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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING—
CANCELLED
- 6 TOYS FOR TOTS –
CANCELLED
- 8 BOARD MEETING—
CANCELLED

JANUARY

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 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...

BREAKING NEWS.....

By Traveler

**RIGSBY WINS ILLINOIS,
MICHIGAN, GERMANY!**

Electronic voting for the next President of the Top Cats – Illinois motorcycle organization was completed by midnight 1 December 2020.

Gene Rigsby, the incumbent President, edged ahead of absolutely nobody to take the lead by an overwhelming majority.

Amid allegations of voter fraud, ghost ballots, illegal voting, and voting by non - motorcycle enthusiasts, Rigsby immediately demanded a recount and challenged the eVote process.

However, the Court of Whining Appeals ruled that the eVotes were valid and the unanimous vote was held as valid and inescapable.

Our congratulations to President Gene Rigsby for a second two-year term and our sincerest appreciation for his time, effort, and passion for leading the Top Cats, once again, to new, safe, and exciting adventures.

NOTE: Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the traditional swearing in and inaugural parade must be cancelled.



Hello Top Cats!!
I hope you and all your families are all doing well and working off the turkey and desserts.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we must cancel the December meeting. The board will monitor future changes and adjust our club activity schedule accordingly. It has been tough not spending more time with everyone this year. But I know we will get past this. And I look forward to being together, back on the road with everyone as soon as possible.

We will be getting ride dates on the calendar for 2021 in January, so keep a lookout for them and get them into your fresh new calendar.

Thanks to everyone who voted to approve my next term as Top Cats' president and giving me the honor of representing our great group for a couple more years. I strive to live up to our clubs high standards.

Please stay safe and have a great holiday season. My best wishes go out to you and your families.

Buddy Check...

gene.rigsby@gmail.com...

It would be great to hear from you.

Let me know how you are keeping busy.



Feel free to reach out to me anytime via my email: gene.rigsby@gmail.com, or phone, 847-770-9425.

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

December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

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

No December Love
Stories for Top Cats!

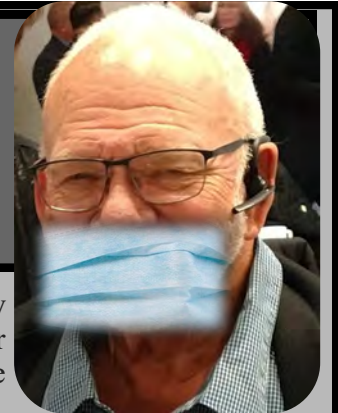




KAUTION KORNER

Stay Safe, Stay Ready and See You Soon!

By: Ric Case, Senior Road Captain and Your Safety Director



Let me wish all our TC members the Happiest of Holidays and most all let us stay safe. Wear masks when within six feet of any possible areas of contamination and/or other people ~ especially strangers. That way you will be ready to ride whenever the opportunity exists.



We all know about T- clocks. So...Let's use it. Yes, the weather has turned cold. But, we have had a pretty unconventional year, so who knows? When the sun is shining and the temps are worth enduring to be able to ride, having our minds ready with these general tips will give us the chance to make another 2-wheel memory.

When it is cold, here is one word of caution. The most important item from a safety perspective on your motorcycle is your tires! As the temperature drop below freezing (32 degree) your tires lose air pressure. Approximately one (1) pound of pressure for every ten (10) degrees below freezing. So, whenever you get on your motorcycle to ride ALWAYS check your pressure. An under inflated tire is very much a safety issue.

And now is the time to evaluate your tires. If your tire tread is less than 3/32nd it is also unsafe. Front and rear tires do NOT wear the same, so check them both. If you do not have a tire measurement gauge, you can use a penny. With the top of Lincoln's head push it into the thinnest part of the tread. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head your tires need to be replaced.

The next most important item in these colder temps is your battery. If you do not have a battery sensor/tender, then use a voltage meter. It should read about 14 volts. And if you find yourself in need of a new battery, remember that dealers will adjust their schedules according to the season. Check hours and call ahead for any pre/trip requirements.

Let's remember cold tires and cold roads make for a dangerous situation so take it easy when first starting out for the day and be safe. And if your bike has been sitting for a long period of time, add fresh gas to your tank.

With this in place, and as the riding season begins to open up in spring, and as COVID-19 hopefully begins to diminish, let's all be ready by taking time to refresh those raiding skills before we start out. Those skills include quick stops, cornering, swerving, and slow speed turns such as u-turns. Hopefully, refreshing our thoughts with these tips will make for a safer new riding season... Let's be ready to ride into the new season with our bikes, talents and minds ready to make up for the scarcity of riding this past year!

Stay Safe, Stay Ready and See You Soon!

AWAKENING THE RIDER

SLOW SPEED CONE WEAWE

SETUP: Place cones 12 feet apart in a straight line

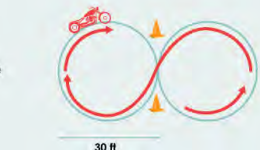
GOAL: Weave between cones, keeping your balance and controlling your speed



FIGURE 8S

SETUP: Identify an area to make two 30-foot circles

GOAL: Hone your figure-8 riding skills



QUICK STOP STRAIGHT LINE

SETUP: Choose an open space in a parking lot, place a cone in the 1 and 2 positions, 20 feet apart. Begin braking at cone 1 and stop before cone 2

GOAL: Stop quickly and successfully before the cone at the end. Practice at 15 mph





Sturgis Rally is revving up for 81st Anniversary

Submitted By Traveler

Sturgis Rally venue and organizers Sturgis Buffalo Chip ripped off the starting line with Kid Rock and a \$30,000 prize vacation giveaway for the first major announcements set for the Aug. 6-15, 2021, 81st Anniversary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Other rally entertainment and activities being planned include military tributes, Wall of Death stunt shows, charity rides and much more. Sturgis Rally Registration is open and taking registrations now at Sturgis.com.

Fresh off the heels of the controversial 2020 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, venues and local businesses in the Black Hills area are eager to welcome bikers back for the 81st. And bikers are eager to come celebrate the freedoms that are the birthright of all Americans afforded to us by the United States Constitution.



Kid Rock returns to the Buffalo Chip in 2021.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is an expression of freedom for all who attend. It has been around for 80 years and will always be around," said Randy Peterson of Sturgis.com.

Businesses are confident the 2021 rally can be held safely and are ready to host the event in August. Many rally campgrounds have hundreds of acres available for people to spread out.

"We know from last year that outdoor events can be safely held when proper precautions are taken," said Rod Woodruff, President and CEO of the Buffalo Chip. "The majority of people act respectfully and practice social distancing when they are expected to act responsibly. Plus, we feel good about the highly effective vaccines coming soon to market."



Summer events being planned again has boosted confidence that life will be closer to normal next summer. Bands are announcing summer and fall tours, music festivals have announced 2021 dates and the Tokyo Olympics is set to take place in late July 2021.

Rally venues, campgrounds, businesses and local governments all over the Black Hills region took holding a rally in the midst of a pandemic seriously in August 2020. Rally-goers had made up their minds they were coming no matter what. They had the right and the freedom to do so and were welcomed with open arms by local businesses and venues.

It also came to surface that without federal or state intervention, the Sturgis Rally could not, and cannot, be cancelled because there is no single owner of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The rally belongs to the people who attend it and everyone who contributes to putting it on.



AUGUST 6-15, 2021



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Serial 1 Electric Bicycle Brand Launched by Harley-Davidson

Serial 1 Cycle Company, a dedicated brand formed with Harley-Davidson, Inc., has entered into the e-bicycle market. The new company's first line of products will arrive in Spring 2021.

Serial 1 combines Harley-Davidson's world-class product development capability with the agility of a start-up.

Taking its name from "Serial Number One," the nickname for Harley-Davidson's first motorcycle, Serial 1 Cycle Company combines Harley-Davidson's world-class product development capability and leadership in two-wheel electric propulsion with the agility and innovation of a start-up brand dedicated exclusively to the e-bicycle product and customer.



Serial 1 prototype e-bicycle fashioned as a tribute to the original Harley-Davidson motorcycle known as 'Serial Number One.'

Born as a skunkworks deep inside Harley-Davidson's Product Development Center, the e-bicycle project began with a small group of passionate motorcycle and bicycle enthusiasts working with a single focus to design and develop an eBicycle worthy of the Harley-Davidson name. The decision was made to structure the eBicycle business into a new entity that could focus exclusively on delivering an optimal eBicycle product and experience.

Combining the freedom and simplicity of a bicycle with the effortless joy of electric power, Serial 1's e-bicycles will allow anyone to ride farther, faster, and with less effort, making an eBicycle the perfect solution for urban commuting and recreational riding.

The lineup spans four pedal-assist e-bikes that fall into the City category, targeting urban commuters and casual recreational cyclists. The products, which offer 250W of power and electric assistance up to 20 mph or 28 mph include:

- ◇ MOSH/CTY: 529Wh Battery | 35-105 Mile Range | \$3,399
- ◇ RUSH/CTY STEP-THRU: 529 Wh Battery | 30-90 Mile Range | \$4,399
- ◇ RUSH/CTY: 706Wh Battery | 35-115 Miles Range | \$4,499
- ◇ RUSH/CTY SPEED: 706Wh Battery | 25-115 Mile Range | \$4,999

The formation of Serial 1 allows Harley-Davidson to play a key role in this mobility revolution while allowing Serial 1 to focus exclusively on the e-bicycle customer and deliver an unmatched riding experience rooted in freedom and adventure.

Harley-Davidson Sponsorship of Summerfest Ends

After two decades Harley-Davidson has officially pulled the plug on sponsorship of a major music festival, according to the Milwaukee Business Journal.

Milwaukee World Festival announced Thursday that Harley will no longer sponsor its Harley-Davidson Roadhouse stage at Milwaukee's Summerfest.



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Oil Spots, continued...

The move comes in part as a result of its “Rewire” shift in corporate strategy as the company seeks to be more competitive in the powersports industry.

“As we overhaul our business and execute The Rewire, every function, and process is being rebuilt from the ground up to prioritize our efforts and drive sharper focus, including The Harley-Davidson Foundation,” a spokesperson told the Business Journal.

The end of The Rewire will be the foundation for The Hardwire – the company's forthcoming five-year strategic plan from 2021-2025 to deliver profitable growth and shareholder value based on expanding the desirability of Harley-Davidson, according to a recent earnings statement.

Whether you’re a dealer of the brand or not, Harley will be worth keeping an eye on as the company reworks itself from top-to-bottom.

Harley-Davidson Drops Vance & Hines, to Back Dealer Racing

For nearly two decades the Vance & Hines team has been making history on the drag strip, backed by Harley - Davidson. But that will no longer be the case.



The decision was announced in November, from Milwaukee, and it essentially means Harley will no longer be involved directly in the sport. Instead, it will focus on backing through contingency programs the racing efforts of its dealer network in the American Flat Track (AFT) SuperTwins, Production Twins and NHRA Pro Stock.

The first dealership on the list to get backing is Oregon-based Latus Motors Harley-Davidson, which will be fielding an XG750R motorcycle in the AFT SuperTwins series next year.

Over all those years, the team scored 107 race and 10 championship wins, “proving to be one of the most successful programs in the history of the sport.”

Harley talks about its need to return “to foundations of the company’s competitive spirit,” and the need for “building within and celebrating the heritage of grassroots flat track racing.”

That’s one way of saying Harley-Davidson’s business is again in a tight corner, and drastic measures have to be taken to get back on track. It seems dropping support for Vance & Hines is one of those measures.

Indian Wins King of the Baggers Debut



The debut of the Drag Specialties King of the Baggers event didn’t disappoint at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca as those in attendance won’t soon forget the sight of the big V-twins scratching and clawing their way around the iconic racetrack on the Monterey Peninsula in a manner that most couldn’t have predicted.

The victory went to S&S Indian’s Tyler O’Hara, the pre-race favorite. But it was not without drama as the Challenger-mounted Californian battled back from an off-track excursion in turn two to beat Vance & Hines Harley-Davidson’s Hayden Gillim by 1.9 seconds in the eight-lap introduction to the class at Laguna. Third place went to Indian-mounted Frankie Garcia with the Roland Sands Design-backed rider bouncing back from a painful crash during practice on Friday.

BSA Returns to the Road in 2021

You can add BSA to the list British brands being brought back from the dead. Thanks to India’s massive Mahindra Group, the first BSA bikes since the 1970s are soon to be built in a new Midlands, England factory.

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Oil Spots, continued...



Stage one will see BSA build a research center in Banbury, Oxfordshire and put its first bike into production in 2021. Soon after it will shift its focus to battery electric bikes, having received a grant from the British Government worth \$6.1M.

Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) was founded in 1861 and originally made firearms. The company moved into bicycles and then motorcycles in 1910.

In the 1950s BSA was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, but the arrival of inexpensive and reliable motorcycles from Japan, led to BSA's demise in 1973.

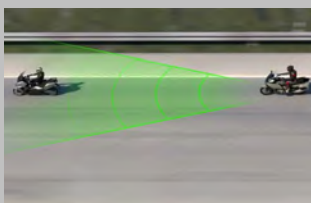
In an interview Mahindra said: "The UK was the leader in bikes right from the start. That provenance is something that we really want to retain."

Not only does Mahindra, have the financial clout to bring back BSA, they recently revived Czech motorbike maker Jawa. Having bought the brand in 2016, Mahindra relaunched Jawa in 2018 and sold 50,000 motorcycles in its first year.

The first of the new-born BSA is set to be priced at less than \$13,000.

[A Closer Look at Ducat's and BMW's Adaptive Cruise Control System](#)

[Mark Gardiner, Revzilla 11.27.2020](#)



Last month, Bologna finally announced that the ACC it had developed with Bosch would be available on its new flagship, the Multistrada V4S. Barely a week later, BMW announced that it, too, would

make a Bosch ACC system available on the 2021 R 1250 RT. The two announcements came close enough together that I'll call it a tie for "World's First" bragging rights.

The sensor itself is one that Bosch also supplies for use on compact cars. It only weighs about 200 grams. Judging from CT readers' reactions to Ducati's announcement, many of you are skeptical or even downright hostile towards the idea of handing control of your motorcycle's throttle and brakes to Robert Bosch GmbH. In order to get a better understanding of this system, here is some information from media contacts:



BMW Photo

According to Phil Read, Jr. Ducati's North American Marketing Director, ACC will be standard on all Multistrada V4 S and V4 S Sport models in North America. (U.S. customers will be able to special order a V4 S without it.)

Over at BMW, ACC will be available, but not standard equipment, on the 2021 R 1250 RT. In the U.S. market, you should expect ACC to be part of a premium package that will include other features.

Both companies relied on Bosch as a Tier 1 hardware supplier, and in fact both systems use a radar sensor that Bosch also supplies for use on automobiles. In a follow-up communication, a BMW representative pointed out that the sensor had to go through additional testing to prove that it could handle a motorcycle's vibration and electromagnetic interference. Engineers from both companies emphasized that despite pulling hardware from the car side, the software interpreting the radar signal is completely new and motorcycle-specific. That's because the software has to make sense of the radar image even while the motorcycle is leaned over, which is a real challenge.

Both systems are controlled by switchgear on the left handlebar; they can be turned on and the target speed and following distance can be adjusted while in motion. Both will accept speed selections ranging from about 18 mph to 100 mph. Engineers at both companies emphasized that the systems were unsuited to chaotic, slow urban traffic.



When you choose a following distance, you're actually choosing a time gap. So, the linear following distance increases with speed. BMW's system allows you to choose from three following distances, while Ducati gives you four options.



Happy Holidays!



**May all of your Holiday Traditions bring you Many Special Memories...
And May we be able to share those memories as we begin to gather together
again!**

Finally.... May we ride from April to December in 2021!



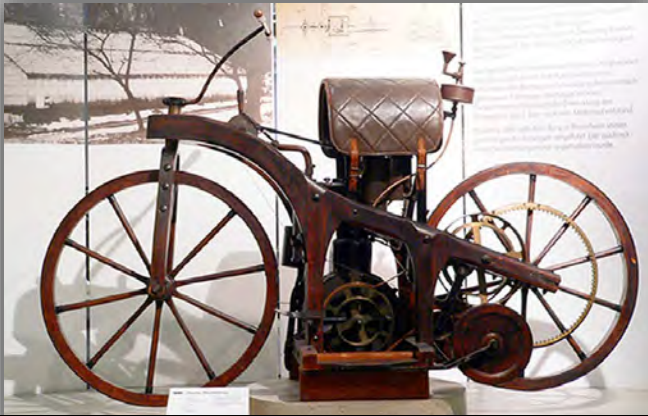
The History of Motorcycles... Sometimes History is worth repeating!!

V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

Over the past few months, with a little extra time on my hands, I've been reading about Motorcycle history. It seems like a good topic to use for this column now that the summary of motorcycle gear is complete!

This picture caught my eye as I was researching...



1885: Gottlieb Daimler patents what is generally considered to be the first true motorcycle. . (Courtesy Joachim Köhler)

I was thinking that finding and working on one of these would help me to understand the basic engine... and to appreciate the developments that have become standard in our bikes today.

Daimler, the automotive pioneer usually associated with building the world's first successful internal combustion engine (and, subsequently, the first automobile), staked his claim of priority in the two-wheeler world a year before developing his famous auto.

However, the idea of a motor-driven, two-wheeled vehicle did not originate with Daimler, nor was his the first such contraption to see the road. Sylvester Roper, who spent the U.S. Civil War working in a Union armory, built a primitive "motorcycle" as early as 1867. Roper's supporters -- and he has more than a few -- argue that he should be credited with

building the world's first motorcycle.

What gives credibility to Daimler's claim of developing the first "true" motorcycle is the fact that it was gasoline-driven. Roper's post-Civil War hog, with a tiny two-cylinder engine, was powered by steam.

Daimler's motorcycle was essentially a wooden bicycle frame (with foot pedals removed) powered by a one-cylinder Otto-cycle engine. It may have also included a spray-type carburetor, then under development for use in the Daimler automobile that appeared in 1886.

This information came from an article first appeared on Wired on Aug. 30, 2007.*

A steam powered cycle??? Stoking the wood at the stops? What an image. That will be the next month's presentation...

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of Giving with Friends, Family
and all that makes your heart
Merry and Bright!*





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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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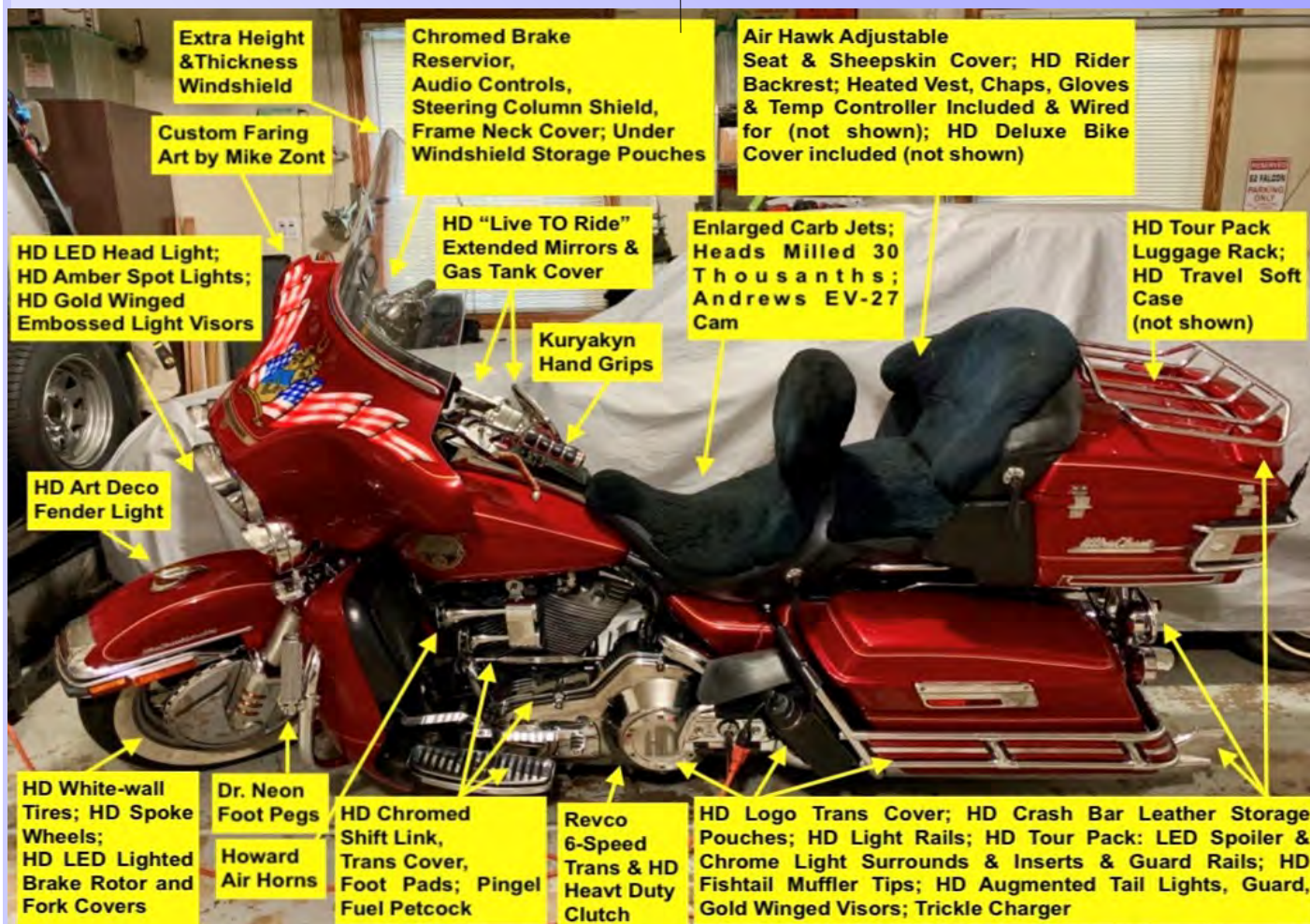
Details:

- ✦ 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;
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64 and get back there quickly!





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, December 1st	General Meeting	CANCELLED	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, December 6th	Toys for Tots	CANCELLED	Toy Delivery		Makarewicz
Tuesday, December 8th	Board Meeting	CANCELLED	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, January 5th	General Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, January 12th	Board Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at www.TopCats.org.



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We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.

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Submit your ad along with contact information to the ROAR editors at ROAR@TOPCATS.org



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