hit insects. Love Bugs in Florida are huge and splatter all over you and your wind-screen. A swarm of locusts feels like you are downrange of a skeet shoot. All are distracting and can be painful.



RESPONSE:



Insects are nearly impossible to avoid. When you smash one or more on your face shield or wind-screen, do not stare at it. Continue to look ahead for more bugs and to continue scanning the highway ahead of you for

hazards. When it is safe, you can clean your face shield or windscreen. The point here is....do not let that become a distraction to you.

BIRDS:

These things range from small missiles to large stubborn obstructions. Turkey Vultures and Eagles are two species that tend to remain with their road kill

when you approach. If you head directly at them, it's guaranteed that they will take off right in your path of travel. BANG! It's like hitting a medium size animal. Smaller birds can injure a ride severely if they impact on you. If they hit the bike, there will be a shower of feathers and, depending on the size, it may affect your control.



RESPONSE:



Scan ahead and slow down if you encounter a large bird (Eagle, Vulture, hawks, etc). Make noise with your pipes, and or horn. If they will not move approach them slowly and cautiously. With enough noise, they

often fly away from the bike. If you approach too fast with no noise, they are more likely to fly into your path at the last minute. Small birds are like bugs. It is difficult to avoid them however, if you see it coming into your path duck and be prepared to retain control if you hit it.

ROAD DEBRIS



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Kaution Korner, Continued...

Riding along and not scanning ahead increases the chance of unexpectedly encountering debris in the road that can cause a loss of control and injury. Items falling from vehicles, road alligators, large potholes, etc.

RESPONSE:



Swerve to avoid it. Practice scanning two seconds or more ahead of you. Watch the highway ahead of the vehicles in front of you to avoid the need to drastically swerve. However, when you encounter that unexpected hazard, practice; immediately clearing the lane you will swerve into, pushing on the handlebar in the direction that you need to swerve to, regaining your original direction and....do not stare at the hazard. Keep looking where you are going to watch for more hazards.



BEE / WASP STINGS:

Ouch! These are major, unavoidable, distractions. Even crawling insects that get under a sleeve or into your helmet can be a major hazard.

RESPONSE:

In the case of painful stings, stay focused more on pulling off in a safe area than on the pain. Not easy to do but it could be lifesaving. Whether you are allergic to an insect sting or not, pull off of the highway at the earliest and safest point to treat to the sting. Don't try to tough it out while riding. It is an unsafe distraction. For bugs that are crawling around your helmet or under your clothes, they are still at distraction however, they don't eat much and you may have more time to look for a place to pull off.



ANIMALS:

There are too many variables and too many types of animals to describe what to do in any specific incident. But, in general, our riding



areas are common to dogs, deer, racoons, etc. Sure we can find buffalo in South Dakota or Elk and moose in Wyoming or Colorado and....we should be prepared for them also. Hitting a large animal is often fatal for all parties.

RESPONSE:

For most animals, even bears, I have found that the best action is to try to avoid a close encounter by increasing speed to increase your distance from them before an encounter. If that isn't



an option, make as much noise as possible. It will, very often, scare an animal away and back into the woods. If you're going too fast and noise isn't working, continue to slow and steer toward the animal. Most animals will run at the last minute and won't be where you are aiming.



Dogs present another challenge. The most efficient technique to avoid an attacking dog is....slow down enough to cause the dog to change their angle of attack then speed past them as fast and safely

as possible. Again, noise may help intimidate the animal. If you are stuck at a stop light or in traffic, have your passenger stick their leg out so they get bit first.

For buffalo, when you encounter a herd, noise does not work and loud pipes may just antagonize the herd. It works best to stop, yield to the herd, and be as quiet



as possible. When Alpha Bulls get irritated with you or consider your loud bike a threat, they will typically lower their head and shake it back and forth as a warning. If you can safely ride out of there quickly....better do so. If not, you might as well just lay down instead of running because.....there ain't much sense in getting beat up and tired.

Now, understand that there are millions of different situations where we can encounter hazards to riding. When discussing riding hazards the inexperienced rider will always ask "Oh yeah? Well what if....?" The experienced rider will tell you "Yeah, I've thought of that and mentally rehearsed."



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Harley Riding Academy now offered as a college credit course

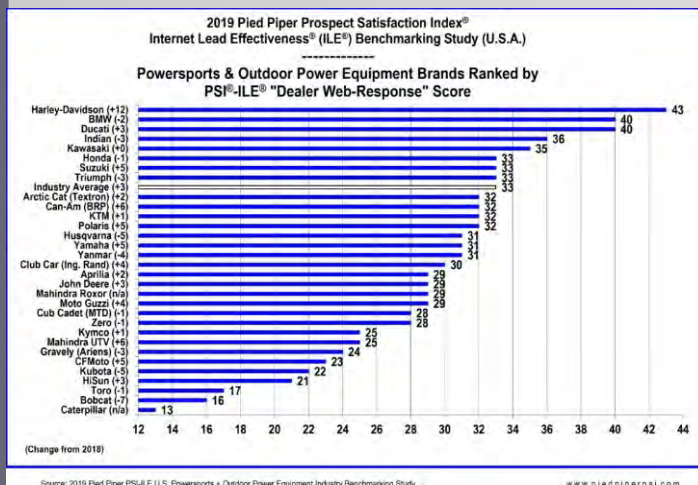


first-ever Riding Academy (New Rider Course) for college credit at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The course is available in the UMW Spring Course Catalog. Upon completion, students will earn an MSF BRC completion card.

Sure beats some of the sport and rec classes that are offered as general electives at most colleges. A tip of the cap to the Motor Co. for this one. Very cool partnership and a brilliant way to get more butts on seats.

Harley-Davidson Dealerships Ranked 1st for Responding to



Website Customers

Harley-Davidson dealerships ranked highest in the 2019 Pied Piper PSI Internet Lead Effectiveness (ILE) Industry Study, which answered the question, "What happens when UTV or motorcycle customers visit a dealer website and inquire about a vehicle?"



Scores ranged from zero to 100, with 21% of dealerships nationwide scoring above 60, demonstrating an effective website-response process. However, 58% of dealerships scored below 40, struggling to respond effectively to today's website customers. Customers nationally received a personal reply to their website inquiry within 24 hours only 47% of the time on average.

Dealerships selling BMW or Ducati motorcycles were tied for second, followed by Indian and Kawasaki. Brands which improved the most from year to year were Harley-Davidson, BRP's Can-Am brand and Mahindra tractor dealers.



were Bobcat, Kubota and Husqvarna.

The most basic measurement is whether a customer received an

email response of any type—even an automated reply—within 24 hours. Industrywide, on average 18% of customers received no email reply of any type. A more meaningful measurement is whether the customer received a personal email response within 24 hours. Ducati and BMW dealerships were the most likely to provide a personal email response within 24 hours, more than 60% of the time on average. In contrast, Bobcat, Toro, Zero, Kubota and HiSun dealerships provided a personal email response within 24 hours less than 35% of the time on average.

The following are some additional examples of performance variation by brand:

How often did dealerships provide a personal email response within 60 minutes?

- ◆ More than 30% of the time: Ducati and BMW
- ◆ Less than 15% of the time: Toro, Kubota, Mahindra UTV, Bobcat

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Oil Spots, Continued...

How often did dealerships answer the customer's specific question within 24 hours?

- ✦ More than 50% of the time: Ducati and Yanmar
- ✦ Less than 20% of the time: Caterpillar, Bobcat, Mahindra Roxor

How well did dealership reply emails avoid the customer's spam/junk mail folder?

- ✦ Landed in junk mail less than 20% of the time: Cub Cadet, Bobcat, Club Car, Yanmar
- ✦ Landed in customer spam/junk mail folder more than 20% of the time: Aprilia, BMW, Arctic Cat, Kymco

How often did dealerships attempt to contact the customer by telephone within 24 hours?

- ✦ More than 50% of the time: Harley-Davidson, Yamaha, Can-Am
- ✦ Less than 15% of the time: Toro, Cub Cadet, Caterpillar, Kymco, Club Car, Yanmar

How often did dealership emails include the vehicle's price?

- ✦ More than 45% of the time: Honda, Mahindra Roxor, Arctic Cat, Kawasaki, Moto Guzzi, Triumph
- ✦ Less than 10% of the time: Caterpillar, Toro, Club Car, Bobcat, Gravely

The 2019 Pied Piper PSI Internet Lead Effectiveness (ILE) Powersports & Outdoor Power Equipment Industry Study (U.S.A.) was conducted between September 2018 and March 2019 by submitting customer inquiries directly to the websites of 4,208 dealerships nationwide representing all major brands.

Complete Pied Piper PSI industry study results are provided to vehicle manufacturers and national dealer groups. Manufacturers, national dealer groups and individual dealerships also order PSI "mystery shop" evaluations—internet, telephone, or in-person—as tools to improve the sales effectiveness of their dealerships.



Indian Motorcycle to Raise Money Through Test Rides for CODE

Indian Motorcycle announced its partnership with the Call of Duty Endowment, a non-profit organization that helps veterans find high quality jobs after military service. Throughout the month of May, consumers can support the cause by test riding an Indian Motorcycle at their local dealership. For each test ride, Indian Motorcycle will donate \$25 directly to CODE, with a donation goal of up to \$30,000.

Consumers will have the opportunity to ride any of the 2019 Indian Motorcycle models, while raising money to support veterans entering the workforce.

"The Call of Duty Endowment has an incredible mission to aid veterans in establishing post-military careers," said



Reid Wilson, senior director for Indian Motorcycle. "The men and women who have served our country have given so much for us and we are proud to support them as they transition to civilian life."

The Endowment is a non-profit that helps veterans find high quality jobs in addition to raising awareness about the value veterans bring to the workplace. With impressive success, the organization has placed over 57,000 veterans in jobs since its start in 2009. The Call of Duty Endowment measures their success by analyzing average cost per placement, salary, retention rate, and full-time vs. part-time employment. Remarkably, the average salary of veterans placed by CODE is almost double that of the national median income. With continued tenacity, the non-profit has set an ambitious goal to place 100,000 veterans in jobs by the year 2024.

"We are proud to partner with Indian Motorcycle, as the brand has a long history of supporting the U.S. military and its veterans," said Dan Goldenberg, the Endowment's executive director. "By test riding Indian motorcycles, consumers will greatly help our mission of assisting veterans in finding meaningful employment."



Triumph announces electric motorcycle partnerships

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Oil Spots, Continued

Triumph Motorcycles recently announced a unique collaboration with UK industry experts, academic leaders and Innovate UK to develop specialist electric motorcycle technology and innovative integrated solutions. This two-year project, in partnership with Williams Advanced Engineering, Integral Powertrain Ltd, and WMG at the University of Warwick, will provide significant input into potential electric motorcycle offerings from Triumph.

This new collaboration will combine Triumph's world-renowned motorcycle expertise with advanced automotive-based capabilities to generate technological innovation for future electric motorcycles.

"This new collaboration represents an exciting opportunity for Triumph and its partners to be leaders in the technology that will enable the electrification of motorcycles, which is driven by customers striving to reduce their environmental impact, combined with the desire for more economical transportation and changing legislation," said Nick Bloor, Triumph CEO. "Project Triumph TE-1 is one part of our electric motorcycle strategy, focused on delivering what riders want and expect from their Triumph, which is the perfect balance of handling, performance and usability."

Project Triumph TE-1 now represents a ground-breaking collaboration between Triumph Motorcycles and the UK's electrification experts, each of whom will create innovations in their own areas:

Triumph Motorcycles will lead the project, providing advanced motorcycle chassis design and engineering expertise, manufacturing excellence and pioneering functional safety systems, as well as defining electric drivetrain power delivery characteristics.

Williams Advanced Engineering will provide industry-leading lightweight battery design and integration capability, using its test and development facilities to deliver an innovative battery management system combined with a vehicle control unit.

Integral Powertrain Ltd.'s e-Drive Division will lead the development of bespoke power-dense electric motors and a silicon carbide inverter, integrating both into a singular motor housing.

WMG at the University of Warwick will provide electrification expertise and the critical vision to drive innovation from R&D to commercial impact, through modeling and simulation based on future market needs.

Innovate UK, the government agency that promotes science and technology programs expected to grow the UK economy, will support the partners and administer funds. This forms part of the BEIS modern funding strategy with the aim of creating a market-leading UK electric vehicle capability.

Triumph Motorcycles will work alongside the partner organizations to accelerate joint expertise in the packaging

and safety of batteries, optimum electric motor sizing and packaging, the integration of braking systems including regenerative braking, and advanced safety systems. The innovation and capabilities developed in these areas will input into Triumph's future electric motorcycle strategy.

"The team at Williams Advanced Engineering is looking forward to applying our expertise in the



electrification of transport with our partners," said Craig Wilson, managing director of Williams Advanced Engineering. "Williams has powered a number of world-renowned electric vehicles already and this will be a significant further step in our work by taking that knowledge onto two wheels."

"Integral Powertrain has always pushed the boundaries of e-drive technology working with clients to find the best solution to meet their exact requirements," said Andrew Cross, chief technical officer at Integral Powertrain Ltd. "This project will draw upon the extensive motor and EV experience gained over the past 20 years working with major OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers in the automotive and motorsport sectors. We are extremely pleased to be supporting Triumph Motorcycles with their future electrification strategy and in a project where we can apply our experience to engineer an extremely power dense, efficient and highly integrated motorcycle electric drive."

"Electric motorcycles will have a vital role to play in future transport across the globe - delivering reduced congestion and improved urban air quality as well as easing parking," said Professor David Greenwood, Professor, Advanced Propulsion Systems at WMG, University of Warwick. "They will also be great to ride, with copious, easily controlled torque delivered smoothly at all road speeds. WMG has experience of battery technology and vehicle electrification for road, rail, sea and air which it will bring to this exciting sector. Our expert team will lead the modeling and simulation work within the project, to ensure the vehicles are safe and efficient without compromise to dynamic performance."

**AMA Grand
National
Champion
Gene Romero,
1947-2019**



By Kevin Cameron May 14, 2019

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Oil Spots, Continued

It was a shock to learn this past weekend that we lost another of our respected senior motorcycling heroes, Gene Romero.

Romero started on Love Brothers Triumph twins in the 1960s. His rookie Expert year in AMA Grand National racing was 1966, with a high placing of third at Sacramento. He took a while to scope out the lay of the land, but everything came good for him with a rush after 1968. From that year's seventh in Grand National and 10th in the Daytona 200, he jumped to second in the nation a year later and then was national champion in 1970, finishing second in the Daytona 200 on a Triumph triple. In 1975, he won the Daytona 200 on a two-stroke Yamaha TZ750C.

Romero's racing career was one of transitions, from private Triumph twins to factory triples, from the AMA as a hometown sport into a new era of big-contract internationalism—Romero had to pass Giacomo Agostini to win Daytona—from the production-based four-stroke past into a factory two-stroke future in which American road racing would for a decade reign as the pinnacle of two-wheel sport. A Daytona win was huge; nothing else compared.



Romero worked at racing. He had talent in all disciplines, but he also kept up the pressure when lesser men might have felt all was lost. In racing, you're either in or you're out. Romero was definitely in. And it worked for him; he didn't win race after race but he kept finishing high and his bikes didn't quit running. Working against him was the rapid decline of Triumph from 1970-'73, but he made the transition to two-stroke road racing in his workmanlike fashion.

After his racing was over, Romero promoted dirt track in California and in the 1980s was a major player in the give-and-take Japanese/American development that resulted in Honda's RS750 dirt-tracker, which earned Grand National championships 1984-1987 inclusive and 1993.



A talented, hard-working all-round rider, Gene Romero was also popular with fans. He was once sponsored by stuntman Evel Knievel and later successfully managed Honda's AMA Grand National dirt-track program.

Human life is too short. We want our heroes to stay longer and do more, but life is what it is.

**"Why Ride?"
They Ask....**





V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



Riding with friends is a great way to see the world and create memories! It can also be a challenge when you need to address issues.

As we encounter situations that cultivate opinions like weather that makes riding more difficult, a variety of different directions that are possible, and any other variable that can activate an opinion...riding with friends can become a challenge.

Within Top Cats, we have many INTELLIGENT and OPINIONATED members and on stops, it is a common phenomena to hear conversations about where to go, how the weather will change, or how good the food was and how rough the roads were! It is great to spend time with friends on the road and reflect about our common experiences and evaluate the event...But, it is important to remember a few things when opinions become varied:

1. Opinions are like belly-buttons, we all have them and every one was grown through life experience!
2. Listening to others is your gift to friends and their gift to you... and you learn about other experiences and life journeys.
3. Accepting and Respecting others' opinions/experiences is also a gift to be given to friends!
4. Look for commonalities with others, rather than showing that you are better informed.
5. Address frustrations with humor and energy - This can develop new strategies and stronger bonds!
6. Love your Road Captain's commitment to the group!
7. Appreciate all of the 'behind the scene' work that was done before the ride!

O LA LA LA - Sing it LOUD!

These few things will ensure a remarkable ride that strengthens and builds the club and the friendships within. Enjoying the places and times with others you truly know, infinitely improves the memory! And... when issues arise that cannot be addressed with the O LA LA LA method of group riding, then be sure to see your road captain to work out a strategy that keeps the group strong while taking care of your concerns. Intelligent and opinionated people are what we want in our club. The energy and ideas that come with those characteristics are the foundation of Top Cats Illinois! Stay focused, appreciate our individual strengths and remember that we all will continue to grow, no matter how old we become!

So,

Ride Along and Grow Old Together...
The Best is Yet to BE!

It doesn't rhyme. But, if Robert Browning were a biker, he would be able to come up with something that would get the idea across... Because he would know how important it is to enjoy a ride with friends!



June Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for June!!

Let us know your special Dates so that
we can celebrate with you!

8 - Jim Hennif
25 - Bard Boand

10 - Mike & Kathie
Bradbury



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MAY 7TH, 2019

President's Section:

Gene Rigsby

- Some members arrived early to arrange seating in a "horseshoe" pattern.
- 7:00 pm, meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests: no new guests today.
- Announcements: 5/7 Mike Gilfillan – Happy Birthday; 5/24 Ron Kostus – Happy Birthday,
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Yates – Happy Anniversary
- Two jokes Horse/Bear by Gene Rigsby



Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

Nothing new to report this month.

Past President: Wayne K.

- Woodstock and McHenry HD have now joined together.
- Arlen Ness died at the age of 79.
- HD has acquired "StaCyc" that manufactures electric two wheelers for kids.
- HD to launch their first electric motorcycle later this year.

Safety: Ric Case

- RC's to get their ride info to Mike B. along with mentor information asap. Updates are needed for the season ride calendar.
- Kaution Korner – "Packing your mental saddle bag" presented by **Mary K.** "How to deal with the unexpected" refer to the Roar for complete article details..

MC Rider video presentation: Ron Kostus

- MC Rider "Tips for riding a motorcycle in the heat".
- A multiple question quiz was given to the audience and the prize of a TC's coin was awarded to **Lisa P.**
- The video presentation now being placed in the middle of the meeting seems to make the audience pay better attention to the content.

Membership: Ted Makerewicz (not in attendance)

- Membership packets need to be presented to our newest two members Joey Rizzo and Gary Graham at the next general meeting.

Activities: Greg Smith and Jim Purcell

- 4/28: Kickoff ride – Gene R. "Best Chicken in Heb-

ron,IL."- due to weather ride was cancelled, but the group drove cars instead; great food with great company.

- 5/5: Brunch, boats and birds – Mary K. – perfect weather day, great ride for the day.
- 5/12: Potosi River run – Tom M. – 400 mile 1 day ride postponed for a later date.
- 5/12: Rockford lunch ride – Tom M. – blast to be sent out soon.
- 5/19: "Little Angels" pre-ride – Mile B. – Woodstock HD.- TC's offered ride support.
- 6/1: BBQ car show – Gene R.- blast to be sent out.
- 6/2: "Little Angels" charity ride – Mike B. R/C.
- 6/9: "Ride for Dreams" – Tom M. – Woodstock HD.
- 6/16: Big Daddy ride – Mike B. – White Pines State Park for Father's Day brunch.
- 6/22: Psycho Silo ride – Jim P. – Sheffield, IL.

Charity Ride: Lisa Purcell

- June 9 Charity Ride – Woodstock Harley to Volo Auto Museum.
- Lisa reminded TC's to sell, pay for and bring in money for the tickets by next meeting.
- Please return all tickets which you haven't sold by next meeting if possible.

Products review: Lisa Purcell and Jim Purcell

- Let Lisa know your needs and she will bring items ordered to the next meeting.

Networking: Gene Rigsby

Gene once again reminded all about the club business cards and suggested we all take five and have them available in our bikes when out riding.

50/50 Raffle: Jim Purcell

- **Joey Rizzo** winner – donated to our charity.

Meeting adjourned : **Gene Rigsby**, 8:08 pm.



No, I'm not going to write you a ticket.. I just wanted a better look at your bike!



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 14TH 2019

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:00 pm, meeting called to order
- Safety and RC committee meetings setup with Ric C.

Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

Gene Rigsby presented a list of payouts to Mary as prepared by Noelle Rigsby

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Nothing new to report at this time.

Activities / Awards: Greg Smith

- 5/19: "Little Angels" pre-ride – Mike Bradbury -Woodstock HD.- TC's offered ride support.
- 6/1: BBQ car show – Gene Rigsby - blast to be sent out.
- 6/2: " Little Angels" charity ride – Mike Bradbury R/C.
- 6/9: "Ride for Dreams" – Tom M. – Woodstock HD.
- 6/16: Big Daddy ride – Mike Bradbury – White Pines State Park for Father's Day brunch.
- 6/22: Psycho Silo ride – Jim Purcell – Sheffield, IL.
- 7/13,14: Crystal Cave ride – Gene Rigsby details to be determined.
"Blast request forms" to be sent out to RC's,etc. by Greg Smith

Safety: Ric Case

- Gene Rigsby to have meeting with RC Committee soon.
- 7/21 next GRASS class.
- Safety Committee chair has yet to be determined.

Membership: Ted Makerewicz

- Membership packets need to be presented to our newest two members Joey Rizzo and Gary Graham at the next general meeting.
- It was suggested we all think about motivation to attract new members.
- Larry Johnson was approved as a new member.

Charity Ride / Products: Lisa Purcell (not in attendance)

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby(not in attendance)

- Gene RT. Reviewed general and charity accounts status.
- Balances can be reviewed upon request to the board.

Secretary: Ron Kostus

- Moving video presentation to meeting middle position seems to spark better attention.
- "Horeseshoe" arrangement of seating is better in that people are not sitting with their backs to other members.
- Ron K. to have a short quiz after each video to which a prize will be awarded to the TC who answers correctly first.
- Ron K. informed the Board that he will not be running for the Secretary position in the next election.



Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby, 7:41 pm.



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

GREAT DEALS!

Put your items here and get
the word out that you have
stuff to sell!



NISRA

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

Ride For Dreams!

Join us on Sunday, June 9th!

Bring DREAMS to LIFE
For the participants in the
NISRA programs!





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BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS



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**RIDE FOR
DREAMS!
BIKE SHOW!
PUT ONE OF
THESE ON
YOUR MANTLE!**

**Network with
your fellow
Riders here...**

**LOOK OUT, SUMMER!
THE TOP CATS
RIDING SEASON
HAS JUST BEGUN!**



Support the TOP CATS Patrons



Doug Jackson and Staff Support
our Top Cat's Ride for Dreams!



PALATINE, IL

Home to Alley 64,
Top Cat's Monthly Meeting Spot!

GRASS Classes are held
at the Keller -Williams
Offices!

Thanks, Greg for
supporting our Top
Cat's Safety Class!

Membership Has Its Privileges!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

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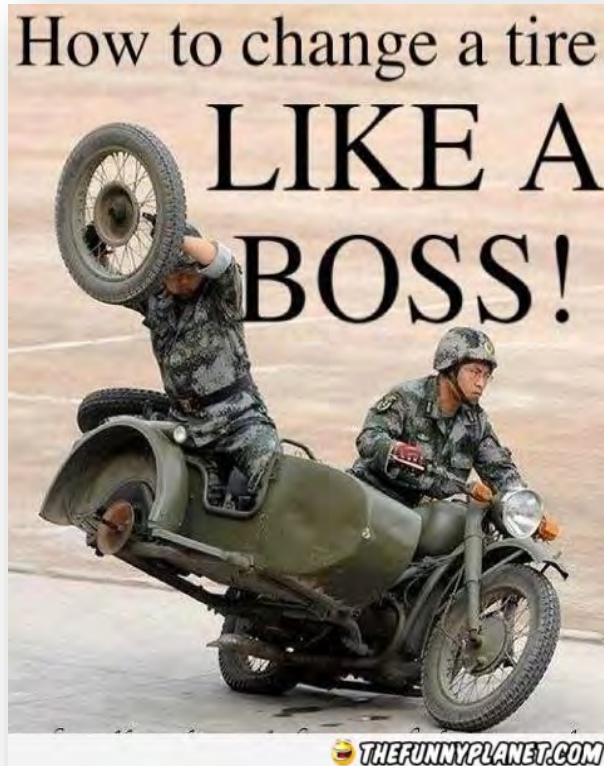


Greg Smith

**Keller -
Williams
Realty**

Have one of
our own Top
Cats work with
you to buy or
sell your home!

**800 E Northwest Hwy
Palatine, Illinois 60074**





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, June 1st	BBQ CAR Ride	RTs 45&137 Libertyville Shell	Racine Fairgrounds	8:00 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, June 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, June 9th	Ride For Dreams	Woodstock Harley Davidson	Volo Auto Museum	9:00 am	L. Purcell
Tuesday, June 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Bradbury
Saturday, June 16th	Big Daddy Ride	Rts 176 & 12 BP Station	White Pines Lodge	9:00 am	Bradbury
Tuesday, June 22nd	Psycho Silo Ride	TBD	Psycho Silo	TBD	J. Purcell
Tuesday, July 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
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Sat/Sun July 13 & 14	Crystal Lake Cave	TBD	Dubuque, Iowa	TBD	Rigsby
Sunday, July 21st	GRASS Class	Keller-Williams	Palatine	8:00 am	Case
Saturday, July 27th	Field of Dreams Ride	TBD	Dyersville, Iowa	TBD	Makerawicz
July 29th– August 5	Sturgis	Ela and RT 12 McDonalds	Sturgis, S.D.	8:00 am	Boand

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