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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 5 GENERAL MEETING/
THANKSGIVING DINNER
- 12 BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 23 NISRA HOLIDAY
FASHION SHOW

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!!

Looks like winter is settling in and it's not even Thanksgiving.... We can't let that dampen our spirits. More riding opportunities will come around and even if they don't, there will be other Top Cats events to look forward to coming together.

The first opportunity this month is the general meeting, which is Tuesday the 5th. Come on out to see everyone, have some grub and throw back a cold one, or two. This meeting is also an opportunity to pay your 2020 dues in person if you have not sent them in already.

The next opportunity to get together in November is the NISRA fashion show, which is the 23rd. This is a great traditional event for the Top Cats, and a great time. I believe there is time to RSVP, so look for the blast and save the date.

Before you know it, we will be having the chili cook-off, attending our Top Cats award dinner, going to the International Motorcycle Show, and heading out on our 2020 kick-off ride and lots of other opportunities to come together. In the meantime, let Greg Smith and Jim Purcell know if you have any offseason activities ideas.

Just a reminder, we are gearing up for the 2020 election and there is time for presenting nominations. Please get them in to Wayne or I, on or before the 11th.

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.... Gene "Lucky" Rigsby

KAUTION KORNER



It's That Time of Year Again!!

Tips for storing your motorcycle for the Winter.

By: Jim Purcell

Road Captain

Ride

Take that last ride for the season (at least 4 months till next time). Any reason is good to get out for a ride!

Refresh

Refresh all fluid levels such as engine oil, brake fluids, clutch oil, and cooling system. By doing this, if any of the fluids have been contaminated you will eliminate any corrosives that can possibly damage seals and gaskets while it's in storage. Most of these should be change annually. If stored longer than 4 months is not a bad idea to remove spark plugs and lubricate cylinders. Plus, in spring you will be ready to roll.

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KAUTION KORNER

Washing, Drying and Waxing

This is also very important and not to overlook. This will help protect painted and chrome surfaces. When a surface is dirty the dirt can hold moisture, which can cause a corrosive reaction by pitting or oxidation and can dull surfaces. Some bikes still have leather items and need to be treated to help preserve life.

Fuel Treatment

There are couple of great products for this. Today's ethanol blended fuels can go bad in as little as 30 days so the use of fuel stabilizers such as SEA-FOAM OR STA-BIL will keep fuel fresh up to 24 months. Remember to add the stabilizer and top off your tank and allow it to run for a couple miles. This will assure it is getting though the entire system. Topping off the tank helps eliminate air and moisture from contamination of remaining fuel.

Battery

In the past you would have to remove battery, check water level and hook up to battery tender. Today most bikes have sealed batteries and pig tail charging port that you can plug into. This will greatly extend the life of your battery.



Tire Inflation

This will help keep shape of tire, and if possible, to place bike on center stand to help prevent flat spots and if stored over long period of time help longevity of suspension. Buying a good tire gauge is a must!

Covering and Plugging

Buy a good cover! Your bike must be able to breath and not retain moisture. Mice love to build nests and make winter homes in exhaust pipes. These can be covered with baggies and rubber bands to keep the critters out.



Storage location

Most of us store our motorcycles in our garages and don't have the luxury of a climate control building or (front room like when I had my 1st apartment) make sure that all your chemicals and fertilizer are sealed tight and that it is well ventilated. This can cause premature corrosion and oxidation of parts. Unfortunately, I speak from experience on this one. Had a Road king tour pack stored on a shelf in the garage, this is what happened.

Hope this gives you some ideas to store you bike safely so that come spring you are ready to ride.

As always, never ride faster than your Guardian Angel



Oil Spots

By Traveler



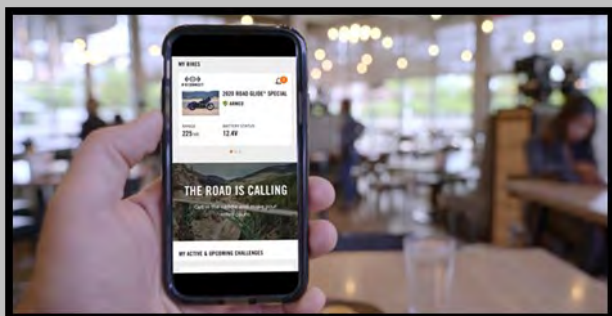
odometer and riding statistics. LiveWire model owners can use the H-D app to search for, and navigate to, compatible charge-station locations, and while charging, view time to completion and receive charging alerts without having to physically be near the motorcycle.

Tamper alerts and stolen-vehicle tracking service –

To help ensure that an owner's bike is safe and secure, the H-D Connect service indicates the location of the parked motorcycle on a map in the Harley-Davidson app at any time and in any location where sufficient cellular coverage is available. H-D Connect service will send an alert to the owner's phone if the security system is activated when the motorcycle has been bumped or is being tampered with. Another alert will be sent to the owner's phone if the motorcycle is moved out of the geo-fenced area, and GPS-enabled stolen-vehicle tracking provides peace of mind should the owner need to locate their motorcycle.

Service reminders and notifications – Automated reminders about upcoming vehicle service requirements and other proactive vehicle care notifications will be provided to the rider through the H-D app

Panasonic Will Connect Riders to Additional 2020 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Models Beyond LiveWire



Select 2020 Harley-Davidson Touring motorcycle models will be equipped with H-D Connect Service, designed to enhance the motorcycle experience by connecting riders to their motorcycle through a cellular connection to the telematics control unit (TCU) utilizing Panasonic's OneConnect service.

The Panasonic OneConnect service complements the latest version of the Harley-Davidson app and the new Harley-Davidson Connect service. Together, these systems introduce subscription-based cellular connectivity to equipped Harley-Davidson motorcycles to keep riders connected to their motorcycle through their smartphone.

The H-D Connect service utilizing Panasonic's OneConnect allows owners to connect remotely to their motorcycle to view key vehicle-health information. It also provides the owner with reassurance of being able to remotely monitor their motorcycle's security.

H-D Connect service is a standard feature for 2020 Touring (except Road King/S and Electra Glide Standard models), Tri Glide Ultra, and CVO models, as well as Harley-Davidson's first electric motorcycle, the LiveWire. Features include:

Motorcycle status – With H-D Connect service and the H-D app, the motorcycle owner will be able to check key vehicle-health information on the H-D app at any time, from any location where sufficient cellular coverage is available. Information available through the H-D Connect service includes high-voltage battery-charge status or fuel level, available range, tire pressure (on TPMS-equipped models), ride mode (on equipped models),

Illinois Deer Vs. Car Crashes: Your Odds of Hitting An Animal

ILLINOIS — Deer — especially frisky bucks looking for a mate — and other animals are roaming, flying and scurrying this time of year, creating hazards on roads across the United States. The odds a motorist will hit a deer or other animal are 1 in 116, according to State Farm Insurance.



In Illinois, drivers have a 1 in 144 chance of a collision with an animal.

The likelihood of a vehicle-animal collision is based on the insurer's estimate that U.S. motorists made more than 1.9 million animal collision claims from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

The 5 states with the greatest likelihood for an animal-vehicle collision are:

West Virginia (1 in 38)
Montana (1 in 48)
Iowa (1 in 55)

Pennsylvania (1 in 52)
South Dakota (1 in 54)

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Oil Spots, continued...

A 2016 study in rural southwest Virginia found that among the 1,837 cases of road kill were 64 different species, including 1,415 mammals, 188 birds, 105 reptiles, 122 domestic animals and seven frogs.

Similar results were found in a 2017 Colorado study. The majority of the 1,242 animals killed in highway collisions near the Rocky Mountain foothills were mule deer, but the death toll also included porcupines, owls, badgers and one weasel.

But deer still are the main hazard in most areas — especially when bucks, the males, are "in rut" and seeking a mate. During this active time for deer, bucks will run in front of your car while chasing a potential mate, or while confronting another buck that has eyes on the same doe.

State Farm says collisions with animals tend to occur most often in the fall.

Gimmicks, like high-frequency whistles, aren't going to help you much, according to researchers at the University of Georgia who tested a variety of sounds at different frequencies and intensities to see how deer reacted. Their conclusion: Though some people swear by them, deer whistles don't change the animals' behavior.

Here are five things you should do to lower the chances that you'll hit a deer in the roadway:

1. The most important thing you can do during rut is slow down, keep your eyes peeled on both sides of the roadway and be prepared to come to a complete stop if necessary. Deer-crossing signs warn of where they're most likely to cross, but you can't count on that, especially during rut.
2. You don't want to blind oncoming motorists, but you should use your high beams when possible to increase your chances of seeing animals in the ditches. Flicking on your high beams might cause animals to scurry away, but it's not a sure thing. Your headlights might temporarily blind or confuse them, and they might dart in front of you.
3. Know all you can about deer lifestyles and when they're most active: around mealtime. Deer crashes usually occur an hour after sunset but also are common around sunrise, according to published research, but that doesn't mean you should let your guard down at other times.
4. Know that when you see one deer, you're likely to see another. They travel in herds, often in single file.
5. Don't veer to avoid deer. No good will come from that. Most car-deer crash deaths and injuries occur when motorists swerve to miss the deer. Instead, brake firmly, hold on and stay in your lane as you bring the bike to a controlled stop.



Credit: State Farm

European Union Powersports Tariffs Avoided

Proposed tariffs of up to 100% on motorcycles, parts and accessories, coming in from European Union countries, have been staved off — after the Motorcycle Industry Council and member manufacturers testified before, and submitted written comments to, the Office of the United States Trade Representative.



The proposed tariffs, that would have greatly affected the powersports business, came about as part of a dispute regarding certain EU countries subsidizing their large-aircraft manufacturing sector.

Representatives from member companies KTM and Indian Motorcycle, and MIC staff, testified this summer at USTR hearings in Washington, D.C., and made the case against the proposed tariffs. And the MIC, along with motorcycle-manufacturing member companies Cobra, Ducati, Indian Motorcycle and KTM, submitted written comments to the USTR opposing these tariffs. In a show of transcontinental industry support, ACEM, the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers, also submitted written arguments against the proposed tariffs.

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Oil Spots, continued...

"Had the tariffs been enacted, that would have meant extremely high prices for our American consumers of European motorcycles, parts, and accessories," said Erik Pritchard, incoming MIC president and CEO. "Increased costs would have even discouraged motorcycle riders from performing routine but critical maintenance, such as brake pad and tire replacements, due to potential doubling on the price of parts."

"I want to thank Congressman Tim Walberg and Congressman Michael Burgess who are the co-chairs of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus," said Scott Schloegel, senior vice president for government relations at the MIC. "They sent a terrific letter to the United States Trade Representative opposing additional tariffs, which are taxes paid by American consumers. They have been fantastic champions of the industry and our consumers, and we thank them for their continued support for something that brings joy to millions of Americans every single day: motorcycling."

Dealership sets Harley-Davidson parade world record



If your dealership can gather 3,500 motorcycles together for a parade, give Paris Harley-Davidson, in Paris, TX, a holler. Paris H-D set a Guinness World Record for the Most Harley-Davidson Motorcycles in a Parade.

The number to beat was 2,404, which was held by Greece since 2010, and on Oct. 5, the Paris H-D parade crushed that mark with 3,497 motorcycles. Harley enthusiasts from 48 states, Canada and Europe traveled to the event.

Paris Harley-Davidson was quick to give props to local law enforcement, first responders and Cox Field Airport, along with countless volunteers and supporters.

Harley-Davidson Halts Electric Motorcycle



Harley-Davidson has halted production and deliveries of its new LiveWire electric motorcycle after reportedly discovering a problem with its charging mechanism.

"We recently discovered a non-standard condition during a final quality check; stopped production and deliveries; and began additional testing and analysis, which is progressing well," the company said in an emailed statement to CNBC on Monday. "We are in close contact with our LiveWire dealers and customers and have assured them they can continue to ride LiveWire motorcycles. As usual, we're keeping high quality as our top priority."

The motorcycle maker began previewing the LiveWire Electric Motorcycle last year in the U.S. and Europe, to try to rejuvenate lagging sales. The electric motorcycle was a step into a new territory for Harley-Davidson, which had previously been mostly known for louder motorcycles nicknamed "hogs."

The Milwaukee-based manufacturer has struggled in recent years. Sales of the company's signature motorcycles continued to slide during its second quarter as profit eroded nearly 20%. Harley-Davidson told investors in July it expects less sales revenue in 2019 than originally forecasted and expects to ship about 212,000 to 217,000 bikes in 2019, down 5,000 from its April estimate of 217,000 to 222,000 bikes.

Air Bags are Here!

Remember when government started requiring wind-screens and eye protection? That was followed by helmet laws, required $\frac{3}{4}$ boots, full-fingered gloves, handlebar heights, etc. We should be the most well – protected vehicle operators and passengers in the entire world with all of the government "Safety" laws.

Now, one more dimension to protecting us has evolved from research, thru development, to the commercial market...the RIDER'S AIR BAG!!!!!!

The advertisement above describes the Alpinestars' motorcycle air – bag system. Interesting as it is, Europe is considering making it a requirement. Traditionally, motorcycle safety issues, noise issues, helmet standards, etc migrate from Europe to California and....on to the rest of us. While some of us are a "Bag of Wind" already, you might want to get yourself one now before they become mandatory??????



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Oil Spots, continued...

Harley-Davidson Plotting Faired Sportbike

By [Ben Purvis](#), October 16, 2019

Patents reveal VR1000-styled nose fairing.

Harley-Davidson's relationship with sportbikes has been a tumultuous one over the years, but the firm is planning to add a faired, high-performance model to the range within the next couple of years and this patent might just give us a glimpse of what that bike will look like.

Rumors of a new sport model, paying homage to the 1990s VR1000 racebike, first emerged last year and were bolstered by glimpses of design sketches and even a clay model for a faired sportbike in a promotional video for the "More Roads to Harley-Davidson" product strategy, announced in August 2018. The new patent, which is the work of several seasoned Harley-Davidson designers including those behind the LiveWire's look, appears to firm up the plan.

Patent drawings only show the upper fairing of the Harley-Davidson sport model, leaving the rest of the motorcycle as a mystery at this point. *Harley-Davidson Patent Filing*

Although the patent only shows the front, upper fairing—giving no clue to the rest of the bike's shape, its frame design, or even its power source—the chances are this is destined for a new water-cooled V-twin model. We say water-cooled because the fairing's side vents hint at the presence of a radiator, and V-twin because, well, it's a Harley-Davidson.

The design, which is simply described as "the ornamental design for a motorcycle fairing" in the patent, bears some similarities to the VR1000. The side profile in particular is reminiscent of the old racer, which competed in AMA Superbike from 1994 to 2001.

Harley's "More Roads to Harley-Davidson" project is particularly conducive to a VR revival as it's largely based around the development of a new range of water-cooled, DOHC V-twin engines. The VR1000 was the first Harley-Davidson to have such a layout, and while it never scaled the heights of racing success that the firm hoped for, it's a machine with a particular importance in the company's history. Initially, the new V-twin—which will be offered in 950cc and 1,200cc variants—is set to appear in the Pan-America adventure-tourer and in an as-yet-nameless streetfighter.

Eventually, that streetfighter is promised to be the basis of a nine-model range of bikes, including 500cc and 750cc models using the Street's Revolution X engine as well as

the new 950cc and 1,200cc derivatives. To offer at least one sporty, faired version makes sense.

A sketch spotted in Harley's 2018 promotional video shows a model that pays homage to the VR1000. *Harley-Davidson*



As well as the VR-esque side profile, the new fairing patent shows a headlight design that's not dissimilar to the one on Harley's latest Fat Bob. While it's a far cry from the old-fashioned circular lamp used on the handful of road-going VR1000s that trickled into the wild in the 1990s, there's a still a vague resemblance—certainly enough to pay homage in a neo-retro style.

Although sportier than anything in Harley's current lineup, the fairing doesn't appear to be going for an out-and-out race-replica style; the cutouts for the bars seem relatively high and cut far forward into the bodywork. That suggests wider, straighter, and higher bars than the clip-ons found on most superbikes. The designs glimpsed in Harley's 2018 promotional video were similar, featuring bars that mounted above the top yoke rather than below it.

This clay model of a faired sport bike in H-D's 2018 "More Roads to Harley-Davidson" video gives more clues to an upcoming model. *Harley-Davidson*



Even if the future faired Harley doesn't precisely follow the look seen in these images, they appear to be further confirmation, if it were needed, that the company is currently spending R&D dollars on a sporty, faired bike of the sort it hasn't made since Buell was shut down a decade ago.

Holy-Davidson: Motorcycle Signed by Pope Francis to be Sold for Charity



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**Oil Spots, continued...**

A 1,570cc custom Harley-Davidson signed by His Holiness, Pope Francis, will “bless” the Bonhams Autumn Stafford Sale when it is offered for sale on Oct. 20, 2019, with an estimate of \$65,000 – 125,000, with all proceeds to be donated to charity.

Known as the “White Unique,” the machine was created at the suggestion of Dr Thomas Draxler, founder of the “Jesus Bikers” group in Austria, as a fundraising vehicle, to be donated to the Pontifical Mission Societies (Mission), the official support for Catholic overseas missions.

Bavarian-based Harley Davidson dealer, Würzburg Village, supplied the motorcycle and collaborated with the Jesus Bikers on its customization. As the name suggests, the machine is finished in pearlescent white, with Chicano (Mexican American) style detailing, numerous gold-plated components, a Dorne wreath ornament, a sunken cross and Pope Francis’ signature on the tank.

The Harley Davidson was unveiled to the public in Würzburg on June 29, 2019, before being accompanied by the Jesus Bikers to the Vatican, via Assisi, where the ‘Pope Bike’ was handed over to the Vatican at a ceremony with His Holiness in St Peter’s Square on July 7.

The motorcycle is the latest in a short succession of motorcycles and cars that have been donated to the Papacy and sold for charity, including the [2013 Harley-Davidson FXDC](#) sold at Bonhams 2014 Paris Sale for \$270,000. In this case, the proceeds are to benefit a mission to build an orphanage and a school in Uganda to provide shelter for abandoned and deprived children

James Stensel, head of Bonhams Collectors’ Motorcycles UK, said, “We are incredibly proud to be entrusted with the sale of this unique motorcycle, set to benefit such an important cause. It’s fitting that a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, (mobilizing people around the world for more than 115 years), should bring so many like-minded people together. This incredible machine would be a worthy addition to any collection, while raising a substantial amount for a very worthy cause.”

Harley-Davidson Q3 U.S. retail sales decline 3.6 percent

Harley-Davidson, Inc. recently reported third quarter 2019 results. During the quarter, the company delivered earnings per share and Motorcycles segment operating margin ahead of expectations. The company was encouraged by global retail sales results driven by its actions and tempered U.S. industry rate of decline.

The company also advanced its brand amplification efforts and developed capabilities to invigorate the Harley-Davidson experience and build committed riders.

Third Quarter 2019 Highlights

- Delivered GAAP diluted EPS of \$0.55
- Repurchased \$112.5 million of shares; paid dividends of \$0.375 per share
- Improved worldwide year-over-year retail sales rate
- Launched new model year 2020 motorcycles, including Low Rider® S, CVO™ Tri Glide® and Live-Wire™ – the company's first electric motorcycle
- Introduced the Harley-Davidson IRONe™ electric-powered two-wheelers for kids
- Realized significant savings from manufacturing optimization initiative
- Progressed More Roads to Harley-Davidson accelerated plan for growth
- Activated Amplify Brand as fourth More Roads growth catalyst to build committed riders

**2019 Outlook**

For the full year 2019, the company continues to expect:

- Motorcycle shipments to be approximately 212,000 to 217,000. In the fourth quarter, the company expects to ship approximately 38,500 to 43,500 motorcycles
- Motorcycles segment operating margin as a percent of revenue to be approximately 6 to 7 percent
- Financial Services segment operating income to be down year-over-year
- Effective tax rate of approximately 24 to 25 percent

Additionally, the company now expects:

- Capital expenditures of \$205 million to \$225 million (including approximately \$20 million to support manufacturing optimization); \$20 million less than prior quarter guidance

All-new Indian PowerPlus engine delivers 122hp, 128 ft-lbs of torque

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Oil Spots, continued...

Indian Motorcycle today unveiled its most powerful engine to date, the PowerPlus. The all-new 108 cubic inch, liquid-cooled, V-twin engine delivers a class-leading 122 horsepower and 128 ft-lbs. of torque and establishes a dramatically new standard for V-twin performance.

The PowerPlus will serve as the heart of the new Indian Challenger, an all-new, fixed-fairing bagger that utilizes Indian Motorcycle's state-of-the-art technology to become the highest-performing American V-twin ever developed. The new engine's name is a nod to Indian Motorcycle's iconic history, paying homage to the Indian

PowerPlus motorcycle produced from 1916 to 1924.



The PowerPlus adopts several design and performance features

from the liquid-cooled 1,133 cc Indian Scout engine, including an overhead camshaft design utilizing four valves per cylinder. But comparisons end there. The PowerPlus was developed with a big-piston, big-torque mindset with an end game of maximum power delivery across the entire curve.



The all-new powertrain features a six-speed transmission with true overdrive, assist clutch to reduce clutch effort, and three ride modes that allow riders to tailor throttle mapping to their riding preferences. Advanced technology also includes hydraulic valve lash adjusters and hydraulic camshaft chain tensioners for ease of maintenance and reliability.

The PowerPlus was tested, refined and proven by one of the industry's most rigorous development and testing programs, accumulating nearly 1 million miles of simulated testing, including state-of-the-art dyno testing, and more than 250,000 on-road miles.

"You simply cannot deliver the ultimate bagger without an engine that stands head and shoulders above anything else in its class, and that was the motivation behind the PowerPlus," said John Callahan, Indian Motorcycle Vice President, Engineering. "We developed the most sophisticated V-twin powerplant in the industry, and then we spent month after month, hour upon hour, putting it through the most intense paces to ensure it could take whatever we threw at it. The end result is something truly special."

Indian Motorcycle PowerPlus Engine Specifications:

Engine Displacement: 108 cubic inches (1,769 cc)
 Power: 122 hp at 5,500 RPM
 Torque: 128 ft-lbs at 3,800 RPM
 Maximum Engine Speed: 6,500 RPM
 Architecture: 60-degree V-twin, liquid-cooled powerplant
 Crankcase: Unit design featuring a high capacity semi-dry sump oil system
 Timing System: Overhead camshafts and four valves per cylinder
 Fuel System: Electronic fuel injection. 52mm dual bore throttle bodies
 Compression Ratio: 11:1
 Transmission: Six-speed with true overdrive, constant mesh
 Clutch: Assist clutch
 The PowerPlus will be built in Osceola, Wisconsin with final motorcycle assembly taking place in Indian Motorcycle's production facility in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Board Elections 2019

By Traveler



POSITIONS.

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

Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 One Director

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.

Be sure to be ready!

Your Vote is essential to creating a strong Leadership for your Club!

Happy Thanksgiving



What are YOU Thankful For?





V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

The Middle Months

One year closing and another on the verge of getting started. We are right in the middle of memories of good days, travel, friends, successes and the Anticipation of new adventures, addressing the challenges that come our way and creating more memories and successes. The Winter. The in-between one riding season and another. Such a wonderful place to be! Memories and Anticipation all at once!

What are you happy to remember from this past year? What are you looking forward to in the days to come? Begin to plan and let those dreams develop during the time you get to sit in front of the fire... then put those plans and dreams into action. That is all it takes to build a new adventure for all of the Top Cats family! And... if you need a little help, talk to one of our road Captains. While the snow is falling and the fires are calling for new logs... Get our 2020 year started with the trips on the calendar planned by YOU! OR...maybe you also have a few good ideas for getting our group together during the winter... Put those ideas on the calendar too!



When you aren't dreaming, be sure to read Jim Purcell's tips on keeping your bike in good condition through the winter months. That will make for an easy transition back to riding in the spring! His article is filled with lots of good advice and starting points for doing your own research.

And finally, in this mid-season winter break, take some time to make lists of things that you can do to get ready for the spring season... Rain Gear—check for needed repairs, purchase a few new bike accessories, polish boots, Or get to know your garmin. So many 'in-between' things to do! Make the most of these middle months! And

Enjoy your middle-months fires!



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

5— Mike Bradbury
9 - Jim Purcell
17 - Kathy Bradbury
18— Doug Jackson

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

20— Diana and
Rich Lanute



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1ST, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary



Announcements:

- 10/12: Rick Agrimonti – Happy Birthday
- 10/22: Ric Case – Happy Birthday
- 10/25: Ric & Jacquie Case – Happy 22nd.

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:01 pm, meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests: no guests present at this meeting.

Vice President: Mary Kirkpatrick

“Roar” was completed and sent out today.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne detailed the election nomination process, member requirements and sequence of events leading up to the election.
- Positions open for nomination are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director.
- Nomination suggestions to be sent via e-mail to Wayne Kirkpatrick or Gene Rigsby. Wayne will contact each nominee to see if they will accept their nomination.
- 11/11 will be the cut-off date for all e-mail nominations.

Safety: Ric Case

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

Safety Video presentation: Ron Kostus

Canyonchasers.net; More Tips to become a Faster Safer Rider – Well received topics and presentation..

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- Not present at this meeting.
- Gene Rigsby reminded us to pass out the T/C business cards to potential members.

Activities: Jim Purcell, Greg Smith

Recent activities reviewed by each road captain:

9/21: Galena River Ride – Greg Smith, Due to weather concerns Greg developed a modified ride to Rockford and Byron as a lunch ride.

Up-coming activities:

- 10/6: Brunch ride – Greg Smith
- 10/13: Top Cats Memorial Ride – Ric Case
- 10/26: PQ Steak House – Janesville, WI. – Mary Kirkpatrick
- 10/27: Last G.R.A.S.S. class for the season, Keller Williams, Barrington – Ric Case

Sturgis 2020: Bard Boand, Wayne Kirkpatrick : Bard gave an informative invitation to all to join he and Wayne on the ride to Sturgis 2020. It's imperative that if you have intentions of going on this trip that you contract Bard so that he can further negotiate Hotel pricing at the Alex Johnson in Rapid City and the Deadwood Hotel. Ride leaves on 8/2: 4,5,6/8 stays in Deadwood then on to the Alex Johnson for four days. Return trip home on 8/10.

Charity: Lisa Purcell

- NISRA fashion show Nov. 23rd. information and RSVP to be presented soon in a blast. Show to be at the newly re-modeled Holiday Inn, Crystal Lake.

Products review: Lisa Purcell

- Mary Kirkpatrick to get products pictures and pricing on the club website.
- E-mail Lisa Purcell your needs and she will bring them to the next meeting.

50/50 Raffle: Jim Purcell : Won by Lisa Purcell.

Meeting adjourned: Gene Rigsby at 7:55 pm.



Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Kostus, Top Cat Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8TH, 2019

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:08 pm, meeting called to order
- Charity Committee meeting coming up soon with Lisa Purcell.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne discussed the preparations and requirements for the upcoming December election once again.
- Wayne is still seeking a nominee for Treasurer at this time.
- Nominations and their review shall close on November 11.
- Wayne discussed hotel rate increases and T/C's special hotel rates being negotiated for the 2020 Sturgis 80th Event.

Vice-president: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Mary took pictures of T/C's in attendance as "models" for the products page to be added on the website.
- Mary suggested that we host a "potluck" dinner in December for the members.

Activities / Awards: Greg S.

- Upcoming calendar review by Greg Smith.
- 10/13: Memorial ride to be changed to a memorial presentation of T/C's who have passed at the next meeting in

November. – Ric Case

- 10/26: Prime Quarter Steak House ride, Janesville area – Mary Kirkpatrick
- 10/27: Last GRASS class for the year, three instructors are needed – Ric Case
- 11/23: N.I.S.R.A. fashion show – Crystal Lake – Noelle Rigsby handling the table reservations.

Safety: Ric Case

- Safety Committee chair has yet to be determined; Ric still seeking a candidate.
- Ric to touch base with Mike Bradberry and review road captain ride documentation.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz – not in attendance

- Gene has contacted Ted and our Tax ID is moving along.
- The group discussed some membership "drive" ideas.

Charity Ride / Products: Lisa Purcell – not in attendance

- Noelle Rigsby to reserve table for twelve for the upcoming NISRA Luncheon in Crystal Lake.
 - Motion was made and approved to submit \$600.00 for the table reservation.
- Seats will be sold to T/C's for \$25.00, non-members to pay \$ 50.00. \$25.00 will be donated by Top Cats as a charitable donation for each T/C seat purchased. Non-member seating to remain at \$50.00.

Treasury: Noelle Rigsby

- Ric Case made a motion to retain Top Cat membership dues for 2020 as \$75.00 Single, \$130.00 Family; motion was approved and accepted.
- Noelle Rigsby will be sending out dues statements with ride waivers by the end of this week.

Secretary: Ron Kostus

Ric Case reviewed and answered Ron's questions concerning requirements and status of Safety Committee Chair position.

Meeting adjourned : Gene Rigsby: 8:19 pm.

Garry Graham! A Top Cat You Should Know!



Garry Graham was born in Des Moines Iowa and raised in Urbandale Iowa. His interests included football, wrestling, and boxing. He accepted a scholarship and played football for Southern Illinois University where he earned his degree in Parks and Recreation and Business.

He was brought to the area when accepting the position of Superintendent of Recreation for the Waukegan Park District. Soon after he started his own sales agency in the commercial playground equipment industry in the Illinois-Iowa region. Through the years he coached a variety of sports.

After 45 years in the industry he is retired which enables him to spend more family time and pursue personal interests which include the purchase of his Harley and other motor toys. Seven years ago, he married the love of his life, Bev, together they share five grown children plus 5 adorable grandchildren.



Long time best friend Jim Chevalier introduced him to Top Cats and encouraged him to meet and join the group. His trip to Sturgis with the Top Cats

this year has fulfilled the main item on his newly expanded "bucket list".



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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
November 23rd	NISRA Fashion Show	Crystal Lake	Holiday Inn	10:30 am	N. Rigsby
Tuesday, December 3rd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:30 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, December 10th	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.



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