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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, June weather was just as uncooperative as May and we missed a couple more ride opportunities due to bad weather, but still did manage to have a good ride to lunch with great friends and then out to see some great races. Thanks Tom! Good news is, other than saving on my water bill... the weather will change, and we still have lots of great riding opportunities scheduled over the next SEVERAL months. So, watch the Top Cats calendar and for ride blasts (www.topcats.org).



A big **THANK YOU...!!!!** To ALL who made our 2019 Ride for Dreams a great success. Lisa Purcell lead the charge and was supported directly by Jim Purcell, Mike Bradbury, Maty Kirkpatrick, Rick Agrimonti, Greg Smith, Ted Makarewicz, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Tom Malia, Ric Case, Noelle Rigsby, Jean Smith, Rich Lenute, Emil Kornecki, Diana Lenute, Jim Wiseman. And thanks to those that pitched in to spread the word and sell tickets, like Joey Rizzo did exceptionally well. I think we have the secret sauce formula solved. And, with support of our whole club, we can look forward too many more successful charity rides.



I was to meet with the membership committee this month (only Ted, so let him know if you can help), but we did not align. We will make sure to meet in July as membership is a big need for our club or any club. This helps to keep the club energized with new members and ideas and helps to ensure the longevity of the club. BTW, the charity ride and all the activities leading to it are a great marketing tool for the club and folks at the promotional events and a few of the attendees on the ride expressed interest in the club... TBD....



Speaking of rides (when are we not??), I have committed to leading these rides:

✦ 7/13-14: Crystal Lake Cave (**RSVP to me and Book Room now**)

✦ (NEW..) 8/5-6: Post Sturgis satellite ride. This is a ride to meet up with Wayne and his group as they head out on the Ride America's Front Range (post Sturgis). Looks for details for both in your email.

✦ 9/8: Sunrise Ride

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

Get the dates saved now!!

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

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

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby,
President, Top Cats Illinois



KAUTION KORNER



Loading up for a Long Trip!

By: Bard Board,
Senior Road Captain



We aren't going to talk about WHAT to bring. That's a topic for another article!

Here, we will talk about HOW to load what you do bring. Low, center, tight and secure is the key to carrying a months-worth of stuff for your weekend get-a-way.

Loading a motorcycle properly is very similar to getting the weight and balance factor correct on a cargo aircraft, or even a small plane. The CG, or center of gravity is critical for proper and safe flight, and on a motorcycle packing weight needs to be as close to the middle of the bike as possible, and as low on the bike as possible.



Heavy tools should be in the front of the saddle bags, and on the bottom, NOT up in your tour pack on top of your rain gear. All heavy items should be packed in the lower bags and light items in the tour pack. Also, items you may need to access in a hurry, like rain gear, should be on top in the bags or the tour pack. If you are traveling solo, favor using the rear seat area for storage of heavier luggage vs. the tour pack.

What you are trying to accomplish is the elimination of a "polar moment". This would occur when coming to a quick stop or if the pavement is wet and the weight, which SHOULD be center and low, is hanging off the rear of the bike. This would aggravate handling and may cause that weight on the rear of the

bike to swing around towards the front by a 'polar moment of inertia.'



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Oh, did I say, don't bring so much? The tendency is to over pack. Do you really need 6 tee shirts knowing you're going to buy 3 or 4 tee's while at Sturgis? Also, consider using the post office, UPS or FedEx to ship extra stuff to your destination a few days before you leave. Then, all you will have to pack are the supplies you will need while on the bike! All three shipping options have a variety of boxes you can choose from.

For those things you DO pack on the bike, the use of plastic garbage bags or vacuum storage bags are great options to wrap or cover stuff that you want to stay dry. Even HD hard bags and tour packs sometimes leak.

Once you have all of these decisions made, check the recommended tire pressure, shock absorber settings and air pressure as outlined in your owner's manual for heavier loads. Recommended settings and pressures are much different for a fully loaded up bike!

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**Kaution Korner, Continued...**

Now that you have your strategies set, pack up early and BEFORE departure, pre-load your bike, go for a 10 mile ride, cross a few RR tracks and hit some bumps. Then back in your garage see what came loose or shifted... hopefully your pre-planning keeps things in place. No one, not even Gomer Pyle, likes to hear 'surprise, surprise, surprise' at this place and time!

That's it!

You now have the basics for HOW to pack! Ready,

Set, Go!

And...Have a nice trip!



HARLEY DAVIDSON SPEAKS TO DECLINING BIKE SALES

The reasons for the slump in sales at HD are not President Trump's fault. Apparently the Baby Boomers all have motorcycles. Generation X is only buying a few, and the next generation isn't buying any at all.

A recent study was done to find out why Millennials don't ride motorcycles:

- ✦ Pants won't pull up far enough for them to straddle the seat.
- ✦ Can't get their phone to their ear with a helmet on.
- ✦ Can't use 2 hands to eat while driving.
- ✦ They don't get a trophy and a recognition plaque just for buying one.
- ✦ Don't have enough muscle to hold the bike up when stopped.
- ✦ Might have a bug hit them in the face and then they would need emergency care.
- ✦ Motorcycles don't have air conditioning.
- ✦ They can't afford one because they spent 10 years in college trying to get a degree in Humanities, Social Studies or Gender Studies for which no jobs are available.
- ✦ They are allergic to fresh air.
- ✦ Their pajamas get caught on the exhaust pipes.
- ✦ They might get their hands dirty checking the oil.
- ✦ The handle bars have buttons and levers and cannot be controlled by touch-screen.
- ✦ You have to shift manually and use something called a clutch.
- ✦ It's too hard to take selfies while riding.
- ✦ They don't come with training wheels like their bicycles did.
- ✦ Motorcycles don't have power steering or power brakes.
- ✦ Their nose ring interferes with the face shield.
- ✦ They would have to use leg muscle to back up.
- ✦ When they stop, a light breeze might blow exhaust in their face.
- ✦ It could rain on them and expose them to non-soft water.
- ✦ It might scare their therapy dog, and then the dog would need therapy.
- ✦ Can't get the motorcycle down the basement stairs of their parents' home.



Oil Spots

By Traveler



FIN Recovers 2018 Harley-Davidson Street



Hotel parking lots can be a dangerous place to park any bike. Luckily for this bike owner, Find It Now GPS was installed on his Street Glide before this road trip started.

At 4:30 a.m., the bike owner was woken up by messages on his cell phone. After looking at the messages, not only did he see the message his bike was being moved he also got a speed alert that his bike was going 87mph down I-35.

After reporting his bike stolen to police and contacting the FIN Recover Center, we immediately responded to the authorities and gave them the location of the bike. It stopped at a convenience store on a frontage road right off I-35 and was not moving.

Once the local police arrived at the location, they immediately saw a truck with a trailer and a Harley strapped down. After running the tags on the truck, it was determined that it was also stolen so local police moved in and made the recovery.

The bike was in perfect shape as they used an electric winch to pull it up into the trailer and without a scratch. Thanks to FIN and the quick response of the local police, the bike owner had his baby back to him in under an hour.

"I can't thank you guys enough. If it weren't for FIN I

would have been stranded 500 miles from home and without my bike that I had only owned for 2 months... You never think it will happen to you...but it can and it does! I will tell all my friends what a great product FIN is and how well I was treated from the time of theft until it was safely recovered."

Harley-Davidson collaborating with Benelli parent for 338cc motorcycle for China market

Harley-Davidson, Inc. announced another step in its strategy to build more riders globally by expanding access into Asia through a collaboration with Qianjiang Motorcycle Company Limited ("Qianjiang"). The collaboration comes with the launch of a smaller, more accessible Harley-Davidson motorcycle for sale in Harley-Davidson dealerships in China by the end of 2020.

This collaboration joins Harley-Davidson's global motorcycle leadership with the capabilities of Qianjiang to co-develop a premium 338cc displacement Harley-Davidson motorcycle for sale first in the China market with additional Asian markets to follow.

Like all Harley-Davidson products, this new model will embody a distinctive look, sound and feel that will spark powerful connections with riders. The new Harley-Davidson motorcycle and engine will be produced in a Qianjiang facility in China and adhere to the rigorous quality standards and testing processes followed for all Harley-Davidson products.



Prototype model shown. Production model features may vary. Not yet available for sale. All future models shown may not be available in all markets.

Zhejiang Qianjiang Motorcycle Co., Ltd, founded in 1985, is a subsidiary of Geely Technology Group. In 2005, the company acquired Benelli, the Italian motorcycle manufacturing company with a 100-year history. Qianjiang's products include all series of motorcycles from 50cc to 1130cc, and are exported to more than 130 countries and regions globally.

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Oil Spots, Continued...

. The company is one of the few enterprises in the Chinese motorcycle industry that can manufacture high-end, large-displacement motorcycles. It has led the market in China for seven consecutive years and continues to lead the trend of large-displacement motorcycles in China.

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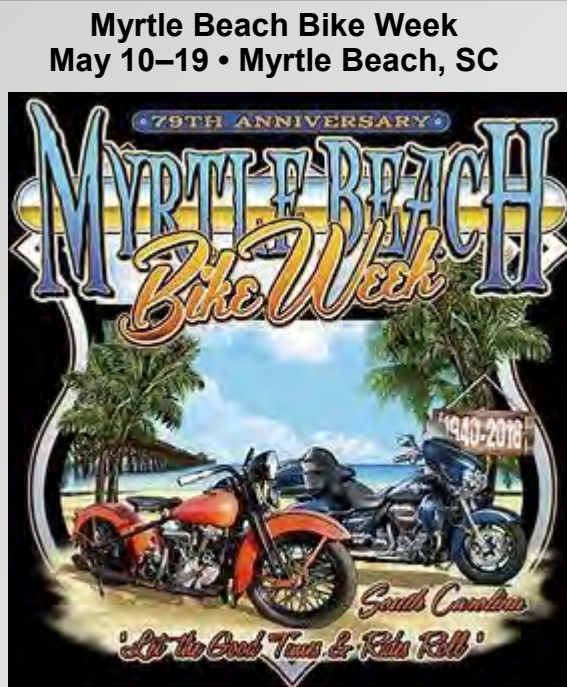
The 7 Best Motorcycle Rallies In The US

Daytona Bike Week
March 8–17 • Daytona Beach, FL



Daytona Bike Week traditionally kicks off the start of riding season in the US and is a good excuse for lots of people to crawl out of their garage after a long winter.

There's literally a dozen (if not more) bike shows including the world-famous Rat's Hole Custom Bike Show, demo rides, all kinds of music, and, at last count, five completely different types of (official) racing, including flat track, road racing, supercross, drag racing, and vintage racing. For people watching (or copious amounts of jello shots, if that's your thing) Main Street is a must, but there's certainly other stuff to see. First held in 1937, the rally attracts 500,000 bikers, all celebrating the sunny climes and, for some, the first ride on their bike since winter ended. With balmy temps and nearby tourist attractions like the Kennedy Space Center, Silver Springs State Park, and all that Disney stuff, Daytona Bike Week draws riders from all over the country—and the world. It started life as a motorcycle beach race, and racing still dominates the calendar for this week, most of it happening at Daytona International Speedway.



Southern scenery, moderate temps, a variety of bike events, and a helluva rocking music scene help explain why there are three separate bike weeks going down in Myrtle Beach every year. The scenery along South Carolina's eastern coastline would be enough to suck in any non-rider for a quick trip. The annual Spring Rally draws mostly fans, many of them chilling at Murrells Inlet south of Myrtle Beach, but there's also drag racing right on the sand from Wednesday to Saturday with more than 10 different classes going off, as well as custom bike shows, tons of live music, and some of the best biker bars this side of the Mississippi. You can also check out a slew of other destinations within a few hours' ride, like wildlife reserves, the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, and even a couple of castles for the history buffs in your riding group.

Americade Touring Rally
June 4–8 • Lake George, NY

Set in the pristine Adirondack Mountains, Americade pulls out all the stops when it comes to mapping out awesome rides in the area.



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Oil Spots, Continued

For some reason Americade doesn't make a lot of top-10-type lists. Americade is worthy of the accolades, from its scenic view of Lake George to its perfect location as a base for any number of awesome rides (some into Canada) around the Adirondack Mountains that surround it. You can sign up for either guided or unguided rides, poker runs, charity rides, and all kinds of demo rides too. This event bills itself as the "world's largest multi-brand motorcycle touring rally," and you'll definitely spot all kinds of different marques roaming the streets, with more than 50,000 registered riders and as many as 100,000 fellow partygoers packing the place.

Laconia Motorcycle Week June 8–16 • Laconia, NH



Taking the title for the oldest US bike rally is Laconia which debuted back in 1916—though it did cease operations for a few years in the 1960s.

It may not be as big as Sturgis or Daytona for attendance, but don't think of this gig as a quaint, sleepy New England scene; Laconia is no stranger to weird and fun events, and it's famous for its Biggest Beer Belly contest. Weirs Beach along Lakeside Avenue, is where all the best people watching takes place. Ninety-six years on, Laconia Motorcycle Week still packs in a full slate of activities for thrill-seekers to participate in, with lots of races on the menu, including flat track, SuperMotard, hill climbs, and the 96th running of the Loudon Classic at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, allegedly the longest-running race in America. If that's not your bag, there's plenty of good riding in these parts, including a tree-lined cruise along the state's largest lake. New Hampshire's finest two-wheel get-together dates back to 1916, though it had to take a few years off after riots between motorcycle gangs and police in 1965. But these days, LMCW is the epitome of kinder, gentler family-friendly biker events.

ROT (Republic of Texas) Biker Rally June 13–16 • Austin, TX



The Republic of Texas Biker Rally certainly has the popularity thing going on with 200K-plus riders in attendance. This biker rally is adults only, just as God intended (though teens 13 ages and up can get limited access). The main event is held at the Travis County Expo Center, with ticket admission through a good old-fashioned turnstile, and it's billed as being the biggest ticketed bike event.

AMA SuperMoto racing, the ROT AMD Qualifier Custom Bike Show, parts vendors, a tattoo expo—there's a ton of stuff to see and do here. The custom bike shows, food courts, and camping are all in one huge fenced-off area. Apart from the big racing and music scene, the event is widely known for its downtown Austin bike parade, which shuts off more than 50 city blocks and ends on Congress Avenue in front of the Texas State Capitol.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally August 2–11 • Sturgis, SD



This is the granddaddy of rallies for a reason. With a stunning setting in South Dakota's Black Hills, surrounded by miles upon miles of fantastic roads to ride and a mind-blowing slate of activities firing off all week long, the Sturgis Rally truly has something for everyone.

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Oil Spots, Continued

Sturgis has been around since 1938, and every August the small town in South Dakota typically swells to around 500,000 people. Even if you're not into Harleys, there are huge splashes of other colors going on within the sea of orange and black, and if you like music, you've come to the right place; an enviable bill of entertainment unfolds all week long at the Sturgis Buffalo Chip Campground (dubbed the Best Party Anywhere). This year even Snoop Dogg will be hitting the stage along with the likes of Styx and Kid Rock.

It's a bucket-list event—a full-on motorcycle experience in the middle of a world-class riding location. Toss in the various drag racing events, hill climbs, American Flat Track, hooligan contests, bike shows, and art exhibits, and you'll be struggling to see it all in 10 days.

“Why Ride?” They Ask....



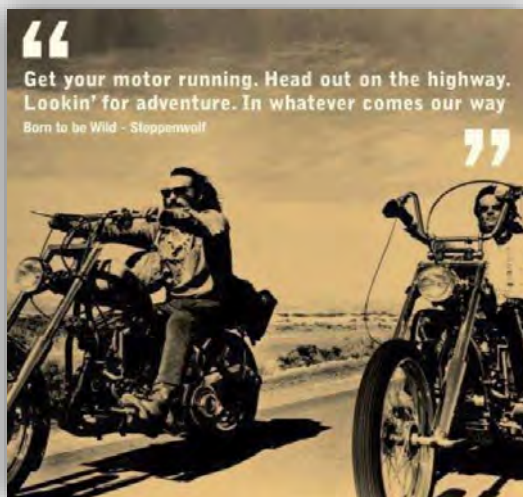
Four Corners Motorcycle Rally Labor Day Weekend (August 30–September 1) Durango, CO



The Four Corners Rally is awesome riding. For hundreds of miles in any direction, you'll be treated to some of the finest, twistiest blacktop in the land, including the famous, epically kinked Million Dollar Highway with its 284 turns in less than 80 miles. The entire area boasts dozens of old mining towns, dramatic vistas with 10,000-foot passes through the Rockies, and Durango is situated a short hop from the Four Corners Monument—where New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado meet.

Durango Harley-Davidson serves as base camp for many of the events, but the Sky Ute Casino Resort, downtown Durango, and the La Plata County Fairgrounds also play host to the poker runs, stunt shows, a Hooligan Dirt Dash, lots of musical acts, custom bike shows, vendors, and more.

Mark your calendar with a couple of the above rallies and enjoy your summer. On second thought, mark down all the rallies and enjoy the entire year.





V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



It's July! The 4th is coming up this Thursday. In 29 days, we will leave for Sturgis. The 90* weather has arrived and the flowers are looking full and healthy! We've had some opportunities to ride together and also some rain dates to be rescheduled. All in all, life is good and Summer is fully upon us!

Some of you have been along on the rides that I recently attended...in a car. I've been struggling for a few years to keep up with the other bikes on the rides, get my bike parked or turn in tight spaces. The 'reasons' escape me, but in trying to figure it out, I've gotten glasses to address the 'monovision' that some have said can affect perspective and depth perception. I've changed bikes and tried a smaller bike, thinking that would give me that feeling of 'safety' that I've been missing. Not enough. Adjusting distance and position within the riding group, seemed the next way to try to find that 'comfort zone' again.... But, to no avail. Joining the Top Cats events by car has allowed me to see the views along the routes rather than just the road ahead. I can keep up more easily and can enjoy watching the group from the back. I don't truly know why, but the 'thrill' is gone and making the change was a long hard process... but now that it's done, I'm feeling quite content, as well as safe and comfortable.

Making this choice has been a large investment in time, energy and money. Wayne has been making adjustments to his new bike to accommodate a passenger. So, we will give this new strategy a try to see how it works! I've got to say that I'm hoping it will...at least some times!

Here's to hoping many more years for all of you on two wheels! I've enjoyed riding with you, but mostly, I have enjoyed YOU! So whether it is on the back or on rides by car, I'll be enjoying the members of the club more intensely because I don't feel I'm the 'weak link', as I have for a long time now. I'll see the views, not just the street! I understand the enjoyment of riding and I will support you and all of the wonderful efforts to create adventures! I will continue to create and publish the ROAR every month, but, I will be doing it all seeing things just a bit differently...



The lenses may change,
but the view is still beautiful!



July Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for July!!

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

8 - Lisa Purcell
14 - Ted Makarewicz

27 - Mike & Sue
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Inside The Milwaukee Police Motorcycle Unit Garage

What would it take to switch to another bike? "An act of God," officer Dave Lemanczyk says.

By Anders T. Carlson



Good times flow freely in Milwaukee. Millions of hangovers owe their existence to Brewtown, as do countless decibels of V-twin fun. It stands to reason that Harley-Davidson's birthplace also has one of the oldest motorcycle police units in America.



The Milwaukee Motor Unit is one of the oldest in the country, dating to 1910, but the garage it calls home is even older. The place is soaked in Milwaukee PD history.

The Motorcycle Unit formed just seven years after H-D's founding. Its first Harley had one cylinder, displaced 30ci, and had white rubber tires. They must have liked it. Today, 109 years later, nothing but Harleys have rumbled underneath motor-unit officers. What would it take to switch to another bike? "An act of God," officer Dave Lemanczyk says.

Someone floated the idea 20 years ago, albeit briefly. The motor unit tested a BMW, but when city hall found out, the idea was quickly quashed. The fate of the test bike is unknown.

Today the 55-bike fleet calls a facility on West Vliet Street home. It shares space with the SWAT unit. The

building dates to the early 1900s and is the oldest functioning police building in Milwaukee. Prohibition-era arrestees were dropped off and processed here. Notable alumni? Try John Dillinger.

The Milwaukee Police Motorcycle Unit counts 44 officers in its ranks, including one current female officer. Some are second-generation. Officer John Kulmann's father was a motor-unit officer in Milwaukee, while Sgt. Roberto Colon's uncle was a motor-unit officer in Puerto Rico. Kulmann vividly remembers the sight of his dad's bike in the garage. "It was just something you were born and raised with," he says.

"Less money spent on repairs means more money for safety gear. But it's also the pride of ownership."



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Remarkably, officers are responsible for all motorcycle maintenance, and some repairs are even done by officers, led by Lemanczyk. It's partly for budget reasons. Less money spent on repairs means more money for safety gear. But it's also the pride of ownership. Unlike picking a random Crown Vic from the station lot, each motorcycle belongs to an officer. Each is outfitted and optimized for an officer's physique and taste. Do they lend their bikes out to other officers?



"We don't like to do that," Lemanczyk says.

Salt is a big problem. The bikes get routinely washed in the heated garage. Motor-unit bikes live on city streets, not highways, so wheel bearings are frequent victims of potholes and winter-scarred pavement. Not fork seals, though. The Harley units are good for about six years. Bikes are typically kept in service for about three to five years before being traded in for newer models. The 2012 models make up most of the fleet, but are due for replacement this year.

"Three or four years is the magic number. After that, they start eating through the budget," Lemanczyk says.

Officers wire the bikes for police radios, sirens, and auxiliary power for laptops. They regularly devise their own systems for luggage hardware. Gear designers learn from the motor unit. The laptops in the trunk are attached with a "Milwaukee mount." Other gear is timeless, with some sirens dating back to the 1950s. "If they're still good, we keep using them," Lemanczyk says.

Winter duties are light for the motor unit, with officers reverting to cars, or "cages," for duty. But even in winter, traffic detail for bigger events such as Bucks games put bikes on the road. Some enjoy time out of the saddle, but for others the itch to

ride won't wait till spring. "In February I start getting requests to take bikes out on a daily basis," Colon says. Californians, take note.



The garage is surgically clean, with a lone SWAT vehicle keeping the bikes company. A tiny office on the southwest corner of the building is where suspects were once unloaded from police vans. Now it's an unofficial lounge. Government-issue furniture sits next to officers' snapshots, souvenirs, and a framed photo of a 1968 riot arrest. These walls have



absorbed thousands of stories from opposite sides of the law.

Milwaukee has more than its fair share of crime and challenges. But motor-unit officers see themselves as more than just cops. They also provide community outreach.

"You're much more approachable," Lemanczyk says. "You'll be at a red light, and someone will roll their windows down and joke, 'Hey, wanna trade?'"

Asked if the unit had a message for trouble-minded visitors, he simply smiles and says, "Go back to Chicago."



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4TH, 2019

President's Section:

- Some members arrived early to arrange seating in a "horseshoe" pattern for the meeting.
- 7:01 pm, meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests: no new guests today.
- Announcements: 6/8 Jim Henif – Happy Birthday, 6/10 Joey Rizzo – Happy Birthday, 6/10 Mike & Kathy Bradbury – Happy Anniversary, 6/25 Bard Board – Happy Birthday
- No jokes ?
- The new table arrangement has been well accepted.



Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

Not in attendance.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Not in attendance.

Safety: Ric Case

- Not in attendance
- Kaution Korner – "Practice Living" article was prepared by Wayne Kirkpatrick. "How to deal with unexpected" road challenges; refer to the Roar for complete article details.

MC Rider video presentation: Ron Kostus

- MC Rider "Can you hear me now"? The effects of motorcycle riding on hearing loss and how to help yourself with simple safety equipment.
- A simple multiple question quiz was given to the audience and the prize of a \$10.00 Alley 64 gift card was awarded to Noelle Rigsby.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- Membership packets were presented to our newest two members Gary Graham and Tony Rizzo.
- T-shirts need to be presented to our new members.

Activities: Greg Smith. Jim Purcell.

- 6/9: "Ride for Dreams" – Tom Malia. – 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.- ride to be rescheduled.
- 6/23: Rock River ride – Tom Malia.
- 7/13-14: Crystal Lake cave – Gene Rigsby.
- 7/21: GRASS class – Ric Case – Keller Williams – Barrington
- 7/27: Field of Dreams – Ted Makarewicz.
- 7/29 – 8/5: Sturgis – Bard Board

Charity Ride: Lisa Purcell.

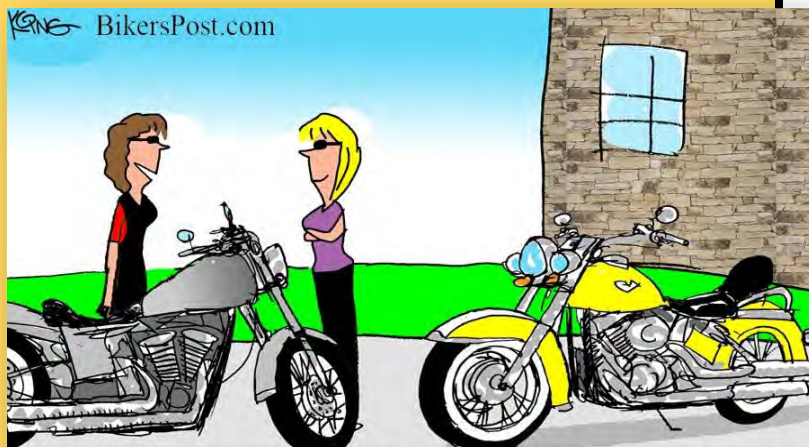
- June 9 Charity Ride – Woodstock Harley to Volo Auto Museum.
- Lisa reminded TC's to sell, pay for and bring in your money for the tickets.
- Please return all tickets which you haven't sold.
- All job assignments have been fulfilled.

Products review: Lisa Purcell. , Jim Purcell.

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

50/50 Raffle: Jim Purcell. – none this meeting.

Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby: 8:06 pm.



"We'll tell our husbands we're having a girl's night out. Once we're on the road, we'll tell them we're going on a month-long motorcycle trip."



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 11TH 2019

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:02 pm, meeting called to order
- Safety and RC committee meetings setup were held last month. Meeting with Membership coming up soon.
- July and August Board meetings to be "virtual" meetings with topics being discussed on-line.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Working on yearly billing organization with Noelle Rigsby.

Activities / Awards: Greg S.

- 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. – ride to be re-scheduled.
- 7/13,14: Crystal Cave ride – Gene Rigsby.
- 7/21: GRASS class – Ric Case – Keller Williams, Barrington.
- 7/27: Field of Dreams – Ted Makarewicz.
- 7/29, 8/11: Sturgis and beyond – Bard Boand, Wayne Kirkpatrick.
- 8/11: Mendota Corn Fest – Gene Rigsby.
- 8/13: T/C's general meeting – Alley 64.
- 8/18: T/C's Memorial ride – Ric Case.
- "Blast" request forms to be sent out to RC's,etc. by Greg Smith.

Safety: Ric Case

- 7/21 next GRASS class.
- Safety Committee chair has yet to be determined.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- Waivers for all riders to be signed each year with membership renewal.
- All waivers to be presented to Jane Smith to be recorded.

Charity Ride / Products: Lisa Purcell

- Ride for Dreams was a limited success.
- Direct marketing to clubs next year should bring better attendance.
- Board discussed Volo as the Destination for next year once again ?
- Shoud the T/C's hold a bike show in conjunction with WHD as a separate event ? Discussion was tabled.

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- Noelle Rigsby reviewed general and charity accounts status.
- Account balances can be reviewed upon request to the Board.

Secretary: Ron Kostus

Nothing new to question or report.

Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby: 7:57 pm.





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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, July 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
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
Monday-Tuesday August 5th –6th	Ride to PR	DeKalb Oasis US I-88	Colorado Springs	6:30 am	Rigsby
August 6 th- 12th	Post Sturgis	CO, NM, KS, OK	CO Springs to Home	TBD	W Kirkpatrick
Sunday, August 11th	Mendota Sweet Corn Ride	TBD	Mendota, Illinois	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, August 13th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, August 18th	TC Memorial Ride	TBD	TBD	9:00 am	Case

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