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### Upcoming Events

#### OCTOBER

- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 BOARD MEETING
- 9-10 SHIPSEWANA
- 17 HALLOWEEN HORROR
- 25 GRASS CLASS

#### NOVEMBER

- 1 2AM - TURN CLOCKS BACK
- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING

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





## PRESIDENT'S POINT

### And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you and all your families are all doing well.

Our riding season is winding down, but riding is not over.... No way!! We still have opportunities to ride.

Just this past weekend, Sept. 25th, we headed out to Trempealeau Wisconsin with Mike Bradbury leading the way (Ride #4.) It was a great trip. Small group but great riders, great roads, great food, great company, and evenings by the campfire. What more could you ask for. For those who have ridden in this area, you know there are some of the best roads within a few hours of us and Mike took us through a lot of them. If you missed this year. Keep an eye open for an opportunity to go in the future. You'll read more about this trip further into the ROAR.

Also, our good friend Ted Makarewicz is planning a ride back out to Shippshewana Indiana. This is a great little town that is an Amish settlement, with shops and restaurants and an easy going vibe. A good place to relax. Check the calendar and watch for a blast with more details.

Speaking of riding, I am planning a ride for October 17th. The plan is to visit some scary places and end up at the Rigsby haunted castle for a BYO picnic lunch and a campfire. Details to come.

As you know we canceled the 2020 Ride for Dreams and had planned on keeping our raffle and having the drawing later in the year. This was a good alternate idea, but in a crazy year as this has been, we have little to no opportunity to sell tickets with event cancelation, so the prospect for return on our raffle investment does not look good.

Speaking with Jim Wiseman, NISRA is losing opportunities for fundraising as well and are looking at alternate options, like a virtual casino night and virtual fashion show. Look for details to come about these events.

Well, in times of despair, the strong pick themselves up. Join together. And press on! The Top Cats did exactly that. At the September general meeting, all who attended (majority of the club members) agreed unanimously to drop the raffle this year and pass the hat. So we did. Wow!! The outpore was great and why not for such a great cause.

Of course we want all of the Top Cat's to have an opportunity to donate, so you can do so at the October general meeting, or by contacting me or any of the board members.

My phone number is below. There will be a blast sent out soon with more information about the collection and how to donate any amount.

Don't forget to "buddy check". Send me a note, letting me know how you are doing. Buddy Check... [gene.rigsby@gmail.com](mailto:gene.rigsby@gmail.com)...



It would be great to hear from you. Let me know how you are keeping busy.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime via my email: [Gene.rigsby@gmail.com](mailto:Gene.rigsby@gmail.com), or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there....  
Gene "Lucky" Rigsby

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries!



- 12th - Rick Agramonti
- 22nd - Ric Case
- 30th - Gene Rigsby

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for October

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

## October's Love Stories...

- 10th - Rick and Lani Agrimonte
- 25th - Ric and Jacquie Case





## KAUTION KORNER

It's that time of the Year Again...  
Fall Riding Season... Hell Yeah!!

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



We all know about the importance of preparing your bike for the early riding season. TCLOCS is a great way to remember how to do this for the first spring ride. 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 for your route. More than you would normally, to do the same route during the summertime. Due to the colder conditions of riding in the fall, you may likely be stopping to warm up along the way. You'll also be tempering your speed due to more slippery road conditions. Plan that your daylight hours are few. So, pick routes that will bring you to your destination before dark.



### 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 it 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 become low. Check your tire pressure for accuracy and proper inflation while also inspecting tread looking for worn tires. During colder weather rides, tread and pressure 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 can be super slippery. Your tires will likely not warm to the point you're accustomed to in warmer temps and tires with soft rubber compounds need to warm to perform best. In the cold, they're hard and that traction can be greatly reduced. Go easy!

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**CHECK LIGHTING SYSTEM:** Be sure all your lights are functioning and if you can, increase your lighting quality and clean your lens. 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 visible to 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 of 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.

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



### BUDGET HARLEY-DAVIDSON 338R



The first images of the new Harley-Davidson 338R have leaked giving a glimpse of how the small, affordable Asian-built 'baby' Harley will look when it makes its debut later this year.

The new machine, which is a collaboration between Harley-Davidson and Chinese-firm Qianjiang Motor, codenamed HD350, had only been viewed in renderings.

This is the first time it has been seen in the metal after images emerged on Chinese social media.

The machine has been developed on the platform of recently-launched Benelli 302S (Qianjiang is the parent company for the Italian Benelli brand) and this view shows that the frame, wheels, suspension and brakes have been retained from the Benelli 302S.

The front-end will likely feature a more familiar face in-keeping with the Harley-Davidson signature style, the rather ostentatious badging should also help differentiate it from its Italian cousin.

Under the 'More Roads to Harley' strategy, the Harley-Davidson 338R was set to become an entry-level model specifically for the Asian market.

However, new ownership and the 'Hardwire' strategy that is set to focus Harley-Davidson's attention on its core business and move the brand out of unprofitable

markets – including India – suggests the 338R is at odds with this new approach.



Even so, Harley-Davidson could in theory maintain a separate range HD - badged models in specific markets, much like other manufacturers do with models that are designed, manufactured and sold in specific countries.

In short, don't expect to see the Harley-Davidson 338R on sale in the United States any time soon if it indeed goes ahead to production.

### One More Dealership closes



They say that when one door closes, a window opens; it's likely that one Harley-Davidson dealership owner is hoping the old adage to be true as another dealership closes its doors permanently.

Brian's Harley-Davidson, will remain open, but its Brian's Valley Forge Harley-Davidson location will close.

Other Harley-Davidson dealership closures since June 2020:

- ◇ Harley-Davidson of Southampton, Greenfield, MA
- ◇ Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson, Las Cruces, NM
- ◇ Calumet Harley-Davidson, Munster, IN
- ◇ Goe Harley-Davidson, Angleton, TX
- ◇ Iron Town Harley-Davidson, New Berlin, WI
- ◇ Abernathy Harley-Davidson, Union City, TN

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Oil Spots, continued...

## Three Oregon dealerships destroyed by fires



Three Oregon dealerships have been destroyed by the forest fires decimating the state.

The following dealerships have been lost:

- ◇ Hansen's BMW Motorcycles, Medford, Oregon, established 1972.
- ◇ D&S Harley-Davidson, Medford, Oregon, established 1971
- ◇ Oregon Motorcycle Adventures KTM, Medford, Oregon, established 2004

## William Shatner turns to dealership to auction LiveWire



Chicago Harley-Davidson is putting together an interesting promotion with William Shatner, as the dealership has announced that it will be auctioning a previously owned Yellow Fuse LiveWire.

William Shatner, the legendary actor, who purchased

his LiveWire in 2019, is excited to share his passion for electrifying two wheels. Shatner is commonly known for his roles on Star Trek and Boston Legal.

The dealership in Rosemont is offering the bike for auction, autographed tank included.



## Local Harley Dealerships Consolidate



With low motorcycle sales industry wide and the economic impact of the COVID pandemic, Windy City Group is consolidating 13 dealerships into 6 full time dealerships for the winter.

Key personnel, motorclothes, and bike sales, from the affected dealerships will move into one of the 6 full - time dealerships.

City Limits H-D will move into Lakeshore H-D until summer hours return. Their building is not for sale or vacated...[City Limits H-D](#) plans to be open Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM each week for motorcycle pickup or drop off for service & storage until full time summer hours return.

More importantly...City Limits HOG Chapter is not merging or disbanding. Our brothers and sisters at CL HOG will continue to be as active as ever.

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## 2021 BMW R 18 Cruiser

The Motorrad crew is leaping into the rough and tumble American cruiser segment with a unique Bavarian take in the 2021 [BMW R 18](#) (\$22,265 as tested). Built in Berlin, Germany, the R 18 caters to traditional [cruiser](#) riders.



The 110ci (1,802cc) boxer twin is reminiscent of a [Moto Guzzi](#). Outright ride quality is nothing to write home about due to its bobber styling and limited rear suspension travel.

Instrumentation consists of a clean-looking round-face gauge. Like the R Nine T, it integrates a LCD component.



Triple-disc brakes with machined four-piston calipers keep speed in check. The R 18's computer automatically measures bike balance during brake application and reroutes brake pressure to either circuit, if needed. Smooth front and rear brake application is the name of the game when hustling the R 18 around turns.

The R 18 uses a keyless proximity fob. Shaped like the 1936 R5's fuel tank, the key must be in proximity of the motorcycle for the vehicle to start.

The seat has a deep dish (BMW also offers a variety of saddle options for greater personalization) and the handlebar has adequate spacing.

Upwards of 100 pound-feet of torque are available from just over 1,500 rpm with peak torque equivalent to Honda's sensational six-cylinder Gold Wing.



The 4.2-gallon fuel tank is shaped like the original 1936

R5. The white pinstripe is applied by hand in Berlin, Germany.

The rider can choose from three global riding modes (Rock, Roll, and Rain). The biggest difference between each of these settings is in terms of throttle response, with Rock offering the sharpest (but not overly so) and Rain delivering a more neutered feel when the throttle is cracked. ASC (Automatic Stability Control) can be manually disabled.

The R 18 does out just over 81 hp at 4,800 revs. BMW's been crafting this engine configuration for 97 years and it shows in the lofty degree of polish and mechanical precision.



The R 18 has a long and low stance. It weighs 790 pounds with a full tank of fuel.

The six speed manual gearbox has a precise feel. Neutral is easy to locate while stopped and the shift lever has just the right amount of throw. Our R 18 has a slick electronic reverse, which assists riders when backing up the 790-pound R 18. Power is transferred to the 16-inch aluminum wheel via a mechanical open drive shaft—just like the original '36 R5.



LED lighting is standard and illuminates the side of the road when the bike is leaned over. It's worth noting that the headlamp can be easily adjusted with basic tools. The R 18

also employs rear turn signals that double as brake lights for a clean appearance.

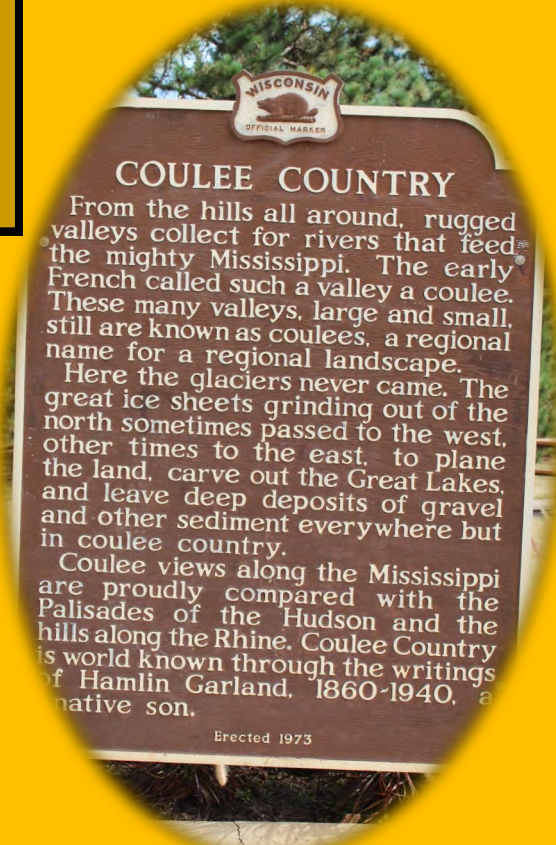
From the feel and sound of the engine to its polished handling manners, the R 18 is the essence of what a modern cruiser should be. Factor in its elegant lines that do a perfect job of balancing past and present, and the R 18 is a fantastic option in the American cruiser segment.



## Mike Bradbury's Trempealeau WI. Ride 9/25-27/2020 It was Coulee....

Just this past weekend, Sept. 25th, The Top Cats headed out to Trempealeau Wisconsin with SRC Mike Bradbury leading the way. This is ride #4 for Mike this year. And some great rides they have been. For those who have ridden in this area, you know there are some of the best roads within a few hours of us. And, Mike took us to a lot of them

Along with a whole lot of other considerations, When planning a ride, a road captain always considers cool locations to see, or great roads to experience, or scenic views to enjoy, etc... and really these are usually places where they have been and want to lead our club brothers and sister out so they can enjoy and experiences them as well.



Mike led a group of great riders to great roads and we saw great vistas and ate great food and had great company, and had great evenings by the campfire telling of our great adventures.

It was great!!!

What more could you ask for? Maybe great weather TOO!!

It was. Even with the threat of rain, Mike skillfully guided us between the raindrops and kept us safe. Pure skill.

Thanks Mike!!

Looking forward to seeing you there....  
Gene "Lucky" Rigsby  
A.k.a Mike's De - Mentor







## Traveling to Trempealeau, A Travelogue.

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

A group of Top Cats took off on Friday morning, September 25th, for a beautiful three day ride with fall colors and

sweet roads. Led by Mike Bradbury and his experienced plan, the group confidently made their way through back roads to an old fashioned lunch stop in Spring Green. The Rock and Roll Drive-In gave us a chance to find some 'balance' between good food and great laughs with Yogi! It was a promising start to this ride!



Our next stop was Granddad's Bluff. The perfect spot to see Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota all from one spot! The timing was right to look over the area as the colors of fall begin to appear!



We made it to Trempealeau with time to spare... Dinner was at the Inn and the food was a great way to end the day... That and the great fire that was started by our own experts...

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Trempealeau continued...

**THE MINDORO CUT**

This cut, located at the highest point on state highway 108 between Mindoro and West Salem, is 74 feet deep and 25 feet wide. It was hand-hewn out of hard rock in 1907-08. All work was completed with only horse-drawn equipment and hand tools. As far as known it is the second largest hand-hewn cut in the nation.



On day two, Mike took the group through some gorgeous roads . The Mindoro Cut was a quick drive through, but the story and the views will be a memory for years to come!

The lunch stop was an Irish Pub with the feel of the Peat Bogs just beyond the doorway.

Irish stew, Champ and Colcannon could be served in a bowl or on a pizza... pretty interesting! After lunch, we were all 'dragon'!

So, we walked to see the nearby rock in the house! Ask Mike for details!

The evening brought another good meal at Sullivan's Supper Club, A walk through town, A bit of history And another great fire!

The entire trip was filled with the usual Mike Bradbury sights, roads and food! When you add in the riders... this was a completely awesome experience! Thanks, Mike, Kathie and all!





## These boots are made for Riding....

### V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

And that's just what they'll do... Well, here is the

next installment of information on ATGATT or All the Gear, All the Time! Last month we looked at Jackets. Now, we will take a look at some foot gear.

Motorcycle-specific boots are designed with rider-specific features and safety in mind. They are usually above the ankle footwear with built-in ankle protection, increased torsional stiffness for reduced flexing, and oil-resistant soles for a firm grip on the ground (as well as being stylish footwear). One of the more common injuries that can occur in motorcycling is when the foot is trapped under the motorcycle, and the ankle and lower leg take the force of the motorcycle falling. Sturdy protective motorcycle boots are the key to protecting the ankle bone.

Motorcycle boots are generally made from high-quality thick leather that provides excellent abrasion resistance. Manufacturers recognize that leather doesn't always breathe well, and they have started to design textile boots with high abrasion materials that are waterproof and with good ventilation. They also add replaceable plastic or leather reinforcements in the high wear areas on the toes, shifter pad, and heels. These can be changed when they wear out instead of needing to purchase a new pair of boots.

Laces on motorcycle boots will usually be on the inside of the boot to prevent tangling on the motorcycle. Exterior laces can get caught on the shifter, footpegs, etc. and prevent you from getting your foot down when you stop. Any boots with exterior laces should have the ability to tuck the laces into the boot.

The last thing to emphasize about motorcycle boots is that they need to be comfortable on your foot to wear all day. Especially, if you are on a sight seeing adventure.

Below are some suggested boots for a variety of riding styles!

### Sport / Race Boot: Joe Rocket Speedmaster 3.0

The Joe Rocket line features all mentioned features in protection and replaceable parts at a price that makes them a bargain.



### Cruising / Touring Boot: Highway 21 Spark

For those that don't want a full-on race boot, the Highway 21 line may be more to your style. These are designed in a more classic boot style, but feature high-grade leather construction with an oil-resistant sole. The liner is waterproof throughout, and the insole is removable. Putting them on is eased with a pull-loop to grab and pull on.



### Street / Walking Casual: REV'IT Royale H2O

At first glance, the Royal H2O boots look like a shined up pair of dress boots.

These are just the boots you need if you're riding to a function and want to wear them all day.



Read more...

<https://www.motorcyclelegalfoundation.com/how-to-choose-motorcycle-safety-gear/#boots>

And...know more! This website has links that will allow you to make a good decision when looking for Safety gear!. Do your research and stay safe!

Next Month... Body Armor!

Oh, hay.... It is almost time to start thinking of the Holi-days...These articles could be the beginning of your Christmas shopping list ~ or Wish List!

Don't put the bike away yet!



It's time for fall riding

## 10 Ways to Pay Less for your Motorcycle Insurance

By Traveler



### #3 Recognized Anti - Theft Measures

It makes perfect sense to invest in some anti-theft security.



Check which insurance companies give the best discount for installing anti-theft devices.

Also, check if they need to be a specific make or rating. The company may also offer decent discounts if your motorcycle is garaged.

### #1 Check Out your Existing Insurance Company

If you already have auto insurance, the chances are your existing company may offer a multi-policy.

Many insurance companies offer flexible policies that cover multiple drivers or vehicles within your family. The incentive to stay with your existing insurer is generally a discount on the extended policy that works out cheaper than buying stand-alone insurance.

This type of policy works particularly well if you

### #4 Multiple Choices

Even if your existing car insurer offers motorcycle coverage, get a quote but keep looking. Giving yourself more options is one of the best ways to lower your insurance costs.



Motorcycle Insurance Quotes

Big insurance companies have an online form to fill in to get a quote, doing so on multiple sites can take a while. There are a number of comparison websites where you can fill in your details and get a whole list of insurers and prices.

Not all insurance companies participate. Some prefer to pass on savings directly to their customers rather than paying a finders fee for a referral, so shop around.

made no claims on your policy or you're a more mature rider

### #2 Get the Right Coverage

You may end up paying big bucks for more coverage than you realistically need, so make sure you assess your needs first. This scenario is relevant if you have a cheap motorcycle, in other words, a popular make and model of older bikes in less than spectacular condition.

Repairing it yourself or scrapping the bike may be cheaper than the deductible or premium, so for example, you can save money by going with personal injury and liability instead of comprehensive insurance.

#### Different Types of Bike Insurance Policies

Once you decide to buy a two-wheeler of your choice, the next decision is to choose a bike insurance policy that would comply to your needs keeping your budget intact. To make a right choice, you should be well aware of the different types of motorcycle insurance available in the market.

#### Types of insurance

**Liability insurance:** This is the basic insurance policy that covers any damage caused to the third party by your vehicle. It covers physical injury, vehicle damage or property damage of the third party. The damage caused to your bike is not covered under the liability insurance. In India, it is mandatory to purchase liability insurance if you own any vehicle.



### #5 Safety First

Taking additional motorcycle safety courses is not only a great idea to increase your riding skills, but it can also lower your insurance cost.

Before you sign on the dotted line, find out if there are specific courses more favored by insurance companies in terms of discounts.

### #6 Money Saved is Money in the Bank

When it comes to discounts, there's no alternative to pounding the keyboards, but surfing yields results. Discounts to watch for are mature rider, safety courses, multi-bike, while some companies offer money off if you pay for the policy all in one go. Good for a few bucks off as is touring bike discounts and a few companies even do ABS discounts if its factory fitted.



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Insurance, Continued

## #7 Clubbing Together

Some companies will give you an extra 10% off your insurance just for being a member of a motorcycle club!

The discount relates to owners clubs and touring clubs, such as Harley Owners Group, BMW Owners, Gold Wing Touring

Association, etc. If you're a member of the American Motorcycle Association or Motorcycle Safety Foundation, you'll probably get 10% too.



## #8 Offer More to Pay Less

Every insurance policy has a figure relating to the deductible...the amount you pay in the event of a claim before the insurance company pays.

If you have a higher deductible it actually lowers your insurance cost. If you only ride your bike to church once a week, a higher deductible is probably for you.



## #9 Seasons Greetings

It doesn't make sense to pay for twelve months of insurance when you're snowed in for five of them. You can insure your bike only for the time it's on the road but, leaving it uninsured, even if it's locked up, is just asking for trouble. Ask your insurer if they offer storage coverage.



This type of coverage will still give you peace of mind and maybe a few bucks off.

## #10 Pay As You Go

Generally paying over a number of months usually adds an additional cost. Again, dig around and making inquiries.

Paying monthly without an installment fee does not save you money as your insurance cost remains the same. Only having to pay a fraction of your annual insurance premium per month can ease the burden on your finances.



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

### MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

#### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ✦ The membership stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance together.
- ✦ No Guests this month
- ✦ Announcements
  - ⇒ 9/4 – Wayne and Mary anniversary
  - ⇒ 9/11 – Mary Kirkpatrick birthday



#### Vice President: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Welcome to everyone back from Sturgis.

#### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Harley-Davidson to have a 350cc motorcycle next year.

#### Safety: Ric Case

- ✦ Kaution Korner – Ric Case reviewed the article that was written by Greg Smith. He detailed the importance of checking tire pressure and noted that a deviation of plus/minus 5 lbs. is a significant amount that can affect handling of the motorcycle. Also, a tire pressure gauge should be used to check tire pressure cold. In addition, check tread depth routinely. This month's ROAR shows diagrams of over/under/proper tire pressure.

#### Safety Video: Ric Case

- ✦ "3 Common Rider Instincts that Seem Right...BUT ARE NOT!"
- ✦ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsmeCwynXE4>
- ✦ Information was covered on the movements of the bike that take practice to maintain control. The rider's instinct is actually counter to what is needed for safe riding. Watch the video for details... It is worth your time!

#### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ✦ New Member Outreach? We have no new members.

#### Activities: Bard Boand and Wayne Kirkpatrick

##### Recent activities

- ✦ Sturgis – Bard Report: This year was Top Cats 24<sup>th</sup> trip to Sturgis. There were nine riders in attendance this year. We spent 3 days in Deadwood, Wayne led a ride to Devils Tower, and we also took a city bus tour.
- ✦ Front Range Ride – Wayne Report: We traveled 4,000 miles in 15 days. We experienced no rain during this trip. During our trip we noted Colorado to be serious about COVID; in New Mexico there is a \$100 fine to be out w/o a mask; while in Iowa there were no masks and no social distancing. We visited the Viet Nam Memorial in New Mexico. We traveled beautiful roads with twists and turns located along the Mississippi River.

##### Future activities

- ✦ 9/25 – Trempealeau Ride – Mike Bradberry
- ✦ 10/9-10 – Shishewana Ride – Ted Makarewicz - More details to follow.
- ✦ 10/17 - Rigsby's Haunted House - More details to follow.

#### Charity Lisa Purcell

- ✦ 2020 Ride for Dreams update on Raffle - Opt out of ride.
- ✦ We are asking each member to donate money to NISRA by calling Jim Purcell and give over the phone; with this plan no raffle ticket sales need be done.

**Products:** Get your gear now! See Jim Purcell for new shirts, hats and decals.

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim Weisman won the pot and donated it back to the Charity Fund! **Meeting Adjourned:** 8 pm



## For Sale: 1994 Harley-Davidson Ultra-Classic FLHTCU

**Price: \$6,000 (absolutely firm).**

This is the best 1994 Ultra you will ever see. Wherever you go, it will turn heads and draw a crowd, and people will not believe it's a '94! You can buy a new, stock 2020 Ultra Limited for \$28,699 that won't ride any better or get as much attention, but why would you?

I purchased this bike in 1994 with 49 miles on odometer; I have been fanatical about its condition and care; I'm selling it because I have torn rotators in both shoulders, and at age 77, it's too much to handle. But my loss can be your gain!

**Contact: Jordan Glazov**  
 (one of 5 original founding Top Cats members)  
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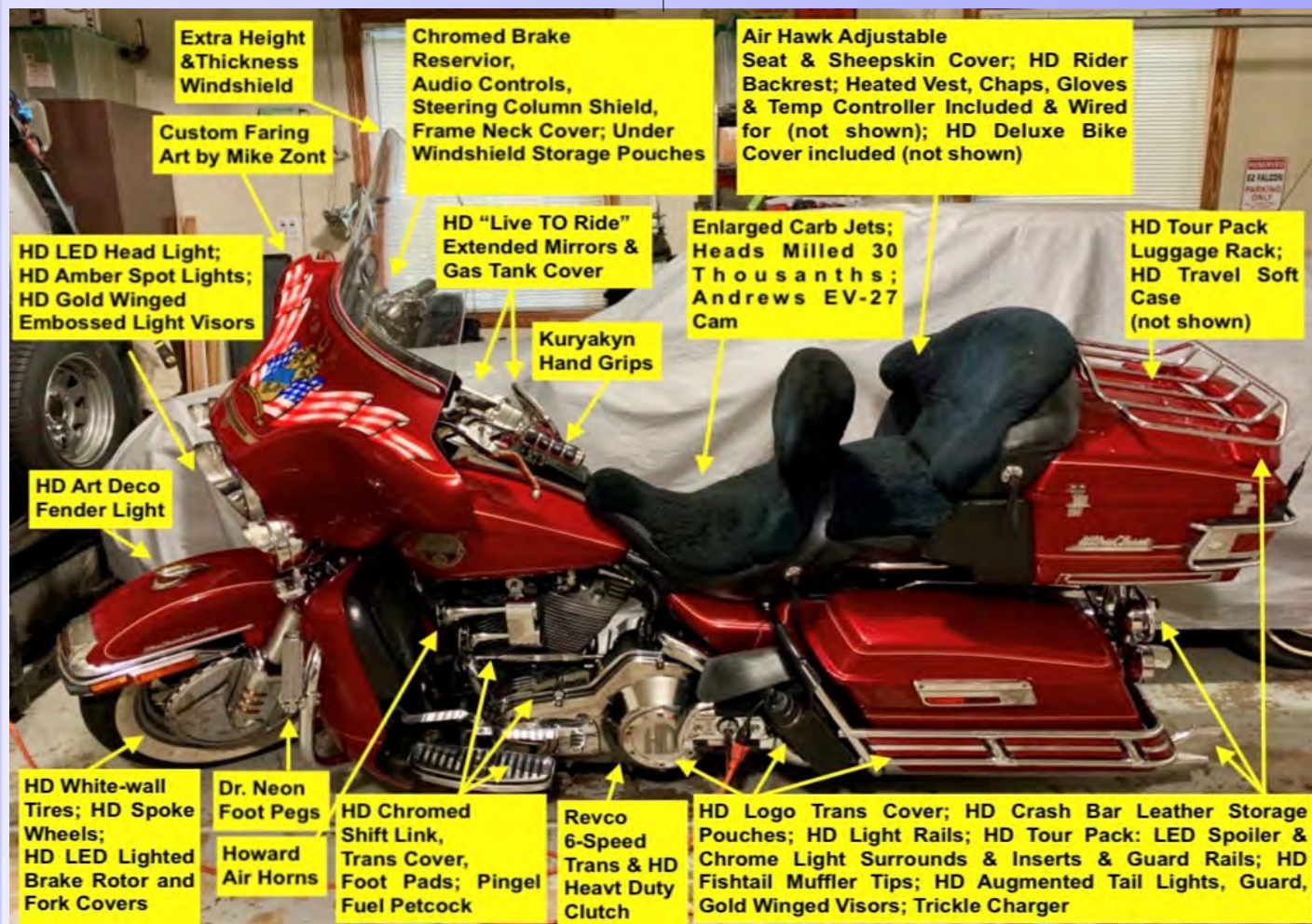
### Details:

- ✦ 42,XXX miles now;
- ✦ Original Premium Paint, Victory Sun-Glow Red Metallic (other than a few nicks, it looks new);

- ✦ Always Garaged;
- ✦ Always Covered (including overnight on trips);
- ✦ Annual Service and Modifications by HD Dealers and Black Sheep Custom Cycles;
- ✦ Never Damaged;
- ✦ *Thousands of Dollars in Extras and Modifications included (see accompanying photo - most original replaced parts included);*
- ✦ Located in Tower Lakes, IL;

**Also available: Kendon 1 & 2 bike stand-on-end open trailer (takes up only 29" deep X 80" wide garage floor space; Price: \$2,000 (absolutely firm).**

- ✦ Customized to be single-person loaded/unloaded with:
- ✦ extended fold-out ramp,
- ✦ electric remote controlled winch,
- ✦ battery,
- ✦ "Wheel-Lock",
- ✦ aluminum diamond-plate deck,
- ✦ LED tail-brake-turn signal lights,
- ✦ extended hitch neck,





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When we are released from our quarantine, let's remember Alley 64 and get back there quickly!







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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 6th	General Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 13th	Board Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Friday-Saturday October 9th-10th	Shipshewana	TBD	Shipshewana	TBD	Makarewicz
Saturday, October 17th	Halloween Horror	TBD	Haunted House ala Rigsby	TBD	Rigsby
Saturday, October 25th	Grass Class	TBD	TBD	8:00 am	Case
Tuesday, November 3rd	General Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 10th	Board Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
	A few	More	Options		
	To	Get	Riding!		



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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