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Upcoming Events

MAY

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 PIC-UP PICNIC RIDE
- 11 BOARD MEETING

JUNE

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 BOARD MEETING
- 13 RIDE FOR DREAMS
- 20 FATHER'S DAY FANDANGO

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 and you are ready to hit the road.

Now that the weather is close to normal and, as I like to say, I can leave the house with the same clothes I wore inside..., we can get out and enjoy the fresh air and great company, and maybe a good lunch stop and maybe ice cream. Now I'm hungry and forgot where I was going with this....

Anyway, even though the weather was a bit cold to start out, we had a great day on our Kick-Off ride, which Mike led (thanks Mike). Loredo Taft was a local sculpture and Mike found a few of his creations. The pictures on this page are just a small view of the great time and information that Mike brought to the ride!

The Sturgis and Front Range Rides are set. Thanks to Bard and Wayne for all their efforts making these, **worry free** events for our members and guests. **And lots of fun too!!** Get out there if you haven't yet!!

Michael Motorcycle is living up to his name, leading more rides this year... Adding to his list for this year, he has scheduled a Father's day ride with an extra activity and also a multi-day, July 4th weekend ride to one of our favorite areas, Trempealeau, WI.

Also planning rides are; Jim Purcell, Ted Makarewicz and your's truly, which is my Picnic Pickup Ride.

Speaking of my ride, here is my list of attendees to

date (original RSVP Cut-off). You don't see your name here, you better **contact me quick** to get on the list!! My contact information is below as usual...

- Chuck
- Mike
- Ted
- Bard
- Gene/Noelle
- Mary/Wayne
- Greg/Jane
- Rich/Diana

I'll be reaching out to these folks soon to confirm pick up times.

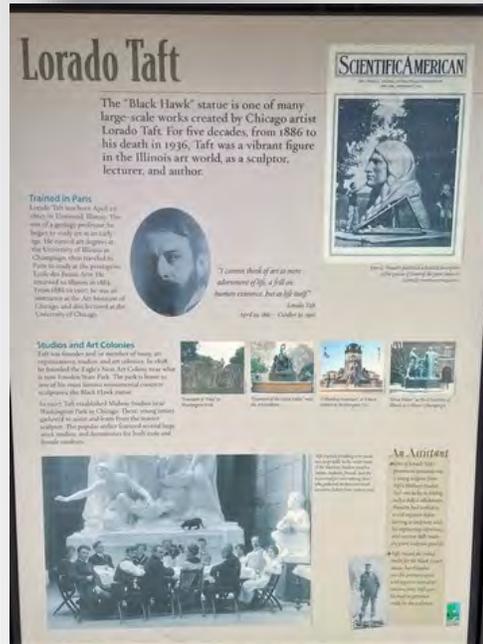
As for other events in the works, everyone should be planning to attend the Ride for Dreams on June, 13th. And, make sure to RSVP by June 4th for the Top Cats award banquet which is on June 26. Check the calendar for details and for other opportunities to ride and spend time with your top cats family.

Please stay safe so we can meet up soon!!

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



NOK, NOK

By: **Don Delordo**
Road Captain

The riding season is finally here! I had to get the cleaning supplies including bug removers out to the front of the shelf. These are all good signs of great riding. Like they Say..."Live to Ride, Ride to live".

At our Road Captains meeting in October, I explained to our Road Captains how important it is for us to carry an "Emergency Medical Card" for you the Rider, and more importantly, for your "Better Half" or Co-Rider. I found one free site on the internet which allows you to enter your information including your Blood Type, Date of Birth, Emergency Contacts Physicians, any Medical Conditions / History, Medications, and anything Allergies / other information. I also recommend that you put on the bottom line the date the card was printed. I also recommend that whenever you change or add a Medication that you also update your card and reprint it.

Free Emergency Medical Information Card

All information stays on your computer. No information is shared or sent over the internet.

Emergency Medical Information		Conditions/History	
Your Name Here		Medical conditions or history goes here	
Full Address with City, State, Zip	Phone Number	Medications	
Code	Blood Type: Blood Type	Medication #1	Dosage #1 Frequency/Reason #1
Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy		Medication #2	Dosage #2 Frequency/Reason #2
Emergency Contacts		Medication #3	Dosage #3 Frequency/Reason #3
Contact #1	Day Phone #1 Night Phone #1	Allergies/Other Information	
Contact #2	Day Phone #2 Night Phone #2	Allergies/Other Information	
Physicians		Allergies/Other Information	
Doctor #1	Physicians Phone #1	Allergies/Other Information	
Doctor #2	Physicians Phone #2	Allergies/Other Information	



Please highlight and type over your medical and contact information in the appropriate fields. Adjust printer settings for best possible quality and print this page.

Cut the card along the lines and fold in half. Laminate your card for more durability.

Keep it with you at all times in your wallet or purse.

You can also create another card for every family member using this form.

www.AllFreePrintable.com



I recommend that you complete and print out 2 cards for you and your Co-Rider, so that each of you can carry both cards.

Here is the address for the site: <http://allfreeprintable.com/cont/frm/pdf/frm-emgid-1.pdf>.

Be sure they can contact the ones you want to know...

If you would like to have the cards laminated, bring them to our next meeting and I will laminate them.



Oil Spots

By Traveler



BSA Bikes to Return in 2021



You can now add BSA to the list of storied 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 factory.

The plan will see the reborn BSA Company build a research center and put its first gas-powered 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 was founded in 1861 and originally made guns at its Small Heath factory. The company moved into bicycles and then motorcycles in 1910. For a time in the 1950s BSA was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, but the arrival of inexpensive and reliable motorcycles from Japan, combined with poor management, led to BSA's demise in 1973.

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.

Harley-Davidson Gets Serious About King of the Baggers



2021 MotoAmerica Superbike series.



The new H-D Screamin' Eagle factory racing team will be fielding a race-prepped Road Glide Special powered by a modified Screamin'

Eagle Milwaukee-Eight 131 Performance Crate Engine, with pro rider Kyle Wyman at the helm. As Harley will tell you, the Screamin' Eagle Milwaukee-Eight 131 Performance Crate Engine is its most-powerful street-compliant engine; a 2,147cc monster claimed to deliver 131 pound-feet of torque.

In addition to the factory team, Harley-Davidson will offer a nearly \$30,000 cash contingency program for qualified Harley racers competing in the King of the Baggers series as another carrot to draw potential riders.

Last year's King of the Baggers debut at Laguna Seca was so well received by both fans and riders that MotoAmerica announced earlier this year that it would expand to a five-round series. Unfortunately, that plan has been modified a bit, with the number of races now downsized, "due to a lack of sufficient track time" at the Barber Motorsports Park round, which has been removed from the schedule.

The series is open to qualified AMA license holders, with championship points being tallied and a national champion crowned at season's end.

The new three-round series kicks off April 30 at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, continuing on to Road America in Wisconsin on June 11-13, and wrapping up at California's WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca July 9-11.

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HARLEY-DAVIDSON CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED MOTORCYCLES

Harley-Davidson revealed the details of Harley-Davidson Certified, the first certified pre-owned motorcycle program supported by Harley-Davidson through its network of authorized Harley-Davidson dealers in the United States.

“H-D Certified is a strategic effort to strengthen our competitive position and is part of our new approach to the used motorcycle marketplace, aligned to the strategic priorities of The Hardwire, while supporting growth,” said Jochen Zeitz, chairman, president and CEO, Harley-Davidson. “We believe this program will drive Harley-Davidson desirability and enhance the overall customer experience, allowing more riders to have access to our motorcycles and provide them with an added level of confidence in their purchase.”



The Harley-Davidson Certified program is designed to take the worry out of purchasing a pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Each Harley-Davidson Certified pre-owned motorcycle will be subjected to a comprehensive 110-point quality-assurance inspection by certified Harley-Davidson technicians. Dealers will also verify that the pre-owned motorcycle has no open recalls or a blocked VIN, has not been in a major accident, and that all scheduled service is up to date. Harley-Davidson motorcycles eligible for the program must be no more than five model years old, have less than 25,000 miles of use, and not contain aftermarket modifications to the engine or transmission, or major chassis or electrical modifications.

A Harley-Davidson Certified pre-owned motorcycle will be sold with a 12-month limited warranty on the engine and transmission. Each Harley-Davidson Certified motorcycle sale also includes a complimentary one-year membership in H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group), with standard member benefits like roadside assistance. Special financing rates and programs for the purchase of a Harley-Davidson Certified pre-

owned motorcycle will be available through Harley-Davidson Financial Services to qualified customers.

Participation in the Harley-Davidson Certified program will be at the discretion of each authorized Harley-Davidson dealer.

International Female Ride Day



The 15th annual International Female Ride Day (IFRD returns to the first Saturday of May, when women in more than 120 countries will participate by riding their motorcycles, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles or other powersports vehicles in unity and support of the female riding community. This year's theme, #FocusFemaleForward, emphasizes the goals of IFRD, including encouraging new women to ride while shining a light on the diverse participation of women already engaging in powersports.

Over the last decade, female ridership has increased significantly, and the momentum generated on this one day is needed to continue advancing the future of motorcycling and powersports for women.

“This year women around the world will be active, riding in celebration, unity and support of the female riding community more than ever before. Whether on roads, dirt, sand or snow, riding continues to be an exhilarating, liberating and a fulfilling activity for women of all skill levels. The female riding community continues to expand every year, and this is our day to celebrate.” said Vicki Gray, IFRD founder.

“Every day, scores of women put on their helmet and point their ride towards an open road, mountain or trail,” said Pam Kermisch, Polaris chief customer engagement and growth officer. “IFRD is about taking a moment to celebrate how incredible that sisterhood is while encouraging female riders to bring along other women in their lives to share in the riding experience.

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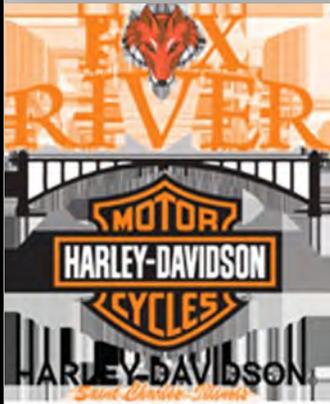
Oil Spots, continued...

We believe in uplifting the voices of our female riders across the powersports industry. Helping female ridership flourish and creating a sense of community is important for women, as well as the powersports community.”

Fox River Harley-Davidson to host 'Ride Like A Girl' event



"This one's for the girls!" claims an Instagram post from Fox River Harley-Davidson, which plans to host an "all female" ride as part of International Female Ride Day on May 1.



Numerous brands are taking part in the promotional event to widen the demographics of powersports enjoyment.

Harley-Davidson Confirms Limited Edition Electra Glide Revival

Dennis Chung April 19, 2021



Harley-Davidson's Q1 2021 financial report revealed

more details about the mysterious "Revival" model and showed a photo of a near production version of the Custom 1250 liquid-cooled cruiser.

In January, at the end of Harley-Davidson's 2021 model launch presentation, we saw a glimpse of the "Revival". The video showed part of a fuel tank console with "Revival" prominently displayed.

Harley-Davidson confirms details on the Revival and the new Icons Collection will be released April 26. Jochen Zeitz, Harley-Davidson chief executive officer and president, says the "Icons will be extraordinary adaptations of production motorcycles which look to our storied past and bright future." Only 1,500 units will be made of each icon, with one or two icon models selected each year, with the Electra Glide Revival being this year's icon.



The overall profile looks like the current Electra Glide Standard, with a batwing fairing, large front fender and hard cases. There are some visible differences, though. The front fender has some additional trim, like earlier FLH models, and the wheel uses wire spokes instead of the Standard's cast wheel. The tire also looks thicker than the Electra Glide Standard, and it wouldn't be a surprise if it has white sidewalls, too.

The saddle looks flatter and taller than what you'd typically find on current models, and a passenger grab handle similar to those found on Electra Glides of yore is plainly visible.

Despite the retro looks, the Revival will be powered by a Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine

The first quarter report also included a single image of what looks to be the production version of the Revolution Max-powered Custom 1250. The new photo shows some changes indicating it is close to production. The image was accompanied by the phrase "Expand within the cruiser segment,"

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Oil Spots, continued...

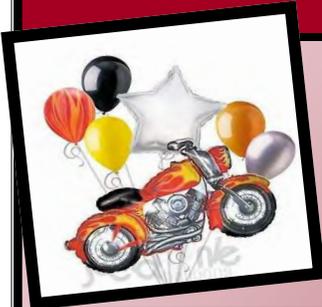
which suggests the Custom 1250 may be an addition to Harley-Davidson's existing lineup and not a direct replacement for the Sportster as some expect.

Apart from the functioning lighting, the changes include new bar-end mirrors, a reflector on the front fender, a new bash plate design, a different radiator design, exhaust heat shielding, a new license plate holder with rear lighting and rear brake lines. There's also a new cover between the cylinder heads similar to the one found on the Pan America. The photo also shows Harley-Davidson-branded Dunlop tires.

Zeitz says this second Revolution Max model will "redefine the premium middleweight cruiser segment." The word "premium" here would suggest this will not be positioned as a replacement for the Sportster line, though that remains to be determined. Also interesting is that neither Zeitz nor the presentation referred to the name "Custom 1250," which suggests that the production name may yet be announced.



May Birthdays
and Anniversaries!



7 Mike Gilfillin

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for May

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

No May
Love Stories...





Respectfully Submitted
by:
Diana Lanute

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2ND, 2021



Announcements:

4/11 Diana Lanute's Birthday



Mark Schuman, Lawer and Gina Woods of Open Road Radio, give members information on being safe and smart about insurance.

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Guests – Mark Shuman, Gina Woods and Jonny Z

Announcements

- ◆ Bill Yates – Passed in March. Bill was a nice, quiet and good member for many years.

V.P. :Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ - No news is good news

Past President – Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Wayne discussed the tradition of the black bandana. When a club loses a member, they take the black bandanas and put them in the casket to send the member off to their new life with all the memories attached to the bandanas. When you see new black

bandanas, you know the group has just lost a member.

Safety: Ric Case / Gene Rigsby

- ◆ Kaution Korner – “Gearing up for Spring” Gene reviewed the acronym TCLOCS, which stands for, Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Side Stand to help riders remember to check and verify the condition and function of critical systems on their bike.

Safety Video: Gene Rigsby: None tonight due to the time needed to allow our guest speaker to address the members.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ Updates – Revised membership applications were passed for all to see. The final trifold will be ready to give to all members at the next general meeting.

Activities: Jim Purcell / Greg Smith Jim excused tonight. Greg gave a summary of the upcoming rides.

Future activities

- 4/17 Shootout and GRASS Class at WSHD – Ric Case
- 4/18 Taft testimonial – Mike Bradbury
- 4/24 First aid at WSHD
- 5/8 25th anniversary picnic ride – Gene Rigsby
- 6/13 Ride for Dreams – Mike Bradbury
- 6/26 Club banquet – Gene Rigsbu

Charity: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Mike gave a brief summary of the details that have been in place for the ride. “Save the Date” cards are ready and will be distributed for all members to hand out to friends.

Special Guests: Gina Woods, Mark Shuman,

Gina Woods – Open Road radio host, Came to introduce Mark

- ◆ Mark and his Firm sponsor Accident Scene Management Courses at a reduced rate.
- ◆ Gina@openroad.com is the contact info to use if you want to advertise events. Gina will be glad to help get the info out to the motorcycle community.

Mark Shuman – Attorney at Law

- ◆ Represents riders in law suits – practicing for 35 years.
- ◆ No need to worry about being “sold” insurance, Mark is just offering education.
- ◆ Mark will use is legal experience to discuss the importance of insurance.
- ◆ Minimums should at least \$250,000
- ◆ Be sure to have uninsured motorists’ insurance and under-insured motorists’ insurance in your policy.
- ◆ The Shuman Firm does a great deal of community outreach.
- ◆ Mark Shuman stayed after to review insurance policies if anyone wanted him to check on their policies.

Products: Ted Makarewicz

Get your gear now!!

50/50 Raffle Jim Purcell (abs) No Raffle tonight! Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm by Gene Rigsby



Respectfully Submitted
by:
Diana Lanute

BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9TH, 2021

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Immediate needs? None. Please advise Gene if you will be absent from the board meeting.

Past President : Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ GRASS – We will keep this as a Top Cats event as Rolling Thunder IL Ch2 asked Top Cats to present this.
- ◆ Don suggested that the Top Cats logo be on our card. We will follow up on this suggestion.
- ◆ Bike Show for Charity Ride – Our trophies are all ready for this event. It was agreed by all that a fee of \$5 per bike will be charged to participate in the show. The drawing for the winning bike will be held at 1:45pm. Wayne stressed the need to communicate with each other in preparation for the Charity Ride and with Volo Auto Museum.

VP: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ A “dry run” for our pancake breakfast will be on April 25. Information will be sent out to Rolling Thunder IL Ch2 and Top Cats for those persons interested in helping.

Activities: Greg Smith

Future Events

- ◆ Blast and calendar oversight – On Target Shoot Out is this Saturday. Information is on the website.
- ◆ Calendar review - April/May, etc. – Mike Bradbury's ride is on the website.
- ◆ Our 25th Anniversary picnic / Ride is May 8.
- ◆ Ride for Dreams – June 13th. This begins at Woodstock Harley-Davidson.
- ◆ Club Banquet budget – Gene: Banquet date is 6/26/21 and begins with a happy hour 6-7pm, followed at pm by the banquet. This year the cost will be \$32/person. Funds for awards agreed upon by all at \$800.
- ◆ Don: Regarding our forms – Be sure to include all pertinent data of the event for consistency.

Safety/RC: Ric Case

Saturday, 4/17/21, at On Target for Shoot Out, 7-9am.

Saturday, 4/17/21, GRASS class at Woodstock Harley-Davidson 11am – 2:30pm.

Saturday, 4/24/21, CPR and First Aid Class.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

Membership application – (Ted not in attendance) – Ted has received membership application forms. The new ones forms look good.

Charity: Mike Bradbury

Help needed – (Mike not in attendance) – None needed; 20 people on charity are helping him.

STD cards – Mike is working with NISRA to get that done.

Pins – 2021 to 2024. A vote was taken and passed to allocate \$300 for pins. Also, we have 100 undated pins to pass out, if needed.

Treasury: Don DeLordo

We need to order 2021 and 2022 GRASS patches. Although the patches order won't be ready on time for the class, these can be passed out at TC and RT meetings next month.

Don passed out Top Cat's financial statement followed by discussion.

Black bandanas – These will be given out to members in remembrance of members lost.

Secretary: Diana Lanute

No comment at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 by Gene Rigsby



Wisconsin's Wild Wandering...

V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

We are all looking for the riding season to begin... and with so many great opportunities close by, we can surely enjoy each opportunity that we are able to ride this year.

Wayne Kirkpatrick and Mike Bradbury have been known to find some great roads 'Up North'. Wayne has been known to wind a ride around great twisties and beautiful scenery to end up at the Iconic Harley Davidson Museum in downtown Milwaukee. He's also been seen with large groups at the Annual Harley Davidson Rally, which looks like it may happen this year.

Mike Bradbury has a knack for finding a theme to his rides and after a day of great travel through twisties and trees, you end up 'driftless' and full of food, fun and friends in Trempealeau and surrounding areas. Or on the other side of the state with 'round the lake' memories floating in your head.

Well, after looking through places that I'd like to spend time exploring, here are a few ideas of what we could plan for the next few months! Let's start way up North with a 350 mile ride to the Apostle Islands. This one would have to be a full week of riding and could possibly contain all of the next few ideas all in one. An early fall timeframe would also be advised, as it is far enough north to be chilly during the DAYS and nights. But the scenery is so worth the time! The Geological History is wonderfully rich and canoeing, hiking and riding will give you opportunities to see ice caves, caverns and beautiful sunsets, sunrises and cliffs! This is a lifetime's worth of beauty all in one place!



A bit closer to home, but with some of the same breathtaking sites are Hayward and Tomahawk, Wisconsin! Hayward has been known for it's Lumberjack Festival, which could offer some great entertainment! And Tomahawk is



the home to an annual biker gathering on the second weekend after Labor Day. Both of these destinations are in beautiful areas with many memorable roads, activities, food and when shared with friends, they can offer beautiful memories that will last for years to come!

And one final option for exploring Wisconsin is Monroe, the home to some great Cheese and Platteville, the home of the big M. Yes... the letter M is maintained by the



University of Wisconsin, Platteville and has a story of it's own... If you are curious, find a Road Captain to mentor you and begin to plan now! Take your Top Cats family on a scavenger hunt to unlock the mystery of the M... There is much more to discover there too!



After our long quarantine, doesn't all of this sound inspiring? I hope so... and I hope to see AWHOLE LOT of you all this summer! Check the calendar often for updates. Ride Safe and... Be Ready!

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





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, May 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, May 8th	Pic-up Picnic Ride	Your Home	Rigsby's Home	10:00am +	Rigsby
Tuesday May 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday June 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday June 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, June 13th	RIDE 4 DREAMS	Woodstock	Volo Auto Museum	8:30 am	Bradbury
Saturday, June	Father's Day Fandango	Speedway, Volo	Eagle Spring and Lulu Lake	8:45	Bradbury
Watch for	rides to be	added to	our calendar!	Check there	for details!

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



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Attention all Top Cats business owners!

As part of our ongoing philosophy to support our members and goal to provide a more value-rich publication, we are now offering free advertising space in ROAR for Top Cats business owners. Each business owner can submit advertising content and graphics up to 2 X 3.5 inches (Business Card size) for their company.

We will run the ad for 3 months after which you will need to resubmit it.
This offer is for Top Cats business owners only. We are not accepting advertising for other businesses at this time.

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



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