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#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **AUGUST**

2ND-11TH STURGIS
11TH-15TH FRONT RANGE RIDE
17TH GENERAL MEETING
??? PICK UP RIDES???
WATCH FOR BLASTS WITH EVENT
UPDATES...

#### **SEPTEMBER**

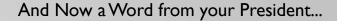
7TH GENERAL MEETING
14TH BOARD MEETING
18TH PRIME QUARTER STEAKHOUSE
LET'S KEEP LOOKING TO MAKE
RIDES HAPPEN!

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





### PRESIDENT'S POINT



Hello Top Cats!!
I hope you and your families are well.

Things are busy here as we are preparing for our daughter to arrive back from "schooly" as we called it, this weekend. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and we are glad to be able to have a place for her to stay... one that we've been working on every free moment!

Well, the dog days of summer are upon us, bringing the long awaited riding weather. So let's get out and ride!!! With the CDC guidelines for COVID ever changing, our opportunities to gather may be severely limited, so we need to take advantage of every opportunity before this happens.

Now, on to some good news....

Our annual Sturgis - Black Hills ride will be kicking off on August 1st, and the Post Sturgis, Front Range Ride will be right after it (August 10th). This pushes back our General Meeting to August 17th, so please note the date change.

For the RCs not going out on the first or tenth, there is still opportunity to lead rides for the remaining Top Cats not on those rides. Get your ride on the calendar now. Also, our September calendar is wide open as well. Let's get on the road and make more great memories.

Buddy Check... gene.rigsby@gmail.com...

Please 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





## KAUTION KORNER

# What Do You Know? A Few Facts that May Make a Difference...

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick Senior Road Captain

ny day with a cool breeze can feel as you ride back road. every month! We want to make safety a regular part thought through all of the important pieces of riding! of our thinking while on the rides.

much fun. A brief explanation of that statement: that you might find interesting, though... Being prepared or being 'too safe', is the foundation  $\diamond$ of making sure that those gorgeous back roads become long time memories of 'too much fun'!

So... to keep our thoughts clear and our focus on what counts...did you know that in 2019, per vehicle miles traveled, motorcyclists were about 29 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured. Motorcycle Safety | NHTSA

How can we minimize those statistics? Maybe even help to improve the numbers? We KNOW what to do, because as Top Cats we have the privilege of our GRASS class and our Kaution Korners... but reviewing and passing on what we 'KNOW' is a great way o to get others to KNOW too... and keep us all safe! Talk to friends who ride. Use our GRASS information to discuss the most safe options for curves, stops, riding with a passenger and communicating with other riders through hand signals. Pass on what YOU know and help to change those statistics! If you'd like to read more on the stats, go to Facts + Statistics: Motorcycle crashes | III .

And.. did you know... Of the motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2019, 30% were riding without valid motorcycle licenses? Motorcycle Safety |

In our club, having the correct license is a given, but safe in a tough situation. there are many others who just want to ride... and jump on a bike without obtaining the experience, advice and paperwork that makes one a safe rider.

We all know how wonderful a sun-better it is for them, their family and for others on the Tell them to contact their state motor vehicle roads with gorgeous scenery. But we all have heard administration to get details on what is needed, where stories of those things going bad too, which is why classes can be found and then... get to it! Having Top Cats always includes a Kaution Korner article your license is a good sign that you have really

Then... Did you know that helmets save lives? I We believe that too much Safety is connected to too know you did! Here are some statistics on this topic

- Helmets are estimated to be 37 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcycle riders and 41 percent for motorcycle passengers. In other words, for every 100 motorcycle riders killed in crashes while not wearing a helmet, 37 of them could have been saved had all 100 worn helmets.
- NHTSA (National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration) also found that nearly \$3.5 billion in economic costs and \$21 billion in comprehensive costs were saved in 2017 by the use of motorcycle helmets. Moreover, if all motorcyclists had worn helmets in 2017, an additional \$1.5 billion in economic costs and \$8.9 billion in comprehensive costs could have been saved.
- Economic costs include lost productivity, medical costs, legal and court costs, emergency medical service (EMS) costs, insurance administration costs, congestion costs (including travel delay and other costs), property damage, and workplace losses. Facts + Statistics: Motorcycle crashes | III

Finally, remember to use all the other safety gear while on the road, and mention this to those you many see in sneakers, shorts and other summer wear. Boots that support your ankles, gloves for hand protection, cotton jeans and shirts (polyester can cause burns and more severe road rash if you have them on while sliding) are all important aspects of staying

With all of this safety knowledge, let's all keep our eyes out for opportunities to inform others too... As we talk to them about checking out our club and giv-If you run across someone in this category, let them ing them our newly designed application, ask them if know how easy it is to ride 'legally' and how much THEY KNOW... and pass on these tips! Ride Safe!



# Wish You Were Going!

#### V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



This is one of the signs that welcomes us along this trip... It has been a long journey getting all of the details for this ride in place. Bard, Wayne and the early gang began the

longtime friendship with Jim and Kathie Didier, who were the owners of *The Alex Johnson* when Top Cats began to make this trek to the Motorcycle Mecca of the West 26 years ago. ... The welcome sign has changed over the years, but the feeling of being welcomed has always been a part of the 'comfort' of this ride and a regular part of the entire trip! *The Alex* is a unique setting earning its place on the Historic Register.



This next sign is the one that you see in Pierre, South Dakota. Ron, who has been the caretaker of the place for many years, always has a cooler with a cold beer to welcome the group. After what is usually a long hot day, this welcome is truly appreciated! It helps make the hour of getting ready for the visit to The Long-

branch Saloon an easy friendly hour... no rush!!

Then on to the Badlands, Wall Drug and our stay at The

Franklin Hotel, another place that is on the Historic Register and has a real feel of the

Wild West'!

Sturgis, Mt. Rushmore, The Wildlife Loop, Devils Tower and other sites in the Dakota area fill out the week! The scenery is inspiring, the welcomes along the route are endearing, and the friends on the ride make it all enjoyable!

Thanks, BARD! Hey Poncho... Hey Cisco....Let's Ride!

But wait... That's only the first half! The off with Wayne leading the charge into some of the most beautiful countryside in the USA! As he leads the group into Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Fountain Divide, Salida, Canyon City, New River Gorge, Great Sand Dunes, Angel Fire, Eagles Nest, and Dodge City!

> This portion of the trip is scenic, breathtaking, picturesque, charming, awe-inspiring.. The combination of good places and good people will recharge your battery and lighten any load! Coming home after this trip will leave you wanting to see more! It is a trip you definitely have to see! Look at the pictures here, and get ready for the next opportunity to join the group! If you've gone before, you will find the comfort of the

combination that cannot

be beat! Wish you were going this year... but we'll be looking for you

to join us next year for sure! See you soon with new stories of this great adventure!



Front Range Ride takes



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# By Traveler



#### **Harley-Davidson Introduces** LiveWire ONE

Harley-Davidson has introduced the LiveWire ONE – an electric motorcycle launching at \$21,999 and



available to order through select LiveWire dealers.

Features of the LiveWire ONE include:

- \* Smooth power from the electric motor that can produce 100% of its rated torque instantly
- \* Fast-charging: Recharge DC Fast Charge 0 to 100% in 60 minutes/0 to 80% in 45 minutes
- \* Far range: 146 miles of city range, capable of traveling beyond the urban grid
- \* Advanced rider systems and a six-axis IMU tracks and anticipates change

With evolved software and hardware, LiveWire ONE reflects the new identity of the LiveWire brand.

"As part of The Hardwire Strategy, we made a commitment that Harley-Davidson would lead in electric. We recognized the pioneering spirit and brand value in LiveWire for our community and took the decision to evolve the original LiveWire motorcycle into a dedicated EV brand," said Jochen Zeitz, chairman, president and CEO of Harley-Davidson in the announcement. "Today's LiveWire ONE builds on the DNA of Harley-Davidson but with the electric focus and ambition of the new LiveWire brand. Harleynext chapter in our legacy."

#### **Motorcycle Therapy for Veterans from Indian**

Indian Motorcycle has announced its continued support and sponsorship of the seventh annual Veterans Charity Ride (VCR) to Sturgis. The two have partnered with the initiative of "America Get Out & Ride" while using motorcycle therapy to support combat veterans' transition to civilian life.

Many of the veterans joining the Veterans Charity Ride for the first time are amputees, paraplegics, or suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress and other issues veterans face after leaving the military. Each new veteran will pair with mentors who have already been through the Veterans Charity Ride program and receive one-on-one support to help their transition back to civilian life. The 2021 ride will include 16 total veterans — eight new, along with eight returning vet-

erans who will serve mentors.

"Veterans Charity Ride was designed assist combat



veterans who face challenges in their daily living and provide them with a support structure that will get them back outside and living life to the fullest," said Dave Frey, Veterans Charity Ride Founder. "Many of our veterans used to ride motorcycles before their injuries and thought they never would ride again. builds on the experience of the original LiveWire and Through support from companies like Indian Motor-

cycle and Champion Sidecar, are able to get these vets back bikes and enjoy the



freedom of the open road."

This year's ride to Sturgis will start on July 28 in Mo-Davidson and LiveWire will continue to rewrite the ab, Utah where the group will take the trek through motorcycle rulebook and we are excited about this some of the nation's most scenic backgrounds roads in the western United States.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Rally in South Dakota on Aug. 6.

Participants will be riding an assortment of Indian systems and custom-built Champion Sidecars for amputee and paraplegic veterans.

The 14-day adventure allows participating veterans the opportunity to push towards conquering their postwar challenges while out on the open road. Through- Powered by H-D Financial Services, customers will exercises allowing riders to share their service experience during the emotional and mind-detoxing motorcycle ride.

The Veterans Charity Ride to Sturgis was created by veteran Army Paratrooper Dave Frey and leverages the therapeutic effects of motorcycle riding to create an adventure of a lifetime for wounded and amputee combat veterans adjusting to post-war life.

#### Harley Enters Pre-Owned Market

H-D1 Marketplace will provide consumers with the most comprehensive opportunity to search, experience, sell and purchase pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles across North America, according to a recent H-D release.

Backed by the strength and scale of Harley's dealer network and enhanced by the "Harley-Davidson Certified" program for extra peace of mind, H-D1 Marketplace will facilitate a seamless purchase experience for customers looking for that special pre-owned Harley-Davidson.



Davidson," said Jochen Zeitz, Chairman, President percent

and CEO, Harley-Davidson. "We want our online The group will stop and visit local presence to connect and support our H-D network communities along the route, such from enhanced online experiences, unique community as Fort Collins, Colorado, where the group will be engagement, to exclusive content and learning. The H receiving an official proclamation and welcoming by -D1 Marketplace platform will connect our customers, the Mayor before arriving at the Sturgis Motorcycle community and our strong dealer network, with the goal to become the largest marketplace for pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the United States."

Motorcycle models, outfitted with Rekluse auto clutch Launching first in the US, H-D1 Marketplace will start with the entire selection of pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles from its participating dealer network, which will be available to browse and customize online.

out the trip, veterans will also conduct team-building have access to financing solutions to make purchasing even easier. Through the 'Sell My Bike' feature, customers will also be able to sell their motorcycles directly into the Harley-Davidson dealer network.

Harley says its goal is to "seamlessly engage with customers, creating a meaningful, unique and personalized experience with Harley-Davidson." H-D1 Marketplace also fulfills the company's objective to include riders of pre-owned Harley-Davidsons as an important part of its base.

#### **Court Strikes Down Year Round 15 Fuel Sale**



The U.S. Court of Federal Appeals for the District of Columbia on July 2 struck down a 2019 rule that allowed for the sale of a 15 percent ethanol gasoline blend during the summer months by concluding that the Trump-era waiver fell out of the administration's legal jurisdiction.

The American Motorcyclist Association joined the American Petroleum Institute, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Coalition of Fuel Market-"The launch of H-D1 Marketplace is the first step to- ers and Citizens Concerned about E15 in a lawsuit wards our ambitious transformation of H-D.com into against the Environmental Protection Agency citing the leading online destination for everything Harley- that fuel blends containing more than the standard 10

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Oil Spots, continued... ethanol the AMA argues that a lack of clear and strong warn- complete, the all-new Garage will boast more than ings concerning the risk of E15, or any ethanol 8,000-square-feet of event space, floor-to-ceiling fuelling.

the danger posed by this fuel to motorcyclists," said space is expected to be complete in spring of 2022. the AMA's Director of Government Relations Michael Sayre. "Even with this victory, there is a long Media are invited to join the festivities beginning at 4 fuel in the marketplace."

Sayre added that while newer motorcycle engines are event space. certified to handle a maximum-rated 10 percent blend, ethanol impacts all motorcyclists — as well as With the recent return of Bike Nights (including Laany American who owns a boat, chainsaw, lawnmow-dies' Bike Night on July 22), weekend demos and so er and other gas-powered consumer products, none of much more popping up on campus, no summer is which have been certified for E15.

The AMA states that current misfuelling mitigation efforts have never adequately informed consumers of the risk of E15 to their vehicles and some retailers have begun to market E15 fuel as Unleaded 88, only compounding the confusion for the average consumer. Owners of older and vintage machines that require ethanol-free fuel are also threatened by more ethanol being blended into the nation's fuel supply as it reduces access to the fuel required to safely run their motorcycles and ATVs.

#### **Harley-Davidson Museum Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 15**



Media and select members of the public, including Peggy Williams-Smith, president and CEO of VISIT Milwaukee, will join Bill Davidson, vice president of the Harley-Davidson Museum, for a special groundbreaking on Thursday, July 15.

sold during summer The Harley-Davidson Museum team is thrilled to anmonths violated the Clean Air Act and damaged mo- nounce a new addition to its lineup of incredible torcycle engines and exhaust systems. Additionally, event spaces on the bucolic, 20-acre campus. When blends, at the pump lead to a greater potential of mis-views of the Menomonee Valley, state-of-the-art audio/visual components and more. The team at 1903<sup>TM</sup> "We're happy to see the court rule against year-round Events is looking forward to booking special occasales of E15, which would have drastically increased sions, weddings, corporate events and more. The new

way to go to mitigate the dangers of E15 for our mo-p.m. on Thursday, July 15 for a uniquely Harleytorcycles, and the AMA will continue to support ef- Davidson "groundbreaking." Please email Tim forts to improve labeling of E15 and limit this unsafe McCormick with any questions or to RSVP and/or follow this link for photos and renderings of the new

complete without a visit to 6th & Canal.

#### **Motorcycle Helmet For Ponytail**



What it is: Helmet with hole for your ponytail

**Average Price:** \$200-\$400\*

Described by Awesome Inventions as a "genius invention" that needs to be available here, the motorbike helmet with a ponytail opening is perfect for women (or men with long hair) who want to wear their hair up while riding around. These helmets have a hole through which your ponytail goes, making for a far more comfortable fit.

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# Being a Road Captain is a Piece of Cake!

By: Michael "Motorcycle" Bradbury

All sarcasm aside and as all road captains know, being a road captain requires a lot of effort to conceive, plan and implement group rides. It is an effort built with a driven passion to show great motorcycle roads and ride ideas to your friends and fellow club members if you are blessed to be in a motorcycle club like the

Top Cats - Illinois. Our own system, called Group Riding Safety Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) sure helps us to ride together safely too!

Like most Road Captains, I love to lead group rides. Conceiving the ride idea and studying options is one of the best parts of putting together a group ride. Once I decide on a destination though, I don't always enjoy the hard work involved in building the plan. But it is very satisfying when everything comes together and the ride goes well! This article will focus on planning day rides. Some of these points work for long distance rides but planning for those are more extensive.

So generally when I start a ride idea, I am pursing destinations and places with pleasant, motorcycle focused

if possible attractions, scenic roads and lunch destination ideas I cull from many sources. Sources I use consist of word of mouth, google and other online ones with motorcycle route suggestions like

https://www.motorcycleroads.com/,

https://brainbucket.rumbleon.com/best-motorcycle-roads-in-u-s

And...https://www.bestbikingroads.com/motorcycle-roads/united-states/routes/illinois

The internet seems rife with route ideas. In most cases, you can even download a \*.GPS or \*.GPX file of those routes. Other club's ride destinations with my own alterations, biker-centric locations, public spaces with neat attractions are great sources for ideas too. Lastly, talking with other motorcyclists creates a nice forum to learn other great ride ideas with the added benefit of knowing your are building a route that people would like to do.

So now you have an idea and need to make your plan. Your ride idea can be dependent on your planning limitations and may require altering to suit. Plan's include routing, scheduling with stops plus lunch time, a start and end point, rest stops with gas, snacks and beverages to support all rider's and their motorcycles. Our club rides and G.R.A.S.S. system incorporate basic guidelines for planning to follow. An important one for rider health is to have a rest stop anywhere between 1 to 2 hours of riding. This combats dehydration, fatigue along with allowing people to check their motorcycles plus gear and builds group socialization opportunities. Remember a good ride goal is comfort which builds participant happiness. There is a limit to how many uncomfortable rides people will do. This will also create more support for your future rides as well

To develop the idea, I use a word doc to organize my thoughts. I "storyboard" different routes on Google maps which I save as URL's on my document. Then I build a schedule, afterwhich I create \*.GPX file with <a href="https://maps.harley-davidson.com/?source\_cd=Vanity\_rideplanner">https://maps.harley-davidson.com/?source\_cd=Vanity\_rideplanner</a> to follow on my Road Tech, manufactured by Garmin but sold as a Harley product. The ride planner is a great free tool for building a location-to-

location route. Like Google maps, the planner allows you to pull the route to the roads you want to use. But there are many routing tools to build a \*.GPX file so use your own preference.

RIDE PLANNER

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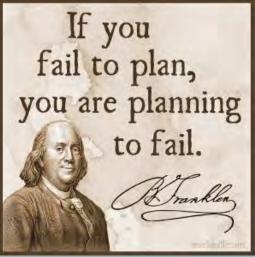
Finally, I build my general plan worksheet which is an excel file with basics like start and end times, turn-by-turns, miles to turn, total miles, timings, stops and destinations. This is a backup to my Road Tech directions. I sometimes tape it to my windshield or at the bottom of my Road Tech in case technology fails or the route malfunctions.

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Here is a screenshot for the files I made to do a ride I called, "Father's Day Fandango". This ride was to Eagle Springs Pub in Eagle Springs, Wisconsin for lunch with an activity to canoe Eagle and Lulu Lakes Unfortunately, I had to cancel this ride due to adverse weather predictions.

Now I work to build riders to support my ride. In our club this entails using a form to request an email blast to our members. If you are not in a club, create an email group of friends that you ride with and communicate about your ride that way. You want to briefly describe your ride and inform about the ride plan and I recommend you get R.S.V.P.'s to your ride invitations.

As your ride comes up, weather predictions and changes to road conditions are important. Adverse predictions may require a cancellation and a reschedule. It is always good to make your specific ride recommendations before the ride to your group. Remember, because of the R.S.V.P.'s, you can communicate directly with your ride group.



So now all your planning comes together and you do the ride. This is usually the best part which I love the most. Remember as Benjamin Franklin said, "He who fails to plan is planning to fail."

If you find you are interested in leading a ride to one of your favorite places, talk to one of the Road Captains and we'll help you get started! A Piece of Cake!

### Michael Motorcycle

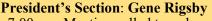




# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 6TH, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diana Lanute



7:00 pm, Meeting called to order Pledge of Allegiance Guests – None.

#### Announcements

- 7/8 Lisa Purcell birthday
- 7/14 Ted Makarewicz birthday
- 7/18 Don DeLordo birthday
- 7/27 Mike and Sue Gilfillin anniversary

#### V.P. : Mary Kirkpatrick

The ROAR is out. Please feel free to send ideas, stories and pictures

#### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Nothing to report at this time.

#### Safety: Ric Case

- Kaution Korner was given by Bard Boand
- See "Loading up for a Long Trip" in this month's ROAR. Bard discussed the center of gravity packing heaviest items low and forward, a "polar moment" and the "ROK" strap.

#### Safety Video: Gene Rigsby

Due to technical difficulties, no video was shown

#### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

• 25th anniversary patches were distributed to members present.

#### **Activities: Jim Purcell and Greg Smith**

#### Recent activities

- 6/26 Club Awards Banquet Noelle / Mike / Gene The VP of the Year award recipient is Ted Makarewicz.
- 71 to 7/4 Trempealeau Mike Bradbury reviewed stops made along the way.

#### Future activities

- 7/11 No Galena Ride Tom Malia reviewed the route.
- 8/1 Sturgis Bard Boand 13 bikes, including Rolling Thunder. Deadwood has been added to the trip for the third year in a row.
- 8/10 Front Range Ride Wayne Kirkpatrick This ride starts from Rapid City, South Dakota.

September - Prime Quarter Restaurant, Janesville, Wisconsin – Mary Kirkpatrick will lead the event. This is a fun time where you can grill the steak of your choice.

#### **Charity: Mike Bradbury**

Donations - Top Cats received an anonymous donation which doubled the amount we had received.

#### **Products: Ted Makarewicz**

There are beautiful TC belt buckles available for sale at \$175.

No 50/50 Raffle tonight Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm by Gene Rigsby.









Respectfully Submitted by:
Diana Lanute

# Board Meeting Minutes July 13th 2021

#### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- Meeting called to order
- Immediate needs? None.
- August general and board meetings (postponement)
- With the Sturgis ride and members gone, a General Meeting will be held on August 17 and we will forego the August Board Meeting.

#### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Open topic – Nothing to report

#### **VP: Mary Kirkpatrick**

Open topic – Anything to be included in the August ROAR should be given to Mary as quick as possible

#### **Activities: Greg Smith**

- Future Events
- Blast and calendar review needs to be checked. When printed, Greg's copy would switch dates for the meetings on the print-out.
- Rides are posted.
- Calendar review July/Aug, etc. We have an up-to-date calendar review.

#### Safety/RC: Ric Case

- Mentor report process update A copy of this report goes to the Road Captain, Mike and Don. Don is given a copy in order to track the process.
- RC ride point system was reviewed. Per Gene: By the September Meeting the point system will be clarified.
- Accident Scene Management with Motorcycle Lawyers (\$30) Ric Case will contact Rolling Thunder and get a group together for this event.

#### Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Applications at meetings Awaiting information regarding a heavy sweatshirt.
- Membership drive No comment.

#### **Charity: Mike Bradbury**

- We gave \$1550 to NISRA. An anonymous donor gave and additional \$1550.
- Total donation to NISRA, \$3100.

#### Treasury: Don DeLordo

• Report/review given by Don. The information is available to members upon request.

#### Secretary: Diana Lanute

Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned by Gene Rigsby, President at 7:30pm

# Not Galena Ride

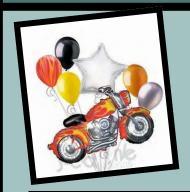
Although clouds and rain wanted to interrupt the day... Tom Malia studied the weather patterns and decided that with only .03 inches of rain in the forecast, we would travel on... And his instincts proved to give his riders a beautiful day!



Not many pictures... but those on the ride have some great memories of beautiful roads!



# August Birthdays and Anniversaries!



16 - Jane Smith

24 - Greg Smith

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for

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

August's Love Story...

28th - Gene and Noelle Rigsby



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#### **GREAT DEALS!**



Put your items here and get the word out that you have stuff to sell!





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## Support the Top Cats Patrons





GRASS Classes are held at the Keller –Williams Offices!

Thanks, Greg for supporting our Top Cat's Safety Class!

#### **Membership Has Its Privileges!**

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing discounts to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

Sign-up your favorite merchant today!



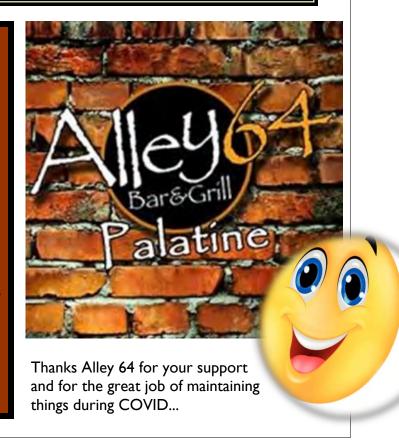
## **Greg Smith**

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Have one of our own Top Cats work with you to buy or sell your home!





## RIDES & EVENTS

| Date                                 | Ride/Event        | Location                        | Destination                  | Time      | Leader         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Sunday, August 1st                   | Sturgis, 2021     | BP at 12 & Liberty<br>Wauconda, | STURGIS!!                    | 8:00 am   | Boand          |
| Tuesday, Aug10th- Monday,<br>Aug16th | Front Range Ride! | Alex Johnson                    | A Variety of Sites!          | 8:00 am   | W Kirkpatrick  |
| Tuesday, Aug 17th                    | General Meeting   | Palatine                        | Alley 64                     | 7:00 pm   | Rigsby         |
| Tuesday, Sept 7th                    | General Meeting   | Palatine                        | Alley 64                     | 7:00 pm   | Rigsby         |
| Tuesday, Sept 14th                   | Board Meeting     | Palatine                        | Alley 64                     | 7:00 pm   | Rigsby         |
| Saturday, Sept 18th                  | Prime Quarter     | Janesville, Wisconsin           | Prime Quarter Steak<br>House | 4:00 pm   | M. Kirkpatrick |
|                                      | Get your ideas    |                                 | The riding Season            |           |                |
|                                      | on the Calendar!  |                                 | is going fast!               | Plan Now! |                |

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