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## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

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

### JULY

- 1-4 TREMPPEALEAU
- 6 GENERAL MEETING
- 13 BOARD MEETING

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



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## PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you and your families had a great Memorial Day Weekend. The weather was good and the time with family and friends gets you to thinking.....

Sooooo glad we are getting out to ride!! Even though we have several opportunities to get together right around the corner, we need MORE RC activity to get the calendar filled in for the rest of the year.

We had a great time at the 25th Anniversary picnic pick up ride. Thanks to everyone that came out. The weather was great and sitting around the campfire, telling stories from the past was fantastic. We'll have to do it again soon.

**Everyone** should be planning to attend the **Ride for Dreams on June, 13th**. If your not scheduled to help, ask Mike if there is anything he may need help with. If not, at least being there with your Top Cat family will be fun.

Make sure to **RSVP to Noelle by June 4th** for the **Top Cats award banquet** which is on June 26. 2020 was a light year for activity, but we can still revel in the fine moments we shared together, so come on out!!

**Just as a reminder**, Michael Motorcycle 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**.

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.... And Hopefully, you can tell me in person soon!

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*

### The Roads Await!



## June Birthdays and Anniversaries!



10th Joey Rizzo  
25th Bard Board



Love Stories...  
10th Mike and  
Kathie  
Bradbury

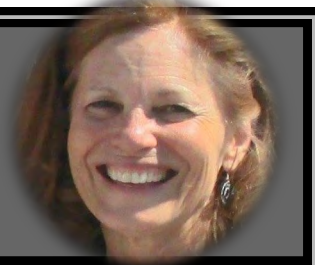
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for June  
Let us know your special Dates so that  
we can celebrate with you!



## KAUTION KORNER

### Charge!

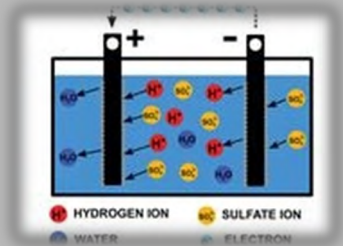
By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick  
Senior Road Captain



Making sure your bike starts and can get you through the challenges of a long ride, is essential to enjoying your travels! Getting the right 'charge', maintaining that 'charge' and knowing what to do when you have no 'charge' is what you will find in the following paragraphs. Much of this is known to you all, but for those of us who 'tend' to need 'recharges' of information, I hope this will come in handy. Enough of the 'shifty' word use and on to the facts...

#### Battery Basics

In a conventional lead-acid battery, the negative plate is coated with sponge lead while the positive plate is coated with lead dioxide. The sulfuric acid electrolyte contains charged ions of sulfate and hydrogen. As the battery is being discharged, sulfate ions move to the negative plate and react with the spongy lead, which forms hydrogen ions and electrons. The electrons flow out of the negative terminal and into the positive terminal, creating an electrical current. At the positive plates, the oxygen in the lead dioxide reacts with the electrons and hydrogen ions to form water. Both reactions create lead sulfate, which collects on the plates. When the battery is charged, the whole process is reversed. *Andrew Trevitt*, Stated in Cycle World, 2 Nov 2016.



#### Bike Battery Types, according to White Dog Bikes Blog:

A motorcycle battery is basically an electrical storage devices that stores electrical energy by using a reversible chemical reaction between the lead and the acid in a battery.

Battery Electrolyte (also known as Battery Acid) is a mixture of sulfuric acid and distilled water (Distilled is required so that any impurities in the water is eliminated and will not affect the reaction!) which is added to motorcycle batteries and is used as a conductor between the lead in the battery and the battery acid to create an electrical charge.

#### *The following are the three types of batteries that are typically used in motorcycles:*

**Type 1. Lead Acid:** These are also known as 'Wet Cell', 'Flooded Cell' and 'Conventional' or VRLA (Valve Regulated Lead Acid) Batteries. You can tell that you have this type of battery because it will have a row of plastic stoppers in the top. Typically, three stoppers indicate a 6 volt battery and 6 stoppers indicate a 12 volt battery. Many of them will have a battery acid level indicator on the front and will have a white/opaque plastic lower casing. These batteries will usually be identified with a number that will start with the letters YB, CB, or GB. Because they are not 'sealed', they tend to leak gasses from the reaction and corrode the battery terminals. You will find that you will be doing maintenance checks and periodically will be topping off the battery with DISTILLED WATER as the water portion of the battery acid dissipates over time. These are not used much any more, but you may find one on those older bikes that you are keeping for the memories!



Over the years, maintenance-free versions of the lead-acid battery have been developed, which are sealed and do not require venting during normal use (though they do have a safety vent in case overcharging causes an excess of pressure inside the battery). Absorbed glass mat (AGM) technology, used in most motorcycle OEM applications today, uses a very fine fiberglass mat between the electrodes inside the battery, which absorbs the acid to prevent spillage; in addition, any oxygen created when the battery is charged is retained inside the battery, where it can recombine with an active material to form water.



**Type 2: Maintenance Free Batteries:** Also known as 'Sealed' or 'Dry Cell' Batteries. These batteries do not need to be checked or maintained. They usually have a black case, (sometimes blue or grey) and have a stopper sunk into the top. They are hermetically sealed (a seal that will not allow any gas or moisture in or out) and the identifying numbers for these will begin with the letters YTX,CTX, or GTX.

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**Type 3: Gel Motorcycle Batteries:** Also known as ‘Gel Filled’ or ‘Gel Acid’ Batteries. These batteries are

filled with a gel state acid and are also hermetically sealed. They do not require any maintenance and are normally in a black, blue or grey casing. The identifying numbers will begin with the letters YT,CT, GT, or YTZ, CTZ or GTZ. For more reading on this information go to: [Different Kinds of Motorbike Battery - Motorcycle Battery Types \(whitedogbikes.com\)](http://www.whitedogbikes.com)



### ***What to Consider when choosing your Charge!***

Long ago, motorcycles did not even need batteries to function. Points and a condenser served as the ignition system, the engine was started with a swift kick of a lever, and Blue-tooth was what you got after eating blueberries. Now, however, your bike most likely has electric start, an elaborate lighting system, electronic ignition and fuel injection, and any number of electric and electronic accessories and riding aids. Your battery must be able to start the engine, power all those accessories when the engine’s generator can’t keep up (under extended idling, for example), and help protect the delicate electronics from surges and spikes in the system.

Aside from voltage and physical size, there are two important specifications for a motorcycle battery. One is the amp-hour (Ah) rating, which indicates the battery’s ability to provide current for an extended period of time. This value is based on 10-hour and 20-hour ratings; for example, an 18 Ah (10HR) battery will provide 1.8 amps of current for 10 hours. The second important specification is cold cranking amps (CCA), which reflects the battery’s ability to provide current and start your bike in low temperatures. A touring bike loaded down with electrical accessories, such as heated grips or aftermarket lights, will require a battery with a high amp-hour rating that can power those devices as you idle along in traffic, whereas starting your high-compression Panigale (Ducati) on a cold spring morning calls for something with a good CCA rating

### ***Now... Maintenance. Does Free really mean FREE?***

If you use your bike regularly, the only maintenance you need worry about is to keep the terminals clean for a good contact. It’s when you don’t ride regularly and let your bike sit for extended periods of time (like over the winter) that your battery will need some attention. Even when your bike’s ignition is in the “off” position, there is still some draw from the electrical system to power accessories, such as a clock or alarm, which can discharge the battery over time. As well, a lead-acid battery can self-discharge when not in use.

As a lead-acid battery discharges, lead sulfate is produced as a by-product and coats the electrode plates. This reduces their effective surface area, reducing the battery’s capacity. Normal charging reverses this process, but leave your battery too long before charging and enough lead sulfate can be produced that charging will not be able to reverse that process—your battery will fail from this condition, called sulfation. A discharged battery is also susceptible to internal corrosion,

which can cause the connections inside to break, rendering your battery useless.

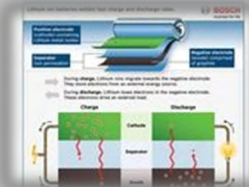
Another issue of leaving a conventional battery in a discharged state is that the acid inside turns to water, which in turn can freeze and rupture the case of the battery. And finally, if you let your battery go completely dead—sometimes referred to as deeply discharged—active material falls off the electrode plates and accumulates at the bottom. If enough material collects, it can short the plates, again leaving the battery useless.

For these reasons, attention must be paid to keeping the battery charged. Charging while still in the bike is suggested due to the list of electronic systems on the bike. NOTE: A garden-variety automotive charger can overwhelm your small motorcycle battery; if the battery can’t absorb that high rate of charge, it can overheat (which creates hydrogen gas which in turn may trip the safety valve on a sealed battery or even boil all the electrolyte away). Overcharging can also corrode the electrode plates and terminals. Most "smart" chargers will charge a fully depleted battery quickly and then hold a voltage that will not cause gassing or self-discharge over time.

### ***Now, just a short view of the newest technology in batteries... Lithium.***

There is more development in process, but here is a short version of what lithium contains and of what it may offer in the future:

The name lithium-ion refers to the process involved: Lithium ions move back and forth between the electrodes as the battery charges and discharges. There are many different types of lithium-ion batteries, with various amounts of nickel, manganese, cobalt, and iron used in conjunction with lithium to form the positive electrode. Some offer very high energy density but have safety concerns, with thermal runaway (and fire) being an issue. The biggest advantage of a lithium-iron battery over lead-acid is energy density. In typical applications, the lead-acid battery in your bike can be replaced with a lithium-iron equivalent with as little one quarter the weight, saving up to several pounds.



Lithium-ion batteries require internal electronic circuitry to protect the cells from overcharging or completely discharging, current surges, and extreme temperatures. Most manufacturers of lithium-iron aftermarket batteries require specific chargers be used, as standard chargers may be incapable of correctly reading the voltage of the battery and applying the correct charge and may supply more voltage than the lithium-iron cells can absorb; both conditions can damage the battery. Lithium-iron batteries are also significantly more expensive than lead-acid batteries, and some parts (notably the wires and components in the protection circuitry) can’t be recycled.

For more details:

[Motorcycle Batteries, Lithium Motorcycle Battery | Cycle World](#)

Also see the VP’s Vision for some info on battery tenders!



## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Dick Mann, Racer, Champion, Tuner, Legend, Dies at 86

“My goal was never to be the best racer, but to finish ahead of them.”



Dick Mann, 1934-2021. *Cycle World Archives*

Dick Mann, two-time Daytona 200 winner and twice AMA Grand National Champion, has died aged 86.

Mann’s versatility is the stuff of legend, but perhaps the simple answer is that making a good living with a motorcycle required application of skill across many disciplines.



Mann won his first Daytona 200 on a Honda 750 in 1970. He won the 200 again on a BSA Triple the next year.

Mann won his first AMA National in 1959 and was Grand Na-

tional Champion twice—in 1963 and 1971. His career bridged the transition of American motorcycle racing from the gypsy life of itinerant dirt-trackers, living by their wits, to the strange professional big-time created by the explosion of motorcycle sales after 1965. Rider contracts with real money. Factory bikes. Hotel rooms.

Big names—Hailwood and Paul Smart—had extra performance in their engines. Once again, what that engine needed in order to win was a friend—a rider with understanding. When Mann won the Daytona 200 that second time,

people were saying, “That Dick Mann sure is lucky. All those big names up front, duking it out lap after lap, but at the end, it was like he came from nowhere.”

It wasn’t luck and he wasn’t nowhere. He was riding to finish. It’s not strange that Mann has been hailed for his humility. He knew how far he’d come, and from what beginnings.

Speaking of what racing has become in the MotoGP era, he said, “There are fantastically talented kids now (entering racing). I don’t think they could have made it in our day. And we couldn’t have made it in these days. Things were just different.”



### HARLEY-DAVIDSON LAUNCHES LIVEWIRE

Harley-Davidson, Inc. announced the launch of LiveWire as an all-electric motorcycle brand. LiveWire plans to redefine electric, delivering the best experience for the urban rider. LiveWire creates a unique connection between rider and vehicle.

The first LiveWire branded motorcycle is scheduled to launch on July 8, 2021 and to premiere at the International Motorcycle Show on July 9, 2021

**Virtual HQ:** innovating by design and attracting industry-leading talent, LiveWire will be headquartered virtually, with initial hubs in Silicon Valley, CA (LiveWire Labs) and Milwaukee, WI.



**Marketplace:** from launch, LiveWire will work with participating dealers from the Harley-Davidson network as an independent brand. An innovative go-to-market model will blend digital and physical retail formats, tailoring the experience to the local market and allowing customers to discover LiveWire on their own terms.

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Oil Spots, continued...

**Dedicated showroom:** seizing the opportunity to lead in EV and innovating across the customer journey, LiveWire will operate dedicated EV showrooms in select locations, starting in California. Here customers will be able to experience the LiveWire brand in an immersive and innovative way.

**Technology focus:** with a dedicated focus on EV, LiveWire plans to develop the technology of the future and to invest in the capabilities needed to lead the transformation of motorcycling. LiveWire expects to benefit from Harley-Davidson's engineering expertise, manufacturing footprint, supply chain infrastructure, and global logistics capabilities.

**Technology sharing:** Harley-Davidson and LiveWire intend to cooperate and share their technological advancements to ensure an industry leading application in their respective core segments.



## HARLEY-DAVIDSON HOMETOWN RALLY SET FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND



The biker bash of the season is back and bigger than ever. Harley-Davidson has announced plans for the all-new Hometown Rally, a Labor Day weekend celebration of moto-

culture centered in Milwaukee, the city where it all began for the Motor Company. The Harley-Davidson Museum will serve as a central rally point Sept. 2-6, 2021, for events taking place at that downtown site and at six surrounding Harley-Davidson dealerships.

"The Hometown Rally is an event no Harley-Davidson fan will want to miss," said Jochen Zeitz, chairman, president and CEO, Harley-Davidson. "It will be a celebration of all things Harley, a chance to re-connect with other riders who share the desire for adventure, freedom and community that is the real heart of the Harley-Davidson experience."

Throughout the Hometown Rally weekend, the 20-acre campus of the Harley-Davidson Museum will host the party of the summer, with free live concerts on three consecutive nights, food-and-beverage sites, stunt exhibitions and skills demonstrations, 2021 Harley-Davidson motorcycle

demos, and motorcycle showcases hosted by Born Free and V-Twin Visionary. The Museum will be open for general admission during the event.

The Museum will also host a H.O.G. member Check-In, and there will be a H.O.G. member Check-In at each of the six participating Harley-Davidson dealerships in the area. Event H.O.G.® merchandise will also be available.

Milwaukee-area Harley-Davidson dealerships will also be hosting Hometown Rally events and entertainment. Those dealerships include House of Harley-Davidson (Greenfield), Milwaukee Harley-Davidson (Milwaukee), Suburban Motors Harley-Davidson (Thiensville), Uke's Harley-Davidson (Kenosha), West Bend Harley-Davidson (West Bend) and Wisconsin Harley-Davidson (Oconomowoc).

Hometown Rally details and schedules will be finalized and revealed throughout the summer. Check for updates at H-D.com/hometownrally, where links to dealer sites for specific info on those schedules and events will also be posted.

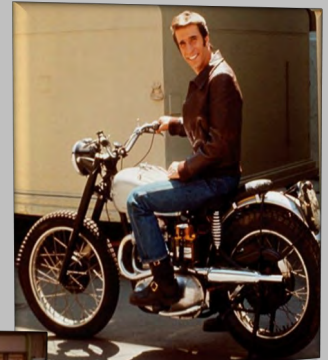
## 3 Hollywood-famous bikes that you can add to your motorcycle collection

What do Henry Winkler, Paul Newman, and Peter Fonda have in common—besides the fact that they're all entertainment icons? Here's a not-so-obvious answer: motorcycles that are currently planned for auction.

Although the three weren't all motorcycle enthusiasts—Winkler couldn't even ride when he scored the part of Arthur "Fonzie" Fonzarelli in *Happy Days*—they each portrayed a motorcycle-riding character in the movies or on TV.

### The Fonz' 1949 Triumph

This 1949 Triumph Trophy TR5 500 (frame TC11198T / engine TR59016133) is one of three that were used by "The Fonz." Although Arthur Fonzarelli was original-



ly scripted as a bit player, TV watchers just couldn't get enough of the loveable greaser with a knack for catch-phrases and a way with the ladies. And we can thank his

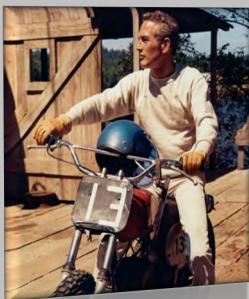
jacket for giving the Triumph more screen time. No kidding. (Continued on pg. 7)



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Winkler originally wore a tan windbreaker in early episodes of *Happy Days*, but the writers wanted to make him more edgy, so they swapped the windbreaker for a black leather jacket. TV censors balked—hey, it was the 1970s—as they determined the jacket made Fonzie look like a hoodlum. So ABC cleverly circumvented the issue by including the motorcycle in as many scenes as possible so the leather jacket would be deemed necessary safety equipment.

This Triumph is one of three (including a 1952 model we wrote about earlier) that were used in filming the show. Originally owned by Hollywood stuntman and racer Bud Ekins of *Great Escape* fame, the '49 was customized so Winkler could handle it easier, and the 500cc classic became synonymous with the Fonz.



## Paul Newman's 1967 Škoda CZ 250 in Sometimes a Great Notion

This Škoda was given to Newman specifically for his role as Hank Stamper in the 1971 movie *Sometimes a Great Notion*, a film adaption of Ken Kesey's novel that Newman directed himself.

CZ, a branch of the Czech car company that previously manufactured weapons, began building street motorcycles in 1932. Known for its powerful two-stroke bikes, it had a run of six consecutive Grand Prix World Championships from 1964–69. But CZ couldn't fend off the rise in popularity of Japanese motorcycles and ultimately sold itself to Cagiva, which went bankrupt four years later in 1997.

This bike, which carries a pre-auction estimate of \$30,000–\$50,000, comes with a signed letter from J.N. Roberts, Newman's stunt rider, as well as a letter from CZ importer American Jawa Ltd. to Universal Studios, both of which confirm its authenticity. Although this CZ 250cc may not be considered a Hollywood legend, Newman was, and he also became an accomplished racer. That makes this bike special.



## Peter Fonda's 1968 Bultaco Pursang 250 MKII Motorcycle in Easy Rider

Peter Fonda is the third-most famous actor in his family, behind father Henry and sister Jane, but there's no doubt that he rode one of the most famous bikes in Hollywood history. This bike, however, isn't the iconic red, white, and blue chopper from 1969's *Easy Rider*; it's the 1968 Bultaco Pursang 250 MKII that Fonda (as "Wyatt") rode in the movie's first scene.

One of two used in filming, this 250 MKII (frame 48-00510 / engine 48-00510) is a powerful



250cc, air-cooled, two-stroke competition model that Heritage calls "a winner in virtually any type of high-speed-based, off-road event." The boattail 250 MKII generated 34 horsepower and was thought to be the fastest 250 in 1968.

With a pre-auction estimate of \$50,000–\$70,000, the bike includes the original Bultaco Western delivery invoice to Pando Company/Peter Fonda, dated April 4, 1968. Maybe you can't have the most famous bike that was on screen in *Easy Rider*, an iconic anti-establishment film that became the voice of a generation, but this one is a solid (and less expensive) alternative.



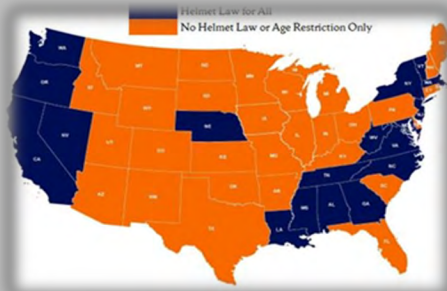
## Motorcycle Fatality Rates Due to Head Injuries are Lower in States with Helmet Laws

There are over 4,500 motorcycle crash fatalities per year in the U.S., on average. Roughly 37% of those deaths involve head injuries. Since the 1976 removal of the mandatory helmet requirement from the 1966 National Highway Safety Act, 31 states have repealed or significantly downsized their requirement for motorcyclists and passengers to wear helmets while riding.

Three states, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Illinois have no helmet laws, and 29 states require helmets only for below 18 or 21 years old or for newly licensed riders. (Cont. on pg. 8)



## Oil Spots, continued...



Three states, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Illinois have no helmet laws, and 29 states require helmets only for below 18 or 21 years old or for newly licensed riders.

Motorcycle helmet laws reduce fatalities, serious cognitive disabilities, and social costs. Notably, states with helmet laws had a 33% lower head-related fatality rate (0.4 deaths per 100,000 population) compared to states without helmet laws (0.6 deaths per 100,000 population) for the 1999-2019 period.

From 1999-2019, there were approximately 7,000 excess deaths in states without helmet laws compared to what they may have experienced with helmet laws in effect. Motorcycle helmet laws clearly save lives.

### [Safety tips for Motorcycle Awareness month's end](#)

As we begin our season around the nation, most motorcyclists know that May was Motorcycle Awareness Month. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motorcycle riders are 28 times more likely to die in a traffic collision than occupants in passenger cars.

Tips provided by the National Safety Council that can be shared with all riders this season are:

- ▶ More than half of all collisions with motorcycles occur in intersections. Take extra time before you make that left turn to check for oncoming traffic or another motorcycle with the right of way.
- ▶ It is difficult to judge the distance of an automobile approaching an intersection. If there is a question, wait until it passes to proceed.
- ▶ Motorcycles stop in a shorter distance than vehicles. If you have to stop suddenly, check your mirror, you may have to take evasive action from the vehicle behind you.
- ▶ Become familiar with the lane splitting/filtering law of your state.
- ▶ Always wear a helmet.
- ▶ Bright clothing can help you stand out to drivers.
- ▶ Drive more defensively when on a motorcycle, especially in intersections.
- ▶ Always have your headlight turned on.
- ▶ Consider taking a motorcycle safety course if you are a new rider, you haven't ridden for a while. Or, every three or four years as a refresher.
- ▶ Finally, when riding don't speed, don't drink, and...

don't spit!

## Ride for Dreams! June 13th, 2021! Support YOUR Club And Ride for Those Who Need Us!



*Enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.*



Come and enjoy the day! Ride your favorite ride, Put it in the BIKE SHOW and maybe go home with a Prize!



Beautiful Roads all the way to the VOLO AUTO MUSEUM!



**BE THERE!**





## V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

### Chargers...

A short follow up on how to 'Tend'

Well... It seems that it is a Motorcycle 'rite of passage'... What is your story of going out to your bike and finding no response to your excitement to ride? The key is turned, the buttons pushed... and nothing!

Much of this is also known to all of you, but a refresher and a bit of 'recent' info may be useful. Again, I hope so!

Well, your battery is dead. You get out the voltage meter and what does it tell you? Check the chart for a quick summary of what your voltage meter will tell you.

Voltage test done, and now you have to decide what chargers can be your best investment. Some choose trickle chargers and others like maintenance chargers. What is the difference? **It's important to note that a trickle charger and a maintenance charger are not the same things.** A trickle charger will deliver a charge that is equal to the batteries rate of self-discharge and should be disconnected once a full charge has been established to avoid overcharging. A maintenance charger is designed to stay connected to the battery. Once a charge level is set, the charger will automatically turn off and on to maintain the specified charge range.

Charging a battery as fast as you can is not always the best solution – here's why:

When a battery is being charged, the process of discharge is being reversed. This means that the chemical process that allowed the battery to provide power has to go back to its original state. The heat from the charging process allows this chemical reversal to happen – however, too much heat, or amperage can create an adverse effect called off-gassing. The gas being released is extremely flammable and unsafe to breathe. When charging any battery, you should be in a well-ventilated area and pay close attention to avoid overcharging.

To see what types of chargers are available and what their comparison items are, go to:

<https://motorcyclistlifestyle.com/best-motorcycle-battery-chargers-review/>

TOP 6 Best Motorcycle Battery Chargers 2021 - Motorcyclist Lifestyle

This article is a complete review including pros/cons, stages of charging and the vehicles that each particular charger can be used on. There is also a Lithium battery charger included the list and remember... **LITHIUM BATTERIES REQUIRE A CHARGER THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR LITHIUM BATTERIES.**

As I finish this article, I ran across a just published bit of information concerning a new technology... Sounds good!

Range anxiety, recycling and fast-charging fears could all be consigned to electric-vehicle history with a nanotech-driven Australian battery invention. The graphene aluminum-ion battery cells from the Brisbane-based Graphene Manufacturing Group (GMG) are claimed to charge up to 60 times faster than the best lithium-ion cells and hold three times the energy of the best aluminum-based cells.

They are also safer, with no upper Ampere limit to cause spontaneous overheating, more sustainable and easier to recycle, thanks to their stable base materials. Testing also shows the coin-cell validation batteries also last three times longer than lithium-ion versions. See more: [E-Car Range Breakthrough | Sustainability \(gardenatriums.com\)](https://www.gardenatriums.com)

Ride on!!!

Meter Reading	State of Charge	Actions
12.70 volts or better	100% charged	Get your helmet and ride!
23.50 volts	80% charged	A good ride should charge it up, but if you stick it on a battery charger for 20 minutes it will probably get to 100%
12.30 volts	70% charged	Stick it on a charger for 45 minutes, grab a cuppa, check your tire pressures, clean your visor and get out there!
12.20 volts	60% charged	Stick it on a charger for a couple of hours. Go and earn some brownies points with your other half and then get out there!
12.05 volts	50% charged	Leave it to charge overnight and it should be up to 100% in the morning.
11.90 volts	40% charged	Try charging it, with a charger that has a reconditioning mode. It might be past recovering.
11.75 volts	30% charged	Try charging it, with a charger that has a reconditioning mode. It might be past recovering.
11.60 volts	20% charged	She's gone! There's no saving her, captain.
11.30 volts	10% charged	You always wanted a doorstep and now, you have one.
10.50 volts	No meaningful charge	You'd probably get a higher reading if you stick your multimeter prongs in an orange..



Respectfully Submitted  
by:  
Diana Lanute

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MAY 4TH, 2021



### Announcements:

5/7 Mike Gilfillin and 5/23 Cindy DeLordo!

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Guests: Emil Kornecki?? Welcome Back Emil!

### V.P. : Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ The May issue of ROAR is out. There are a lot of rides planned. Ride information can be found in the ROAR. Also, The "Ride for Dreams" details can be found in the ROAR.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Of note, Harley-Davidson's marketing technique is discussed in the ICON series. Read more at: [Harley-Davidson announces Icons collection \(powersportsbusiness.com\)](https://www.powersportsbusiness.com)

### Safety: Ric Case and Don DeLordo

- ◆ Kaution Korner: Don brought his laminator for members wanting to use it to protect their wallet Next-of-Kin cards.
- ◆ **Safety Video: Gene Rigsby**
  - ◆ What to do if you run wide in the corner?
  - ◆ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8CU\\_pubYUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8CU_pubYUw)
  - ◆ The three main reactions for bike and rider were discussed along with how to correct the riding technique in corners.

### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ Revised member applications are here. Ted passed these forms to members present to offer to anyone interested in joining Top Cats.

### Activities: Jim Purcell / Greg Smith

#### Recent activities

- ◆ 4/17 Shootout – Case – We had the range for one hour. 4/17 GRASS class at Woodstock Harley-Davidson – DeLordo – There were more Rolling Thunder members than Top Cats members attending this class.
- ◆ 4/18 Taft testimonial – Bradbury – Our group consisted of 8 riders. We saw The Chief Black Hawk statue and on to the county building to view war heroes and veteran names on display, with a lunch stop. A good day was had by all.
- ◆ 4/24 First aid at Woodstock – DeLordo – Use of AED demonstrated by each member attending, and all passed.

#### Future activities

- ◆ 5/8 25th anniversary picnic ride – Gene- Details discussed.
- ◆ 6/13 Ride for Dreams – Bradbury – Mike B. is leading this ride. Everyone is welcome! We are riding and ending it at Volo Automobile museum again this year. Wayne is leading the bke show after the ride.
- ◆ 6/20 Father's day Fandango – Bradbury – This is a 1-1/2 hour ride led by Mike Bradbury. There is an opportunity to rent a canoe or kayak on the lake. We will go back through Lake Geneva and return by 4pm, stopping for lunch at Eagle Springs Restaurant.
- ◆ 6/26 Club banquet - Noelle – Buffet style. Price is \$35/person. So far, a list of 13 people have signed up. Bring your stories with you to share!
- ◆ 9/17 – Thunder Run – Discussed by Rich Lanute. This is a fully escorted ride and a major function of Rolling Thunder. All proceeds go to support our Veterans.

### 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.

### Products: Ted Makarewicz:

**Get your gear now!!**

**50/50 Raffle Jim Purcell. Emil won the draw and donated the money to our Charity!  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm by Gene Rigsby**



Respectfully Submitted  
by:  
Diana Lanute

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 11TH, 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

- ◆ Bike Show – Rich and Wayne to put it on.
- ◆ Wayne to set up pre-ride.
- ◆ Volo Auto Museum is open – Admission is \$10 to Top Cats members and \$20 to the public.

### VP: Mary Kirkpatrick

Nothing to report tonight.

### Activities: Greg Smith

Recent Events: The anniversary picnic was awesome!

#### Future Events

- ◆ Ride for Dreams - June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Mike Bradbury's One Rad Dad Ride – June 20.
- ◆ Trempealeau Multi Day Ride led by Mike Bradbury – July 1-4
- ◆ Sturgis – 8<sup>th</sup> annual Front Range Ride – August 1 through August 16.
- ◆ Club Award Banquet date is 6/26/21 and begins with a happy hour 6-7pm, followed by the banquet.

### Safety/RC: Ric Case

Support for HOG – Don is writing to the directors of all chapters for interest in the GRASS class.  
Ric will get road captains for charity ride.

### Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ We have two new member applications to review: Emil Kornecki and Sandra Hotton (a friend of Ted's).
- ◆ Motion to re-instate Emil as a member, and motion to accept Sandra pending check approval, and approved.

### Charity: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Show up at Woodstock Harley-Davidson and help with event. A blast will be sent out by Gene to all members to help with charity ride.
- ◆ Noelle ordered 100 pins.

### Treasury: Don DeLordo

- ◆ Don passed out Top Cat's financial statement for April 1 - April 30 and reviewed the figures.

### Secretary: Diana Lanute

- ◆ No comment at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned by Gene Rigsby  
at 7:30pm

## 24th Annual Top Cats - Ride for Dreams

Benefitting NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association)

**June 13, 2021**

*Scenic Ride Through the Country  
50/50 drawing  
Ride in bike show  
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Registration starts at 9:00a  
Pre-ride brief 10:15a  
Bikes out 10:30a  
Drawing shortly after last group arrives (Must be present to win)

**Starts at Woodstock Harley Davidson**  
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**Ends at Volo Auto Museum**  
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kids back in  
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## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
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 20	Father's Day Fandango	Speedway, Volo	Eagle Spring and Lulu Lake	8:45 am	Bradbury
Saturday, June 26th	Top Cats Banquet	Onion Pub	Lake Barrington	5:30 pm	N. Rigsby
Thurs-Sun, July 1-4	Trempealeau	Thortons, Volo	Trempealeau	8:00 am	Bradbury
Tuesday, July 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, July 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby

All ride and event information along with the Photo Gallery can be found at [www.TopCats.org](http://www.TopCats.org).



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