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## Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 6 HOLY HILL BACK ROADS
- 8 BOARD MEETING
- 13 MEMORIAL RIDE—2
- 19 PQ STEAKHOUSE
- 27 GRASS CLASS

### 1NOVEMBER

- 5 GENERAL MEETING/  
THANKSGIVING DINNER
- 12 BOARD MEETING

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!!

Right off,... don't read this.... Take some time right now to jump to the event list page in the ROAR or go to the website event calendar ([www.topcats.org](http://www.topcats.org)) .... Go ahead... I'll wait.... NOW block our club ride dates out so you don't miss any opportunity for the remainder of the year to ride with your Top Cat brothers and sisters. There is more riding to be done!!

The rides are presented WELL IN ADVANCE, so you can make plans RIGHT AWAY, so you don't accidentally plan so other boring thing to do and miss out on spending time with us.

**Oct 6th**, Ted has planned his annual ride to Holy Hill. Great ride, with great folks and lunch in a great restaurant. What more could you ask for...???? Well if you did ask for more, here it is... **Oct 13th**, Ric will be leading his annual Top Cats Memorial ride.

Details have been sent out for this ride, so if you have not received the blast, let Greg Smith know at [Gregsmith@kw.com](mailto:Gregsmith@kw.com) so he can get you on the list ASAP.

And I believe there will be a Toys for Tots ride in November, so keep looking out for details.

Thanks to Greg Smith for his recent ride, which was planned for Galena but turned into a lunch ride to Byron to avoid the threatening rain. Greg did a great job of keeping us mostly dry to the end of the ride in Starke's Corners.

But there are more to plan for. Check the Top Cats Calendar for more detail.

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.... (I really do...)

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby,  
President, Top Cats Illinois

## KAUTION KORNER

### Gearing up for Spring...

### Uh, Fall Riding!!

By: Gene Rigsby  
Senior Road Captain



As a Senior Road Captain, I was designated to write the April Kaution Korner and considering the timing, I chose to write about spring riding. In that article, I wrote about the importance of preparing your bike for the riding season and reviewed TCLOCS. We all know this is the standard "MO" for the start of the riding season and that reviewing TCLOCS is important all year, but getting your bike and yourself ready for fall riding is important too.

Generally, when thinking of fall riding I think of cool weather and beautiful scenery. But, several cautionary items come to mind as well. Like, watching for leaves on the road, frost (could be in shady spots even on a mild day), deer, etc....

**Here are some suggestions I know will help make your fall riding safe and some you can use throughout the year:**

- **PLAN YOUR JOURNEY:** Plan your route to make the most of daylight hours. Add on extra time, more than you would normally to do same route during summertime. Due to the colder conditions of riding in the fall, you'll likely be stopping to warm up more often. You'll also be tempering your speed due to more slippery road conditions. Plan that your hours are few. Therefore pick a route that will bring you to your destination before dark. (Continued on pg. 3)





## KAUTION KORNER

- **CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST:** Pick the better weather forecasted day to take your ride if you can.
- **CHECK YOUR MOTORCYCLE BATTERY:** Be sure to charge up your motorcycle battery the night before to ensure a full charge for your ride. Colder weather makes your battery work more and can lose its charge quicker than under normal dry warm conditions.
- **CHECK YOUR TIRES:** Due to colder nights and cooler temperatures, your motorcycle tire pressure may seem low. Check your tire pressure for accuracy and proper inflation while also inspecting tread. Often at the end of riding season tires are worn out. During colder weather rides, tread and grip are equally important and necessary to ensure full grip.
- **COLD TIRES:** Your tires will take longer to warm up during colder temperature days. The first miles of your morning ride is tackled with smoother than normal inputs as your tires and the road surface are super slippery. Your tires will likely not warm to the point you're accustomed to in warmer temps and tires with soft rubber compound tires need to warm to perform at best. In the cold, they're hard and that traction is gone. Go easy!
- **CHECK LIGHTING SYSTEM:** Be sure all your lights are functioning and if you can, increase your lighting quality and lens are clean. Read more on our tips to **BRIGHTEN UP**.
- **MOTORCYCLE GEAR:** Be warm and be visible. Keeping and staying warm is key to a successful ride, and full concentration at the handlebars. It will be chilly and though you feel warm when you start, wind-chill will quickly change that factor. Heated gear is fabulous and of course add those extra linings to your jacket and pants. Winter riding gloves work well. Don't forget to layer with performance under garments and bring extra layers if you have the room. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself as seen by other drivers.
- **LEAVES:** Leaves are slippery – as they begin to accumulate on the roadway they can be very slick. Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities; wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Wet or dry, riding through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop.
- **ROAD SURFACE:** Be aware of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other higher surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions
- **SUN GLARE:** The sun is lower in the sky at this time of year and its glare can be an issue for much of the day,

depending on the direction you're riding. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light. This can be distracting and confusing. Good sunglasses or a tinted visor work best. Be sure not to forget your clear visor so you can switch for the ride home when it becomes dark.

- **SPACE CUSHIONS:** Give yourself enough following distance and space cushioning. It's not only difficult for you to see the road this time of year, but equally challenging for other drivers to see you. Allow extra time to react both in front and behind you. Slow down, look further ahead and increase your following distance.

- **DEER AND MOOSE:** Autumn is the time of year deer and moose mate, meaning – they'll be more active. These animals are huge hazards for motorcyclists. Try to plan your ride during daylight hours only. The best defence is to stay aware, particularly while riding in rural areas. Scan the roadway ahead and just off of the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically deer movement will peak at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road will present the greatest challenge as these are ideal places for deer to cross. Unfortunately, it's these zones which provide you the shortest reaction time. Slow and prepare for the risk.

- **WIND:** This time of year is usually accented by gusty strong winds. These can unsettle your bike and blow you a little off course within your lane. To manage this, look for signs. For example, try looking ahead at the trees and bushes, and note the behaviour of other vehicles to see how the wind is affecting them. Strong winds are not constant, they are usually gusty so ensure you hold the handlebar hand-grip firmly. Go slow enough to cope with the gusts.

As is the case during any ride, you need to ensure awareness and this is an awareness of the road surface and the side effects it will produce; characteristic of autumn.

With good planning you'll be able to enjoy one of the most pleasurable and spectacular riding seasons!

*Excerpt from:  
13 Things For A  
Great Ride suggested by <https://motoress.com>*



## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### New Low Rider S Model Combines Performance with Attitude

The new Low Rider S motorcycle takes a performance-first approach that emphasizes power, agile handling, and enhanced rider control combined with traditional Harley-Davidson character.

Handling of the Softail chassis is enhanced by premium suspension components tuned for aggressive riding stoked by the power of a muscular Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine. Styling cues from the coastal build scene include a raised handlebar, mini fairing, solo seat and blacked-out finishes.

### Harley-Davidson Launches New Models, Technology for 2020

New models, new technologies and more customer choices are featured in the expansive lineup of Harley-Davidson motorcycles for 2020.

The new Harley-Davidson Low Rider S model brings aggressive style and all-out performance to 2020 Harley-Davidson models that also include the all-electric LiveWire model and the new CVO Tri Glide model, the ultimate three-wheel motorcycle.

Also new for 2020 is the H-D Connect service, a subscription-based cellular connectivity service for select Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and the Reflex Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS), a new collection of rider-control technologies for select models that includes traction control and advanced Antilock Braking System (ABS).

### Harley-Davidson LiveWire Model: A New Motorcycling Experience

The LiveWire model is an all-new, all-electric motorcycle; an exhilarating and evocative new model designed to offer the rider a high-performance motorcycling experience infused with a new level of technology, and the premium look and feel of a Harley-Davidson. Propelled by the immediate torque of the H-D Revelation all-electric powertrain, the LiveWire motorcycle is capable of rapid acceleration with just a

twist of the throttle – no clutching or gear shifting required. With up to 146 miles of range, performance is optimized for the urban street-rider.

The LiveWire model is the first in a broad portfolio of electric two-wheelers designed to establish Harley-Davidson as the leader in the electrification of motorcycles.



The Heritage Classic motorcycle drapes the Harley-Davidson Softail platform in pure nostalgia, and for 2020 it has been re-styled, exchanging the blacked-out look of the previous model for bright finishes to give this bike a more-appealing look to riders who love the gleam and sparkle of rich Harley-Davidson chrome.

Re-styled components include a bright powertrain with chrome air cleaner and covers; chrome steel laced wheels; chrome headlamp bucket and auxiliary light buckets, bright fork legs and chrome fork covers and nacelle; chrome rear fender struts and side covers; a chrome console; a polished stainless steel handlebar with a chrome riser and top clamp; and a full clear windscreen with chrome support hardware.

The Heritage Classic is powered by the Milwaukee-Eight 107 powertrain and is mechanically identical to the 2019 model. Features include lockable and sealed hard saddlebags, a detachable windscreen, a two-piece skirted seat and pillion with black studs, and standard cruise control and Antilock Braking System (ABS). Color options include: Vivid Black, Billiard Burgundy, two-tone Silver Pine/Spruce and Billiard Red/Vivid Black. The Heritage Classic 114 model powered by the Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine will retain the model's original, blacked-out look.

### New Technology

H-D Connect service introduces subscription-based cellular connectivity to select Harley-Davidson motorcycles to keep riders connected to their motorcycle through their smart phone using the latest version of the Harley-Davidson App. The H-D Connect service allows owners to connect remotely to their motorcycle and view key vehicle health information.

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Oil Spots, continued...

It also provides the owner with the reassurance of being able to remotely monitor their motorcycle's security, including tamper alerts on the Harley-Davidson App and stolen-vehicle assistance.

The Reflex Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS) is a new collection of technology designed to match motorcycle performance to available traction during acceleration, deceleration and braking, utilizing the latest chassis control, electronic brake control and powertrain technology. The RDRS features are standard on the 2020 LiveWire, Trike and CVO models, and optional on 2020 Touring models.



## **New Road Glide Limited and Touring Model Options**

The new Road Glide Limited model replaces the Road Glide

Ultra model for 2020 and offers new premium luxury-touring features, including painted pin striping, a gloss-finish inner fairing, heated rider hand grips, Slicer II Contrast Bright wheels and new tank, front and rear fender medallions. The Road Glide Limited model is a long-haul, two-up touring specialist featuring the distinctive aerodynamic Road Glide shark-nose fairing with triple split stream vents that limit rider head buffeting. The standard Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine delivers smooth, powerful touring performance while dual Daymaker LED headlamps offer outstanding night visibility.

Premium Touring suspension includes an easy-adjust rear shock pre-load for a smooth, confident ride. Reflex Electronic Linked Brakes with ABS deliver confident braking performance. The Boom! Box GTS infotainment system with color touch screen offers navigation, communication and entertainment options.

The new Black Finish Option for the 2020 Ultra Limited and Road Glide Limited models gives these models a sinister blacked-out look direct from the factory. The Black Finish package includes: Slicer II cast aluminum wheels finished in Gloss Black, fuel tank, front and rear fender medallions with a Gloss Black

fill surrounded by a Charcoal border, Gloss Black powdercoat powertrain, covers and exhaust plus black Tour-Pak luggage carrier hinges, latches and rack, a black console, footboards, handlebar, gauge trim rings, hand control levers, mirrors and foot controls, black LED Daymaker headlamp, trim ring and LED fog lamps (Ultra Limited only), and black fork lowers, fork covers, engine guard and saddlebag guards.

**New standard Antilock Braking System:** The Reflex Brembo electronic linked Antilock Braking System that was previously optional on some Touring models is now standard on all 2020 Touring motorcycles. ABS is designed to prevent the wheels from locking under braking and helps the rider maintain control when braking in a straight line.

## **CVO Model: The Pinnacle of Harley-Davidson Style and Design**

The new CVO Tri Glide model joins the CVO Limited and CVO Street Glide models in the portfolio of limited-production, super-premium CVO motorcycles for 2020. Created for discerning customers, CVO models offer show-stopping finishes, advanced technology, exclusive components and attention to detail that borders on obsessive, engineered and assembled to factory-quality standards and backed by the Harley-Davidson warranty. The Milwaukee-Eight 117 powertrain – the most displacement and power offered from the H-D factory – is exclusive to CVO models.



## **Latest acquisition gives dealership group 42 locations**

Make that 42 locations for RideNow Powersports. The dealership group has acquired War Horse Harley-Davidson of Ocala, Florida, with help from George C. Chaconas of Performance Brokerage Services.

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RideNow dealerships today boast more than 17,000 new and pre-owned units for sale to customers.

RideNow Powersports is headquartered in Tempe, Arizona, and operates dealerships nationwide. It is the largest privately-owned motorcycle and powersports dealership group in the U.S. Already operating two dealerships in Ocala, RideNow Powersports has hoped to acquire War Horse Harley-Davidson for over 10 years.

Established in 1984 by Steven Lamb, the Crystal Group, previous owners of War Horse H-D, began as a Chevrolet dealership in Homosassa, Florida. Today, Crystal Group owns and operates four new car dealerships in Homosassa and Brooksville offering Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Ford and Lincoln, as well as Crystal Harley-Davidson, a new state-of-the-art dealership in Homosassa.

This was an ideal strategic acquisition for us to continue to grow our presence in Florida as it is practically across the street from our dealerships in Ocala. It was another great experience working with George and I would highly recommend him as an industry expert.”

Robert Bass, Partner and Attorney at Law for Bass Sox Mercer in Tallahassee, Florida, represented RideNow Powersports in this transaction.

The dealership name will remain the same and will operate at its current location at 5331 North Highway 441 in Ocala, Florida 34475.

### **NICB: Motorcycle Thefts Declined**



The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) released its annual report on motorcycle thefts in the United

States for 2018. A total of 41,674 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2018 compared with 44,268 reported stolen in 2017—a decrease of 6%.

The top 10 states for motorcycle thefts in 2018 were:

California (7,035),  
Florida (4,279),  
Texas (3,073),  
New York (1,777),  
South Carolina (1,743),  
North Carolina (1,466),  
Indiana (1,229), Missouri (1,194),  
Georgia (1,174) and  
Colorado (1,109).

The top 10 cities for motorcycle thefts in 2018 were:

New York (1,310),  
Los Angeles (628),  
Miami (595),  
Las Vegas (540),  
San Diego (527),  
San Francisco (520),  
Houston (460),  
Philadelphia (404),  
Austin (329) and  
San Jose (322).

The top 10 most stolen motorcycles in 2018 by manufacturer were:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (8,260 thefts),  
Yamaha Motor Corporation (6,655),  
American Suzuki Motor Corporation (4,882),  
Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (4,861),  
Harley-Davidson, Inc. (4,769),  
Taotao Group Co. Ltd. (1,851),  
KTM Sportmotorcycle AG (780),  
Genuine Cycle (515),  
Ducati Motor Holding (455) and  
Kymco U.S.A., Inc. (413).

August, July, and September saw the most thefts with 4,749, 4,703 and 4,349, respectively, followed by June with 4,164 and October with 4,062.

Recovered stolen motorcycle data of those motorcycles stolen in 2018 was reviewed through June 13, 2019. The recovery data closely matches the theft data in that the top five motorcycle makes reported stolen were the same as the top five recovered, although not in the same order. The recovered top five makes in that period were:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (3,824),  
Yamaha Motor Corporation (2,900),  
Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (2,313),  
American Suzuki Motor Corporation (2,118)  
Harley-Davidson (1,799).

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Oil Spots, continued...

## 2020 Indian Thunder Stroke 116 Lineup First Look

Indian has been hitting a lot of home runs lately and for 2020, the original American motorcycle company unveiled three new models and an updated Ride Command infotainment system that will help keep their bikes on the cutting edge of the cruiser market.

At the heart of the new lineup is the new air-cooled Thunder Stroke 116 engine that utilizes new high-flow heads, which help it produce a claimed 126 pound-feet of torque. This 116ci engine will be standard on the Springfield Dark Horse, Chieftain Dark Horse, Chieftain Limited, Chieftain Elite, Roadmaster and Roadmaster Dark Horse.

On the technological side of things, Indian is also releasing a redesigned version of the Ride Command infotainment system. The glove-compatible 7-inch screen now offers traffic and weather overlays to help improve the riding experience while retaining the industry-standard GPS-style predictive destination, search, route planning overlays, and access to the selectable ride modes on corresponding models.

"These new features and upgrades are a result of our consistent communication with riders, listening to their feedback, and incorporating it into our ongoing product development efforts," said Reid Wilson, vice president for Indian Motorcycle. "Today's rider wants more power and expects cutting-edge technology. That's exactly what we're delivering in 2020."



### **2020 Indian Roadmaster Dark Horse**

The new 2020 Roadmaster Dark Horse

infuses a bit of attitude into Indian's premium touring model. In addition to the standard touring trunk, protective lower fairing, heated grips, adjustable passenger floorboards, tire pressure monitoring, full LED lighting, and adjustable power windscreen, the 2020

Roadmaster Dark Horse also features low-slung remote locking saddlebags, a stylish streamlined front fairing, 19-inch front wheel, the rogue gunfighter seat, blacked-out engine, and your choice of three matte paint color

Color options for the 2020 Roadmaster Dark Horse include Thunder Black Smoke, White Smoke, and Ruby Smoke. MSRP will start at \$28,999 and will go up from there, depending on the options and accessories you choose to tailor the bike to suit your personal taste.

### **2020 Indian Springfield Dark Horse**



Completely redesigned and updated for 2020, the Indian Springfield Dark Horse now boasts

styling and performance updates inspired by the wildly popular 2019 Jack Daniel's Limited Edition Springfield Dark Horse. It now features slammed saddlebags, 12-inch mini-ape hanger handlebars, rogue seat, blacked-out finish, and the new Thunder Stroke 116 engine in addition to cruise control, ABS, TPMS, ride modes, and remote locking saddlebags. It will be offered in three colors: Thunder Black Smoke, Sagebrush Smoke, and White Smoke. MSRP will start at \$22,499.



The remaining 2020 Indian Motorcycle lineup includes the redesigned Chieftain Elite (\$34,999) that is now available in two-tone paint and the new Power Band audio system plus the

carry over models from last year that include the Chief Dark Horse (\$18,499), Chief Vintage (\$19,999), Springfield (\$20,999), Chieftain (\$21,999), Chieftain Classic (\$25,499), Chieftain Dark Horse (\$27,999), Chieftain Limited (\$27,999), and Roadmaster (\$29,999).

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Oil Spots, continued...

## Riding cross-country on a pre-war motorcycle is the best kind of crazy

by [Kyle Smith](#)


Riding a modern motorcycle cross country is just a little bit crazy. Riding a pre-1948 motorcycle cross country is insane. With just two small drum brakes, foot clutches,

stamped steel, and hardtail chassis, most bikes of that era are not only complicated to ride, they are flat out demanding. Those demands are what almost 100 riders are setting out to prove they can handle this week as part of The Motorcycle Chase, a rally that stopped for a break at Hagerty's home office in Traverse City, Michigan on its way to Key West, Florida.

The rally of riders started even further north in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, and the hopes that the weather would be kind were immediately dashed. Rain greeted the two-wheel enthusiasts as they left town and started south.

"We made it a little down the road and then the rain started," said [Mike Butts](#), who was taking a break from the seat of his [1947 Harley Davidson EL](#). "I tried to put some more layers on, but once you're wet, it's just hard to dry out and get warm."



Staying warm isn't the only challenge for these riders, as many of these vintage machines were not built for long runs at sustained speed. Even in the Hagerty parking lot—which was the

first stop since they started—maintenance was being performed on machines. A 1930 [BSA Sloper](#) had its primary cover removed to lubricate the primary chain, which transfers the rotation of the engine to the transmission.

Todd Cameron, the rider of the BSA, mentioned that the chain should be automatically oiled, but instead it

was dry as a bone. A quick reach in the saddle bags revealed a can of aerosol chain lube. Cameron fired up the engine and ran the bike in gear on the center stand to lube the chain in preparation for the afternoon's ride.



The maintenance done in the parking lot is just the tip of the iceberg. All of the competitors in this rally are making the run self-supported, carrying all the items they might need for maintenance on their bikes, unlike some other vintage motorcycle events which are set up for earlier bikes and have support crews that can drive separately. A quick look through the rider list reveals many of the competitors are veterans of long-haul trips on classic steeds, like the Motorcycle Cannonball.

If you want to see these mad men and women in action, you can check out [The Motorcycle Chase's website](#), which lists all the stops over the next week of riding. Talking to the riders is infectious and it made me start searching for another two-wheeled friend to leak oil in my garage. But I won't be on the entry list for The Motorcycle Chase—yet.

## How The CCPA And Other Internet Privacy Measures will Affect the Motorcycle Industry

On January 1, 2020 the California Consumer Protection Act (CCPA) goes into effect.

This will drastically affect how companies capture, use

and sell personal data and is expected to severely limit the ability for programmatic (i.e. Google) and social network companies (FaceBook) to farm data.



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## Oil Spots, continued...

CCPA is the first of what is expected to be a barrage of consumer protection measures focused on the use of personal information, including digital identifiers. While the CCPA affects only California web users, nine other states including New York have similar data-protection legislation in the pipeline. For this reason, most businesses are implementing strategies to be CCPA compliant on a nationwide basis.



The CCPA was designed to protect consumers by giving them:

- Right to know all data collected on them
- Right to refuse the sale of their information
- Right to request deletion of their data
- Mandated right to opt-in before the sale of information of children under 16



## Board Nominations, 2019 By Traveler

**Nominations**  
are now  
**Open**

### POSITIONS.

The positions up for election / reelection for the 2020 and 2021 term this year are:

Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
One Director

**PROCESS.** The nominating process is easy. Simply provide a name to the Nominating Committee Chief, Wayne Kirkpatrick ([wkirkpal77@aol.com](mailto:wkirkpal77@aol.com)) or our President, Gene Rigsby and the Election Committee will check the qualifications of the nominee and, if eligible, notify them to see if they will accept the nomination. Once they accept, they are placed on the ballot.

**ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for nomination, members must have; dues paid, attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year, GRASS attended within the last 3 years, service on the Board or on a committee. We ask that nominations be received by 30 October 2019.

**VOTING.** To be eligible to vote...by 30 November each year each Top Cat must have been a member in good standing for one year, attend GRASS within the first year of membership and within the past three years thereafter, and attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year.

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





## VOTING 2019....

By: Traveler



Every year we have the opportunity to either vote to choose candidates for our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for the coming two years.

Annually, we

verify our members who are eligible to vote and who are eligible to run for office based on Club participation, dues, GRASS attendance, committee service, etc, consistent with our Bylaws.

Our candidates all meet the qualifications specified in our ByLaws and each of them has the experience, the passion, and the skill to perform in the positions for which they are nominated.

At our December general meeting we will vote, by ballot, for a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Director. The newly elected officers will take office on 1 January 2020.

Our candidates are:

### Vice President

Mary Kirkpatrick (Incumbent)

### Secretary

Open

### Treasurer

Open

### Director

Ric Case (Incumbent)

Ideally, with our vote we are continuing the great legacy of Top Cats – Illinois into our 24th year and selecting the best possible candidates to run our Club

consistent with our By Laws. Ideally, each of us will cast our vote to select or confirm candidates based on their proven performance, dedication, and contributions to the Club. Ideally, our selections will not be based on personal friendships alone, animosity, or in retaliation toward the Club, its leadership, or its members.



When you find yourself faced with a selection decision, simply look at your choices and determine

1. Who has the best interest of the Club at heart,
2. Who has a proven record of dedication to the Club,
3. Who has the experience for that particular position and...
4. If all else is a tie, ask yourself who you see at every ride, every meeting, every committee activity, every Club event, and every charity ride. That should help you decide.

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

**VOTING.** To be eligible to vote at the 3 December general meeting...each Top Cat must have been a member in good standing for one year, attend GRASS within the first year of membership and every three years thereafter, and attend a combination of 5 meetings/events per year.

The future of the Club lies in your vote. Please do your part for our great organization by voting at our 3 December general meeting.





## V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



So many topics for this month! Influential things like Elections and Service to our club. Impactful things like choosing to lead a ride and improve the day of many others. Important things like weather and canceling rides. And, of course, the upcoming Halloween Season!

Let's start with the upcoming elections... and a nudge to you all to become active in our 2020 administration. We have so many good qualified people among our members and the club would benefit from the great skills that each of you could bring! It is NOT extremely demanding when involved, and it IS very rewarding to be a part of maintaining our club and its future. Please consider running and serving as a board member. YOU might just be the thing that keeps our club 'fresh'.

The next topic is another nudge to think about places to take our club. Favorite places that will give us another opportunity to enjoy each other's company and to make new memories. Whether it is Summer rides or Winter drives, spending time together is a whole lot of fun! Speaking of that... Let's meet up at Prime Quarter Steakhouse in Janesville on October 19th. Details will be sent out in a blast, but for now, mark your calendars!

Weather caused us to cancel Ric's Memorial ride on the 29th of September. It has been rescheduled for October 13th. So, mark your calendar for this one too! Weather has been a large challenge for the past two years. It seems like we have tried very hard to stay on the road, but stormy weather has changed our plans. October is still a great opportunity, so put a ride on the calendar... and plead with the skies for sunshine and good days!

Finally, Halloween... Did you know that the White House has tales of ghosts and hauntings? Maybe one of these will help you to choose your costume this year. Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr, was lost during a shopwreck. She has been noted as one of the WH spirits. Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln have all been reported to still be spiriting the White House. Read more at :

<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/haunted-historic-places>

Happy Hauntings this month! And, as always ...

Happy Riding!



## October Birthdays and Anniversaries!

12- Rick Agrimonte  
22 - Ric Case  
30 - Gene Rigsby

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

25 - Ric & Jacquie  
Case



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

## MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019



### Announcements:

- September 4 - Wayne & Mary Kirkpatrick
- September 11 - Mary Kirkpatrick

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

- Board members arrived early to create the "horseshoe" seating arrangement.
- 7:00 pm, meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests: potential new members from Rolling Thunder Chapter 2: Chuck Carlson & Garrett Peterson

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

- Nothing new to report this meeting.

### **Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick**

- Wayne gave a quick review of a "bike locator" GPS tracker new to the market.

### **Safety: Ric Case**

- G.R.A.S.S. 10/27 – KELLER Williams office – Barrington.
- Kaution Korner – "Fall riding season has arrived" presented by Greg Smith. See the "Roar" for complete details.

### **Canyon Chasers video presentation: Ron Kostus**

- Canyonchasers.net; Sand in the Corner... Now What ??? -Surface hazards in corners, intersections and straightaways and how to handle them.

### **Membership: Ted Makarewicz**

Two new potential members showed up at the meeting: Chuck Carlson and Garrett Peterson.

### Recent activities reviewed by each road captain:

- 9/7: Memorial ride – Ric Case
- 9/8: Sunrise Ride – Gene Rigsby
- 9/21: Galena River Ride – Greg Smith

### Up-coming activities:

- 10/6: Holy Hill Ride – Ted Makarewicz
- 10/27: Last G.R.A.S.S. class for the season – Ric Case

### **Charity: Lisa Purcell**

Nothing new to report this meeting.

### **Products review: Lisa Purcell**

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

### **Networking: Gene Rigsby**

Gene briefly discussed the need to integrate more strongly networking which was the basis of the Top Cats club.

### **50/50 Raffle: Jim Purcell**

Won by Ted Makarewicz – donated to the club charity.

**Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby 7:42 pm.**





Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

### MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019

#### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:06 pm, meeting called to order
- Charity Committee meeting coming up soon.

#### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne discussed the preparations and requirements for the upcoming December election.

#### Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

Nothing new to report at this meeting.

#### Activities / Awards: Greg S.

- Upcoming calendar review by Greg Smith.
- 9/15: Thunder Run – Rolling Thunder ride
- 9/21: Galena River Ride – Greg Smith
- 9/29: Top Cats Memorial Ride – Ric Case
- 10/6: Holy Hill Ride – Ted Makarewicz
- 10/27: Last GRASS class for the year – Ric Case
- “Blast” request forms to be sent out to RC's, etc. by Greg Smith.

#### Safety: Ric Case

- Safety Committee chair has yet to be determined; Ric seeking a candidate.
- Safety training: Ric to talk to Steve Johnson and setup and event for next year.

#### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- Garrett Peterson has submitted application and payment for membership.
- Membership is awaiting completed application from Chuck Carlson.

#### Charity Ride / Products: Lisa Purcell

- Lisa presented products pricing and pictures to Gene Rigsby; Gene to work up the web page images.
- “Bike Show” to be scheduled for 2020. Date and venue to be determined.

#### Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- Noelle Rigsby reviewed general and charity accounts status.
- Account balances can be reviewed upon request to the Board.
- \$3,000.00 charity donation was approved to NISRA by the board for the 2019 Charity Ride.

#### Secretary: Ron Kostus

Nothing new to question or report.

Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby: 7:44 pm.



Holy Hill, Hubertus, WI



## A Top Cat You Should Know!

We are going to resurrect an old column, *A Top Cat You Should Know*, and we have a wonderful story to tell you at this time...

Tonight, Tuesday, October 1, 2019, *The 85th Annual Votive Red Mass of the Holy Spirit* will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. It is a gathering of Law Professionals who are members of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago.

The Red Mass has been celebrated annually in churches throughout the world since the twelfth century. It brings together members of the community from all faith traditions to pray for all those responsible for the administration of justice.

There will then be a reception at Loyola University where they will present their *Lifetime Achievement Award*... and one of our own will be the recipient.

Thaddeus J. Makarwicz, was born in Detroit, Michigan and received his BA degree magna cum laude in History from the University of Detroit. Ted moved from Detroit to Chicago to attend Lewis University College of Law, now known as Northern Illinois University College of Law and was sworn in as an attorney on May 1, 1980.

Since then, Ted, as WE know him, he has developed a long list of accomplishments! Since coming to Chicago, has a history of being active in the Polish community. Ted was President of the Advocates Society, (the Polish American Bar Association) in 1990 and was conferred the Advocates Society Award of Merit, (Man of the Year) in 1998; President of the Polish American Association (PAA) formerly known as the Polish Welfare Association from 1993 – 1997 and received the Cavalier's Cross of Order for Merit of the Republic of Poland, 1996 for his work in assisting the Polish immigrant community in Chicago; President of the Polish Arts Club of Chicago, 1994 – 1997; member of the Board of Advisors of St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, 1999 – 2003; Past Director of the Polish Museum of America; 2002 – 2014; Member of the Board of Directors of the Bishop Ambramowicz Seminary, 2004 – 2010; Chairman, Chicago Sister Cities International, Warsaw Committee, 2019 – 2015; Grand Marshall of the 120th Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade, 2011; President, Chicago Society, 2015- 2016, and currently is the newly elected President of Chicago Society Foundation. Ted is also a long-time member of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish National Alliance.



On the spiritual side, Ted is a Knight of Obedience in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta; Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and Knight Commander of Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George. Ted has been a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago since 1985 and a member of the Advisory Board Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 2003 to present. Ted is a chairman of the finance council and a Eucharistic Minister at his parish of Our Lady of Victory located on the northwest side and a daily communicant and Eucharistic Minister at St. Peter's in the Loop. I also heard a rumor that Ted has had audience with two Popes in his lifetime!

This Biography, from the Catholic Lawyers Guild Publication, does not discuss the Ted that we know, though! A motorcyclist who is also in service to his 'two-wheeled' brothers and sisters! Leading rides, taking lead in the activities of the club, and bringing laughter and smiles to the faces of the group. Congratulations and Thanks, Ted!



Ride on....

## To Honor and Remember!



This is an irregular piece that will give our Club the opportunity to Honor and Remember our loved ones who gave us so much as they influenced and shaped our lives.

Please let us know about the passing of your loved one by sending a picture and a short description of their proud moments! We will remember

them with you!

No News for this edition! For this, we are thankful!

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, October 6th	Holy Hill Back Roads	TBD	Holy Hills	TBD	Makarewicz
Tuesday, October 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, October 13th	Memorial Ride	Lake Zurich	Thirsty Horse Bar and Grill	9:00 am	Case
Saturday, October 19th	Food & Friends	176 & 14 <b>OR</b> Janesville	Prime Quarter Steakhouse	2:00 pm	M Kirkpatrick
Sunday, October 27th	GRASS Class	Barrington	Keller-Williams	8:00 am	Case
Tuesday, November 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 12th	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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